

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 26, 2018**

Mayor Dillon read the opening statement.

Mayor Dillon called the meeting to order at 8:12pm and asked Board of Education member Mr. Socci to lead the flag salute. Mayor Dillon read the Open Public Meetings Act notice.

I. ROLL CALL -

Present: Mayor Dillon, Councilmembers Jones, Kilman, Verdone and Weber

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

Absent: Councilmembers Gutwetter and Jachzel

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – WS 08-29-18, WS 09-12-18, 09-12-18
Motion to approve and file by Councilman Weber, seconded by Councilman Kilman.
Carried

III. COMMUNICATIONS -
Motion to accept and file by Councilman Verdone, seconded by Councilman Kilman
Carried

1. CJ Griffin, 21 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601
letter dated September 12, 2018, regarding Ramsey's Video Recording Ordinances
2. George Bumiller, 39 Lakeview Terrace, Ramsey, NJ
letter dated September 12, 2018, regarding flow of information, minutes and meeting recordings
3. Melissa Oratio, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ
letter dated September 13, 2018, enclosing minutes from the August 22, 2018 meeting

IV. APPOINTMENTS –

Mayor Dillon made the following appointment and swore him in after the consent resolution was adopted.

Justin Illes, Fire Department, Regular Member

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION

Motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Verdone

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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| 176-2018 | Resolution: | payment of vouchers |
| 177-2018 | Resolution: | ratifying the actions of the governing body for payroll number nineteen |
| 178-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing a tax court judgment for Block 3702 Lot 1 for years 2016-2017 in the total amount of \$152,168.47 |
| 179-2018 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of Justin Illes to the Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department as a regular member |
| 180-2018 | Resolution: | cancelling tax certificate after a five year redemption for One People Inc. |
| 181-2018 | Resolution: | calling upon Congress to fully reinstate the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction for federal income taxes |
| 182-2018 | Resolution: | eliminate the state cap on deduction for local property taxes, to act immediately to reinstate the interest arbitration cap and to tie it permanently to the 2 percent property tax levy |
| 183-2018 | Resolution: | confirming Board of Public Works contract award for Woodland Well Pumping Station Building Renovations in the amount of \$148,900 to CFM Construction, Inc. of Stirling, NJ |

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

A. SPECIAL PERMITS: None

B. BLOCK PARTY REQUESTS: None

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Jones, Kilman, Verdone, Weber

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - None

VII. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel
Absent

- B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Harry Weber
Thanked Justin Illes for stepping up to join the Fire Department and the Ramsey Volleyball team and Kylie Featherstone for arranging the event for the Challenger kids. Announced that the Ramsey Municipal Alliance will hold “Hidden in Plain Sight” at the high school on October 3rd.

- C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Joseph Verdone
Wished Justin Illes the best on the Fire Department and announced the Master Plan Committee meeting, which is open to the public on Thursday, October 18th at 3pm in council chambers.

- D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Peter Kilman
Thanked and congratulated Justin Illes on his appointment.

- E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilman William Jones
Thanked and welcome Justin to the Fire Department.

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

- G. MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON
Thanked the Stigma Free group for hosting a community BBQ for the group home residents. Also thanked Shoprite and Mr. Inserra for the invitation to Help Bag Hunger Day and Shoprite’s Partners in Caring Day which has donated over \$48 million since 1999 to local foodbanks to help those in need. Congratulated Justin Illes on his appointment to the Fire Department.

- 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 5G cell poles, the Planning Board agreement with the approved applicant Wawa and the safety at the Main Street railroad crossing and the dollar amount of the Main Street streetscape grant.

Roger Knauss, 21 Park Place, Ramsey

Thanked the governing body for their continued support of the relocation of the senior center and making it come to fruition.

With no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Dillon closed public comment.

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

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 17-2018 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PURCHASE OF TWO COMMAND VEHICLES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT TO REPLACE ONE FOR RAMSEY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ONE FOR RAMSEY RESCUE SQUAD, WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$130,757.57 THEREFORE, CONSTITUTING PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS OF THE BOROUGH HERETOFORE ISSUED

Motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Verdone

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled An ordinance providing for purchase of two command vehicles and related equipment to replace one for Ramsey Fire Department and one for Ramsey Rescue Squad, within the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey and to appropriate the sum of \$137,757.57 therefore, constituting proceeds of obligations of the borough heretofore issued, pass the first reading by title, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage and adoption at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on the 10th day of October, 2018 at 8:15 pm prevailing time or as soon after as the matter can be reached in the Municipal Building in said Borough and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she hereby is, instructed to publish in an official newspaper of the Borough in the manner provided by law, a copy of said ordinance together with notice of introduction thereof and notice when the same will be considered for final passage and adoption.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Jones, Kilman, Verdone, Weber

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (cont'd)

ORDINANCE 18-2018 - AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUISITION OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS IN THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$279,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF

Motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Kilman

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled An ordinance to authorize capital improvements for the purpose of acquisition of vehicles and equipment for various departments in the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey and to appropriate the sum of \$279,000 to pay the cost thereof, pass the first reading by title, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage and adoption at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on the 10th day of October, 2018 at 8:15 pm prevailing time or as soon after as the matter can be reached in the Municipal Building in said Borough and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she hereby is, instructed to publish in an official newspaper of the Borough in the manner provided by law, a copy of said ordinance together with notice of introduction thereof and notice when the same will be considered for final passage and adoption.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Jones, Kilman, Verdone, Weber

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

XII. NEW BUSINESS - None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Weber, seconded by Councilman Jones at 8:30pm.
All in favor. Carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Meredith Bendian

Meredith Bendian, RMC

Borough Clerk