

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Mayor Dillon read the opening statement.

Mayor Dillon called the meeting to order at 8:07pm and asked Board of Education member Mr. Meiman 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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 08-29-18

Motion to approve and file the minutes by Councilman Weber, seconded by Councilman Kilman. All in favor. Carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

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

1. Alison Gordon, Administrative Assistant/Board Secretary, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ
letter dated August 24, 2018, enclosing the copy of the notice of the adoption of Bond Reso 87-2018 for the issuance of bonds in connection with the Construction Financing Loan Program of the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Bank
2. Richard Muti, 66 Church Street, Ramsey
email dated August 28, 2018 regarding a post by Chief Gurney on his wife's Facebook page
3. George Bumiller, 39 Lakeview Terrace, Ramsey, NJ
email received September 6, 2018 regarding his presentation on March 14, 2018
4. Melissa Oratio, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ
letter dated August 23, 2018, enclosing minutes from the July 16, 2018 meeting

IV. APPOINTMENTS –

Mayor Dillon made the following appointments and swore in Ms. Benfanti who was present

Elizabeth Benfanti, Environmental Commission
(filling the unexpired term of Elisa Zurlini)

Chris Coronato, Board of Public Works
(filling the unexpired term of David Zwerling)

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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| 166-2018 | Resolution: | payment of vouchers |
| 167-2018 | Resolution: | ratifying the actions of the governing body for payroll number eighteen |
| 168-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing a tax redemption for Block 3201, Lot 15 in the amount of \$1,399.04 |
| 169-2018 | Resolution: | opposing Suez Water's rate/tax increase |
| 170-2018 | Resolution: | confirming the Board of Public Works award of a contract at the August 20, 2018 meeting, to Standard Pipe Services, LLC for 2018 Sanitary Sewer Repairs in an amount of \$397,100.00. |
| 171-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the Ramsey Tax Collector to cancel the tax certificate #12-00005 Lien Holder One People, Inc. in the amount of \$300.00 |
| 172-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the appointment of borough representatives Douglas Rennie and Bruce Vozeh to the Bergen County Community Development Regional Committee |
| 173-2018 | Resolution: | approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Elbert Street (Section 3) and Myrtle Avenue Project. |
| 174-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing Capital Alternatives to prepare and submit the grant application to NJ DOT for the Elbert Street (Section 3) and Myrtle Avenue Project |
| 175-2018 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of Chris Coronato to the Board of Public Works filling the unexpired term of David Zwerling |

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION (cont'd)

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

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

Ramsey Outdoor Store is requesting permission to amend their previously approved sidewalk sale to Saturday, September 15 (rain date 9/22/18). Due to inclement weather

Ramsey Marching Band and Color Guard are requesting permission to sell hoagies door to door October 4 – October 14, 2018. Delivery will be October 20, 2018

Cub Scout Pack #306 is requesting permission to post signs for their membership drive on Main Street and Franklin Turnpike, Finch Park entrances and Gertzen Plaza. They would like to have them up through the month of September

B. BLOCK PARTY REQUESTS:

Eileen Thomas of Elizabeth Avenue is requesting permission to hold a block party on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 12:00 noon - 8:00 pm

ROLL CALL:

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

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

VII. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel

Thanked Cub Scouts 175 for joining us and welcomed and thanked the new volunteers.

Thanked everyone involved in the success of Ramsey Day, Borough Administrator Vozech, Borough Clerk Bendian, DPW, Emergency Services, all members of the many organizations.

Acknowledged the 9/11 Ceremony held yesterday, thanking the Emergency Services, The Fire Department and the Wind Symphony.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Harry Weber

Thanked the new appointees and Webelos Pack 175 for their visit.

Discussed the sadness of the 9/11 Ceremony with Ruby Vandevander not there, as she passed earlier this year.

Thanked Administrator Vozech on his hard work on Ramsey Day and all those for the work that they did.

C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Joseph Verdone

Thanked the new appointees for agreeing to serve.

D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Peter Kilman

Congratulated the appointees and thanked everyone for their hard work on Ramsey Day, especially Administrator Vozech.

Discussed the poignancy of 9/11 and thanked everyone who helps put it together.

E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilman William Jones

Thanked and welcomed the new appointees.

Thanked everyone for the success of Ramsey Day and all that goes into the planning of the event as well as the 9/11 Ceremony.

Reported on the very successful pool season that wrapped up with a Hawaiian luau.

Updated everyone on the upcoming edition of the Ramsey Journal and Volunteer Night in October.

F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilman Michael Gutwetter

Echoed the previous comments of his colleagues and discussed the efforts that go into Ramsey Day and the 9/11 Memorial and what a poignant service it is.

G. MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON

Congratulated and thanked the new appointees and thanked Borough Administrator Vozeh, Borough Clerk Bendian, Councilman Jones and the DPW for their help on a wonderful Ramsey Day. Commented on the solemn 9/11 Ceremony

Thanked the Chamber of Commerce for the opportunity to speak to them about the mission of RIFE at their meeting and the Farmers' Market having a Stigma Free booth at the market this past Sunday.

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.

Allan Braggin, 25 Franklin Street, Ramsey

Discussed the 9/11 anniversary, OT paid to DPW workers and six foot fence permits.

George Bumiller, 39 Lakeview Terrace, Ramsey

Read letters into the record regarding the videotaping of meetings and handed to the officer to deliver to the Mayor and Council.

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

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

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - None

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

XII. NEW BUSINESS - None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Weber. All in favor.
Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.

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