

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Mayor Dillon read the following statement:

Please take a moment to ensure that your cell phones and other electronic devices have been placed on silent setting.

Also note that Section 2-80 of the Code of the Borough of Ramsey establishes procedures for still photography, videotaping and audiotaping of public meetings. In accordance with the Code, audiotaping of this meeting is permitted. Videotaping of this meeting requires prior notice be submitted to the Borough Clerk.

Hard copies of items on tonight's agenda of the regular Mayor and Council meeting are available for public review in the binder located on the table as you enter the Council Chambers.

If there is something that you would like to submit to the governing body, please do not approach the dais, you may hand your item to the officer in the room.

Mayor Dillon called the meeting to order at 8:10pm and asked Board of Education member Mrs. Behrmann to lead the flag salute. Mayor Dillon read the Open Public Meetings Act notice.

I. ROLL CALL -

Present: Mayor Dillon, Councilmembers Gutwetter, Jachzel, Jones, Kilman, Verdone and Weber

Also Present: Borough Clerk Bendian, Borough Administrator Vozeh, and Borough Attorney Scandariato

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 03-28-18, 04-11-18

Motion by Councilman Verdone, seconded by Councilman Gutwetter. All in favor. Carried. Councilman Weber abstained from the 4/11/18 minutes.

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

Motion to accept and file by Councilman Kilman, seconded by Councilman Weber. Mayor Dillon accepted Susan Lo's resignation, with regret. All in favor. Carried.

1. Dan Lambe, President, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410
letter received April 11, 2018, recognizing Ramsey as Tree City USA for 2017
2. Captain Bill Sheehan, Riverkeeper, Hackensack Riverkeeper, 231 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ
letter dated April 11, 2018, inviting the governing body to join the Oradell Reservoir Challenge on Saturday, June 2, 2018

III. COMMUNICATIONS - (cont'd)

3. Susan Lo, Ramsey Water Department
letter dated April 16, 2018, informing of her intended resignation effective
April 27, 2018
4. Kim Single, ALS Walk Chair, Northern NJ
letter received April 19, 2018 requesting permission to post a banner at the high school
tennis courts
5. Barbara Weber, 115 Orchard Place, Ramsey, NJ
note received April 18, 2018, thanking the borough for their support on the passing of her
husband Carl Weber, Planning Board Chair
6. Alison Gordon, Administrative Assistant, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30
Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ
letter dated April 20, 2018 enclosing the public notice of adoption for Note
Resolution 46-2018
7. Howard Hurwitz, Executive Director, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30
Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ
letter dated April 20, 2018, enclosing the public hearing notice on connection fees on May
15, 2018 at 7:00pm

IV. APPOINTMENTS –

Mayor Dillon made the following appointments

Bryan Garbasz, Planning Board Member, Regular Member
(Filling unexpired term of C. Weber)
David Berger, Rescue Squad

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION

Motion by Councilwoman Jachzel, seconded by Councilman Jones

BE IT RESOLVED that the following resolutions herewith listed having been considered by the governing body of the Borough of Ramsey be and are hereby passed and approved:

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| 088-2018 | Resolution: | payment of vouchers |
| 089-2018 | Resolution: | ratifying the actions of payroll number eight |
| 090-2018 | Resolution: | accepting the resignation of Susan Lo from the Ramsey Water Department, effective April 27, 2018, with regret |
| 091-2018 | Resolution: | awarding contract to Garden State Fireworks for fireworks celebration on July 7, 2018 in the amount of \$8,000 |
| 092-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the borough to submit the recycling tonnage grant application to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection and designating Harry Smith, CRP to file |
| 093-2018 | Resolution: | certifying submission of expenditure for recycling taxes paid in 2017 |
| 094-2018 | Resolution: | approval for conclusion of litigation in the matter of Warnet v. Ramsey |
| 095-2018 | Resolution: | awarding contract to Mike Fitzpatrick and Son, Inc., Oak Ridge, NJ in the amount \$2,492.486 for the Northwest Bergen Coop for paving in Glen Rock, Ho-Ho-Kus, Midland Park, Ramsey, Saddle River and Waldwick |
| 096-2018 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of David Berger to the Ramsey Rescue Squad |
| 097-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the award of a contract to Environmental Renewal for grinding and removal of brush and tree damage caused by NorEaster Quinn |

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION (cont'd)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following applications and/or recommendations hereby be approved:

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

Northern NJ Walk for ALS is requesting permission to hang a banner on the fence at RHS tennis courts from May 6-June 3, 2018 advertising the ALS Walk that takes place on Sunday, June 3, 2018

B. BLOCK PARTY REQUESTS:

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Jones, Kilman Verdone, Weber

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

VII. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel
Wished Susan Lo well and thanked her for her service.

Thanked David Bergen and Bryan Garbasz for stepping up to volunteer.

- B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Harry Weber
Thanked Susan Lo for her service and Bryan and David for their upcoming service.

- C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Joseph Verdone
Thanked David Berger for volunteering for Rescue Squad and welcome Bryan as a regular member to the Planning Board.

- D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Peter Kilman
Thanked Susan, Bryan and David for their service.

- E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilman William Jones
Thanked Susan for her service and welcomed the newest appointees.

Reminded everyone that The Taste of Ramsey is Sunday, May 20th and the Farmers' Market returns outside June 3rd.

- F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilman Michael Gutwetter
Welcomed Bryan and David and reminded everyone about the mental health discussion at the Ramsey Library on Thursday, April 26th and the Stigma Free walk at Ramsey High School on May 1st.

- G. MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON
Thanked Bryan and David and the Environmental Commission for organizing the Ramsey Clean-Up Day and the residents who came out to help.

- H. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Bruce Vozeh – No Comment

- I. BOROUGH ATTORNEY – Peter A. Scandariato, Esq. – No comment

- J. BOROUGH CLERK – Meredith Bendian - No comment

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to address the governing body should, when recognized, step up to the microphone and give his or her name (spelling the last name) and address. Please speak in an audible tone for the record and address your comments to the Chair. There will be a five-minute time limit per speaker, unless reduced because of the volume of business on the agenda. No one, other than the person having the floor, will be permitted to enter into any discussion without recognition by the Chair.

Braggin, AB, Ramsey

Discussed the power outage from NorEaster Quinn and the potential life hazard issue at the high service pump station.

James Sander, 211 Cypress Court, Ramsey

Discussed the low/moderate income units at Timber Valley.

Not seeing anyone else wishing to speak, Mayor Dillon closed public comment.

IX. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES- None

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 08-2018 - AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROAD RESURFACING IN THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$800,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF

Motion by Councilwoman Jachzel, seconded by Councilman Gutwetter

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled An ordinance to authorize capital improvements for the purpose of road resurfacing in the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey and to appropriate the sum of \$800,000 to pay the cost thereof, pass the first reading by title, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage and adoption at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on the 9th day of May, 2018 at 8:15 pm prevailing time or as soon after as the matter can be reached in the Municipal Building in said Borough and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she hereby is, instructed to publish in an official newspaper of the Borough in the manner provided by law, a copy of said ordinance together with notice of introduction thereof and notice when the same will be considered for final passage and adoption.

Councilwoman Jachzel explained that this ordinance appropriates \$800,000 from the capital improvement trust fund to use for road resurfacing.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Jones, Kilman, Verdone, Weber

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:32pm by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Weber. All in favor. Carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Meredith Bendian
Meredith Bendian, RMC
Borough Clerk