

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION AGENDA  
Wednesday, June 9, 2021**

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**Dial-In Number (425)436-6365**

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**I. ROLL CALL – FLAG SALUTE – OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW NOTICE**

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - 05-26-21**

**III. COMMUNICATIONS -**

- 1. Glen Karpovich, 23 Swan Street, Ramsey, NJ  
letter dated May 25, 2021, thanking the Ramsey Police Department and Ambulance Corp. for the response and help received for his mother when she fell ill**
- 2. Debbie Falkow and Holly Kahle, Ramsey Girl Scout Service Unit Managers  
letter dated May 28, 2021, invitation to the Girl Scout Gold Award ceremony on Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the High School Lawn on the “Big Stage”**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Anyone wishing to address the governing body give your name (spelling the last name) and address. Please speak in an audible tone 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. Please note, public comment is your time. Out of respect and fairness to all, there will be no interruptions or questions answered during your time. No time shall be ceded to anyone else and no time shall be saved for later use. Any responses may be given during the governing body’s comments later in the meeting, or as directed by the Chair. The Borough Clerk is the official time keeper.**

**V. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES**

**VI. APPOINTMENTS**

## **VII. CONSENT RESOLUTION**

**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:

- 118-2021      Resolution:    payment of vouchers**
- 119-2021      Resolution:    ratifying the actions of the governing body for payroll number 11**
- 120-2021      Resolution:    authorizing the issuance of third quarter estimated property tax billing**
- 121-2021      Resolution:    awarding a contract to Garden State Fireworks, Inc., Millington, New Jersey for a fireworks exhibition for the borough Independence Day celebration in the amount of \$8,800.00**
- 122-2021      Resolution:    awarding a contract to Moore Productions, 763 Susquehanna Avenue, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey for the sound stage and equipment for the Independence Day Celebration in the amount of \$6,850.00**

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

### **A.    SPECIAL PERMITS:**

### **B.    BLOCK PARTY REQUESTS:**

**Maileen Arroyo-Santiago of Nottingham Road is requesting permission to hold a block party on Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 12 noon until 6:00pm**

## **VIII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**End Gun Violence Proclamation**

**IX. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS**

**A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Councilman Michael Gutwetter  
1. Various Comments**

**B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Harry Weber**

**Executive Session – Personnel**

**C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilwoman Jane Woods  
1. Various Comments**

**D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Peter Kilman  
1. Various Comments**

**E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilman William Jones  
1. Various Comments**

**F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilwoman Judith Cusick  
1. Various Comments**

**G. MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON**

**H. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Bruce Vozech**

**Borough Hall Summer Hours**

**I. BOROUGH ATTORNEY – Peter A. Scandariato, Esq.**

**J. BOROUGH CLERK – Meredith Bendian**

**X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Glen Karpovich  
23 Swan St.  
Ramsey, NJ 07446

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Mayor Dillon and Ramsey Borough Council  
33 N. Central Ave.  
Ramsey, NJ 07446

May 25, 2021

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BOROUGH OF RAMSEY  
BOROUGH CLERKS OFFICE

Dear Mayor Dillion,

On the morning of May 20, 2021, I was with my 90 year old mother at her home and she started to have pressure in her chest. I immediately called the Ramsey Police Department.

Within a few minutes Officers Guilfoyle and Thormann arrived on the scene, quickly followed by the Ramsey Volunteer Ambulance Corps with members Jim Keeney and Marc Greenwood. They were all very caring and professional with my mother and that was very reassuring to her. She was transported to Valley Hospital and thankfully was examined and released.

I wanted to let you know that my mother and I say thank you to all. Having lived in Ramsey for over 60 years she wanted to let you know how grateful she was for the care she received and how proud she is to call Ramsey home.

Thank you again,



Glen Karpovich

cc: Ramsey Police Dept.

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May 28, 2021

The Honorable Deirdre A. Dillon  
Ramsey Borough Hall  
33 N. Central Avenue,  
Ramsey, NJ 07446

Dear Mayor Dillon,

Ramsey Girl Scouts is pleased to announce the accomplishments of five young women who have earned their Gold Award, the highest earned award in all of Girl Scouting. Their achievement is a visible sign of their commitment to scouts and service to their community. We honor the following:

Alex Chambers  
Carolyn Coletti  
Tess O'Hara  
Robin Falkow  
Julianne Iaccarino

Our troop would be honored if you could join us for our Awards Ceremony to be held:

Thursday, June 10, 2021  
7:00 p.m.  
Ramsey High School Lawn at "The Big Stage"  
Ramsey, NJ 07446

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OFFICE OF RAMSEY  
BOROUGH CLERK

We realize that your schedule is demanding, if you are unable to attend, would you please be so kind as to send the scouts an individual note recognizing their accomplishment? We would appreciate receiving your letters and/or your intent to attend by June 5, 2021. To R.S.V.P., please call 201-681-6379 or [girlscoutsramsey@gmail.com](mailto:girlscoutsramsey@gmail.com).

Please send all correspondence to:

Debbie Falkow  
82 Nottingham Road  
Ramsey, NJ 07446

Thank you in advance for taking the time to help us recognize the personal achievements of these special young women.

Sincerely,  
Debbie Falkow and Holly Kahle  
Ramsey Girl Scout Service Unit Managers

**COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 118-2021**

Resolution by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**June 9, 2021**

BE IT RESOLVED that the CURRENT, CAPITAL, POOL, PLANNING BOARD, and TRUST account bills shown on the sheets attached hereto be paid and charged to the proper accounts such sheet which is attached hereto being specifically incorporated herein and considered part of the Resolution as though the same were set forth in the face thereof.

<u>CURRENT</u>	\$6,978,069.72
<u>RESERVE</u>	\$4,855.17
<u>GRANT</u>	\$4,998.99
<u>CAPITAL</u>	\$58,030.91
<u>POOL</u>	\$9,130.99
<u>PLANNING BOARD</u>	\$0.00
<u>TRUST</u>	\$176.20
<u>WIRED</u>	\$174,147.20
<u>RECYCLING TRUST</u>	\$0.00

	YES	NO	A B S T A I N	A B S E N T
MAYOR DILLON				
CUSICK, J.				
GUTWETTER, M.				
JONES, W.				
KILMAN, P.				
WEBER, H.				
WOODS, J.				

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL HELD ON \_\_\_\_\_.

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**MEREDITH BENDIAN, BOROUGH CLERK**

**JUNE 9, 2021**

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**PASSED AND APPROVED**

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**CLERK**

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**MAYOR**

**cc: D. Bartalotta, CFO  
 J. Turner, AP**

**COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 119-2021**

Resolution by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**June 9, 2021**

Resolved: To ratify the actions of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Ramsey payroll dated May 28, 2021.

CURRENT FUND	ON-LINE TRANSFER	\$	362,946.35
WATER OPERATING FUND	ON-LINE TRANSFER	\$	49,770.91
POOL OPERATING FUND	ON-LINE TRANSFER	\$	2,684.02
POLICE OFF DUTY TRUST FUND	ON-LINE TRANSFER	\$	3,943.70
	TOTAL PAYROLL	<u>\$</u>	<u>419,344.98</u>
CURRENT FUND TO PAYROLL/FICA	ON-LINE TRANSFER	\$	14,892.50
WATER OPERATING FUND TO PAYROLL/FICA	ON-LINE TRANSFER	\$	3,807.47
POOL OPERATING FUND TO PAYROLL/FICA	ON-LINE TRANSFER		\$205.33
DCRP	ON-LINE TRANSFER	\$	-
	TOTAL FICA	<u>\$</u>	<u>18,905.30</u>

	YES	NO	A B S T A I N	A B S E N T
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**JUNE 9, 2021**

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**CLERK**

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**MAYOR**

cc: Denise Bartalotta, CFO  
 J Turner, Accounts Payable



**COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 120-2021**

**Resolution by: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_**

**WHEREAS, the governing body has determined that there will be insufficient cash flow to support operation in late July 2021 unless third quarter revenue is received on time; and**

**WHEREAS, THE Tax Collector and the Chief Financial Officer have reviewed and computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Ramsey, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes that:**

**The Tax Collector is directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills using a rate of \$2.595 for the third quarter 2021, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2et seq.**

**The Tax Collector takes any additional steps necessary to immediately implement this resolution.**

	YES	NO	A B S T A I N	A B S E N T
DILLON, D. MAYOR				
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GUTWETTER, M.				
JONES, W.				
KILMAN, J.				
WEBER, H.				
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MEREDITH BENDIAN, MUNICIPAL CLERK

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MAYOR

COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 121-2021

Resolution by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

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**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Ramsey has a need to acquire services for a fireworks exhibition for the Borough of Ramsey's Independence Day celebration as a without competitive bid procedure contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 as appropriate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services will not exceed \$8,800.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated term of this contract is five (5) days; and

**WHEREAS**, Garden State Fireworks, Inc., The Santore Brothers, P.O. Box 403, Carlton Road, Millington, New Jersey 07946 has submitted a proposal dated June 1, 2021 attached hereto and made a part hereof indicating they will provide a fireworks exhibition for the Borough of Ramsey's Independence Day celebration for a cost not to exceed \$8,800.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Garden State Fireworks, Inc., The Santore Brothers, has extensive experience and expertise in providing fireworks displays and provides services that are original and creative in character in a recognized field of artistic endeavor; and

**WHEREAS**, Garden State Fireworks, Inc., The Santore Brothers, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Garden State Fireworks, Inc., The Santore Brothers, has not made any reportable contribution to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Ramsey in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Garden State Fireworks, Inc., The Santore Brothers, from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that he Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey, shall retain the services of Garden State Fireworks, Inc., The Santore Brothers, to provide the services as stated aforesaid Borough of Ramsey's Independence Day celebration on July 2, 2021 with a rain date of July 3, 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the total fee to be paid to Garden State Fireworks, Inc. for such services shall be \$8,800.00; and

**COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 121-2021**

**Resolution by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the award of such contract is made without competitive bidding under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 which exempts from competitive bidding “professional services” and “extraordinary unspecifiable services” which are rendered for the provision or performance of goods and services that are original and creative in character in a recognized field of artistic endeavor and which are also “extraordinary unspecifiable services” which are specialized and qualitative in nature, requiring expertise, extensive training, and proven reputation in the field of endeavor; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Ramsey does hereby authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to enter into a contract with Garden State Fireworks, Inc., The Santore Brothers, P.O. Box 403, Carlton Road, Millington, New Jersey 07946 in a form agreeable to the Borough Attorney as described herein; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be published in an official newspaper of the Borough within ten (10) days of its passage as required by law.

	YES	NO	A B S T A I N	A B S E N T
DILLON, D. MAYOR				
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MAYOR

**COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 122-2021**

**Resolution by: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need in the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey for stage, sound and lighting equipment for the Borough’s July 2, 2021 Independence Day Celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has solicited for quotations for said project; and

**WHEREAS**, same were reviewed by the appropriate recommending authority; and

**WHEREAS**, Moore Productions, 763 Susquehanna Avenue, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey has submitted the lowest quotation for said project; and

**WHEREAS**, the appropriate recommending authority has recommended award of the subject contract to Moore Productions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey that a contract for stage, sound and lighting equipment for the Borough’s July 2, 2021 Independence Day Celebration be and hereby is awarded to Moore Productions, 763 Susquehanna Avenue, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey in the amount of \$6,850.00 as set forth in their written quotation attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and they hereby are authorized to enter into a contract for same in a form prepared by the Borough Attorney.

	YES	NO	A B S T A I N	A B S E N T
DILLON, D. MAYOR				
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