

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

Council President Kilman 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.

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Council President Kilman opened the meeting at 7:35pm and read the Open Public Meetings Notice.

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Clerk Bendian, Borough Administrator Vozech and Borough Attorney Scandariato

MAYOR'S REMARKS – MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON

Reminded everyone about the Stigma Free Awareness Walk at the high school on May 1st and the Board of Health lecture at the Ramsey Library at 7:00pm presented by National Alliance of Mental Illness on mental health.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – COUNCILMAN PETER KILMAN

No report

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – COUNCILWOMAN VANESSA JACHZEL

Reported on the introduction of Ordinance 08-2018 for road resurfacing for \$800,000 on tonight's agenda.

PUBLIC SAFETY – COUNCILMAN HARRY WEBER

No report

BUILDING, PLANNING AND ZONING – COUNCILMAN JOSEPH VERDONE

Discussed that the Design Review Board reported that they will be reviewing the sign and façade ordinance and will come back with a recommendation for any modifications.

UTILITIES, BUILDING & GROUNDS – COUNCILMAN PETER KILMAN

No report

PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – COUNCILMAN WILLIAM J. JONES

Reported that due to the cost of the event and security, the borough would not be hosting the cooking competition in town as previously discussed.

The Independence Day event planning is underway.

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – COUNCILMAN MICHAEL GUTWETTER

The Board of Education voted and approved the school budget at their last meeting.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY - PETER A. SCANDARIATO

No report

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – BRUCE VOZEH

The NW Bergen Cooperative Paving low bid was Mike Fitzpatrick and Sons \$2,492,486 with a resolution on tonight to award for Ramsey as the lead agent of the coop. Ramsey's share is estimated at \$811,000.

The capital ordinance for funding for Ramsey's share of the road resurfacing is on for introduction tonight.

The County of Bergen launched a new program within the Division of Economic Development looking to attract new businesses by developing a website that compiles information as far as the county. They will use it to try to attract businesses to relocate to Bergen County.

The Borough Clerk and I attended the BPU Public Hearing in Mahwah to discuss the utility's response during the winter storms. Written comments may still be filed until May 31st.

Affordable Housing Update –The borough approved a settlement agreement back in the fall. We must put the elements of that plan in place. A notice will go in the newspaper for the adopting of the fair share plan at the Planning Board meeting. At the May 9th council meeting there will be four ordinances on for introduction which is part of the settlement agreement.

Storm brush removal – There is a resolution on tonight's meeting. We have received quotations from two entities. The low quote was Environmental Renewal.

BOROUGH CLERK -MEREDITH BENDIAN

No report

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

Asked for clarification on a resolution and asked about the review of the paving bids. Also discussed the use of the monitors for Planning Board and Zoning Board meetings and asked for the status of the Main Street Streetscape. Mr. Vozeh replied that he anticipates it in the fall.

With no one else wishing to be heard, Council President Kilman closed public comment.

Motion to go into executive session at 8:05pm to discuss personnel litigation by Councilman Jones, seconded by Weber. Borough Attorney read the executive session resolution.

ROLL CALL:

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

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Meredith Bendian

Meredith Bendian, RMC

Borough Clerk