

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 26, 2022

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Mayor Dillon called to order at 7:31pm and asked Councilwoman Poppe to lead the flag salute. Mayor Dillon 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 Vozeh and Borough Attorney Scandariato

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 12-20-21, Sine Die 01-03-22

Motion by Councilman Weber, seconded by Councilman Kilman. Councilwoman Poppe abstained. Carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

Motion by Councilwoman Cusick, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe  
Mayor Dillon commented on Communication Number One. She has also heard the helicopters and is working with Mayor of Mahwah, Borough Attorney Scandariato, along with the Mahwah Township Attorney. The Mayor of Upper Saddle River will also join in addressing this issue. All in favor. Carried.

1. Anthony Russo and Concerned Ramsey Citizens  
letter dated January 13, 2022  
Regarding increased number of helicopter flights directly over Ramsey residences
2. Alison Gordon, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ 07463  
email received January 7, 2022 attaching agendas for the Authority's upcoming January 11, 2022 meetings at 7pm.
3. Alison Gordon, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ 07463  
emailed received January 12, 2022, attaching approved minutes from the Authority's December 14, 2021 meetings.

III. COMMUNICATIONS - (cont'd)

4. Alison Gordon, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ 07463  
emailed received January 13, 2022, enclosing correspondence concerning the 2022 service charges
5. Joseph Rotolo, Ramsey Municipal Court Judge  
letter dated January 18, 2022, thanking the Mayor and Council for their continued support on his three-year reappointment as Judge

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to address the governing body please give your name (spelling the last name) and address. Please speak in an audible tone and address your comments to the Chair. There is a five-minute time limit per speaker, unless reduced because of the volume of business on the agenda. Please note, public comment is your time. Out of respect and fairness to all, there will be no interruptions or questions answered during your time. No time shall be ceded to anyone else and no time shall be saved for later use. Any responses may be given during the governing body's comments later in the meeting, or as directed by the Chair. The Borough Clerk is the official time keeper.

Anthony Russo, 102 High Street, Ramsey  
Thanked the Mayor for her attention to the noise issue regarding the helicopters. Mayor Dillon replied that said she would continue to work on the issue.

V. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES - None

VI. APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Dillon made the following appointments

Rich Molinari, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Alt 2  
Nancy Geist, Shade Tree Commission, Regular Member  
Ken Englishman, Shade Tree Commission, Alternate 1  
Stanley Rutkowski, Shade Tree Commission, Alternate 2  
Laura Colleti, Office of Emergency Management  
Anthony Pallone, Office of Emergency Management  
Andrew Perros, Office of Emergency Management  
Michelle Webb, Office of Emergency Management  
David Malek, Ramsey Rescue Squad

VII. CONSENT RESOLUTION

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Cusick

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:

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| 030-2022 | Resolution: | payment of vouchers   |
| 031-2022 | Resolution: | ratifying the actions of the governing body for payroll number one  |
| 032-2022 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of Rich Molinari to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as Alternate 2  |
| 033-2022 | Resolution: | authorizing the re-affirmation of the policy and procedures manual of the Borough in accordance with Bergen JIF   |
| 034-2022 | Resolution: | authorizing a tax redemption for Block 4905 Lot 42 Qualifier C0021, in the amount of \$13,447.01  |
| 035-2022 | Resolution: | authorizing the Ramsey Police Department to acquire an Up-Armored Sport Utility Vehicle from the Federal 1033 Program   |
| 036-2022 | Resolution: | ratifying the collectively negotiated agreement between the Borough and United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU) for Borough White Collar employees and authorizing execution of such agreement for a term of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025 |
| 037-2022 | Resolution: | authorizing a tax redemption for Block 1306 Lot 1, in the amount of \$ 34,970.82  |
| 038-2022 | Resolution: | requesting permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality for the Law Enforcement Support Office Program (LESO)                                   |
| 039-2022 | Resolution: | approving the appointment of Hunter Ricklefs as full-time DPW Laborer effective January 24, 2022  |

VII. CONSENT RESOLUTION (cont'd)

- 040-2022 Resolution: authorizing the borough to enter into a Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using a \$ 72,500 matching grant award from the 2021 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund for the municipal park project entitled Finch Park Pickleball Court Installation
- 041-2022 Resolution: confirming the appointment of David Malek to the Ramsey Rescue Squad
- 042-2022 Resolution: confirming the appointment of Laura Colleti to the Office of Emergency Management
- 043-2022 Resolution: confirming the appointment of Anthony Pallone to the Office of Emergency Management
- 044-2022 Resolution: confirming the appointment of Andrew Perros to the Office of Emergency Management
- 045-2022 Resolution: confirming the appointment of Michelle Webb to the Office of Emergency Management
- 046-2022 Resolution: ratifying the actions of the governing body for payroll number two
- 047-2022 Resolution: authorizing a tax refund for overpayment due to tax appeal for Block 4601, Lot 35 in the amount of \$89,201.04
- 048-2022 Resolution: authorizing a BAN in the amount of \$6,455,000.00

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

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

Ramsey Area Garden Club is requesting permission to use the train station for their annual plant sale on Saturday, May 7, 2022. Upon approval they will then apply to NJ Transit for their approval.

B. BLOCK PARTY REQUESTS:

Roll Call

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

VIII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - None

IX. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Councilman Michael Gutwetter  
Congratulated the appointees on the agenda and thanked them for their service.

Library Board – They are looking at having more of a presence at community events. They are reviewing ancestry.com to offer to patrons. A Tik Tok account has been created and numerous videos are available. There are new collections available including local history for Ramsey or Bergen County and local authors. topics. Check the website for all activities.

Recreation Commission – Winter sports, including basketball and wrestling continue and Spring sports will start up shortly. The 50<sup>th</sup> Homerun Derby is on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Pool Commission – The commission is working on membership rates considering factors such as increase in minimum wage and the price of chemicals which will affect those rates. They are also planning on some capital expenditures to the facility.

- B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Peter Kilman  
Congratulated and thanked the new appointees.

Board of Health – Discussed the importance of people wearing masks due to the easy transmission of the Omicron variant. Especially due to the crossover effect of those who are vaccinated and boosted.

C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilwoman Jane Woods  
Congratulated and thanked all of the appointees.

Ramsey Seniors – The seniors are working with the Chamber of Commerce and the Farmers’ Market to revitalize the senior discount card. Due to the recent spike in COVID, classes returned to Zoom, Broadway trips are on hold and “meet the nurses” had to reschedule.

Zoning Board of Adjustment – Two applications from homeowners were approved at the last meeting. Expressed her pleasure to be back with the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Design Review Board – There were two applications reviewed at the last meeting: Minetti Dennis Keller Williams was approved and Village Square, which was approved conditionally needing a few improvements.

Air Traffic Issue – The Teterboro Aircraft Noise Abatement Advisory Council (TANAAC) are addressing the increased air traffic. Due to the construction on one of the runways and encouraging pilots to come in at a different approach. The FAA is involved. Any resident experiencing air traffic noise is encouraged to file a complaint. Please contact the FAA Authority directly by emailing [9-aea-noise@faa.gov](mailto:9-aea-noise@faa.gov) or by calling 718-553-3365 complaints can also be registered at Teterboro’s noise office at 201-288-8828 or [noiseofficeteb.com](http://noiseofficeteb.com). When this information is compiled, it will be posted on our website.

D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilwoman Judy Cusick  
Planning Board - At the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, the slate of officers was nominated and approved, as well as Professional Appointments. She thanked the Planning Board members for their service. Nine (9) waivers were presented and approved.

Ramsey Shade Tree Commission – At the last meeting the Commission discussed plans for a Tree Planting at the Ramsey Pool on April 29<sup>th</sup> (Arbor Day). Thanked the Shade Tree Commission members for their service. Congratulated Nancy Geist, Ken Englishman and Stanley Rutkowski for their appointments.

Ramsey Board of Public Works\_- At the January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting they reorganized nominating Chris Coronato as the new President. She thanked the Board of Public Works members for their service.

Water System Update: PFAS Chemicals Found in 34 NJ Water Systems but NOT in Ramsey:

Today’s Record has an article on the front page regarding PFAS chemicals found in 34 NJ water systems that exceeded the NJ State maximums set for these compounds. The per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of chemicals used to make fluoropolymer coatings and products that resist heat, oil, stains, grease, and water. Fluoropolymer coatings can be in a variety of products.

E. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilwoman Judy Cusick (cont'd)

There is an article on the front page of the Local section regarding the Mahwah water system and improvements it will be making to comply with PFAS chemicals exceeding the State limit at one of its wells. I am happy to report Ramsey's system is not one of these 34 water systems.

The NJ mandatory water service line inventory which is required for all public community water systems. Ramsey and every other community are now required to provide water service line inventory information to the NJ DEP. The NJ legislature, in July 2021 passed a law requiring that all service lines be inventoried and the materials used in the service lines noted for the purpose of a mandatory service line upgrade program for all public community water systems over the next ten years. This is potable water supply lines. This upgrade program will replace all lead and galvanized service lines in the system over a period of ten years. While galvanized lines are not considered lead lines under the US EPA definition, they are under the recent NJ legislation and as such will be replaced over the next ten years. The service line replacement is both for the municipal side from the watermain to the curbs box and for the private side from the curb box to the home. Information will continue to be updated as the NJ DEP determines and develops its guideline and rule for implementation to the newly enacted law and notifications will then be going out to potential impacted properties. More information is posted on the borough website under the water and sewer departments.

A few notes about lead in Ramsey's water system. Ramsey continues to sample for lead in your drinking water. The US EPA sets a lead action level for drinking water. The Ramsey water sample results are summarized in an annual consumer confidence report which is posted on the borough website. The Ramsey test results are in compliance with US EPA Lead Limits. In addition, Ramsey has an erosion control water treatment system in place for its source water. This type of water treatment is designated to protect against corrosion of the water distribution mains, our service lines and the plumbing in your homes and businesses.

F. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilwoman Sara Poppe  
Congratulated and thanked all of the appointees on the agenda.

Chamber of Commerce – They are working on Rewards Programs, partnerships with other towns and workshops. Encouraged everyone to shop local and visit the chamber website and social media page.

The Farmers' Market continues outside 10am-1pm at the Main St Train Station parking lot throughout the winter.

Municipal Alliance – Collaborated on an article regarding the work they do for the community featured in January's Ramsey Neighbors magazine. The Alliance will be co-sponsoring an event on February 15<sup>th</sup> with the MMA and the Valley Health Center. It will be shown via zoom, called "Like". Highlighting the impact of social media and regulating in our lives.

The Ramsey Municipal Alliance sponsors "Tip 411" which is an anonymous crime reporting system. Non-urgent reports can be made via mobile app called "ramseypd."

- G. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilman Harry Weber  
Board of Education – Held their reorganization meeting earlier this month with Laura Behrmann reappointed as President and Anthony Socci as Vice President.

Ramsey High School had thirty-seven students qualify for the Deca State competition.

Congratulated Joaquin Cull who will be joining the West Point Military Academy this coming summer.

Discussed RULER at home which stand for the five skills of emotional learning: Recognizing, Understanding, Labeling, Expressing and Regulating. Registration for the event is on the Board of Education website.

Environmental Commission – Welcome new member Susan Danz to the Commission. Discussed Sustainable NJ Silver Status. Signs will be posted to highlight the accomplishment.

RIFE – Challenger Basketball season is in underway. The Valentine’s Dance is on February 11<sup>th</sup>. The Humdingers event is rescheduled to March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulated and thanked all of the new volunteers.

H. MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON

Thanked and congratulated to all appointees. Volunteers is what makes Ramsey so wonderful.

Regarding the water issues in surrounding towns and adding to Councilwoman Cusick’s remarks: The Ramsey water system is in good shape and reassured everyone about the large project that Ramsey took on a couple of years ago to upgrade the water filtration system. A lot of planning and work went into it but it really put Ramsey on the right path for the future because we can filter for various contaminants with changing regulations from NJ DEP or EPA. Thanked the Board of Public Works and the professionals for getting that project done.

Reminded everyone that there is no on street parking if there is snow.

There will be a drive through COVID testing at the Main Street train station on a Saturday in February. A date yet to be determined.



I. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Bruce Vozeh

Resolution 35 – Authorizing acquisition of a sport utility vehicle under the Federal 1033 program: Under this program the Ramsey Police Department would be receiving (at no cost) an up-armored SUV through this program. The new vehicle would be a standby limited use vehicle utilized in “high risk” situations of civilian and officer safety. For example, to assist with responses to handling active shooter incidents, barricaded suspect incidents, hostage incidents, and confined space incidents that may occur in the Borough. When the Governing Body passed its resolution for participation in this program, it enables the Ramsey Police Department to acquire excess Department of Defense equipment at no charge. This is not related to simply military equipment, this includes office equipment, generators, medical and first aid equipment as well as many other non-military items. We have obtained a number of portable generators through the program which our Office of Emergency Management utilizes during power outages providing these generators to those in need for medical issues such as powering oxygen machines and other vital services.

Resolution 36 – Ratifies the Labor Agreement between the Borough and UPSEU for White Collar employees at Borough Hall. The borough has six labor unions and each of those collective bargained agreements all of which expired at the end of 2021. After many negotiating sessions, I am recommending the Governing Body approve a new contract between the Borough and United Public Service Employees Union representing the White-Collar employees at Borough Hall with a 4-year term. In our last round of contract negotiations with the unions we had eliminated compensation for unused sick time which remains. We also maintained employee health insurance contributions at levels the State had implemented with its Chapter 78 legislation while many municipalities and Boards of Education have lowered employee health insurance contributions. The agreement includes 2% annual increases for each year 2022-2025. Contracting at 2% for four years is a prudent decision for the Borough.

Resolution 38 - Dedication of Rider a Reserve for Police Equipment: The State Division of Local Government Services requires permission for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance. The Police Department, through its participation as an active member of the Law Enforcement Support Program (“LESO”), is able to receive excess equipment donations from various agencies. If such equipment is not needed, it may be sold and the proceeds dedicated to usage by the Ramsey Police Department. This resolution requests permission from the State Division of Local Government Services to establish such reserve for police equipment.

Resolution 39 – Appointment of Hunter Ricklefs as full-time DPW laborer: As previously discussed at the end of last year, Charles Hoering was retiring from the Borough DPW after 36 years of service. After posting the position, reviewing applications and interviewing candidates, the recommendation from DPW Superintendent Jack D’Agostaro and DPW Assistant Superintendent Tom Lanning is to appoint Hunter Ricklefs to the position. Hunter has been a part-time employee with the Borough for a number of years and is familiar with the Department and the appointment makes for a smooth transition as we work our way through the winter plowing and salting season.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Bruce Vozeh (cont'd)

Resolution 40 – Authorizing entering into a Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract with County of Bergen for \$72,500 matching grant for Finch Park Pickleball Courts: Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the US and certainly Bergen County mirrors this nationwide trend. Ramsey has an increasing number of people playing pickleball. Perhaps originally starting with Seniors playing, there are growing groups of players of all ages. The Borough converted one of the tennis courts on East Oak Street into two pickleball courts which serve currently as the only public option in town. We have applied for and now been awarded a Bergen County Open Space Grant in the amount of \$72,500 to use toward the renovation and conversion of the underutilized area of Finch Park which now has the street hockey rink. We would convert that into multiple pickleball courts, leaving the existing basketball courts as is. This area is currently accessed through the basketball courts due to the existing fencing, gates and playground bordering one side. As part of the project, we would look to create an entrance from the adjacent access drive that runs behind this area (parallel to the railroad tracks) from the parking lot near Field #3 and the old senior center.

We have received communications from some residents who don't want to take grant funds for open space projects as they feel it would open access to out-of-town players, due to the Open Space Grant rules. While that is technically true, there are mitigants to that where Ramsey could assign certain time blocks to Ramsey groups or create a badge system for access with nominal registration for Ramsey residents and higher for out of town, etc. In addition, by creating new courts in addition to the two existing, we are significantly increasing the opportunity and hours available for Ramsey players. This is another example where the Governing Body continues to take advantage of grants to mitigate the Ramsey taxpayer cost of necessary infrastructure improvements.

Resolution 48 – Authorization of a Bond Anticipation Note: Borough utilizes Bond Anticipation Notes (“BAN”) for capital project funding. These mature in one year and at maturity the borough will go back out to bid for a new BAN after paying down a portion of principal plus interest through the budget. We have BANs that mature in both January and June. This resolution is for the January BAN which we have received a net interest cost of 0.53%. This net interest cost of basically one half of one percent is a reflection of the strength of the Borough's financial position in the very competitive rates that independent third-party investors provide Ramsey. Oppenheimer was the winner with the lowest net interest cost.

Ordinance 1-2022 – Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations Limit and to Establish a Cap Bank – This is “pro-forma” or standard ordinance that towns across the state adopt each year ahead of adopting the Municipal Budget. The State allows a town, if they adopt this ordinance, to increase their budget appropriations by up to 3.5% from the prior year's budgeted appropriations. This does not impact the tax levy cap of 2% it deals with appropriation line items under the State Municipal Cap and allows for flexibility if certain line items need to be increased above the appropriation cap. While Ramsey may not utilize this flexibility, there is no harm in adopting the ordinance. Any amount under the revised allowable level, a town is under the cap is banked for future years.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Bruce Vozeh (cont'd)

Ordinance 2-2022 – This ordinance provides funding for renovations & improvements to the Board of Public Works Water Treatment Unit and Well House on East Oak Street. In 2016, the Board of Public Works began a project for replacement of a portion of the Darlington Avenue Sanitary Sewer Line. This project has been completed for a few years and in 2021 the remaining principal on the Bond Anticipation Note that financed the project was paid off, in full, through the Board of Public Works 2021 budget. With the ordinance for the Darlington Project now a fully funded ordinance, \$218,563.49 remains in authorized but unspent funding. The Board of Public Works passed a resolution at its January 24, 2022 meeting recommending the Governing Body adopt an ordinance to reappropriate this funding for Board of Public Works use on the upcoming project for renovation and improvements for the façade work on the East Oak Street well house and water treatment facility. This project is currently out to bid and these unspent funds will mitigate a large portion of the funding needed in 2022. The project bids are due in February.

Ordinance 3-2022 – Ordinance Amending Borough's Zoning Code to Allow for the Operation of Retail Cannabis Establishments in the Borough of Ramsey.

For some background previous actions taken by the Governing Body at these public meetings regarding Cannabis establishments in the Borough. At the June 23rd meeting in 2021, the Governing Body passed resolution #133-2021 authorizing the Borough Attorney to further research and present to the Governing Body ordinances permitting recreational cannabis businesses in the B-3 Highway District and medical cannabis dispensaries in the Laboratory and Office District as is the intent of the Governing Body to enact. At the same meeting, to meet a State mandated deadline of August 21, 2021, the Governing Body introduced an ordinance prohibiting the operation of all cannabis related licenses and operations in the Borough. Subsequently, after a public hearing at the July 28th meeting, the Governing Body voted to adopted such ordinance ahead of the State deadline. As discussed at those 2021 meetings, if a municipality did not pass an ordinance prohibiting cannabis operations in its town prior to August 21, 2021 it could not prohibit any cannabis operations for a five-year period. However, if a prohibiting ordinance was adopted prior to August 21 of 2021, a municipality could take action at any future time to allow such cannabis operations. In 2021, the Governing Body also subsequently introduced (August 30th) and adopted (September 13th) an ordinance permitting a maximum of two medical cannabis dispensaries in the Borough located in the Laboratory and Office District of the Borough.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Bruce Vozeh (cont'd)

Ordinance 3 of 2022 - As previously detailed, the Governing Body's intent to adopt this ordinance has been publicly noted since June of 2021 with Resolution 133-2021. It is important to note that a local permit or license would be issued after an applicant had satisfactorily completed the extensive State licensing process and hold a valid license in the Cannabis Class the Borough would be permitting (Class 5 and 6). This ordinance adopts the specific requirements, operating procedures and other details the license holders must have in place to obtain the applicable local license for the operation of a Class 5 Retail Cannabis Establishments and Class 6 Cannabis Delivery Establishments located only in the B-3 Highway Commercial District and subject to further geographical restrictions as detailed in the ordinance. Borough's Zoning Map may be found on the Borough website. A summary of some of the main provisions detailed in the ordinance are:

- Cannabis Classes of operations 1, 2, 3 & 4 (Cultivator, Manufacturer, Wholesaler and Distributor) all remain prohibited in the borough
- Maximum of two Class 5 Retail establishments and one Class 6 Delivery establishments are permitted
- For Class 5 and Class 6, in addition to the only being located in B-3 Highway District there are further geographical restrictions related to not being Within five hundred feet from a residence, public or private school, child care facility or house of worship
- Must be located in a stand-alone single use building
- Operating hours limited to Monday through Saturday 9:00am to 7:00pm
- Specific security requirements as detailed in the ordinance
- Signage restrictions
- Establishments have gross floor area minimums and maximums
- Establishes a local cannabis tax of 2% as authorized under the State law as well as local licensing and permit fees
- All applications are also subject to review and approval by Ramsey Planning Board and Ramsey Police Department.

I. BOROUGH ATTORNEY – Peter A. Scandariato, Esq. – No report

J. BOROUGH CLERK – Meredith Bendian - No report

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 01-2022 - ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilwoman Poppe

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank, 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022 at 7:30pm 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.

Councilman Gutwetter reminded that this is a standard ordinance that municipalities across New Jersey adopt each year ahead of adopting the municipal budget.

ROLL CALL:

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

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (cont'd)

ORDINANCE 02-2022 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS WATER TREATMENT UNIT AND WELLHOUSE ON EAST OAK STREET WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$218,563.48 THEREFORE, CONSTITUTING PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS OF THE BOROUGH HERETOFORE ISSUED

Motion by Councilwoman Cusick, seconded by Councilman Kilman

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance to Providing for the Renovations and Improvements to the Board of Public Works Water Treatment Unit and Wellhouse on East Oak Street within the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey and to appropriate the sum of \$218,563.48 therefore, Constituting Proceeds of Obligations Heretofore Issues, 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022 at 7:30pm 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, Weber, Woods

XI. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (cont'd)

ORDINANCE 03-2022 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 34 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY ENTITLED "ZONING" TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF RETAIL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITS OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY AND TO CREATE A NEW SECTION, CHAPTER 35 ENTITLED "CANNABIS"

Motion by Councilwoman Woods, seconded by Councilman Kilman

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance Amending Chapter 34 of the Code of the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey, entitled "Zoning" to allow the Operation of Retail Cannabis Establishments within the Geographical Limits of the Borough of Ramsey and to Create a New Section , Chapter 35 Entitled "Cannabis", 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2022 at 7:30pm 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, Woods

NAY: Weber

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

XII. NEW BUSINESS - None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Weber, seconded by Councilman Kilman. All in favor. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Meredith Bendian, RMC  
Borough Clerk