

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, May 1, 2020**

Due to COVID19 this meeting is being conducted telephonically  
Dial-In Number 425-436-6365 Access Code 213563#

Mayor Dillon called the meeting to order at 9:00am and asked Borough Clerk Bendian to lead the flag salute. Mayor Dillon read the Open Public Meetings Act notice. Mayor Dillon also mentioned that the special meeting was published in the Bergen Record, posted on the borough bulletin board and the Borough website as well as where to find the call-in information. Notices were also posted on the front and rear doors to borough hall.

**I. ROLL CALL -**

Present: Mayor Dillon, Councilmembers Gutwetter (via phone), Jones (via phone),  
Verdone (via phone), Weber (via phone) and Woods (via phone)

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

Absent: Councilman Kilman

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Dillon opened public comment and instructed anyone wishing to be heard to press \*6 to unmute and be able to speak. With no one speaking up, Mayor Dillon asked two more times for anyone from the public. With no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Dillon closed public comment.

### III. RESOLUTION

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Jones

089-2020 Resolution: authorizing the governing body to extend the grace period for property tax payments due May 1, 2020 until June 1, 2020

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020 the Governor of the State of New Jersey issued Executive Order #130 which allows municipalities the option of extending the grace period for payment of property taxes due on May 1, 2020 until no later than June 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey recognize that these are unprecedented and challenging times; and

WHEREAS, loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic has created difficult economic challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to provide Ramsey taxpayers the maximum relief permitted pursuant to Executive Order #130.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey that the grace period for payment of 2nd quarter property tax payment due on May 1, 2020 be and hereby is extended to June 1, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as the Governor's Executive Order #130 only extends the grace period and does not allow municipalities to modify the payment due date of May 1st, therefore as required by State statute, for property taxes delinquent after the extended grace period to June 1, 2020 interest shall accrue from the statutory due date of May 1, 2020.

Borough Administrator explained that as the Mayor has discussed in her community messages that we all understand the difficult times we are in from the health and well-being standpoint, both physically and mentally as well the economic toll it has taken. However, the ability to provide relief on property tax deadline, by law, is done in Trenton, not in Ramsey. We are thankful with Governor Murphy's executive order that he provided the borough the option to do so with a longer grace period on the property taxes due May 1. With this resolution, Ramsey provides the maximum grace period allowed by the state. The borough serves as the billing and collecting agent for property taxed which are then remitted to the appropriate taxing jurisdiction. Approximately 69% goes to the school, 10% to the County, 1% to the Library and the municipality retains 20%. This executive order allows residents a grace period extension until June 1. However, no changes have been made to the payment due dates for the borough's remittance to the other jurisdictions and the borough will make those payments in May despite the extension of the grace period and later than normal receipts. We are glad the state has provided this ability to provide some timing relief to the tax due date and look forward to the careful, cautious and safe transition back from this pandemic.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Gutwetter, Jones, Verdone, Weber, Woods

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Councilman Verdone, seconded by Councilman Weber. All in favor.  
Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:09am.

Meredith Bendian, RMC  
Borough Clerk