

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 28, 2019**

Mayor Dillon called the meeting to order at 7:31pm and asked Board of Education Trustee 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, Kilman, Verdone and Weber

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 07-24-19, Special Meeting 08-02-19

Motion to receive and file the minutes by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Weber. Councilman Gutwetter abstained from the 08-02-19 minutes. Councilwoman Jachzel abstained from 07-24-19. Councilman Kilman abstained from 07-24-19 minutes. Councilman Verdone abstained from 07-24-19. All in favor. Carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

Motion to receive and file the communications by Councilman Verdone, seconded by Councilman Kilman. Councilman Weber thanked Genie Monroe for her service to the RIFE Committee. Mayor Dillon thanked Steve Scheffers for his service to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. All in favor. Carried.

1. Genie Monroe, Member of RIFE
letter dated July 21, 2019, resigning from RIFE, with regret
2. Alexis Gordon, ShopRite of Ramsey, 2 Interstate Shopping Center, Ramsey
letter dated August 8, 2019, inviting the governing body to the “Help Bag Hunger Day” event on September 17, 2019
3. Drew Churchson, Secretary Treasurer Waldwick Pistol and Rifle Club, Inc.
letter dated August 16, 2019, inviting the governing body to the 59th year celebration on Sunday, September 8, 2019
4. Steven Scheffers, Attorney, Zoning Board of Adjustment
letter dated August 1, 2019, resigning as the Board attorney due to his upcoming relocation

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to address the governing body please step up to the microphone and give your name (spelling the last name) and address as a courtesy to all present. Please speak in an audible tone 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. Please note, public comment is your time. Out of respect and fairness to all present, there will be no interruptions or questions answered during your time. No time shall be ceded to anyone else and no time shall be saved for later use. Any responses may be given during the governing body's comments later in the meeting, or as directed by the Chair. The Borough Clerk is the official time keeper and will hold up a sign when you have 30 seconds remaining.

Braggin, Ramsey

Inquired about the background of the new BPW appointee, asked for the status of the Main Street Streetscape, discussed the new fencing at Finch Park and the dumping of snow at the pool parking lot as well as twice weekly garbage pick-up, asked if the BPW is audited by an outside CPA firm and asked the status of the low income housing for Vets on Airmount Road. Mayor Dillon replied that Ms. Haggard has a willingness to serve and learn and is not being appointed as a technical expert as they already have their professionals.

Chance Parker, 11 Park Place, Ramsey

Discussed a resolution on tonight's agenda about the award of a contract for arsenic cartridges and asked about the ordinance that is on for public hearing tonight and asked about Ordinance 14-2019.

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

V. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 14-2019 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REPLACE CHAPTER 25 ENTITLED FLOOD DAMAGE PROTECTION OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Weber

BE IT RESOLVED THAT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: An Ordinance to Amend and Replace Chapter 25 Entitled Flood Damage Protection of the Code of the Borough of Ramsey, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, final 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 Jones explained that this ordinance were the direct recommendations were the direct result through FEMA through the State DEP and we are adopting them to come in line with Federal and State regulations and is simply procedural.

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing for Ordinance 14-2019.

A.B. Braggin, Ramsey, NJ

Commented on the responsibility of the borough engineer as listed in the ordinance and asked if the ordinance was boilerplate. Councilman Jones said all of the recommendations had to be approved by the DEP.

Chance Parker, 11 Park Place, Ramsey NJ

Asked what changes are actually being made in this ordinance. Councilman Jones explained it is a document used to give relief for insurance purposes

George Bumiller, Lakeview Terrace, Ramsey, NJ

Asked if the new maps were superimposed over the old maps. Mayor Dillon replied they were not.

With no one else wishing to be heard on Ordinance 14-2109, Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing on Ordinance 14-2019.

ROLL CALL:

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

VI. APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Dillon made the following appointments and swore in those present after the consent resolution was adopted.

Erich Mooradian, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Regular Member
(filling unexpired term of K. Dugan)

Sara Poppe, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Alt. 1
(filling unexpired term of E. Mooradian)

Amy Haggard, Board of Public Works (filling unexpired term of P. Dugan)

VII. 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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| 149-2019 | Resolution: | payment of vouchers |
| 150-2019 | Resolution: | ratifying the actions of the governing body for payroll number sixteen |
| 151-2019 | Resolution: | ratifying the actions of the governing body for payroll number seventeen |
| 152-2019 | Resolution: | authorizing the tax redemption for Block 4906, Lot 29 in the amount of \$1,744.42 |
| 153-2019 | Resolution: | confirming receipt of the 2018 Borough Audit |
| 154-2019 | Resolution: | accepting and filing the corrective action plan for the 2018 Borough Audit |
| 155-2019 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of Erich Mooradian to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as a regular member filling the unexpired term of K. Dugan |
| 156-2019 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of Sara Fisher Poppe to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as Alternate 1 filling the unexpired term of Erich Mooradian |
| 157-2019 | Resolution: | renewal of pocket license 0248-33-005-005, 900 Route 17 North Holdings LLC for 2019-2020 with a special ruling from the director of NJ ABC |
| 158-2019 | Resolution: | authorizing the borough to enter into a cooperative pricing agreement with the Passaic County Co-op for the purchase of goods and services |
| 159-2019 | Resolution: | confirming the Board of Public Works contract award to AdEdge Water Technologies for the purchase of Pre-Fabricated Packaged Arsenic/PFC Water Treatment Facilities |
| 160-2019 | Resolution: | appointing Bruce Vozeh as the BCCD representative and Meredith Bendian as the alternate |

VII. CONSENT RESOLUTION (cont'd)

- 161-2019 Resolution: supporting the New Jersey State League of Municipalities' Petition for rulemaking to amend the Uniform Construction Code
- 162-2019 Resolution: confirming the appointment of Amy Haggard to the Board of Public Works, filling the unexpired term of P. Dugan
- 163-2019 Resolution: authorizing the borough to enter into cooperative pricing system agreement with the Educational Services Commission of NJ for the purchase of goods and services
- 164-2019 Resolution: confirming the Board of Public Works contract award to John Garcia Construction Co., Inc. for emergency repairs of water and sewer systems

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 outdoor sale on Saturday, September 7, 2019 (rain date 9/14) from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Ramsey Rescue Squad is requesting permission to hang a banner on the RHS tennis courts advertising their beefsteak dinner on Saturday, October 3, 2019

Ramsey Public Education Foundation is requesting permission to hold their 7th Annual Sprint for our Schools 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, May 9, 2020, starting at 8:30am

B. BLOCK PARTY REQUESTS:

Bridget Eyre of Buckingham Drive is requesting permission to have a block party on Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 2:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Karin Murphy of Dogwood Terrace is requesting permission to have a block party on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 2:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Mayor Dillon asked if anyone wanted to be heard on resolution 157-2019. With no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Dillon asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL:

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

VIII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - None

IX. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel
Reported that the 2018 audit and financial statements have been reviewed and adopted the corrective action plan earlier this evening.

Thanked Genie Monroe for her service to RIFE and Steve Scheffers for his service on the Zoning Board and thanked all of the appointees stepping up to serve on their respective boards.

Addressed Ms. Haggard's qualifications for the Board of Public Works, that she is a resident, a parent and is someone who cares about the community wishing to serve.

- B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Harry Weber
Reported that the Challenger Soccer Program will be starting on Saturday, September 14th.

The Ramsey Municipal Alliance will be attending all of the back to school nights distributing literature. On October 2nd there is a parent academy scheduled at the high school on the dangers of opioids and alternative pain management solutions. On October 16th there will be a presentation at Don Bosco with Darryl Strawberry discussing the same topic.

Wished everyone a wonderful school year and congratulated the new board members appointed tonight, especially Sara Fisher Poppe for all of her hard work on all of the organizations that she is already involved in.

- C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Joseph Verdone
Reported on the two applications that were reviewed at the July 16th Planning Board meeting.

The BMW dealership's application was approved for a small addition to the front of the building, modifications to front façade, and alterations to the building signage.

The Bank of America on Main Street proposed to upgrade existing lighting and the ATM security lighting for the site. The application was rescheduled to a later date.

Two soil movement applications were reviewed at the August 20th Planning Board meeting. One was approved and the second one was rescheduled to a later date for the applicant to resolve several issues brought up during the meeting.

Recreation Commission

Reported that the summer camp went very well with almost 400 campers and plans for 42nd Annual Jack McKeown Memorial Ramsey Run on September 14th are complete. Banners are up and registrations have started using the CapturePoint Program.

The next Recreation Commission major event will be the Halloween Parade/Costume Contest on October 26th.

Design Review Board

The Design Review Board reviewed and approved 5 sign applications:

Orange Theory Fitness at Interstate Shopping Center, Law Offices of Benjamin Cooper on North Franklin Turnpike, Ridgewood Oral Surgery and Implant Center on East Main Street, Hertz Furniture on Williams Drive, and Columbia Bank on East Main Street.

Ramsey Seniors/Senior Center

On August 14th, 110 seniors enjoyed a great trip to New York City to see the Broadway Show "Tootsie."

Upcoming events include Senior Picnic at the Municipal Pool Pavilion on September 11, 12 Noon, the New Jersey Senior Olympics at Woodbridge, New Jersey, September 6 through 8 and a Technology Class, A Guide to Social Media on September 17 at the Senior Center.

Reported that there was no August meeting for the VFW Post 12148.

Offered congratulations to Erich, Sara and Amy, I wish them much success in their assignments.

D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Peter Kilman Congratulated all of the new appointees.

There have been no applications before the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Reported that the Shade Tree Commission continues to monitor the rules and regulations in conjunction with our Planning and Zoning Boards, in particular with the commercial properties.

Board of Public Works - Everything is on track with the Board of Public Works new water treatment facilities project. The department is working with numerous contractors for demolition, etc., on many projects in town, guiding them with procedures on potable water and sanitary sewer systems.

E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilman William Jones Thanked and welcomed the three new appointees.

Pool Commission – The swim team finished third place in their league. The summer camp had a 400% increase in their attendance and are looking to expand that for next year. The membership was down slightly this year, perhaps due to the construction project. The senior membership and individual memberships were about the same with the out of town membership slightly up. The year-end luau is Friday, August 30th. The first RIFE pool party was a success.

The Farmers' Market continues to be successful outside.

There is a Ramsey Day meeting next week for the final preparations for Ramsey Day. Due to the overwhelming demand from the Chamber of Commerce additional tables will be added.

The next council meeting is on September 11th and will begin at 8:00pm due to the 9/11 Ceremony which starts at 6:00pm at Finch Park.

Expounded on his explanation on Ordinance 14-2019, explaining that the ordinance is a borough ordinance but the rules and regulations and review come from the Federal Government. Every municipality in the state has done the same.

Commented on the Toll Brothers Property and the NJ DEP has conducted 1,100 water tests on that stream which have all come back negative

Explained that the hay bales that are on the pool property are a minor fix until the permanent solution, that has been approved by the DEP.

- F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilman Michael Gutwetter
The Board of Health is preparing the brochure on how they serve the community to be handed out on Ramsey Day.

Board of Education – All referendum projects are on schedule. A lightening detection has been installed at all district fields and a new Facilities Director has been hired to replace Greg Bohacik. The new school year begins Thursday, September 5th.

Thanked Erich, Sarah and Amy on agreeing to serve the borough.

- G. MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON

Thanked Peter and Kathleen Dugan for their service to the community.

Thanked all of the new appointees for stepping up to serve.

Thanked Genie Monroe for her service to RIFE, as one of the original members.

Announced that the RIFE pool party was a wonderful event.

Reported that there may be some movement regarding deer control at county parks after reading an article that the Director of Parks for Bergen County is considering deer control at county parks.

H. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Bruce Vozeh

Reported the itinerary on Ramsey Day, Saturday September 7th which includes the participation of forty two members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Commented on resolutions that were approved tonight

1. - Joining co-operative purchasing agreements with no cost to the borough allowing the borough to obtain lower pricing on good and services.
2. The League of Municipalities resolution which was endorsed by the League to amend the Uniform Construction Code.

Explained the new wire fencing at Finch Park for safety to prevent balls from going into the street as well as litter issues.

Status of the Main Street Streetscape Project – The low bidder is appealing the rejection of their bid by Federal Government. We are waiting for the outcome.

Addressed the question about garbage pick-up. When the borough goes out for bid they get a bid for once and twice weekly pickup. There was no significant savings in once weekly during the winter months.

Addressed the question about the BPW being audited. They are audited along with the borough, pool and the library.

Corrected the public comment regarding the resolution on the agenda. for the purchase of pre-fabricated packaged arsenic/PFC for the new water treatment facilities.

I. BOROUGH ATTORNEY – Peter A. Scandariato, Esq. – No report

J. BOROUGH CLERK – Meredith Bendian - No report

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - None

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Announced that Glen Popolo had been chosen as the Ramsey Day Parade Grand Marshal.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilwoman Jachzel. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

Meredith Bendian, RMC
Borough Clerk