

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Mayor Dillon called the meeting to order at 8:09pm and asked Board of Education member Mr. Caputo 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 Vozech, and Borough Attorney Scandariato

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 05-23-18, 06-13-18, ES 03-14-18, ES 03-28-18
Motion to approve minutes by Councilman Weber, seconded by Councilman Verdone. Carried. Councilman Jones abstained from June 13, 2018.

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

Motion to accept and file communications by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Gutwetter. Carried.

1. Melissa Oratio, Northwest Bergen County Utility Authorities, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ
letter dated June 20, 2018, enclosing minutes from the May 15, 2018 meetings
2. PBA, Ramsey Local #155, Officers Peterson and Sabatelli
letter dated June 25, 2018, requesting permission to hold a fundraiser on October 13, 2018 at Finch Park

IV. APPOINTMENTS –

Niklaus Haas, Planning Board, Regular Member
(Filling unexpired term of D. Torchin)

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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| 136-2018 | Resolution: | payment of vouchers |
| 137-2018 | Resolution: | ratifying the action of the governing body for payroll number thirteen |
| 138-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the renewal of liquor licenses for 2018-2019 |
| 139-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the liquor license renewal for Ramsey Liquor LLC license number 0248-036-11-004, with special conditions |
| 140-2018 | Resolution: | awarding contract for shade tree work to Chris Fix Tree Care for a two year period as low bidder in an amount of \$238,100 |
| 141-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the interlocal agreement between the Borough of Ramsey and Saddle River for Tax Collector |

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

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

B. BLOCK PARTY REQUESTS:

Mayor Dillon opened up Resolutions 138-2018 and 139-2018 for public comment. With no one wishing to be heard, closed public comment.

ROLL CALL:

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

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - None

VII. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel
Congratulated all 2018 graduates and thanked Superintendent Murphy and the Board of Education and commented on what wonderful job the parents did on the 2018 Senior Gala and how nice it was for RIFE and the Ramsey Seniors to be able to enjoy the decorations!

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Harry Weber
Thanked the Knights of Columbus for hosting the Shield Awards and congratulated those who received the awards for 2018. Also thanked Stephanie Farrar and Caroline and Roger Knauss for their work on the Senior Citizen Gala. The RIFE gala was also that night and thanked Glen Popolo and RIFE volunteers for their help.

Thanked everyone involved in another successful Challenger softball game.

Congratulated all of the 2018 Ramsey graduates as well as the LEAD graduates and thanked Officer Beaman.

Thanked Fire House Subs for their donation of life saving equipment to the Ramsey Fire Department and the Ramsey Police Department.

C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Joseph Verdone
Wished Niklaus Haas well on his new appointment to the Planning Board.

D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Peter Kilman
Thanked the Board of Education and the Ramsey Schools on all of the graduations and all of the volunteers who work tirelessly to make this community such a great town and to all those who participate.

E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilman William Jones
Congratulated all of the 2018 graduates. Thanked all of those who participated in the senior gala and the RIFE event which is so special. Congratulated the Shield Award winners and thanked Detective Sergeant Shingelo on his retirement.

Announced that the Ramsey governing body had nominated Glen Popolo as one of Congressman Gottheimer's Hometown Heroes. He reviewed Glen's long list of contributions to the community in many areas, particularly his contribution to RIFE and the special needs community.

F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilman Michael Gutwetter
Commented on what a nice ceremony the high school graduation was as well as the senior luncheon and the RIFE gala.

G. MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON

Thanked Niklaus Haas for joining the Planning Board. Congratulations to all of the 2018 graduates and thanked all the volunteers and Dr. Thumm for allowing RIFE and the Seniors to use the high school. Thanked the Knights of Columbus for hosting the Shield Awards and congratulated the recipients.

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.

George Bumiller, 39 Lakeview Terrace, Ramsey

Showed a picture of the pile of woodchips (storm debris) at the Ramsey Pool parking lot and discussed it.

A Braggin, 25 Franklin Street, Ramsey

Discussed the location and application of the BC Open Space Grant project on N. Central Avenue.

With no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Dillon closed public comment.

IX. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION 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, 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.

Mayor Dillon opened Ordinance 15-2018 for public hearing.

With no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing for Ordinance 15-2018.

Councilman Verdone explained that this ordinance officially establishes Ramsey's drug free School zones which allows for more enhanced criminal penalties for any drug violations in those zones.

ROLL CALL:

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

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - None

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

XII. NEW BUSINESS - None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Weber. All in favor. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.

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