

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGULAR MEETING of FEBRUARY 27, 2023
Via in person & Conference call**

Mr. Coronato called the regular meeting of The Board of Public Works to order at 6:31 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 (in person & via conference call) were Mr. Coronato, Mr. Emmett, Dr. Boff, Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Stugart. Along with Mr. Bacolo, Mr. Skorupa, Mr. DeBlock, Mr. Corriston, Councilwoman Cusick, Mrs. Sylvester and Mr. Vozech. Mayor Dillon and Mr. Emmer were absent.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

MINUTES

Minutes of January 23, 2023 meeting were accepted, Motion by Mr. Coronato to approve, seconded by Mr. Emmett. Carried. Mr. Stugart

Minutes of January 23, 2023 Reorganization meeting were accepted, Motion by Mr. Coronato to approve, seconded by Mr. Stugart. Carried.

No.	Date	From	To	Subject
1.	1/18/23	EcolSciences, Inc.	Board of Public Works	Freshwater Wetlands Application to NJDEP. For Lot 1602, lot 6.01
2.	1/26/23	Crew	Board of Public Works	Announcement of Crew Engineers, Inc. will be joining forces with H2M Architects + Engineers effective Jan. 28 2023.
3.	2/13/23	Crew	Board of Public Works	Letter to Bergen County Engineer outlining LSL Project Phase 1B on county roadways
4	2/16/23	Crew	Board of Public Works	LSL Replacement Phase 1B Contract Spec and drawings. Contract 23-1.
5.	2/22/23	Crew	Board Public Works	Progress Report
5.	2/27/23	M. Skorupa	Board of Public Works	Operations report
4.	2/27/23	J. DeBlock	Board of Public Works	Management Report
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ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Bacolo updated the board on the Lead Service Line replacement project phase 1B. Work on test pits to identify locations of service lines throughout the Borough was advertised on February 19th in the Record. The bid opening will be held on March 14th. The bid will be awarded at the March 20th BPW meeting. Update on the N. Central (Old Building), the 1st phase of the structural assessment has been completed. The next phase will require a GPR survey of the

concrete floor to identify any soil sub surface settling. Mr. Vozeh asked if a motion is needed for the GPR Survey completion

Motion by Mr. Coronato to allow H2M and their subcontractor to complete the GPR survey at a cost of \$20,000. Second by Mr. Stugart. Carried.

AYES: Mr. Emmett, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Coronato, Dr. Boff, Mr. Stugart

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mayor Dillon and Mr. Emmer

Motion by Mr. Coronato to change order of meeting and proceed to Board Attorney's report. Second by Mr. Hewitt. Carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT Mr. Corrison updated the Board. H2M is reviewing the plans for the relocation of the licensed water mains for Lincoln Mercury Dealership at 66 Rt. 17N. He continues to monitor the application for the tower in Mahwah, waiting for some items which will need to be signed by all parties. Mr. Corrison reached out to NY Twist Drill regarding the expiring contract with the Borough. Crew Engineering has moved to a new entity, H2M Architects + Engineers. Mr. Corrison has reviewed all the professional paperwork, and everything is in order aside from the pay to play revision which has not yet been received.

Motion by Mr. Coronato to approve the assignment of contract to H2M Architects + Engineers from Crew Engineers, Inc. with the same terms approved at the January 2023 meeting. Second by Mr. Emmett. Carried

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Skorupa reported that the water dept continues with their daily duties. Continue to collaborate with H2M & DeBlock. NBCUA sent an Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit application for a total of six treatment locations. The permit needs to be renewed at a cost of \$2,400. The application was sent to H2M & DeBlock for review.

OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT REPORT – Mr. DeBlock updated the Board regarding an application received by H2M for a backflow preventer at a residence. This is being discussed by H2M & DeBlock and asked for feedback from the Board. Mr. DeBlock suggested putting an ordinance in place for these situations. It is expected that the NJDEP will release new requirements for PFAS which will need to be addressed down the road. The Board discussed the details of this change and thoughts on how to address it.

MAYOR'S REPORT Absent.

COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORT the Spring edition of the Ramsey Journal is in progress. Councilwoman Cusick suggested that the Board may want to consider submitting an article. The deadline is March 17th.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT Mr. Vozeh reviewed the budget for 2023. Please see attached detailed presentation.

Motion by Mr. Coronato to approve the Board of Public Works 2023 budget in the amount of \$8,180,000 as detailed in the budget presentation. Second by Mr. Emmett. Carried.

AYES: Mr. Emmett, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Coronato, Dr. Boff, Mr. Stugart
NAYS: none
ABSENT: Mayor Dillon and Mr. Emmer

Motion by Mr. Coronato to make a resolution that the current sewer charges for buildings located outside of the Borough of Ramsey effective January 1, 2023, receive a flat quarterly sewer charge of \$180. Second by Mr. Hewitt. Carried.

AYES: Mr. Emmett, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Coronato, Dr. Boff, Mr. Stugart
NAYS: none
ABSENT: Mayor Dillon and Mr. Emmer

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Mr. Coronato provided three opportunities for public comment. No public was present or on the phone.

Motion to close public comment by Mr. Coronato. Second by Mr. Emmett. 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 2022 Budget:

CURRENT	\$ 240,484.75
RESERVE	\$ 15,149.25
WIRED	\$ 17,420.65

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

AYES: Mr. Emmett, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Coronato, Dr. Boff, Mr. Stugart
NAYS: none
ABSENT: Mayor Dillon and Mr. Emmer

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Coronato made a motion to adjourn at 7:22PM. Seconded by Mr. Emmett. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted By: Kelly Sylvester