

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

ROLL CALL – OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT NOTICE

Acting Council President Jones read the opening statement and opened the meeting at 7:30pm and read the Open Public Meetings Notice.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Gutwetter, Jachzel, Jones, Verdone and Weber

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Clerk Bendian, Borough Administrator Vozech and Borough Attorney Scandariato

ABSENT: Councilman Kilman

MAYOR’S REMARKS – MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON

Reported that Ramsey Municipal Alliance will be looking to apply for grants in an amount up to \$125,000. If successful, these grants may be used in conjunction with the Board of Education programs. A conference call hosted by the NJ Board of Public Utilities as well as the governor’s office regarding the findings from Winter Storm Quinn. The BPU issued an order today applying to Rockland Electric requiring customer service training; you can access the order on the NJ BPU website.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REMARKS – COUNCILMAN PETER KILMAN

Absent

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – COUNCILWOMAN VANESSA JACHZEL

Announced the introduction of a bond ordinance tonight in the amount of \$2,450,000 for the community/senior center pool house project, including all phases with the exception of the drainage and parking lot work.

PUBLIC SAFETY – COUNCILMAN HARRY WEBER

There are four Ramsey Rescue appointees on tonight’s agenda.

BUILDING, PLANNING AND ZONING – COUNCILMAN JOSEPH VERDONE

No report

UTILITIES, BUILDING & GROUNDS – COUNCILMAN PETER KILMAN

No report

PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – COUNCILMAN WILLIAM J. JONES

Reported on the first Ramsey Day meeting earlier this evening. There will be another meeting just prior to Ramsey Day. We are also starting preparations for volunteer recognition night in October.

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – COUNCILMAN MICHAEL GUTWETTER

No report

BOROUGH ATTORNEY - PETER A. SCANDARIATO

No report

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – BRUCE VOZEH

Community/Senior Center Pool House Project update – The project is out to bid, due date August 14<sup>th</sup>. With any work beginning after Labor Day and ending prior to the opening of the pool for the 2019 season. We are filing the requisite permits for the senior center addition, parking improvements and drainage work. Discussed the price of the construction project and how it was arrived.

2018 Road Resurfacing Program – As part of the Northwest Bergen Coop Consortium and we are slated to start the week of August 20<sup>th</sup> and to be completed in about three weeks. Work may be delayed a week due to weather.

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.

George Bumiller, 39 Lakeview Terrace, Ramsey

Discussed the delivery of governing body packets and posting information on the borough website. Mr. Bumiller handed a copy of his suggestions to the police officer.

James Sander, 211 Cypress Court, Ramsey

Discussed the cease and desist at Timber Valley, the illegal left turn at Starbucks and borough vehicles idling. The Mayor replied.

Allan Braggin, 25 Franklin Street, Ramsey

Discussed the illegal left hand turn at Starbucks, the taxes paid to Mahwah on the N. Central Field, a recent approval of a property at a Planning Board meeting that he did not agree with, the cutting of tree limbs over power lines and the dollar amount in the bond ordinance for the funding of the senior/community center and pool house.

Jason Farrar, 40 Abbey Court, Ramsey

Asked if there would be a breakdown provided to the public regarding the senior/community center and the separately budgeted project for the drainage. Mr. Vozeh replied.

With no one else wishing to be heard, Councilman Jones closed public comment.

Motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss contract negotiations and personnel by Councilman Weber, seconded by Councilman Jones. All in favor. Carried.

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