

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGULAR MEETING of SEPTEMBER 18, 2023
Via in person & Conference call**

Mr. Coronato called the regular meeting of The Board of Public Works to order at 6:33 pm. The meeting was conducted in-person and by conference call.

Mr. Coronato announced that the meeting is being held in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of New Jersey. Public Notice of this regularly scheduled meeting was published in issues of The Bergen Record and The Ridgewood News on December 28, 2022.

Board members present were Mr. Coronato, Mr. Emmett, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Stugart and Mr. Dillon. Along with Mr. Bacolo, Mr. Skorupa, Mr. R. DeBlock, Mr. Corrison, Mr. Vozeh Councilwoman Cusick and Mrs. Sylvester. Dr. Boff and Mayor Dillon were absent.

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion by Mr. Coronato seconded by Mr. Emmett to receive and file the correspondence. Carried.

MINUTES

Minutes of August 21, 2023 meeting were accepted, Motion by Mr. Coronato to approve, seconded by Mr. Hewitt. Carried.

No.	Date	From	To	Subject
1.	8/21/23	H2M	Board of Public Works	Request for bids for Contract 23-2 North Central Treatment Building Structural repairs.
2.	8/22/23	H2M	Board of Public Works	Pine St Water main replacement – jo-Med contracting Corp. Contract for signature.
3.	9/12/23	H2M	Board of Public Works	Pine St Water Main Replacement Contract 23-3 bids received summary.
4.	9/12/23	H2M	Board of Public Works	North Central Treatment Building Structural repairs. Contract 23-2 bids received summary.
5.	9/13/23	H2M	Board of Public Works	Pine St Water Main Replacement Contract 23-3 executed contracts to Jo-Med Contracting Inc
6.	9/13/23	H2M	Board of Public Works	Notice of Construction – hand delivered to Pine St residents for water main replacement.
4.	9/13/23	M. Bacolo	Board of Public Works	Progress Report
4.	9/18/23	M. Skorupa	Board of Public Works	Operations report
5.	9/18/23	J. DeBlock	Board of Public Works	Management Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Bacolo updated the Board on Lead service line inspection survey project phase 2. 1375 unknown service lines were identified in 2022, good progress has been made and the inspections will continue. About 35% of service lines are still considered unknown. In the next phase, there are about 100 homes H2M is investigating.

North Central Pump House structural floor repairs update. Requests for proposal were submitted to four contractors. Two proposals were received in the amount of \$41,622 and \$248,560. After review of qualifications, H2M recommends the Board approval for the proposal from Camden Group in the amount of \$41,622.

Pine St water main replacement project update, the project is scheduled to start on Sept. 20th. H2M held a pre-construction meeting on Sept. 13th.

Motion by Mr. Coronato award the contract for the North Central Pump House structural floor repairs to Camden Group in the amount of \$41,622. Second by Mr. Emmett. Carried.

AYES: Mr. Coronato, Mr. Emmett, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Stugart and Mr. Dillon

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Dr. Boff, Mayor Dillon

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Skorupa reported that his department will be performing the fall hydrant flushing program from Sept. 27 – Sept. 29th from 10pm – 6am. This program helps with water quality and fire hydrant operations. Mr. Skorupa noted that the water dept continues with their daily duties. They also continue to collaborate with H2M and DeBlock Environmental Services for the lead service line replacement project.

OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT REPORT Mr. DeBlock updated the board that all routine month reports have been submitted. In April, the USEPA issued proposed rulemaking on PFAS water quality standards. There has been no update yet on when final rules will be issued.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT NY Twist Drill received agreement and we are now waiting on payment.

MAYOR'S REPORT Absent.

COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORT Ms. Cusick updated the Board on the upcoming Fall issue of the Ramsey Journal. The deadline is Oct 20th if the Board would like to submit an article.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT Mr. Vozeh updated the Board on a project the Hubbard Spanish teacher is proposing. They would like to paint murals on fencing area of water tank behind school. Board will discuss. New water rates will be discussed at a future meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion by Mr. Coronato to open the floor for public comment. Second by Mr. Stugart. Carried.

No public was present in person or on the phone.

Motion to close public comment by Mr. Coronato. Second by Mr. Hewitt. Carried.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE Nothing to report.

FINANCE

Budget and Revenue/Expense Reports were submitted to Board members.

Resolution by: Mr. Emmett

Seconded by: Mr. Coronato

RESOLVED THAT: The following bills be paid and charged to the current Water/Sewer 2023 and 2022 Budgets:

CURRENT	\$ 120,331.30
RESERVE	\$ 0
WIRED	\$ 0

RESOLVED THAT: The following bills be paid and charged to the Capital Account: \$0

AYES: Mr. Coronato, Mr. Emmett, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Stugart and Mr. Dillon

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Dr. Boff , Mayor Dillon

EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 6:52 PM, motion by Mr. Coronato, second by Mr. Hewitt. Carried.

RESOLVED THAT:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Public Works of the Borough of Ramsey believes such circumstances exist; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Public Works of the Borough of Ramsey wishes to discuss matters of litigation, personnel, and contract negotiation; and

WHEREAS, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer exist, then the minutes can be made public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Public Works of the Borough of Ramsey, that the public be excluded from this meeting. The outcome of the meeting will be disclosed when a course of action is determined, or a decision is reached.

Motion by Mr. Coronato to end executive session at 7:23 PM, second by Mr. Hewitt. Carried.

Motion by Mr. Coronato to approve Neal Systems, Inc. and H2M to perform field study for SCADA system. Second by Mr. Emmett. Carried

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Coronato made a motion to adjourn at 7:08PM. Seconded by Mr. Emmett. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted By: Kelly Sylvester