

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
Wednesday, May 9, 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.

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 police officer in the room.

Council President Kilman opened the meeting at 7:30pm and read the Open Public Meetings Notice.

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Clerk Bendian, Borough Administrator Vozech and Assistant Borough Attorney Steinberg

MAYOR'S REMARKS – MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON

Reported that the hearing on the borough's fair share housing element is Tuesday, May 15th.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – COUNCILMAN PETER KILMAN

No report

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – COUNCILWOMAN VANESSA JACHZEL

Reported that she and Councilman Weber and Administrator Vozech met with Rescue to discuss their capital requests and will start to entertain all capital requests from the emergency services.

Announced that Governor Murphy recently passed a bill allowing town's to establish charitable funds in order for residents to donate to these municipal charities in order to receive a credit to their property taxes. The Finance Committee along with Mr. Vozech will review this and look at the best way to handle this, effective July 3rd.

PUBLIC SAFETY – COUNCILMAN HARRY WEBER

Followed up with the Ramsey Clean Up Day numbers which came to two hundred bags of recycling and garbage, each. It was the biggest turn out, yet.

May 15th at the Ramsey High School Library there will be a “Be Smart” presentation on proper handling of guns and other related topics.

BUILDING, PLANNING AND ZONING – COUNCILMAN JOSEPH VERDONE

Discussed the four ordinances that will be introduced at tonight’s regular meeting. All having to do with Affordable Housing obligations.

UTILITIES, BUILDING & GROUNDS – COUNCILMAN PETER KILMAN

Reported on the storm debris clean up.

PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – COUNCILMAN WILLIAM J. JONES

Announced the final touches in place for the Independence Day Celebration and the Taste of Ramsey sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce on May 20th and the Farmers’ Market returns outside on June 3rd.

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – COUNCILMAN MICHAEL GUTWETTER

Reported on the building that the Board of Education may purchase to relocate the board offices which will not be a part of their referendum.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY – ERIC STEINBERG

No report.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – BRUCE VOZEH

Reported that we are almost done with the debris pick up from the storm

Two new employees, assistant zoning officer and a junior mechanic have resolutions for hire on the regular agenda.

The borough is awarding the contract for Ramsey’s portions of the 2018 road resurfacing on tonight’s agenda.

The borough received over \$16,000 for the Ramsey Police Department and \$22,000 for radio equipment for the Ramsey Fire Department through Fire House Subs Public Safety Foundation.

Reported on the Rockland Electric Smart Meters presentation.

Executive Session – Contract Negotiations

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.

Council President Kilman opened the meeting to the public.

Allan Braggin, 25 Franklin Street, Ramsey

Asked who the attorney is substituting for Mr. Scandariato. Mr. Steinberg replied. Mr. Braggin questioned the Board of Education budget and was directed to the Board of Education. He also inquired about the two new hires and their employment status and discussed the O&R smart meters.

Not seeing anyone else wishing to speak, Council President Kilman closed public comment.

Assistant Borough Attorney read the executive session resolution to discuss contract negotiations. Motion by Councilman Weber seconded by Jones.

ROLL CALL:

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

Work session adjourned at 8:05pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Meredith Bendian

Meredith Bendian, RMC

Borough Clerk