

Borough of Ramsey
2024 Reorganization Meeting Program
Wednesday, January 3, 2024
7:00 P.M.

The Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department Honor Guard marched into chambers and Mayor Dillon asked Assemblyman Dr. Azzariti to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Dillon called upon Deacon Tom Flanagan from St. Paul Church to do the invocation.

This meeting is also being conducted telephonically with dial-In Number (425)436-6365 and Access Code 213563#. The meeting is also available on the Borough of Ramsey YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeBnVXBwSn_ILMuAGkSin9w

Mayor Dillon administered the oaths of office to Councilwoman Judith Cusick and Councilman Michael Gutwetter.

Mayor Deirdre Dillon officially called the meeting to order at 7:09pm and asked the Borough Clerk to call the roll:

Mayor Deirdre Dillon

Councilwoman Judith Cusick

Councilman Michael Gutwetter

Councilman Peter Kilman

Councilman Glen Popolo

Councilwoman Sara Poppe

Councilwoman Jane Woods

Mayor Dillon read the Open Public Meetings Act Notice

Resolution Number One:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Popolo

Be It Resolved that the By-Laws of the Borough Council of the Borough of Ramsey, New Jersey dated 1984 and subsequently amended in 2020, be and are hereby adopted as the By-Laws for the year 2024

Roll Call:

Yay: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Mayor opens nomination of Council President (by Motion)

Councilman Gutwetter nominated Councilman Kilman, seconded by Councilwoman Woods.

With no other nominations, Mayor Dillon closed the nominations for Council President and asked for a roll call to confirm Councilman Kilman as Council President.

Roll Call:

Yay: Cusick, Gutwetter, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Abstain: Kilman

Mayor Dillon declared Councilman Kilman as Council President.

Remarks by re-elected Councilmembers

Councilwoman Cusick

“Good evening and Happy New Year. Tonight’s comments are overflowing with gratitude.

I want to take the opportunity to thank the Ramsey voters for their confidence in me by voting me in to this office again, I’m honored.

Madame, Mayor Dillon, you deliver a wonderful Ramsey to our residents. I’m grateful for your leadership and for your friendship.

Council President Kilman, thank you for your support, guidance and confidence.

Meredith, Bruce, Sherry and Peter – I’m so grateful to work with you.

As your Councilwoman, I will continue to work hard for our Borough and to serve all. I will continue to give to Ramsey and I feel that being a public servant, serving others, is an honor and a vocation. I will contribute to the public good. I plan to continue spending my time as a councilwoman “asking what I can do for Ramsey and upon the answers to that question, I will take actions.

Chris and Kobe – What can I do for you both? I am so blessed by you both. Thank you for your hard work and support of me for my campaign, for my vocation. You studied the map with me, you stuffed envelopes, you knocked on doors. I couldn’t ask for a better campaign support. Thank you for your service to Ramsey. I love you both. I also thank my dog Ozzy because he is so sweet.

I want to thank those who helped with my campaign efforts. I enjoyed every moment of walking through our fabulous Ramsey, talking with friends and residents and meeting your dogs. I commit to doing better than I did the day before.

I am excited with my continued assignments and I will bring my best energy to this position. Thank you again to my family and friends and to the Borough of Ramsey for your support.”

Councilman Michael Gutwetter

“I would also like to thank the voters of Ramsey for showing their faith in me by re-electing me for my third term as a councilman. It is an honor to sit up here on the dais and conduct borough business. As I reflect on these six years, I am pleased with the positive results that the Mayor and Council have achieved in keeping Ramsey a vibrant, bustling town that its residents are proud to call home.

My focus this year as in the past years will be on Finance and Administration. In the next few months working closely with Borough Administrator Vozech and CFO Bartalotta, we will aim to produce the fiscally responsible budget that will make sense for the borough and its residents and businesses and maintain the services that we all expect. It is not an easy task, given the difficult economic climate but we are confident that the results will be sensible. I will also be involved in Public Safety. Assisting in the hiring or promotion process with the police department and the financing aspects of the public safety complex on Island Road. You can always count on me to give my advice and thoughts in these areas. As I have said on many occasions, the safety and well-being of the residents of Ramsey is the single most important aspect of this job. One that this governing body take very seriously and all decisions are made with this in mind. In closing, I look forward to these next three years, working alongside Mayor Dillon, Councilmen Kilman and Popolo, Councilwomen Woods, Cusick and Poppe, Borough Administrator Vozech, Borough Clerk Bendian and Borough Attorney Scandariato.

Lastly, I’d like to thank my wife, Roz and my son Scott for all of their support.”

Remarks by Newly Elected Council President

Council President Kilman

“I thank my council colleagues for their support and confidence in electing me Council President, again. The reality is that no one gets things done alone. It not only takes a concerned and involved Mayor and Council but also the time and effort of our Ramsey boards, commissions, departments and administrations. Many of you are sitting in this room right now and supported by your families. Our collective charge continues to be to preserve the beauty and safety of our town with its unique sense of community, provide fiscal management, while delivering a high level of service to residents and to keep Ramsey moving forward. To that end, I am fortunate to work with this dedicated and hardworking council team, Councilman Gutwetter, Councilwoman Poppe, Councilwoman Cusick, Councilman Popolo and Councilwoman Woods. Along with Mayor Dillon whose commitment to our borough and passion for Ramsey does not go unnoticed. As I enter my ninth year as a councilman, I look forward to serving this great town of Ramsey over the coming year.”

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

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

With no other nominations made, Mayor Dillon closed nominations and asked for roll call.

Roll Call:

Yay: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

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

Resolution Number Two:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Popolo

Be It Resolved that the meetings of the Borough Council of the Borough of Ramsey for the Year 2024 will be the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (exceptions noted with an asterisk) in the Council Chambers at Borough Hall. Formal action may be taken at any meeting.

2024 Meeting Dates

January 3	Sine Die 6:30pm	Reorganization 7:00pm
January 24	7:00 regular meeting	
February 14	7:00 work session	
February 28	7:00 regular meeting	
March 13	7:00 work session	
March 27	7:00 regular meeting	
April 10	7:00 work session	
April 24	7:00 regular meeting	
May 8	7:00 work session	
May 22	7:00 regular meeting	
June 12	7:00 work session	
June 26	7:00 regular meeting	
July 24	7:00 work session/regular meeting	
August 28	7:00 work session/regular meeting	
Sept 11*	7:30 work session	
Sept 25	7:00 regular meeting	
Oct 9	7:00 work session	
Oct 23	7:00 regular meeting	
Nov 13	7:00 work session	
Nov 25*(Monday)	7:00 regular meeting	
Dec 11	7:00 work session/regular meeting	

Roll Call

Yay: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Number Three:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Popolo

Be it resolved that the Governing Body adopts the Borough Policy and Procedures Manual for the year 2024.

Roll Call

Yay: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Number Four:

Motion by Councilman Kilman, seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

Be it Resolved that the following list of Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department Officers be approved for the Year 2024:

Line Officers:

Chief Douglas Harvey
Assistant Chief Christopher Warnet
Captain Thomas Lanning Jr.
Captain Michael Scalione
Lieutenant Kerry Conklin
Lieutenant Thomas Lanning Sr.
Lieutenant David Berger
Lieutenant Anthony Decotiis
Lieutenant Anthony Mazza

Administrative Officers:

President Gregory Hewitt
Vice-President Jonathan Krehel
Treasurer George Fosdick
Secretary Laura Single
Financial Secretary Garry Tonnon
Trustee Sean Redfern

Roll Call

Yay: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Number Five:

Motion by Councilman Kilman, seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

Be it Resolved that the following list of Ramsey Volunteer Rescue Squad Officers be approved for the Year 2024:

Line Officers:

Chief Chris Keosayian
Assistant Chief Hunter Torchin
Deputy Chief Christopher Rago
Captain David Brown
1st Lieutenant Rick Brown
2nd Lieutenant Cara LaBanca
3rd Lieutenant Hailey Thompson

Administrative Officers:

President Michael Yevchak
Vice President Jackie Gersht
Treasurer Allison Saabye
Secretary Ranya Makkawi

Roll Call

Yay: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Number Six:

Motion by Councilman Kilman, seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

Be it Resolved that the following list of Ramsey Volunteer Ambulance Corps Officers be approved for the Year 2024:

Line Officers: Chief Marc Greenwood
Deputy Chief Deirdre Duncan
Captain Corinne Beltramini
Lieutenant Isabela LeCompte
Lieutenant Antonio Navazio
Lieutenant Ralph Hirtler

Administrative Officers: President Jane Simon
Vice President Maria Christina Montanye
Treasurer Dean Alvarez
Recording Secretary Alana Dolcemascolo
Corresponding Secretary Charles Schucht

Trustees: Trustee Peggy Warnet

Roll Call

Yay: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Mayor Dillon hereby made the following appointments:

Board of Education Liaison: Councilman Popolo

Liaison To New Jersey Motion Picture & Television Commission
Dean Cartier

Public Advocate
Harris Recht, Esq.

Ramsey Municipal Alliance

Shauna Lauricella, Chair & Interim Coordinator

Sara Poppe, Council Liaison

Mike Blasius, Community member/Local business owner

Stephen Hill, Community member/Person in recovery

Kerry Conklin, Community member/Emergency Services

Sean Beamon, Community member/PD liaison/LEAD officer

Sunni Roberts, Liaison to Ramsey Schools

Jennifer Iorio, Community member/parent

Brian Kemp, Community member

Dr. Andrew Matteo, Superintendent of Schools

Dierdre Dillon, Mayor

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Poppe

Community Development - Ramsey Representative

Bruce Vozeh

Meredith Bendian - Alternate

Recycling Committee

Henry Schumacher

Stanley Rutkowski

Jeff Kehoe

Harvey Ranzi

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Cusick

RIFE

Len DiTomaso

Tara McDonald

Amanda Vartabedian

Captain Kevin Cherven, Emergency Services

Ralph Venturini (Construction Official)

Glen Karpovich (OEM)

Dr. Andrew Matteo (Board of Education)

Harry Weber

Angela Weber

Donna Weber

David LaRosa

Mayor Deirdre Dillon, Borough Liaison

Council Liaison: Councilman Popolo

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Anthony Bailey

Joseph Barnes

John Rigg

Terry Sherwood

Joseph Verdone

Council Liaison: Councilman Kilman

Mayor Dillon made the following appointments with terms as listed on the agenda.

LIBRARY BOARD

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Anissa Martin	1/24	12/26
Betsy Ohnegian (Mayor's Alt.)	1/24	12/24
Caroline Knauss (Supt. of Schools Alternate)	1/24	12/24

Council Liaison: Councilman Gutwetter

PLANNING BOARD

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Michael Palumbo (Class II)	1/24	12/24
Roger Iorio	1/24	12/27
Steven Strollo	1/24	12/27
Bryan Garbasz	1/24	12/27
Christian Grissoni, Alt. 1	1/24	12/24

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Cusick

RECREATION COMMISSION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Patrick Hesler	1/24	12/28
Christine Fitzgerald	1/24	12/28
Brian Kemp	1/24	12/28
Ed Jarvis, Alt. 2	1/24	12/28

Council Liaison: Councilman Gutwetter

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Joe Melso	1/24	12/28
Ken Gubala	1/24	12/28

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Cusick

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Patrick Nerney	1/24	12/26
Elizabeth Benfanti	1/24	12/26
Roger Knauss (Alt. 2)	1/24	12/25

Council Liaison: Councilman Popolo

Remarks from Council Members Who Have Not Spoken

Councilman Popolo

Congratulated Councilwoman Cusick and Councilman Gutwetter on their re-elections. I look forward to continuing as liaison to all of my boards and commissions.

Councilwoman Poppe

Thanked all of the volunteers who agree to serve in the coming year. They all contribute to the beauty of this community in their own ways. I'm so happy to see such a long list of people eager to work so hard for our borough. There are some changes I wanted to pay special attention to. Charlene Menchikov has come off of the Ramsey Municipal Alliance after five years of service, Tami Azouri after nine years of service and Caroline and Roger Knauss after seven years of service. I'd like to pay them a special thanks and they will be missed.

Thanked Mayor Dillon for her leadership, guidance and support this year. It's been a great honor to have the first female Mayor as a mentor. I would also like to thank Council President Kilman for guiding us. I look forward to serving with the rest of the council and our borough staff throughout the year.

Councilwoman Woods

Congratulated Councilwoman Cusick and Councilman Gutwetter on their re-election. I'm so happy to be working with you again. I'm also thankful to be working with the entire council and our wonderful mayor. I am thankful for our volunteers, it's what makes this town special. It nearly brings me to tears when I see the people that commit so much time and energy to this town. I look forward to working with everyone in the next year.

Mayor Dillon made the following appointments with their terms as listed on the agenda

Board of Adjustment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Angela Strollo	1/24	12/27
Allison Jarvis	1/24	12/27
Christian Grissoni (Alt. 2)	1/24	12/25

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, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Board of Public Works

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Chris Coronato	1/24	12/26
Douglas Emmett	1/24	12/26
Robert Boff	1/24	12/26

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Cusick

Resolution Number Eight:

Motion by Councilwoman Cusick, seconded by Councilman Kilam

Be It Resolved that the above appointments are hereby confirmed:

Roll Call

Yay: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Pool Commission

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Ed Jost	1/24	12/26
Katherine Hoffman	1/24	12/26
Susy Suarez	1/24	12/26
Hilary Meyer, Alt 1	1/24	12/25
Sean Beamon, Alt 2	1/24	12/24

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Poppe

Resolution Number Nine:

Motion by Councilwoman Poppe, seconded by Councilman Popolo

Be It Resolved that the above appointments hereby be confirmed:

Roll Call

Yay: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Board of Health

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Joan Waring	1/24	12/26
Dr. Angela D'Alessandro	1/24	12/26
Dr. Banafsheh Goujani	1/24	12/26
Dr. Christoph Haas	1/24	12/26
Dr. Albert Tartini	1/24	12/26
Judi Kennedy (Alt. 1)	1/24	12/25

Council Liaison: Councilman Kilman

Resolution Number Ten:

Motion by Councilman Kilman, seconded by Councilman Popolo

Be It Resolved that the above appointments hereby be confirmed:

Roll Call

Yay: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Number Eleven:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe

Be It Resolved that the following newspapers be designated as the official legal newspapers for the Borough of Ramsey for the year 2024:

The Ridgewood News

The Bergen Record

The Star Ledger

Suburban News

Roll Call

Yay: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Number Twelve:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe

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 2024:

Roll Call

Yay: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Number Thirteen:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe

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

H2M Associates, Inc., Water Consulting Engineers

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

InGroup Inc.

C. P. Statile, P.A.

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

Neglia Group, Engineering

Bruce Whitaker, Esq., Planning Board Attorney

Matthew Rogers, Board of Adjustment Attorney

E. Carter Corriston, Board of Public Works Attorney

Jared Geist, Shade Tree Attorney

Cleary, Jacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs LLC, Land Use Attorney

Ruderman and Roth LLC, Labor Attorney

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, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Number Fourteen:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe

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, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Number Fifteen:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe

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, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Number Sixteen:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe

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 2024 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 2024, and

Whereas, the total appropriations in the 2023 budget, less appropriations made for capital improvement fund, debt service and relief of the poor (public assistance) are as follows:

General	\$26,205,825.36
Water-Sewer Utility	\$ 7,020,000.00
Pool Utility	\$ 845,000.00

Whereas, 26.25 percent of the total appropriations of the 2023 Budget, less appropriations for capital improvement fund, debt service and relief of the poor (public assistance), in the said 2023 Budget is as follows:

General	\$ 6,879,029.16
Water-Sewer Utility	\$ 1,842,750.00
Pool Utility	\$ 221,812.50

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, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Number Seventeen:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe

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, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Number Eighteen:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe

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 2023 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, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Number Nineteen:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe

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 2024:

Roll Call

Yay: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Number Twenty:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe

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, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Number Twenty-One:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe

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 2023 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.

Roll Call

Yay: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Mayor made the following appointments and asked for council confirmation

Resolution Number Twenty-Two:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe

Be It Resolved that the following appointments be and are hereby confirmed for the year 2024

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.
	Carter Corriston, Jr., Esq.
Public Defender	Patrick Nerney, Esq.
Alternate Public Defenders	Jeffrey Steinfeld, Esq.
	Novarro Gray, Esq.
	John D’Anton, Esq.
Tax Collector	Cameron Keng
Chief Financial Officer	Denise Bartalotta *
Tax Assessor	Angela Mattiace
Tax Search Officer	Michelle Webb
Local Registrar of Vital Statistics	Martha Sobanko
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	Panteleo “Leo” Belgiovine
Electrical Inspectors	Panteleo “Leo” Belgiovine
	Bruce Kalogera
Fire Sub-Code Official	James Dougherty
Fire Inspector	James Dougherty
Plumbing Sub-Code Official & Plumbing Insp.	James Dougherty
Construction Code Official	Brian Drewes
Assistant Construction Code Official	Ralph Venturini
Building Subcode Official	James Dougherty
Building Inspector	Ralph Venturini
Building Inspector	Ralph Venturini
Building Inspector	James Dougherty
Building Inspector	James Trouf
Fire Official	Darryl DeMott
Fire Inspectors	Rocco Carbone
	David Kelly
	Anthony Padilla
	James Trouf
Qualified Purchasing Agent	Jack D’Agostaro

School Crossing Guards

Irene Contey
Ronald Davis
Alfred Deltufo
Michelle Flores
Joann Godwin
Lorraine Husby
Linda Kaye
Eddy Lieutenant
Bo Mazzeo
Anne Nicholson
Frank Paccione
Patrick Passaro
Fredrick Paul
Jill Posnak
Stephanie Posnak
Rober Price
Hope Quimby
Robert Scheuermann
George Woods

Substitutes

Jadwiga Cieslar
Bob Judge
Tina Lanning
Ellen Sirianni
Donna Spence

Matrons

Gina Leonard
Marlene Dougherty

*Tenured

** Three Year Appointment (2022-2024)

Roll Call

Yay: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Number Twenty-Three:

Motion by Councilman Kilman, seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

Be It Resolved that the following appointments be and are hereby confirmed for the year 2024.

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, Deputy Coord.	Jake Englishman
Office of Emergency Management, Executive Admin	Carolyn Green

Roll Call

Yay: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Twenty-Four:

Motion by Councilman Kilman, seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

Be It Resolved that those listed below be appointed as the Ramsey Office of Emergency Management and Disaster Control Emergency Planning Committee for 2024:

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
Jacob Englishman, OEM Deputy Coordinator
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
Lieutenant Parise, Ramsey Police Department
Lieutenant Hines, Ramsey Police Department
Sergeant Michael Canonico, Liaison Ramsey Police Department
Chief Douglas Harvey, Ramsey Fire Department
Chief Marc Greenwood, Ramsey Ambulance Corps
Chief Chris Keosayian, Ramsey Rescue Squad
Jack D'Agostaro, Borough Engineer/Superintendent of Public Works
Martha Sobanko, Sanitarian, Board of Health
Dr. Andrew Matteo, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas O'Hern, Business Administrator
Michael Fanning, School Safety and Security Director
Joe Fojon, Board of Education, Buildings and Grounds
Sarah Jones, Liaison, Rockland Electric
New Jersey State Police OEM Bio Terrorism

Roll Call

Yay: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Twenty-Five:

Motion by Councilman Kilman, seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

Be It Resolved that the following members of the Office of Emergency Management Local Emergency Planning Committee be appointed for 2024:

Mayor Deidre Dillon, Chairperson
Ralph Venturini, Coordinator Ramsey OEM & Construction Official
Steve Ahlstedt, Deputy Coordinator OEM
Glen Karpovich, Deputy Coordinator OEM (PIO)
Bruce Vozeh, Borough Administrator
Peter Kilman, Ramsey Council Public Safety
Meredith Bendian, Ramsey Borough Clerk
Carolyn Green, OEM Executive Administrator
Jacob Englishman, OEM Ramsey Deputy Coordinator
Chief Brian Lyman, Ramsey Police Department
Michael Canonico, Ramsey Police Department
Fire Official Darryl DeMott, Ramsey Fire Prevention Bureau
Fire Insp. David Kelly, Ramsey Fire Prevention Bureau
Lt. James Dougherty, Ramsey Fire Department & Fire Subcode Official
Chief Douglas Harvey, Ramsey Fire Department
Chief Marc Greenwood, Ramsey Ambulance Corps
Chief Chris Keosayian, Ramsey Rescue Squad
Matthew Zweighaft, Ramsey CERT Coordinator
Jack D'Agostaro, P.E., Ramsey Borough Engineer
Thomas Lanning, Supervisor Ramsey DPW
Mike Skorupa, Supervisor Ramsey Water Dept.
Martha Sobanko, Ramsey Health Department
Harry Weber, Ramsey RIFE & Special Needs Population
Louise VanOsten, Ramsey Chamber of Commerce
Andrew Matteo, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas O'Hern, Business Administrator Ramsey School District
Joe Fojon, Ramsey BOE Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds
David Legemaat, Aero Tech Laboratories (EPCRA)
Jamie Brown, Wurth USA (EPCRA)
Gordon Seaman, WURTH USA (EPCRA)

Roll Call

Yay: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Number Twenty-Six:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Popolo

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 2024:

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, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Number Twenty-Seven:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Popolo

Be it Resolved that Peter A. Scandariato be appointed as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO) for the year 2024

Roll Call

Yay: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Number Twenty-Eight:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Popolo

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 2024

Roll Call

Yay: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Number Twenty-Nine:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Popolo

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, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Number Thirty:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Popolo

Be it Resolved that the Mayor and Council appoint the following members of the Environmental Green Team:

Liz Benfanti
Nancy Boone
Joe Carey
Karen Dey
Jennifer DiPilato
Jeff Kehoe
Lisa Kundriat
Reeva Kymer
Patrick Nerney
Chance Parker
Jim Trouf

Council Liaison: Councilman Popolo

Roll Call

Yay: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Number Thirty-One:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Popolo

Be it Resolved that the following towers be adopted for a two-year term for years 2024-2025:

Venusti Autobody
Ramsey Autobody
Big Tows
Citywide Towing

Roll Call

Yay: Cusick, Gutwetter, Kilman, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Mayor Dillon read the following council responsibilities

2024

Council Committee Responsibilities

Council Members

Committee

Chair

Members

Finance and Administration

Gutwetter

Popolo, Poppe

Public Safety

Kilman

Cusick, Gutwetter

Health, Education & Social Services

Popolo

Poppe, Woods

Building, Planning and Zoning

Woods

Gutwetter, Cusick

Public & Governmental Relations

Poppe

Woods, Kilman

Utilities, Buildings and Grounds

Cusick

Kilman , Popolo

Council Liaison Responsibilities

Council Members

Finance & Administration - Gutwetter

Recreation Commission

Pool Commission

Library Board

Gutwetter

Poppe

Gutwetter

Public Safety - Kilman

Office of Emergency Management

Municipal Alliance

Traffic Safety Committee

Kilman

Poppe

Kilman

Health, Education & Social Services - Popolo

Board of Health

Ramsey Is For Everyone (RIFE)

Environmental

Ramsey Responds

School Board

Kilman

Popolo

Popolo

Popolo

Popolo

Building Planning & Zoning - Woods

Design Review Board

Shade Tree

Board of Adjustment

Planning Board (Class III Member)

Woods

Cusick

Woods

Cusick

Public & Governmental Relations - Poppe

Chamber of Commerce Civic Orgs

Ramsey Senior Citizens

& Ramsey Senior Center, Inc.

Farmers' Market

VFW

Poppe

Woods

Gutwetter

Kilman

Utilities, Buildings & Grounds - Cusick

Recycling

Beautification

Board of Public Works

Cusick

Woods

Cusick

Other Liaison Responsibilities

Ramsey Day Committee

Newcomers Outreach

Technology

Poppe

Poppe

Kilman

Remarks by Mayor Deirdre Dillon

“Happy New Year to everybody. I hope it’s a happy, healthy, joyful and prosperous new year for everyone. Thank you for all of your faith in me. I appreciate all of the kind words and look forward to working with re-elected Councilwoman Cusick and Councilman Gutwetter. And, of course, continuing to work with Councilwoman Woods, Council President Kilman, Councilwoman Poppe and Councilman Popolo, Borough Administrator, Borough Attorney, Borough Clerk and Deputy Borough Clerk. Ramsey is a wonderful town and I’m always amazed by the volunteers that we have in town, people who so selflessly give of their time, talents and their treasure and family time. They are truly the backbone of this borough and I hope they know that they are truly appreciated. Ramsey is a wonderful community and it is my absolute honor and pleasure to be Mayor and it’s hard to believe that this is going to be my tenth year. Let’s hope 2024 is a great year and that we get a lot accomplished. We have a lot on our plate to do but there is no doubt in my mind that we will accomplish what we need to keep Ramsey moving forward and to keep Ramsey the best borough in which to live in all of Bergen County.”

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. With no one, in council chambers or on the telephone, wishing to be heard, Mayor Dillon closed public comment.

New Business - None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Woods, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe. All in favor. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

Meredith Bendian, RMC
Borough Clerk