

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 29, 2018
8:12pm – 8:42pm

Mayor Dillon read the opening statement.

Mayor Dillon called the meeting to order at 8:12pm and asked Board of Education member Mrs. Fine 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 Vozeh, and Borough Attorney Scandariato

Mayor Dillon asked for a moment of silence in memory of Senator John McCain.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ES 02-22-17, ES 03-08-17, ES 06-14-17, ES 08-30-17, ES 09-13-17, ES 11-08-17, ES 11-27-17, ES 12-06-17, ES 12-27-17, WS 03-28-18, WS 04-11-18, WS 07-25-18, 07-25-18

Motion to approve and file the minutes by Councilman Verdone, seconded by Councilman Kilman. Councilman Gutwetter abstained from all ES 2017 minutes, Councilwoman Jachzel abstained from ES 11-24-17 and gave minor corrections to the minutes for WS 03-28-18 , Councilman Kilman abstained from WS 07-25-18 and 07-25-18 and Councilman Weber abstained from ES 06-14-17 WS 04-11-18. Mayor Dillon made some punctuation corrections for the 07-25-18 minutes. Carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

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

1. James Burd, Citizens Improving Affordable Housing, 115 Nursery Road, Titusville, NJ 08560
letter dated July 24, 2018, regarding the affordable housing law statewide
2. Alison Gordon, Administrative Assistant, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick
letter dated August 3, 2018 regarding the special meeting on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 7:00pm regarding the project report of the consulting engineer in connection with various sewer improvements
3. Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, Commissioner, NJ State Department of Transportation
letter dated July 24, 2018, announcing that applications will now be accepted for the

NJDOT Fiscal Year 2019 State Aid programs.

III. COMMUNICATIONS - (cont'd)

4. George Bumiller, 39 Lakeview Terrace, Ramsey, NJ
email dated August 3, 2018, regarding the stay informed section of the borough website
5. George Bumiller, 39 Lakeview Terrace, Ramsey, NJ
email dated August 3, 2018, inquiring about the cardboard compression system being out of service at the Ramsey recycling center
6. Bruce Vozeh, Borough Administrator
email dated August 3, 2018, explaining that the cardboard compactor at the Ramsey recycling center was operating and not out of service
7. George Bumiller, 39 Lakeview Terrace, Ramsey, NJ
email dated August 5, 2018, apologizing for being inaccurate about the cardboard compressor
8. George Bumiller, 39 Lakeview Terrace, Ramsey, NJ
letter dated August 23, 2018, regarding his presentation to the governing body on March 14, 2018
9. Anonymous Letter
received August 15, 2018, regarding the discarding of trash from police vehicles
10. Alana Bache, Ramsey Resident
email dated August 16, 2018, regarding D. Warnet v. Ramsey

IV. APPOINTMENTS –

Mayor Dillon made the following appointments

Eric Tarbutton, Ramsey Fire Department

Mayor Dillon swore Eric Tarbutton in after the consent resolution.

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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| 155-2018 | Resolution: | payment of vouchers |
| 156-2018 | Resolution: | ratifying the actions of the governing body for payroll number sixteen |
| 157-2018 | Resolution: | ratifying the actions of the governing body for payroll number seventeen |
| 158-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing tax redemption for Block 3701 Lot 5.02 Qualifier C0258 in the amount of \$1,080.91 |
| 159-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the JIF renewal for a three year period starting January 1, 2019 through January 1, 2022 |
| 160-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing a grant application for approximately \$20,000 for a project that will provide diverse and integrated recreational opportunities for children and young adults with disabilities |
| 161-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing a tax redemption for Block 3201, Lot 15 in the amount of \$79.37 |
| 162-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing a tax redemption for Block 5101, Lot 27 in the amount of \$43,080.67 |
| 163-2018 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of Eric Tarbutton to the Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department |
| 164-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the release of a landscape bond for Block 4203 Lot 9 in the amount of \$45,760.00, as outlined in memo from the Ramsey Shade Tree Commission |
| | Resolution: | awarding contract to MBT Contracting LLC, 63 Beaver Brook Road, Suite 104C, Lincoln Park, NJ, for the Ramsey Community/Senior Center and Pool House in the amount of \$2,159,049 (covered under new business) |

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION (cont'd)

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

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

Duluth Trading Co. is requesting permission to hold their grand opening event on Thursday, September 27, 2018. They would like to have two lumberjack demos in the parking lot at 10:30 am and 12:00 pm

The Wyckoff Y is hosting an event to raise awareness for people with Down Syndrome. They would like to hang a banner at the RHS tennis courts and Brady's from September 22 – October 6, 2018 advertising the event

B. BLOCK PARTY REQUESTS:

Karen Dey of Maple Street is requesting permission to have a block party on Saturday, September 15, 2018 between the hours of 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Karin Murphy of Dogwood Terrace is requesting permission to have a block party on Saturday, September 29, 2018 between the hours of 2:00 pm – 11:00 pm

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 Eric Tarbutton on his appointment to the Ramsey Fire Department and expressed condolences to the family of James Grasso on his passing. Reported that the final reading of the bond ordinance for the senior/community center pool house project will be held tonight.
- B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Harry Weber
Congratulated and thanked Eric Tarbutton for joining the Ramsey Fire Department. Thanked Sara Fisher-Poppe and her members from the Ramsey Municipal Alliance for putting together a wonderful mental health first aid class last week.
- C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Joseph Verdone
Congratulated Eric Tarbutton on his appointment to the Ramsey Fire Department
- D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Peter Kilman
Congratulated Eric Tarbutton and thanked him for his service and reported on the tree trimming being done by O & R in order to avoid issues during future storms.
- E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilman William Jones
Reported that the final preparation is underway for Ramsey Day, the Fall edition of the Ramsey Journal is upcoming and thanked Eric Tarbutton for stepping up to volunteer.
- F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilman Michael Gutwetter
Congratulated Eric Tarbutton and expressed condolences to the family of James Grasso, the Ramsey High School Athletic Director.
- G. MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON
Thanked Sara Fisher-Poppe for organizing the mental health first aid training as well as those who participated in the program. RIFE met last week and have a busy Fall calendar, the Stigma Free Committee will be at the Farmer’s Market on Sunday, September 9th. Congratulated Eric Tarbutton on his appointment and condolences to the family and friends of James Grasso.
- 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
Discussed his prior request to the governing body about the meeting packet information

Jennifer Lessieu, 19 Lancaster Court, Ramsey
Inquired about DEP approval for the new pool house and community center. Administrator Vozeh explained they did not require permits from the DEP for the contract under consideration on tonight's agenda. She also discussed the water issues on the property. Mayor Dillon explained that the borough is upgrading the drainage as part of the project. Ms. Lessieu asked that the location be reconsidered.

Kathleen Hewitt, 78 W. Oak Street, Ramsey
As a pool commissioner thanked the governing body for moving forward with the project.

Deirdre Woodbyrne, 5 Lincoln Street, Ramsey
Inquired why the flooding at the pool was not addressed at an earlier time.

Ken Tyburczy, 133 Orchard Place, Ramsey
Discussed residents' opposition to the location decided for the senior/community center and thanked the governing body for moving forward with the project.

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

IX. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

Motion by Councilwoman Jachzel, seconded by Councilman

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

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, 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, 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.

Councilwoman Jachzel explained that this appropriates the money to cover the costs of the community center and pool house portion of the project. With some funding coming from the capital improvement trust fund for the down payment and for soft costs. Once the borough gets approval from NJ DEP there for the senior center, there will be an additional ordinance for funding.

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing on Ordinance 16-2018. With no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing.

ROLL CALL:

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

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - None

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Councilman Kilman, seconded by Councilman Verdone

165-2018 Resolution: awarding contract to MBT Contracting LLC, 63 Beaver Brook Road, Suite 104C, Lincoln Park, NJ, for the Ramsey Community/Senior Center and Pool House in the amount of \$2,159,049

ROLL CALL:

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Weber. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

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