

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 13, 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 8:40pm and asked Board of Education member Kerry Walsh to lead the flag salute. Mayor Dillon read the Open Public Meetings Act notice.

I. ROLL CALL -

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

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

Absent: Councilman Jones

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

Motion by Councilman Weber, seconded by Councilman Kilman. All in favor.

Mayor Dillon thanked David Torchin and Michelle Webb for their service to the borough and best of luck to Sgt. Shingelo in his retirement. Carried

1. Howard Hurwitz, Northwest Bergen County Utility Authority, 30 Wyckoff Ave, Waldwick, NJ
letter dated May 22, 2018, regarding sewer connection fees for 2018
2. David Torchin, Planning Board Member
e-mail dated May 29, 2018, resigning from the Planning Board due to time constraints
3. Detective Sergeant Marc Shingelo, Ramsey Police Department
letter dated June 11, 2018, informing of his retirement, effective July 1, 2018
4. Ramsey Public Education Foundation, Ramsey, NJ
card received June 11, 2018, thanking the borough for their support of the 5th Annual Sprint For Our Schools 5K and Family Fun Run
5. Michelle Webb, Mayor's Alternate, Ramsey Free Public Library
email received June 8, 2018, resigning from the Library Board, with regret

IV. APPOINTMENTS –

Mayor Dillon made the following appointments and swore in those who were present.

Brian S. Aumuller, Ramsey Fire Dept.

Emmaline Bello, Ramsey Rescue

Alison Maglio, Ramsey OEM

Thomas McCabe, Ramsey Rescue

Erin Tuntigian, Mayor's Alternate, Library Board

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION

Motion by Councilwoman Jachzel, seconded by Councilman Gutwetter

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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| 118-2018 | Resolution: | payment of vouchers |
| 119-2018 | Resolution: | ratifying the actions of the governing body for payroll number eleven |
| 120-2018 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of Emmaline Bello to the Ramsey Rescue Squad |
| 121-2018 | Resolution: | receipt of 2017 audit |
| 122-2018 | Resolution: | Corrective Action Plan for 2017 audit |
| 123-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the BAN renewal in the amount of \$2,855,000 |
| 124-2018 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of Michelle Webb as the part-time tax clerk |
| 125-2018 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of Brian Aumuller to the Ramsey Fire Department |
| 126-2018 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of Alison Maglio to the Office of Emergency Management |
| 127-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the award of a contract for shade tree work to Rich Tree Service, 325 Bergen Street, South Plainfield, NJ be and hereby is rescinded and authorize to advertise for rebid of said contract |
| 128-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the tax redemption for Block 4808 Lot 4.M in the amount of \$19,201.11 |
| 129-2018 | Resolution: | awarding contract to low bidder Redmann Electric & Communications Co., Inc. 681 Lawlins Road, Unit 90, Wyckoff, NJ for electrical services in the borough in an amount not to exceed \$88,160.00 (unit price \$78.95) |
| 130-2018 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of Thomas McCabe to the Ramsey Rescue Squad |

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION (cont'd)

- 131-2018 Resolution: ratifying the actions of the governing body for payroll number twelve
- 132-2018 Resolution: accepting the retirement of Detective Sergeant Marc Shingelo from the Ramsey Police Department, with regret
- 133-2018 Resolution: authorizing the tax court judgment for Block 4601 Lot 23 for 2016 and 2017 in the amount of \$2,197.73
- 134-2018 Resolution: awarding contract to Moore Productions as low quote for Independence Day Celebration on July 7, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$6,525.00
- 135-2018 Resolution: authorizing the borough to submit a grant application to County Open Space Trust Fund Program for North Central Field Improvements
*moved and approved under new business

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

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

Bicycle Touring Club of North Jersey is requesting permission to ride through town on Sunday, August 19, 2018 between the hours of 7:00 am and 5:30 pm

B. BLOCK PARTY REQUESTS:

Alex Stecyna is requesting permission to have a block party on Shuart Lane on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 from 12:00 pm – 10:00 pm

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Kilman, Verdone, Weber

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

VII. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel

Thanked Dave Torchin for his service and wished Marc Shigelo well and thanked all EMS volunteers for stepping up.

Acknowledged and thanked the Ramsey VFW for the Memorial Day Services.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Harry Weber

Thanked Sergeant Shingelo for his service to the Ramsey PD and wished him well in his retirement. Thanked Dave Torchin and Michelle Webb for their service to their respective boards and the emergency service volunteers for stepping up and new Library Board appointee, Erin Tuntigian.

Announced the Challenger Softball game on Saturday, June 16th at MacFarran Field.

Thanked Borough Clerk Bendian and her staff for all of their work on Election Day.

Reported that the DPW is aware about the bridge on the bike path near the pool that needs repair and will look into temporary and permanent repairs.

C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Joseph Verdone

Thanked Dave Torchin and Michelle Webb for their service and wished Sergeant Shingelo well in his retirement and also thanked all of the new appointees.

D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Peter Kilman

Thanked Mr. Torchin and Sergeant Shingelo for their service and congratulated all of the new appointees.

Thanked all of the groups, businesses and organizations for their involvement and those who helped organize Relay for Life and how well it reflects the best of our entire town, having raised \$127,000.

E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilman William Jones

Absent

F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilman Michael Gutwetter

Echoed everyone's remarks about Dave Torchin, Michelle Webb and Sergeant Shingelo but made special remarks regarding Relay for Life, as many people in town are affected by cancer.

G. MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON

Personally thanked Brian S. Aumuller, Emmaline Bello, Alison Maglio, Thomas McCabe and Erin Tuntigian, for heeding the call to volunteer and serve the community.

H. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Bruce Vozeh

Thanked Borough Clerk Bendian and her staff for their hard work on election day.

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.

Allan Braggin, Franklin Street, Ramsey

Discussed a public hearing hosted by NJ DEP for the senior/community center. Mr. Vozech replied that was not a fact and that DEP issued a letter of interpretation. He commented that the Bergen Record did not advertise the Memorial Day Ceremony and mentioned the wood chip pile in the pool parking lot. Mr. Vozech replied. Discussed the Mayor and Council by-laws.

Timothy McGill, 88 Jean Street, Ramsey

Thanked the Mayor and Council for all that they do and specifically thanked them for the Memorial Day Parade/Ceremony giving Ramsey a real hometown feel.

Ken Fleishaker, 462 Airmount Avenue, Ramsey

Discussed the police officer settlement as written in the Suburban News, asking the borough's fiscal responsibility. Administrator Vozech replied. Mayor Dillon replied that the borough settled as a result of NJ fee shifting law, making it an incentive for the towns to settle.

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

IX. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

Motion by Councilman Verdone, seconded by Councilman Kilman.

ORDINANCE 13-2018 – An ordinance providing for the vacation of Blauvelt Avenue, Block 2201, Lot 37 in the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey

BE IT RESOLVED THAT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: An Ordinance providing for the vacation of Blauvelt Avenue, Block 2201, Lot 37 in the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey, reading by title and that said ordinance be adopted by as an ordinance of the Borough of Ramsey.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she hereby is, directed to cause a copy of the title of said ordinance to be published in an official newspaper of the Borough in the manner provided by law together with notice of the date of introduction and adoption of said ordinance.

Councilman Verdone explained that this ordinance vacates a paper street in the borough between two residential properties on Jean Street. The borough has no plans on utilizing the paper street, therefore vacating the property. The lot size is less than a building lot and will be split evenly to the adjacent property owners with each owner receiving .103 acres being factored into each owner's assessed value.

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing for Ordinance 13-2018.

Allan Braggin, 25 Franklin Street, Ramsey

Inquired about the genesis of the vacation of the paper street and a NJ DOT grant that the borough did not accept. Mayor Dillon replied that the residents and the governing body were not in favor of a bike path therefore not utilizing the paper street.

George Bumiller, 39 Lakeview Terrace, Ramsey

Inquired about the grant for the Jean Street Bike Path that the borough did not accept and asked what the remaining access to the green acres would be. Mayor Dillon and Administrator Vozeh replied.

Ronald Friedlander, 121 Jean Street, Ramsey

Expressed his frustration about those members speaking in opposition to this ordinance.

Tom Turner, 82 Jean Street, Ramsey

Expressed his support of the vacation of this property and thanked the governing body for passing this ordinance .

With no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing on Ordinance 13-2018.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Kilman, Verdone, Weber

X. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 14-2018 – An ordinance providing for the vacation of Blauvelt Avenue, Block 2201, Lot 38 in the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey

Motion by Councilman Verdone, seconded by Councilman Kilman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: An Ordinance providing for the vacation of Blauvelt Avenue, Block 2201, Lot 38 in the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey, reading by title and that said ordinance be adopted by as an ordinance of the Borough of Ramsey.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she hereby is, directed to cause a copy of the title of said ordinance to be published in an official newspaper of the Borough in the manner provided by law together with notice of the date of introduction and adoption of said ordinance.

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Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing for Ordinance 14-2018.

Allan Braggin, 25 Franklin Street, Ramsey
Reiterated his opposition to Ordinances 13-2018 and 14-2018.

Not seeing anyone else wishing to speak, Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing on Ordinance 14-2018.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Kilman, Verdone, Weber

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 15-2018- An Ordinance providing for the approval and adoption of a map depicting the location and boundaries of drug free zones around schools and public buildings and public parks in the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey

Motion by Councilman Verdone, seconded by Councilman Kilman

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled An Ordinance providing for the approval and adoption of a map depicting the location and boundaries of drug free zones around schools and public buildings and public parks in the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey, 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 27th day of June, 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.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Kilman, Verdone, Weber

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Public hearing on the submission of a 2018 Bergen County Trust Fund grant application for the improvements to the North Central Field

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing on the application.

Mr. Patterson, Ramsey Recreation Director

Explained the need for the parking at the field and the current safety issues due to the lack of parking.

Administrator Vozeh further explained the scope of the project:

In the Spring the borough submitted a declaration of intention to file an Open Space Grant request North Central Field Improvements. These improvements will include the addition of dedicated field parking (30-40 spaces), modifying the field location, irrigation, drainage and other related improvements. This is a much needed improvement to the field and will greatly enhance the safety of those using the field as currently no dedicated parking exists. A parking entrance will come off of North Central and the lot will be located to the west (behind) of the berm which will avoid having to cross N. Central Avenue. The field will be shifted to the west to allow for the parking lot which will include handicapped spaces. The borough is requesting a grant of \$67,500, which requires a minimum 50% match from the Borough. Approval is anticipated for Open Space projects late in 2018, so this will be a 2019 capital improvement allocation for the Borough at that time.

Allan Braggin, 25 Franklin Street, Ramsey

Inquired about where the property was located as well as using open space grants for parking and the safety at that particular site. Administrator Vozeh replied that the property is in Mahwah and the borough owns the property and pays taxes to Mahwah and that the Open Space Grants also may be used for improvements to parks and facilities.

With no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing for the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Program for North Central Improvements.

*135-2018 Resolution: authorizing the borough to submit a grant application to County Open Space Trust Fund Program for North Central Field Improvements

Motion by Councilwoman Jachzel, seconded by Councilman Gutwetter

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Kilman, Verdone, Weber

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Verdone, seconded by Councilwoman Jachzel.
All in favor. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:19pm.

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