

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mayor Dillon read the opening statement.

Mayor Dillon called the meeting to order at 8:28pm and asked Board of Education Member Mrs. Lamendola to lead the flag salute. Mayor Dillon read the Open Public Meetings Act notice.

I. ROLL CALL -

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

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

Absent: Councilman Kilman

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 07-11-18, WS 07-11-18

Motion to approve and file the minutes by Councilman Weber, seconded by Councilman Jones. Councilmembers Jachzel and Verdone abstained due to absence. Carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

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

1. Christopher Martin, 11 Northern Trail, Ramsey
thanking the governing body and Ramsey employees for their support on the passing of his mother
2. Debra Sahler, Volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America,
34 Oak Ridge Road, Ramsey
note received Wednesday, July 18, 2018 thanking the governing body for issuing the proclamation for Gun Violence Awareness Day
3. Melissa Oratio, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue,
Waldwick, NJ 07463
letter received July 19, 2018, including minutes from the June 19, 2018 regular meeting

IV. APPOINTMENTS –

Mayor Dillon made the following appointments

Alexis Hernandez, Ramsey Rescue
Ben McCabe, Ramsey Rescue
Katie Monico, Ramsey Rescue
Benjamin Perrin, Ramsey Rescue

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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| 146-2018 | Resolution: | payment of vouchers |
| 147-2018 | Resolution: | ratifying the actions of the governing body for payroll number fifteen |
| 148-2018 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of Alexis Hernandez to the Rescue Squad |
| 149-2018 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of Ben Mc Cabe to the Rescue Squad as an Explorer Member |
| 150-2018 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of Katie Monico to the Rescue Squad as an Explorer Member |
| 151-2018 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of Benjamin Perrin to the Rescue Squad |
| 152-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the tax redemption for Block 5404 Lot 11 in the amount of \$12,371.61 |
| 153-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the Mayor to execute labor agreement between UPSEU (white collar) and the borough |
| 154-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the Mayor to execute labor agreement between Local 469 and the borough |

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

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

Ramsey Outdoor Store is requesting permission to hold their annual sidewalk sale on Saturday, September 8, 2018 (rain date 9/15) between the hours of 9:00 am -6:00 pm

B. BLOCK PARTY REQUESTS:

YAYS: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Jones, Verdone, Weber

Mayor Dillon swore in Ben McCabe as a Ramsey Rescue explorer member

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - None

VII. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel
Reported that there is an introduction of a bond ordinance for the community/senior center pool house project and thanked all of the new Ramsey Rescue appointees.
- B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Harry Weber
Congratulated and thanked all of the new Rescue Members.
- C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Joseph Verdone
Wished the new appointees well in their new assignments on the Rescue Squad and thanked them for their service.
- D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Peter Kilman
Absent
- E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilman William Jones
Welcomed the newest Rescue Members and reminded everyone that the next council meeting will be August 29th.
- F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilman Michael Gutwetter
Congratulated and thanked all new appointees to Ramsey Rescue.
- G. MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON
Thanked all of the newly appointed Rescue Squad Members.
- Thanked the NJ Board of Public Utilities for taking the concerns of the members of the public, elected officials and borough officials seriously regarding the response of the electric companies during the various winter storms that we had and for the corrective action they will make.
- H. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Bruce Vozeh – No report
- I. BOROUGH ATTORNEY – Peter A. Scandariato, Esq. – No report
- J. BOROUGH CLERK – Meredith Bendian - No report

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.

James Sander, 211 Cypress Court, Ramsey

Inquired about Narcan, discussed issues with the Timber Valley Board and the illegal left hand turn from Main Street. The Mayor said she'd ask Chief Gurney to increase enforcement.

Allan Braggin, 25 Franklin Street, Ramsey

Discussed the use of the monitors in the council chambers.

George Bumiller, 39 Lakeview Terrace, Ramsey

Discussed his curiosity of the handling, use and administration of Narcan. Mayor Dillon said she would ask Chief Gurney to come to the next meeting to do a presentation on Narcan.

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

IX. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES - None

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 16-2018 -BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER POOL HOUSE PROJECT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,450,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Motion by Councilwoman Jachzel, seconded by Councilman Verdone

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled A bond ordinance to authorize the undertaking of the community/senior center pool house project in, by and for the Borough of Ramsey, in the County of Bergen State of New Jersey, to appropriate the sun of \$2,450,000 to pay the cost thereof, to make a down payment, to authorize the issuance of bonds to finance such appropriation and to provide for the issuance of bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, 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 29th day of August, 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.

Councilwoman Jachzel explained this ordinance appropriates funds and finances the pool house renovation and community/senior center. The total amount is \$2,450,000. Of that amount they will issue bond anticipation notes in the amount \$2,333,000 and make a down payment of \$117,000 which will come out of our capital improvement fund.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Jones, Verdone, Weber

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Jachzel, seconded by Councilman Weber. All in favor. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Meredith Bendian
Meredith Bendian, RMC