

Borough of Ramsey
2022 Reorganization
Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 3, 2022
7:00pm

Mayor Dillon asked Councilman Kilman to lead the pledge of allegiance.

Due to COVID19 this meeting is being conducted remotely. The dial in number is (425)436-6365 Access Code 213563#. You may also view the meeting on the Ramsey YouTube Channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeBnVXBwSn_ILMuAGkSin9w

Father Nick Sertich performed the invocation, remotely.

Mayor Dillon administered the oaths of office to Peter Kilman and Sara Poppe.

Councilman Weber held the bible for Peter Kilman while Mayor Dillon swore him in. Sara Poppe's daughter, Willow, held the bible for Sara while Mayor Dillon swore her in.

Mayor Dillon called the meeting to order at 7:10pm and read the Open Public Meetings Act notice.

I. ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Dillon, Councilpersons Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber and Woods

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

Resolution Number One

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

Be It Resolved that the By-Laws of the Borough Council of the Borough of Ramsey, New Jersey dated 2022 be and are hereby adopted as the By-Laws for the year 2022

Roll Call

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Mayor Dillon opened the nomination for Council President
Councilman Weber nominated Peter Kilman as Council President, seconded by Councilman Gutwetter.
Mayor Dillon asked if there were any other nominations. Not hearing any, closed the nominations and asked for a roll call.

Roll Call:

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Poppe, Weber, Woods

ABSTAIN: Kilman

Mayor Dillon declared Peter Kilman as Council President.

Remarks By elected and re-elected Council Members

Councilman Peter Kilman

“First I want to thank my council colleagues for their faith and confidence in electing me to this honored position as Council President. The fact is, no one gets things done alone. It not only takes a concerned and involved Mayor and Council but also the time and effort of the Ramsey Boards, Commissions, Departments and Administrations. Our collective charge continues to be not only to do things right but to do the right thing. Preserving the beauty and safety of our town with a unique sense of community.

As I enter my seventh year, I want to thank those former councilmembers with whom I have served and who have rolled off over the past several years. Ken Tyburczy, Vanessa Jachzel, Joe Verdone and Bill Jones. I have learned much from their example of service. Today our Ramsey Council includes a dedicated hardworking team of Harry Weber, Michael Gutwetter, Judy Cusick, Jane Woods and our newest member Sara Poppe. All elected by Ramsey voters to serve. Along with Mayor Dillon who puts in long hours in addition to her fulltime job, her commitment to our borough and the passion she has for listening to and caring about Ramsey residents does not go unnoticed. To that end, I look forward to working with our esteemed Mayor and Council and serving this great town of Ramsey over the coming year.”

Councilwoman Sara Poppe

“I would first like to extend my thanks to the residents of Ramsey for their confidence in my ability to lead. I would also like to thank the councilmembers as well as the Putting Ramsey First Campaign Team, which includes my dearest friends, my dedicated husband and my children, Dillon and Willow. They were often sacrificing their time in support of me. To Mayor Dillon, who saw me early on and empowered me to challenge myself, I thank you for your support. What started as a single volunteer opportunity has led to some of my proudest moments, inclusive of this evening. It is an honor to work with such amazing volunteers on our boards and commissions and to serve this great community with the Mayor and Council on the dais tonight.”

Mayor Dillon opened the nominations for Class III Member on Planning Board and Council Representative.

Motion by Councilwoman Woods to nominate Councilwoman Cusick, seconded by Councilman Gutwetter.

Mayor Dillon asked if there were any other nominations. Not seeing any, Mayor Dillon closed the nomination for Class III member on the Planning Board.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

ABSTAIN: Cusick

Mayor Dillon declared Councilwoman Cusick the Class III Member on Planning Board and Council Representative.

Resolution Number Two

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

Be It Resolved that the meetings of the Borough Council of the Borough of Ramsey for the Year 2022 will be the second and fourth Wednesday of each month (exceptions noted with an asterisk) at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Borough Hall. Formal action may be taken at any meeting.

January 3*	Sine Die 6:30pm	Reorganization 7:00pm
January 26	7:30 regular meeting	
February 9	7:30 work session	
February 23	7:30 regular meeting	
March 9	7:30 work session	
March 23	7:30 regular meeting	
April 13	7:30 work session	
April 27	7:30 regular meeting	
May 11	7:30 work session	
May 25	7:30 regular meeting	
June 13* (Monday)	6:00 work session	
June 29*(5 th Wednesday)	7:30 regular meeting	
July 27	7:30 work session/regular meeting	
August 31* (5 th Wednesday)	7:30 work session/regular meeting	
Sept 14	7:30 work session	
Sept 28	7:30 regular meeting	
Oct 12	7:30 work session	
Oct 26	7:00 regular meeting	
Nov 14* (Monday)	6:00 work session	
Nov 28*(Monday)	7:30 regular meeting	
Dec 14	7:30 work session/regular meeting	

Roll Call

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Resolution Number Three

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

Be it resolved that the Governing Body adopts the Borough Policy and Procedures Manual for the year 2022.

Roll Call

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Resolution Number Four

Motion by Councilman Kilman, seconded by Councilman Weber

Be it Resolved that the following list of Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department Officers be approved for the Year 2022:

Line Officers:

Chief Brendan Sterbinsky
Assistant Chief Douglas Harvey
Deputy Chief Timothy Mazza
Captain Christopher Warnet
Captain Thomas M. Lanning
Lieutenant Pierre Gauthier
Lieutenant Gregory Duncan
Lieutenant Kerry Conklin

Administrative Officers:

President Gregory Hewitt
Vice-President Jonathan Krehel
Treasurer Randall Sterbinsky
Secretary Laura Single
Financial Secretary Garry Tonnon
Trustee James Dougherty

Roll Call

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Resolution Number Five

Motion by Councilman Kilman, seconded by Councilman Weber

Be it Resolved that the following list of Ramsey Volunteer Rescue Squad Officers be approved for the Year 2022:

Line Officers:

Chief Chris Keosayian
Assistant Chief Joe Manfredonia
Deputy Chief Hunter Torchin
Captain Greg Trival
Lieutenant Thomas Reich
Lieutenant Rich Peters
Lieutenant Dave Brown

Administrative Officers:

President Rich Van Der Wall
Vice President Jackie Gersht
Treasurer Laura Genovese-Behrmann
Secretary Nick Badilla

Roll Call

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Resolution Number Six

Motion by Councilman Kilman, seconded by Councilman Weber

Be it Resolved that the following list of Ramsey Volunteer Ambulance Corps Officers be approved for the Year 2022:

Line Officers:

Chief Justin Kuo
Deputy Chief Annette Young
Captain William Gorchoff
Lieutenant Marc Greenwood
Lieutenant Kevin Mantanye

Administrative Officers:

President Nicole Alvarez
Vice President Jessica Evans
Treasurer Kerry Conklin
Recording Secretary Cara Labanca
Corresponding Secretary Charles Schucht

Trustees:

Sheila Cushing

Roll Call

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Mayor Dillon made the following appointments:

Board of Education Liaison: Councilman Weber

Liaison To New Jersey Motion Picture & Television Commission
Dean Cartier

Public Advocate
Harris Recht, Esq.

Ramsey Municipal Alliance

Shauna Lauricella, Chairperson
Charlene Menshikov, Coordinator
Sara Fisher Poppe, Council Liaison
Mike Blasius, Community Member/Local Business Owner
Tami Azouri, BOH Member
Roger Knauss, Community Member/Senior
Caroline Knauss, Community Member/Senior
Kerry Conklin, Community Member/ Emergency Services
Sean Beamon, Ramsey PD Liaison/ LEAD Officer
Sunni Roberts, Liaison to Ramsey Schools
Jennifer Iorio, Community Member
Dr. Matthew Murphy, Superintendent of Schools
Father Nicholas Sertich, Religious Member
Deirdre Dillon, Mayor

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Poppe

Mayor Dillon made the following appointments

Ramsey Representative – Community Development

Bruce Vozeh
Meredith Bendian - Alternate

Recycling Committee

Henry Schumacher
Stanley Rutkowski
Jeff Kehoe
Harvey Ranzi
Dan Thomas

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Cusick

RIFE

Glen Popolo
Len DiTomaso
Tara McDonald
Charlene Menshikov
Sharon Vogel
Amanda Vartabedian
Ralph Venturini (Construction Official)
Glen Karpovich (OEM)
Dr. Matthew Murphy (Board of Education)
Father Nicholas Sertich (Religious Member)
Mayor Deirdre Dillon, Borough Liaison

Council Liaison: Councilman Weber

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Anthony Bailey
Joseph Barnes
John Rigg
Terry Sherwood
Joseph Verdone

Council Liaison: Councilman Kilman

LIBRARY BOARD

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Christine Thorp	1/22	12/26
Betsy Ohnegian (Mayor's Alt.)	1/22	12/22
Caroline Knauss (Supt. of Schools Alternate)	1/22	12/22
Monica FitzPatrick	1/22	12/24
Monica Palchisaca	1/22	12/26

Council Liaison: Councilman Gutwetter

PLANNING BOARD

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Michael Palumbo (Class II)	1/22	12/22
Bayron Zabala (Class IV)	1/22	12/25
Joseph Carey (Class IV)	1/22	12/24

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Cusick

RECREATION COMMISSION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Melissa Oliver	1/22	12/26
Gregory Jachts	1/22	12/26
Christine Fitzgerald (Alt. 1) (filling unexpired term of M. Mannion)	1/19	12/22

Council Liaison: Councilman Gutwetter

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Russ Martone	1/22	12/26

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Cusick

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Susan Danz (filling unexpired term of M. Taylor)	1/20	12/22
Joseph Carey (3-year term)	1/22	12/24
Nancy Boone (Alt. 1)	1/22	12/23
Tim Walsh (Alt. 2)	1/22	12/22

Council Liaison: Councilman Weber

Remarks from Council Members Who Have Not Spoken

Councilwoman Cusick

“Happy New Year, everyone. I’d like to take the opportunity to express my gratitude to the individuals who serve our town.

Thank you, Father Sertich, for conducting the Invocation.

Congratulations to Sara and Peter on their election.

Thank you, Borough Administrator Vozech, Borough Attorney Scandariato and Borough Clerk Bendian for your support in my first year as a Councilwoman. I also thank my co-councilmembers for their support and a wonderful first year.

I’d like to thank Council President Kilman for his thoughtfulness and thoroughness regarding the council liaison responsibilities.

And not lastly, I want to thank Mayor Dillon for her leadership. When I walked through our town this past summer and fall, and as I continued to speak with our townspeople, many residents commented to me about the appreciation of you, Mayor Dillon, and your leadership, especially during this health crisis.”

Ramsey Planning Board - The next meeting is on January 18th which is the reorganization meeting. Thanked Mayor Dillon and Councilmembers for their confidence as the 2022 Class III Member and Council Representative.

Ramsey Board of Education – Encouraged the residents to keep current with the Board of Education activities because 69% of Ramsey Residents’ property taxes are for the Board of Education. The next meeting is on January 4th (reorganization meeting) in the HS Auditorium.

Ramsey Responds - There is a Ramsey Responds Social Media page that contains additional information regarding projects and requests for the organization.

Councilman Gutwetter

“Good evening. I would like to congratulate Councilman Kilman on his reelection and congratulate Councilwoman Poppe on her election to the Ramsey Borough Council. I look forward to working with both of them in 2022. I also look forward to working with Mayor Dillon, Councilman Weber, Councilwoman Woods and Cusick as well as Borough Administrator Vozech, Borough Attorney Peter Scandariato, Borough Clerk Bendian, Deputy Clerk Richards, Kelly Sylvester and the rest of the staff.

In 2022 I will chair the Finance and Administration Committee and will be working on the municipal budget in the next few months. I look forward to working with Administrator Vozech and CFO Bartalotta in these efforts. Last year our municipal budget increase was 0%. While this cannot be realistic achievable again this year, we will do our best to accomplish an increase that makes sense for the borough and its taxpayers.

I will also be a member of the public safety committee which took on a great effort to ensure a smooth transition from retired Chief Gurney to incoming Chief Lyman and the positions under him as we begin the new year.

My liaison assignments will continue to be with the Library Board as they continue to operate during these difficult and unpredictable times with COVID. Adjusting as they go along and developing programs and events.

The Recreation Commission, as the programs for our youth and adults continue to prosper during these difficult times.

New for this year, the Pool Commission, I look forward to working with Pool Manager Bach and the commission.

Lastly, I would like to again acknowledge the fifteen years as a Councilman, Bill Jones and thank him for his service to the borough and the residents of Ramsey. Bill, you leave big shoes to fill. We are confident that the council is in good hands going forward.

I would like to thank my wife Roz for her continued support of my efforts and I wish everyone a healthy, happy and safe New Year.”

Councilman Weber

“I’d like to congratulate and thank Chief Gurney on a fantastic career and wish him all the best in his retirements. The clap out ceremony this week commemorating his final day in office was heartwarming and a tribute to all he has done and all he meant to the community.

I’d like to congratulate the Ramsey Police Department officers that were sworn into their new positions earlier today. Our new Chief Brian Lyman, Captain Kevin Cherven, Lieutenant Vasili Pieratos, Lieutenant Michael Parisi, Sergeant Scott Peterson, Sergeant Jeff Guilfoyle and Sergeant Michael Thormann.

I’d also like to congratulate my good friend, Sara Poppe and welcome her to the borough council. You join us with such a tremendous resume of activities and accomplishments. It has been my pleasure to work with you on Municipal Alliance and Board of Health over the past years and it’s an honor and pleasure to work with you as a fellow councilmember. Ramsey can expect wonderful things from you.

I’d like to congratulate my friend Peter Kilman again on his re-election and his selection as Council President. You’ve demonstrated such commitment to this town and all of your committees. You’ve demonstrated an outstanding leadership as our Council President over the past year and we look forward to your leadership again in 2022.

I want to say a special thank you to Bruce, Meredith, Peter, Sherry, Kelly, Denise and all the staff here at borough hall that support us throughout the year. It is really a lot of your efforts that make this all possible.

I’d like to thank Mayor Dillon and this team of councilmembers. We’ve worked together very, very well. We sometimes have different viewpoints but I know that each and every decision that we make is done with the best interest of this town and our residents and I’m proud to call you friends and colleagues.

I want to congratulate all of those being appointed or reappointed this evening to the various committees. It is really the volunteers of these committees that make Ramsey such a wonderful place to live.

I want to wish all the very best to our residents for a very happy and healthy 2022.”

Councilwoman Woods

“I want to wish everyone a happy new year.

I want to congratulate Peter Kilman and Sara Poppe on a wonderful election and looking so forward to working with you. I think this year is going to be even better than the last year.

I also want to thank the borough staff for everything they’ve done over the year. Just this meeting alone is a tremendous amount of work.

I look forward to my new responsibilities over this next year. Especially getting back to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

I would also like to thank all of the members of the boards and commissions that make Ramsey so unique. All of the volunteers that give of their time that make this town what it is.

I would also like to thank my fellow councilmembers and Mayor for their leadership, friendship and I look forward to a very productive year.”

Mayor Dillon reads the following appointments

The Following Appointments All Require Council Confirmation

Board of Adjustment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Gary Raspantini (filling unexpired term of S Poppe)	1/19	12/22

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Woods

Resolution Number Seven

Motion by Councilwoman Woods seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

Be It Resolved that the above captioned appointments hereby be confirmed:

Roll Call

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Board of Public Works

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Ken Tyburczy	1/22	12/24
Gregory Hewitt	1/22	12/24

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Cusick

Resolution Number Eight

Motion by Councilwoman Cusick, seconded by Councilman Kilman

Be It Resolved that the above appointments are hereby confirmed:

Roll Call

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Design Review Board

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Bonnie Waterman	1/22	12/24
Michael Palumbo (Alt. 1)	1/22	12/24

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Woods

Resolution Number Nine

Motion by Councilwoman Woods, seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

Be It Resolved that the above appointments hereby be confirmed:

Roll Call

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Pool Commission

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Mary Ann DeLorenzo	1/22	12/24
Hilary Meyer (Alt. 1)	1/22	12/23
Gregory Jachts (Alt. 2)	1/22	12/22

Council Liaison: Councilman Gutwetter

Resolution Number Ten

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe

Be It Resolved that the above appointments hereby be confirmed:

Roll Call

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Board of Health

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Dr. Carla Souza (Alt. 1)	1/22	12/23
Jessica Coronato (Alt. 2) (filling unexpired term of C Souza)	1/21	12/22

Council Liaison: Councilman Kilman

Resolution Number Eleven

Motion by Councilman Kilman, seconded by Councilman Weber

Be It Resolved that the above appointments hereby be confirmed:

Roll Call

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Resolution Number Twelve

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

Be It Resolved that the following newspapers be designated as the official legal newspapers for the Borough of Ramsey for the year 2022:

The Ridgewood News

The Bergen Record

The Star Ledger

Suburban News

Roll Call

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Resolution Number Thirteen

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

Be It Resolved that Paul W. Garbarini, CPA, RMA, PSA, CMFO of Garbarini and Company, CP, be appointed as the Auditor of the Borough of Ramsey for the year 2022:

Roll Call

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Resolution Number Fourteen

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ramsey has a need to acquire professional services, as not awarded through a competitive bid process contract pursuant to the provision of N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5 as appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of the professional services may each exceed \$44,000.00; and,

WHEREAS the anticipated term of this contract is one year; and,

WHEREAS, the following business entities have submitted proposals indicating that they will provide the professional services in accordance with their proposal attached hereto;

Appraisal Systems, Real Estate Appraisal Services

Associated Appraisal Group, Real Estate Appraisal Services

A-Tech Service Group, Telecommunications

PIA, Inc., Insurance Consultant

Blueline Architecture

Bruno Associates, Grant Consultants

Capital Alternatives, Grant Consultants

Crew Engineers, Inc., Consulting Engineers

Dresdner Robin, Consulting Engineers

Jeffrey Doolittle, L.S., Borough Surveyor

Hatch Mott MacDonald, Infrastructure and Environment

Paul W. Garbarini, CPA, RMA, Garbarini & Co. PC

Peter A. Scandariato, Esq., Borough Attorney

Harry D. Norton, Jr., Esq., Hall, Booth, Smith, P.C., Special Counsel

Izenberg Appraisal Associates

Burgis Associates Inc., Joseph Burgis, Professional Planner

Piazza and Associates, (Frank Piazza, Esq.) Council on Affordable Housing
Administrator

Surveying Technology (Tax Maps)

Tyco Animal Control

De Block Environmental Services, LLC

Pascack Data Services, Inc

David A. Hals, Professional Engineer, Planning Board/Land Use

Boswell Engineering

Jeffrey Surenian, Esq., Special Counsel for Council on Affordable Housing

WHEREAS the above stated entities have completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that they have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Ramsey in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit them from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and,

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Ramsey authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with the above listed entities

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the business Disclosure Entity 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 a newspaper within ten (10) days of its passage as required by law.

Roll Call:

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Resolution Number Fifteen

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

Be It Resolved that the interest will be charged at the rate of eight percent per annum on all delinquent taxes and six percent per annum on all delinquent assessments except that the rate will be one thousandth of one percent per annum of the taxes for any current quarter if the taxes for any current quarter if the taxes are paid during the first ten days of the same current quarter.

Be It Further Resolved that the interest be charged by the Tax Collector in accordance with the provisions of Section 54:4-67 of the New Jersey Revised Statutes that effective immediately, the rate of interest to be charged on delinquent tax or assessment payments shall be 8 percent per annum of the first \$1,500.00 of delinquency, and 18 percent per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date of actual payment.

Be It Further Resolved if the Office of the Tax Collector is closed on the 10th of February, May, August or November; then the rate of one thousandth of one percent per annum above described shall be extended to include the first business day thereafter.

Be It Further Resolved that the interest rate shall revert to the rate of eight percent per annum for the first day of any current quarter unless the taxes of the same quarter are paid during the first 10 days of the same quarter or as otherwise provided in this resolution.

Roll Call

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Resolution Number Sixteen

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

Be It Resolved that the Tax Assessor be and is hereby authorized to defend County Board of Taxation and State Tax Court Appeals and to retain experts in connection therewith with the approval of the governing body; and

Be It Further Resolved that any stipulations of settlement in connection with such matters or any reduction in tax assessments including non-litigation matters may be subject to the review, approval and authorization by the governing body.

Roll Call

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Resolution Number Seventeen

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

Whereas, 40A:4-19 Local Budget Act provides that (where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2022 budget) temporary appropriations be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided;

Whereas, the date of this resolution is within the first 30 days of 2022, and

Whereas, the total appropriations in the 2021 budget, less appropriations made for capital improvement fund, debt service and relief of the poor (public assistance) are as follows:

General	\$22,908,864.79
Water-Sewer Utility	\$ 6,600,000.00
Pool Utility	\$ 475,000.00

Whereas, 26.25 percent of the total appropriations of the 2021 Budget, less appropriations for capital improvement fund, debt service and relief of the poor (public assistance), in the said 2020 Budget is as follows:

General	\$ 6,013,577.01
Water-Sewer Utility	\$ 1,732,500.00
Pool Utility	\$ 124,687.50

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Ramsey, County of Bergen that the following temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for her records.

Roll Call

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Resolution Number Eighteen

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

Be It Resolved that the Borough CFO and the other Borough Officials required to sign Borough checks be and they are hereby authorized to sign such checks for the payment of the following remaining expenses: Insurance, Payroll, School Tax, County Tax, Trust Account Checks, Refunds, Postage and;

Be It Further Resolved that such persons may sign and disburse such checks prior to governing body approval of the subject voucher covering such items provided the voucher is properly completed by the claimant, and

Be It Further Resolved that all vouchers covering such payments shall be presented to the governing body for formal approval at the next ensuing meeting of the governing body.

Roll Call:

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Resolution Number Nineteen

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

Whereas, by directive of the County Board of Taxation, under Rule 18:12A-16 (C), any and all tax appeals and stipulations for increase and decrease shall be submitted to the County Board of Taxation by the local Tax Collector and/or Tax Assessor on behalf of the Borough of Ramsey for the year 2021 and are hereby authorized by this governing body for disposition by the County Board of Taxation.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ramsey, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that this resolution as heretofore stated shall be approved by this governing body, and

Be It Resolved that the Borough Clerk be instructed to submit a certified copy of this resolution to the Borough Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, and Bergen County Board of Taxation.

Roll Call:

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Resolution Number Twenty

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

Be It Resolved that the Borough Administrator be and he is hereby authorized to purchase goods, equipment, materials and services through the State Purchasing programs during the year 2022:

Roll Call:

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Resolution Number Twenty-One

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

Be It Resolved that in addition to all interest charges, a six percent penalty shall be charged to a taxpayer with a tax delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 who fails to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year, and that such six percent penalty shall be computed on the amount of the delinquency.

Roll Call:

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Resolution Number Twenty-Two

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

Be It Resolved that the Collector of Taxes for the Borough of Ramsey be and is hereby authorized to conduct the annual sale of delinquent taxes for the calendar year 2021 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.

Roll Call:

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Resolution Number Twenty-Three

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

Be It Resolved that the appointments of Borough Employees as listed on the agenda be and are hereby confirmed for the year 2022.

Borough Administrator	Bruce Vozeh
Borough Clerk	Meredith Bendian*
Deputy Borough Clerk	Sherry Richards
Court Administrator	Theresa Ernest
Deputy Court Administrator	Peter Anastasio
Judge	Joseph Rotolo**
Prosecutor	Richard Rosa, Esq
Alternate Prosecutors	Mark DiPisa, Esq.
Public Defender	Patrick Nerney, Esq.
Alternate Public Defenders	Jeffrey Steinfeld, Esq.
	Novarro Gray, Esq.
	John D'Anton, Esq.
Tax Collector	Linda Canavan
Chief Financial Officer	Denise Bartalotta *
Tax Assessor	Angela Mattiace
Tax Search Officer	Richard Busa
Borough Atlas Search Officer	Danielle Monaghan
Borough Engineer/ Supt of Public Works	Jack D'Agostaro
Zoning Officer	Jack D'Agostaro
Assistant Zoning Officer	James Trouf
Shade Tree Coordinator	James Trouf
Electrical Sub-Code Official	Larry Kalogera
Electrical Inspectors	Larry Kalogera
	Leo Belgiovini
	Bruce Kalogera
Fire Sub-Code Official	Larry Scorzelli
Fire Inspector	Larry Scorzelli
Plumbing Sub-Code Official & Plumbing Insp.	Brian Drewes
Construction Code Official	Ralph Venturini
Assistant Construction Code Official	Lawrence Scorzelli
Building Subcode Official	Ralph Venturini
Building Inspector	Ralph Venturini
Building Inspector	Larry Scorzelli
Building Inspector	James Trouf
Fire Official	Darryl DeMott
Fire Inspectors	Rocco Carbone
	David Kelly
	Shelby Taylor
	James Trouf
Qualified Purchasing Agent	Jack D'Agostaro

School Crossing Guards

Alberse, Barbara
Contey, Irene
Davis, Ronald
DelTufo Alphonse
Ferretti, Andrew
Flores, Michelle
Fox, Dan
Godwin, Joann
Kaye, Linda
Lane, Gina
Lanning, Tina
Lieutenant, Edward
Malestein, Eileen
Nicholson, Anne
Paccione, Frank
Passaro, Patrick
Paul, Fredrick
Posnak, Jill
Posnak, Steph
Quimby, Hope
Rouault, Rick
Scheideler, Harry
Wisneski, Jack
Wood, George

Substitutes

Husby, Lorraine
Judge, Robert
Mazzeo, Bhorgesia
Scheurmann, Robert
Spence, Donna
Thornton, Peg
Price, Robert

*Tenured

** Three Year Appointment (2022-2024)

Roll Call:

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Resolution Number Twenty-Four

Motion by Councilman Kilman, seconded by Councilman Weber

Be It Resolved that the following appointments be made and confirmed for the year 2022.

Office of Emergency Management, Coordinator	Ralph Venturini
Office of Emergency Management, Deputy Coord.	Steven Ahlstedt
Office of Emergency Management, Deputy Coord.	Bruce Greenwood
Office of Emergency Management, Deputy Coord.	Glen Karpovich
Office of Emergency Management, Deputy Coord.	Angelo LaManna
Office of Emergency Management, Executive Admin	Carolyn Green

Roll Call:

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Resolution Twenty-Five

Motion by Councilman Kilman, seconded by Councilman Weber

Be It Resolved that the following members of the Office of Emergency Management Local Emergency Planning Committee be appointed for 2022:

Mayor Deirdre Dillon, Chief Executive
Councilman Kilman, Public Safety Chair
Ralph Venturini, OEM & OCT Coord, LEPC Chair
Glen Karpovich, OEM Deputy Coord, RTK & ICS Officer
Bruce Greenwood, OEM Deputy Coord, EOC Officer
Angelo LaManna, OEM Deputy Coord, Public Safety Liaison
Steven Ahlstedt, OEM Deputy Coordinator, Operations Chief
Carolyn Green, OEM Executive Administrator
Matthew Zweighaft, CERT Coordinator and Team Leader
Marc Greenwood, Deputy CERT Coordinator
Bergen County Sheriff/OEM (Lead Agency) RADEF - Bergen County OEM
Louis Janicek, OEM RACES Officer
Bruce Vozeh, Borough Administrator
Peter A. Scandariato, Esq., Borough Attorney
Meredith Bendian, Borough Clerk
Chief Brian Lyman, Ramsey Police Department
Captain Kevin Cherven, Ramsey Police Department
Lieutenant Parise, Ramsey Police Department
Lieutenant Pieratos, Ramsey Police Department
Chief Brendan Sterbinsky, Ramsey Fire Department
Chief Justin Kuo, Ramsey Ambulance Corps
Chief Chris Keyosian, Ramsey Rescue Squad
Jack D'Agostaro, Borough Engineer/Superintendent of Public Works
Tom Lanning, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works
Mike Skorupa, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works
Martha Sobanko, Sanitarian, Board of Health
Dr. Matthew Murphy, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas O'Hern, Business Administrator
Michael Fanning, School Safety and Security Director
Joe Fojon, Board of Education, Buildings and Grounds
Kate Wysokowski, Liaison, Rockland Electric
New Jersey State Police OEM Bio Terrorism

Roll Call:

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Resolution Number Twenty-Six

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe

Be It Resolved that the following financial institutions be designated as the official depositories for the Borough of Ramsey for its fund for the year 2022:

TD Bank
State Of New Jersey Management Fund
Bank of America
Valley National Bank
Trustco
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Capital One Bank

Roll Call:

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Resolution Number Twenty-Seven

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe

Be it Resolved that Peter A. Scandariato be appointed as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO) for the year 2022

Roll Call

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Resolution Number Twenty-Eight

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe

Be it Resolved that the Mayor and Council adopt the Policies and Procedures and the Internal Affairs Policy #V1C9 of the Ramsey Police Department for the year 2022

Roll Call

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Resolution Number Twenty-Nine

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe

Be it Resolved that the Mayor and Council enter into an interlocal services agreement with all the municipalities of County of Bergen for a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force

Roll Call

YAY: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Poppe, Weber, Woods

Mayor Dillon read the council follow responsibilities:

Council Committee Responsibilities

Council Members

Committee

Chair

Members

Finance and Administration

Gutwetter

Cusick, Poppe

Public Safety

Kilman

Weber, Gutwetter

Health, Education & Social Services

Weber

Poppe, Woods

Building, Planning and Zoning

Woods

Gutwetter, Cusick

Public & Governmental Relations

Poppe

Woods, Kilman

Utilities, Buildings and Grounds

Cusick

Kilman, Weber

Council Liaison Responsibilities

Finance & Administration

Recreation Commission
Pool Commission
Library Board

Public Safety

Office of Emergency Management
Municipal Alliance
Traffic Safety Committee

Health, Education & Social Services

Board of Health
Ramsey Is For Everyone (RIFE)
Environmental
Ramsey Responds
School Board

Building Planning & Zoning

Design Review Board
Shade Tree
Board of Adjustment
Planning Board (Class III Member)

Public & Governmental Relations

Chamber of Commerce Civic Orgs
Ramsey Senior Citizens
& Ramsey Senior Center, Inc.
VFW

Utilities, Buildings & Grounds

Recycling
Beautification
Board of Public Works

Other Liaison Responsibilities

Ramsey Day Committee
New-Comers Club (Residential)
Technology

Council Members

Gutwetter
Gutwetter
Gutwetter
Gutwetter

Kilman
Kilman
Poppe
Kilman

Weber
Kilman
Weber
Weber
Weber
Weber

Woods
Woods
Cusick
Woods
Cusick

Poppe
Poppe
Woods

Kilman

Cusick
Cusick
Woods
Cusick

Poppe
Poppe
Kilman

Remarks by Mayor Deirdre Dillon

“I want to congratulate and welcome back Peter to the council and Councilwoman Poppe. It’s been a pleasure watching you develop in the past few years to really being a super volunteer. I look forward to serving with you in your new roles.

Thank you to all of the other members of the council. Councilwoman Cusick, Councilman Gutwetter, Councilman Weber and Councilwoman Woods. I look forward to working with you. I think we’ll accomplish great things in 2022. As well as all of the Borough Employees.

People ask me how I can work full time, I always say that I have great people backing me up, including Borough Administrator Vozeh, Borough Attorney Scandariato, Borough Clerk Bendian, Deputy Clerk Richards, Kelly and of course CFO Bartalotta. I could not do it without any of you. You make this job so much easier and you make it an absolute pleasure. So thank you to all of you,, I truly appreciate it.

To all the borough employees, thank you so much for your tireless dedication and service to the residents of Ramsey. These are the people who are taking care of watermain break in the middle of the night and plowing the streets with snow and picking up the leaves and making sure the parks look good and making sure everything runs properly. So that when the residents call or come to borough hall they are treated with dignity, respect and their questions are answered.

Earlier today I had the honor and pleasure of swearing in our newly promoted police officers, including the chief the captain, two lieutenants and three sergeants. It was a very long process to get to that point. I want to congratulate them. I know they will do a great job leading the Ramsey Police Department into the future with all of the changes that it will be facing.

Thank you to all of the emergency services. You guys are the best. Thank you for all of the calls you take in the middle of the night and keeping up with all of your certifications.

I want to thank everybody, including the newly appointed and reappointed members of the boards, committee and commissions. You are the life blood of this borough, you make it what it is and I thank you so much for you dedication, your time, your talent. It is truly appreciated.

I look forward to working with everyone in 2022 for the good of Ramsey. It is my absolute pleasure and honor to be your mayor.

Of course, I thank my husband, Hugh MacDonald and family for all of their support.

I want to wish everyone a very happy and healthy and joy filled 2022. And may we please see an end to COVID.”

Public Comment

Anyone wishing to address the governing body please give your name (spelling the last name) and address as a courtesy. Please speak in an audible tone and address your comments to the Chair. There will be a five-minute time limit per speaker. Please note, public comment is your time. Out of respect and fairness to all present, 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.

Mayor Dillon opened public comment. After several calls for public comment and instruction to *6 to unmute, and no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Dillon closed public comment.

New Business - None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Woods seconded by Councilman Kilman. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

Meredith Bendian, RMC
Borough Clerk