

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
Wednesday, September 26, 2018

ROLL CALL – OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT NOTICE

Council President Kilman read the opening statement and opened the meeting at 7:32pm and read the Open Public Meetings Notice.

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

MAYOR’S REMARKS – MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON

Reported that the Board of Public Works will meet with the affected residents on several streets for the upgraded sewer system project.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REMARKS – COUNCILMAN PETER KILMAN

No report

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – COUNCILWOMAN VANESSA JACHZEL

No report

PUBLIC SAFETY – COUNCILMAN HARRY WEBER

Reported that RIFE kicked off their soccer season with the Challengers and thanked the Ramsey High School volleyball teams for hosting a night with the Challengers. Also thanked the High School athletic association for hosting the RIFE kids at the football game.

Ramsey Municipal Alliance has been attending all of the back to school nights.
Hidden in Plain Sight will be at the Ramsey High School on October 3rd.

One appointment to the Ramsey Fire Department, Justin Illes, on the agenda tonight.

BUILDING, PLANNING AND ZONING – COUNCILMAN JOSEPH VERDONE

Reported that the Board of Education submitted their plan to the Planning Board for their relocation of the Board of Education offices and it was approved. There will be a Master Plan Meeting on Thursday, October 18th at 3:00pm, open to the public.

UTILITIES, BUILDING & GROUNDS – COUNCILMAN PETER KILMAN

No report

PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – COUNCILMAN WILLIAM J. JONES

We are in the final stages of proofing the Ramsey Journal, hoping for it to be in mailboxes by mid October.

Reported for Councilwoman Jachzel that the Finance Committee met earlier this week and are moving forward with capital improvements which will be covered under Administrator Vozeh's report.

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – COUNCILMAN MICHAEL GUTWETTER

Absent

BOROUGH ATTORNEY - PETER A. SCANDARIATO

No report

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – BRUCE VOZEH

Updated on the Community/Senior Center Pool House Project – building permits were issued and excavation starting shortly. The work is a complete renovation of the current pool house which will be the new community center, to also be utilized by the seniors.

Resolutions – Two related to the property tax deductions urging state law makers to lift the current Caps and a confirming resolution for the Board of Public Works for the Woodland Avenue Pumphouse to CFM Construction.

Main Street Streetscape Phase II – Borough awarded a grant for \$629,849.00 which has been approved by the NJ DOT and then the Federal government. The borough received the approval for the reimbursement agreement and at the next meeting will pass a resolution to execute that agreement and move on to the bidding phase.

Voting Locations – As discussed earlier this year the alternate locations were identified as Adorno Fathers, Ramsey Library, Masonic Lodge, Borough Hall and current senior center with no voting in any schools. We will submit the request to move locations but as the county stated earlier this year, it will not occur until 2019.

Capital Ordinances – Two on for introduction tonight. Ordinance 17-2018 repurposes unused funds from eight previous ordinances that had balances. The money will be used for new vehicles for the Ramsey Fire Department and Rescue Squad. Ordinance 18-2018 allocates a portion of the \$1.4 million in the 2018 budget for capital improvement fund. Out of that we are allocating \$279,000 of that for a borough hall vehicle, Fire Department protective equipment, Rescue protective equipment, two vehicles for DPW, fencing at Finch Park and a storage garage at the Police Department.

Executive Session – Contract Negotiations – Personnel

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.

George Bumiller, 39 Lakeview Terrace, Ramsey

Discussed posting the status of the construction of the senior/community center project on the website as well as posting the Mayor and Council packet information on the website.

Richard Muti, 66 Church Street, Ramsey

Thanked the governing body for starting the process of removing all voting districts out of the schools.

Annette Griffin, 156 Edson Terrace, Franklin Lakes, NJ

Inquired about the local cannabis ordinance. Borough Attorney Scandariato replied

Allan Braggin, 25 Franklin Street, Ramsey

Discussed the Main Street Streetscape status, the dangerous Main Street railroad crossing, an application before the Planning Board and a NJ State Police report regarding gangs. Mayor Dillon replied.

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

Motion to adjourn work session by Councilman Jones seconded by Councilman Weber. All in favor. Carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Meredith Bendian

Meredith Bendian, RMC

Borough Clerk