

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
Wednesday, August 29, 2018

ROLL CALL – OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT NOTICE

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

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

MAYOR’S REMARKS – MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON

Reported that she had been in touch with Congressman Gottheimer’s office and there’s been movement with the NJ DOT regarding the Main Street railroad crossing, discussed the Timber Valley Settlement agreement and updated that we are compliant with the Fair Share Housing through 2025.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REMARKS – COUNCILMAN PETER KILMAN

No report

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – COUNCILWOMAN VANESSA JACHZEL

Reported that we will have the final hearing on the bond ordinance on the senior/community center pool house project. We are in good shape financially regarding the project as far as anticipated additional funding as well as our capital improvement trust fund.

PUBLIC SAFETY – COUNCILMAN HARRY WEBER

Announced a new appointee to the Ramsey Fire Department and that Municipal Alliance held mental health first aid classes at the high school and were very well attended. Thank you to Sara Fisher Poppe.

Chief Gurney spoke on the idling of patrol cars and the administering of Narcan.

BUILDING, PLANNING AND ZONING – COUNCILMAN JOSEPH VERDONE

No report

UTILITIES, BUILDING & GROUNDS – COUNCILMAN PETER KILMAN

Reported that his committee has been working on the fence ordinance regarding increasing the four foot fence height to six feet, in conjunction with the Planning Board and the Master Plan Committee. Much more work to be done.

PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – COUNCILMAN WILLIAM J. JONES

Final preparations are in order for Ramsey Day with more people than every interested in being involved and a final meeting next Wednesday and the Ramsey Journal is underway, as well.

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – COUNCILMAN MICHAEL GUTWETTER

The Board of Education has scheduled ten referendum presentations around town and announced that the Ramsey Athletic Director, James Grasso passed away earlier this week and there is an interim AD in place.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY - PETER A. SCANDARIATO

No report

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – BRUCE VOZEH

Reported on the lineup for the Ramsey Day parade will be on Maple Street due to security requirements and the annual 9/11 Memorial Service being held at the Memorial at Finch Park and the Ramsey Run is Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Reported that the Community/Senior Center Pool house Project has four components, the pool house concession, renovation of the current pool house to the community center, a senior center addition to the building as well as improvements to the drainage. The bid did not include the senior center addition, which will go out to bid upon DEP approval.

We continue with our road resurfacing program, trying to get the roads that impact the areas near the schools completed first.

The Board of Public Works sanitary sewer repairs should be starting in the next couple of weeks. Anyone affected will be notified.

There are several ordinances that need to be addressed in the near future, including capital expenditures, a tennis court ordinance which will need to be modified to allow pickleball as well as the solicitation ordinance, which is in committee.

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.

Richard Muti, 66 Church Street, Ramsey, NJ

Asked for clarification on the project that was bid for the senior/community center pool house project that the first construction project does not include the senior center. Council President Kilman confirmed that the bid project did not include the senior center.

James Sander, 211 Cypress Court, Ramsey, NJ

Inquired about the settlement agreement with Timber Valley. Mayor Dillon replied. He also discussed the speed limit on Main Street, the illegal left hand turn by Starbucks and no overnight parking in the parking lot.

With no one else wishing to be heard, Council President Kilman closed public comment.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Weber. All in favor. Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

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