

Borough of Ramsey  
2023 Reorganization Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 4, 2023 • 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Dillon asked Father John Gabriel, St. Paul Church to come up to perform the invocation.

Mayor Dillon led the pledge of allegiance.

This meeting is also being conducted telephonically. The dial in number is (425)436-6365 Access Code 213563# and may also be viewed on the Ramsey YouTube Channel at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeBnVXBwSn\\_ILMuAGkSin9w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeBnVXBwSn_ILMuAGkSin9w)

The Oath of Office were administered to:

Deirdre Dillon	Oath by Hugh McDonald, Esq.
Glen Popolo	Oath by Christopher Martin, Esq.
Jane Woods	Oath by Mayor Deirdre Dillon, Esq.

Mayor Dillon called the meeting to order at 6:39pm and read the Open Public Meetings Act notice.

The Borough Clerk called the roll:

Mayor Deirdre Dillon  
Councilwoman Judith Cusick  
Councilman Michael Gutwetter  
Councilman Peter Kilman  
Councilman Glen Popolo  
Councilwoman Sara Poppe  
Councilwoman Jane Woods

Open Public Meetings Act Notice

Resolution Number One:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe

Be It Resolved that the By-Laws of the Borough Council of the Borough of Ramsey, New Jersey dated 2023 be and are hereby adopted as the By-Laws for the year 2023

Roll Call

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

Mayor opened the nomination for 2023 Council President.

Motion to nominate Councilman Peter Kilman by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Woods.

With no other nominations heard, Mayor Dillon closed nominations.

Roll Call:

Yay: Cusick, Gutwetter, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Abstain: Kilman

Mayor Dillon declared Councilman Kilman Council President for 2023.

Remarks By elected and re-elected Councilmembers

Councilman Glen Popolo

Thanked his family, his wife Jackie, daughter Brianna and sons Anthony and Michael for their support during the campaign. Also thanked Mayor Dillon and everyone on the dais who helped him through with all of their guidance. I look forward to working for the Ramsey residents.

Councilwoman Jane Woods

I am thankful, honored and humbled to be reelected by the residents of Ramsey and look forward to working hard on their behalf. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term and will continuously strive to maintain Ramsey's unique and idyllic community. I feel especially lucky to have the support and leadership of our dedicated Mayor Dillon and congratulate her on her reelection. Mayor Dillon has been a friend, mentor and an inspiration with her selfless service to Ramsey. We should all feel thankful that she has agreed to continue as Mayor. Congratulations to Councilman Glen Popolo on his election. He will bring a fresh perspective and I have been amazed with his previous volunteer service to Ramsey. We are lucky to have him. I need to thank the amazing team that helped with our reelection efforts, they worked tirelessly on campaign sign distribution, campaigning door to door with us, organized successful fund raisers and prepared and published our accomplishments and future plans for the borough. Many thanks to my fellow councilmembers who spent many hours this summer to help us. A special thank you to Joe and Dorothy Verdone and Linda Korsen, Ken Tyburczy, Vanessa Jachzel, Eddie Mercer, George Poppe and Christine and Bob Redl for their boundless energy and commitment. Lastly, I'd like to thank my amazing husband Jim and family who have been a tremendous support and the loves of my life. I look forward to continuing my work for the people of Ramsey.

Council President Peter Kilman

Thanked his colleagues for electing him to this honored position. The fact is no one does it alone. It takes an involved Mayor and Council but it also takes the boards and commissions and departments and administration. It's a team effort. It goes to preserve the beauty and safety of our town and unique sense of community. We need to provide fiscal management and develop a high level of service to the residents and keep Ramsey moving forward. As I enter my eighth year, I'm the last of the old guard. I've learned much from previous council's service. I look forward to working with our esteemed mayor and council and serving this great town of Ramsey over the coming year.

Mayor Dillon opened nominations for Class III Member on Planning Board and Council Representative. Councilwoman Woods nominated Councilwoman Judy Cusick, seconded by Councilman Gutwetter. With no other nominations made Mayor Dillon asked for a roll call.

Roll Call

Yay: Gutwetter, Kilman, Popolo, Poppe, 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 Poppe

Be It Resolved that the meetings of the Borough Council of the Borough of Ramsey for the Year 2023 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.

2023 Meeting Dates

January 4	Sine Die 6:00pm	Reorganization 6:30pm
January 25	7:00 regular meeting	
February 8	7:00 work session	
February 22	7:00 regular meeting	
March 8	7:00 work session	
March 22	7:00 regular meeting	
April 12	7:00 work session	
April 26	7:00 regular meeting	
May 10	7:00 work session	
May 24	7:00 regular meeting	
June 14	6:00 work session	
June 28	6:00 regular meeting	
July 12	6:00 work session/regular meeting	
August 9	6:00 work session/regular meeting	
Sept 13	7:00 work session	
Sept 27	7:00 regular meeting	
Oct 11	7:00 work session	
Oct 25	7:00 regular meeting	
Nov 13* (Monday)	6:00 work session	
Nov 27*(Monday)	7:00 regular meeting	
Dec 13	7:00 work session/regular meeting	

Roll Call

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

Resolution Number Three:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe

Be it resolved that the Governing Body adopts the Borough Policy and Procedures Manual for the year 2023.

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 2023:

Line Officers:

Chief Douglas Harvey  
Assistant Chief Timothy Mazza  
Deputy Chief Christopher Warnet  
Captain Thomas Lanning  
Captain Michael Scalione  
Lieutenant Kerry Conklin  
Lieutenant Gregory Duncan  
Lieutenant Jim Dougherty

Administrative Officers:

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

Roll Call

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

Mayor Dillon swore in those members who were present.

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 2023:

Line Officers:

Chief Chris Keosayian  
Assistant Chief Hunter Torchin  
Deputy Chief Christopher Rago  
Captain Charles Gilbride  
Captain David Brown  
Lieutenant Emmanuel Lugo-Abreu  
Lieutenant Rick Fiore  
Lieutenant Cara LaBanca

Administrative Officers:

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

Roll Call

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

Mayor Dillon swore in those members who were present.

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 2023:

Line Officers:

Chief Justin Kuo  
Deputy Chief Annette Young  
Captain William Gorchoff  
Lieutenant Corinne Beltramini  
Lieutenant Marc Greenwood  
Lieutenant Alison Maglio

Administrative Officers:

President Julius Gutierrez  
Vice President Jessica Evans  
Treasurer Kerry Conklin  
Recording Secretary Alana Dolcemascolo  
Corresponding Secretary Charles Schucht

Trustees:

Trustee Charles Schucht

Roll Call

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

Mayor Dillon swore in those members who were present.



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, Chairperson  
Charlene Menshikov, Coordinator  
Sara Poppe, Council Liaison  
Mike Blasius, Community Member/Local Business Owner  
Tami Azouri, BOH Member  
Stephen Hill, Community Member/Person in Recovery  
Harry Weber, Community 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. Andrew Matteo, Superintendent of Schools  
Deirdre Dillon, Mayor

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Poppe

Ramsey Police Department Appointments

Michael Canonico, Sergeant, Ramsey Police Department  
Adam Szelag, Acting Sergeant, Ramsey Police Department

Ramsey Representative – Community Development

Bruce Vozech  
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

LIBRARY BOARD

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Emily Rennie	1/23	12/27
Betsy Ohnegian (Mayor's Alt.)	1/23	12/23
Caroline Knauss (Supt. of Schools Alternate)	1/23	12/23
Renee McCaskey	1/23	12/25
Alex Bogaenko	1/23	12/25

Council Liaison: Councilman Gutwetter

PLANNING BOARD

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Michael Palumbo (Class II)	1/23	12/23
Christian Grissoni (Alt. 1)	1/23	12/23

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Cusick

RECREATION COMMISSION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Kenneth Tyburczy, Director, effective January 1, 2023		
Guy Siraki	1/23	12/27
Christine Fitzgerald (filling unexpired term)	1/19	12/23

Council Liaison: Councilman Gutwetter

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Jay McMahan	1/23	12/27
Henry Schumacher	1/23	12/27
Nancy Geist	1/23	12/27
Ken Englishman (Alt. 1)	1/23	12/27
Stan Rutkowski (Alt. 2)	1/23	12/26

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Cusick

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Michael Morris	1/23	12/25
Steven Ramiza	1/23	12/25
Reeva Kymer	1/23	12/25
Roger Knauss (Alt. 2)	1/23	12/23

Council Liaison: Councilman Popolo

Remarks from Council Members Who Have Not Spoken

Councilwoman Judy Cusick

Stated how grateful she is for the individuals who serve our Town.

Thanked Father Gabriel, for conducting the Invocation.

Congratulated the newly appointed Ramsey Police Department Sergeants Canonico and Szelag.

Congratulated Mayor Deirdre Dillon on her re-election. To work with someone with leadership skills like you is an incredible experience. Your selflessness for our town, decisiveness and integrity are admirable. I learn so much from you every day – I'm honored and I'm so happy to have you at the helm of our Town for the next 4 years!

Congratulated Councilwoman Jane Woods on her re-election and welcomed new Councilman Glen Popolo. It will be a pleasure working with you both.

Thanked Borough Administrator Vozeh, Borough Attorney Scandariato, Borough Clerk Bendian and Sherry and Kelly for their support for my second year as a public servant to Ramsey.

Thanked members of the Council and the folks in the chambers for your support and friendship too.

Congratulated Council President Kilman for his service as Council President, his sense of humor and support and for his thoughtfulness and thoroughness for our Council.

The next Planning Board meeting is January 17<sup>th</sup> which is the reorganization meeting. I thank the Mayor and Council for your confidence as the 2023 Class III Member and Council Representative.

The Shade Tree Commission will meet on January 19<sup>th</sup>. There is information on Our Borough's website regarding our Shade Tree Commission.

Curbside Christmas Tree pickup is Monday January 9<sup>th</sup>. Live trees only.

The Board of Public Works next meeting is January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Leaf Collection continues. We've received feedback regarding leaf removal. If you feel that you need the leaves removed immediately – you may bag and take your leaves to the Recycling Center located in the rear of the Main St. Commuter lot.

Lead Service Line Replacement - The Board of Public Works continues planning regarding the NJDEP's Lead Service Line replacement legislation. This is a 10-year project with many considerations including paving schedules (both county and the Borough), costs, and other projects in the Borough.

To those listening to our meeting tonight, those who may listen at a later time, to those in chambers and my friends here on the dais, Happy New Year!

Councilman Michael Gutwetter

Congratulated Councilwoman Woods, Councilman Popolo and Mayor Dillon on their elections. I appreciate all of the mayor's efforts to always put Ramsey first. I look forward to working with the mayor, councilmembers and Borough Administrator Vozech, Borough Attorney Scandariato. Borough Clerk Bendian, Deputy Clerk Richards, Kelly Sylvester and the rest of the borough staff. For 2023 I will be chairing the Finance and Administration Committee and working on the municipal budget for the next two months, along with Borough Administrator Vozech and CFO Bartalotta. Last year our municipal increase was under 2% and this year we will do our best to accomplish an increase that makes sense for the borough and its tax payers. I will also be a member of the Public Safety Committee which last year saw a smooth transition from retired Chief Gurney to Chief Lyman and the positions that fell underneath him. I will also be a member of the Building, Planning and Zoning Committee and look forward to the contribution I might make to this very important committee. My liaison assignment will continue to be the Library Board, Recreation Commission and again the Pool Commission. As mentioned at our last meeting I would like to again acknowledge the tremendous twelve years as a councilman accomplished by Harry Weber and thank him for his service to the borough and the residents of Ramsey. I would like to thank my wife Roz for her continued support of my efforts and wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe new year.

Councilwoman Sara Poppe

Congratulated Councilwoman Jane Woods on her reelection. Congratulated Mayor Dillon on her reelection and thanked her for being a mentor and for putting so much time into women leaders in the community. I appreciate everything I've learned from you. Congratulated Councilman Popolo. I look forward to working with you. Thanked Harry for his service, he will always be a mentor. Congratulated Council President Kilman, also a mentor. I look forward to working with the borough staff, Meredith. Sherry and Kelly and thank them in advance for their hard work.

The Ramsey Municipal Alliance will hold a comedy show on February 3<sup>rd</sup> to promote mental health awareness. Tickets are now on sale.

Mayor Dillon made the following appointments confirmed by the governing body:

Board of Adjustment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Robert Crimmins	1/23	12/26
James FitzPatrick	1/23	12/26
Rich Molinari (Alt. 1)	1/23	12/24
Christian Grissoni (Alt. 2) (filling unexpired R. Molinari)	1/22	12/23

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Woods

Resolution Number Seven:

Motion by Councilwoman Woods, seconded by Councilman Gutwetter

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>
Robert Boff (filling unexpired term of B. Goujani)	1/21	12/23
William Emmer	1/23	12/25
Craig Stugart (filling unexpired term of K. Tyburczy)	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, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Design Review Board

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Nancy Boone	1/23	12/25
Kim Young	1/23	12/25
Karen Padreza	1/23	12/25
Beverly O’Hearn	1/23	12/25

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, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Pool Commission

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Kathleen Hewitt	1/23	12/25
Sean Beamon (Alt. 2)	1/23	12/23

Council Liaison: Councilman Gutwetter

Resolution Number Ten:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, 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>
Tami Azouri	1/23	12/25
Heidi Martin	1/23	12/25
Dr. Banafsheh Goujani (filling unexpired term of J. Nemeth)	1/21	12/23
Dr. Carla Souza (filling unexpired term of B. Lara)	1/21	12/23
Dr. Christoph Haas (Alt. 1) (filling unexpired term of C. Souza)	1/22	12/23
Judi Kennedy (Alt. 2)	1/22	12/23

Council Liaison: Councilman Kilman

Resolution Number Eleven:

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 Twelve:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Popolo

Be It Resolved that the following newspapers be designated as the official legal newspapers for the Borough of Ramsey for the year 2023:

The Ridgewood News

The Bergen Record

The Star Ledger

Suburban News

Roll Call

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

Resolution Number Thirteen:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Popolo

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 2023:

Roll Call

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

Resolution Number Fourteen:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Popolo

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

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.

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, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Number Fifteen:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Popolo

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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Sixteen:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Popolo

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 Seventeen:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Popolo

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 2023 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 2023, and

Whereas, the total appropriations in the 2022 budget, less appropriations made for capital improvement fund, debt service and relief of the poor (public assistance) are as follows:

General	\$25,640,290.57
Water-Sewer Utility	\$ 6,504,000.00
Pool Utility	\$ 740,000.00

Whereas, 26.25 percent of the total appropriations of the 2022 Budget, less appropriations for capital improvement fund, debt service and relief of the poor (public assistance), in the said 2022 Budget is as follows:

General	\$ 6,730,576.77
Water-Sewer Utility	\$ 1,707,300.00
Pool Utility	\$ 194,250.00

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 Eighteen:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Popolo

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 Nineteen:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Popolo

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 2022 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 Twenty:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Popolo

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 2023:

Roll Call:

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

Resolution Number Twenty-One:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Popolo

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-Two:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Popolo

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 2022 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.

Roll Call:

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



Resolution Number Twenty-Three:

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe

Be It Resolved that the following appointments be and are hereby confirmed for the year 2023.

Borough Administrator	Bruce Vozech
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	Cameron Keng
Chief Financial Officer	Denise Bartalotta *
Tax Assessor	Angela Mattiace
Tax Search Officer	Michelle Webb
Local Registrar of Vital Statistics	Danielle Monaghan
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	Panteleo “Leo” Belgiovine
Electrical Inspectors	Panteleo “Leo” Belgiovine
	Bruce Kalogera
	James Dougherty
Fire Sub-Code Official	James Dougherty
Fire Inspector	James Dougherty
Plumbing Sub-Code Official & Plumbing Insp.	Brian Drewes
Construction Code Official	Ralph Venturini
Assistant Construction Code Official	James Dougherty
Building Subcode Official	Ralph Venturini
Building Inspector	Ralph Venturini
Building Inspector	James Dougherty
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

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

Substitutes

Husby, Lorraine  
Judge, Robert  
Scheurmann, Robert  
Spence, Donna  
Thornton, Peg

\*Tenured

\*\* Three Year Appointment (2022-2024)

Roll Call

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

Resolution Number Twenty-Four:

Motion by Councilman Kilman, seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

Be It Resolved that the following appointments to the Office of Emergency Management be made and confirmed for the year 2023.

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, Popolo, Poppe, Woods

Resolution Twenty-Five:

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 2023:

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 Hines, Ramsey Police Department  
Chief Douglas Harvey, Ramsey Fire Department  
Chief Justin Kuo, Ramsey Ambulance Corps  
Chief Chris Keyosian, 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  
Kate Wysikowski, Liaison, Rockland Electric  
New Jersey State Police OEM Bio Terrorism

Roll Call

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

Resolution Twenty-Six:

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 2023:

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  
Jake Englishman, Ramsey OEM Sr. Planner  
Chief Brian Lyman, Ramsey Police Department  
Captain Kevin Cherven, 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 Justin Kuo, 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  
Glen Popolo, 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-Seven:

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 2023:

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-Eight:

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 2023

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 adopt the Policies and Procedures and the Internal Affairs Policy #V1C9 of the Ramsey Police Department for the year 2023

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 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-One:

Motion by Councilman Popolo, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe

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  
Joyce Hudon  
Jeff Kehoe  
Lisa Kundriat  
Reeva Kymer  
Patrick Nerney  
Chance Parker  
Jim Trouf  
Glen Popolo

Roll Call

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

Mayor Dillon read the following:

2023 Council Committee Responsibilities

Committee

Finance and Administration

Public Safety

Health, Education & Social Services

Building, Planning and Zoning

Public & Governmental Relations

Utilities, Buildings and Grounds

Council Members

Chair

Members

Gutwetter

Popolo, Poppe

Kilman

Cusick, Gutwetter

Popolo

Poppe, Woods

Woods

Gutwetter, Cusick

Poppe

Woods, Kilman

Cusick

KilmanPopolo



Council Liaison Responsibilities

Council Members

Finance & Administration - Gutwetter

Recreation Commission

Pool Commission

Library Board

Gutwetter

Gutwetter

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.

VFW

Poppe

Woods

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

Offered a happy, healthy and prosperous 2023 to all.

Thanked the residents of Ramsey for electing me to another four-year term. My family has been very supportive of my decision to run again. I could not have done it without my wonderful husband Hugh McDonald and my three wonderful daughters Kellen, Tara and Caroline.

Congratulated Councilwoman Woods and Councilman Popolo on their elections.

Thanked everyone sitting up on the dais. Being the Mayor can sometimes be a bit challenging but all of those sitting up on the dais, whether you're a councilperson, Borough Attorney, Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk, Deputy Borough Clerk, CFO or Mrs. Sylvester in the Clerk's Office. You make the job so much easier and so very pleasurable. Thank you for your support and your confidence and your kind words. I have to give a big shout out to all of the volunteers. Whether it's the emergency services who spend hours training and hours away from their families, answering those calls in the middle of the night. Thank you to everyone who serves on Boards and Commissions. Ramsey is such a wonderful town. One of the things that makes it so wonderful is everyone who is willing to volunteer and give their time, effort, knowledge and expertise to the service of this community. Without them this community would not be what it is, nor would our local government be what it is. I promise to do my very best for the next four years.

### 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 the meeting to the public.

Tim Walsh, 81 DeBaun Avenue, Ramsey – Congratulated the Mayor and Councilmembers Popolo and Woods. Thanked the Mayor for the opportunity to serve on the Environmental Commission.

Harry Weber, Ramsey – Explained that after the twelve years that he served on the council made him realize what a great town we live in. Mayor Dillon is the best thing to happen to this town and the town is very fortunate to have her for another four years. Congratulated Councilwoman Woods and Councilman Popolo on their elections. Wished everyone the best in 2023.

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

New Business -

Consent Resolutions

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Popolo

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:

- 032-2023 Resolution: payment of vouchers
- 033-2023 Resolution: confirming the appointment of Kenneth Tyburczy as Recreation Director, effective January 1, 2023
- 034-2023 Resolution: confirming the appointment of Officer Michael Canonico to Sergeant of the Ramsey Police Department, effective January 4, 2023
- 035-2023 Resolution: confirming the appointment of Officer Adam Szelag to Acting Sergeant of the Ramsey Police Department, effective January 4, 2023

Mayor Dillon congratulated Ken Tyburczy on becoming Recreation Director as well as Sergeant Canonico and Acting Sergeant Szelag.

Roll Call:

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 01-2023 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 10-23 COMPENSATION

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 of the Code of the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey and more specifically Section 10-23 Compensation passed the first reading by title, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage and adoption at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023 at 7:00pm prevailing time or as soon after as the matter can be reached in the Municipal Building in said Borough and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she hereby is, instructed to publish in an official newspaper of the Borough in the manner provided by law, a copy of said ordinance together with notice of introduction thereof and notice when the same will be considered for final passage and adoption.

Roll Call:

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

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Woods, seconded by Councilman Gutwetter. All in favor. Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Meredith Bendian, RMC  
Borough Clerk