

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY  
THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
REGULAR MEETING of APRIL 17, 2023  
Via in person & Conference call**

Mr. Coronato called the regular meeting of The Board of Public Works to order at 6:34 pm. The meeting was conducted in-person and by conference call.

Mr. Coronato announced that the meeting is being held in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of New Jersey. Public Notice of this regularly scheduled meeting was published in issues of The Bergen Record and The Ridgewood News on December 28, 2022.

Board members present were Mayor Dillon, Mr. Coronato, Mr. Emmett, Dr. Boff, Mr. Stugart and Mr. Dillon. Along with Mr. Bacolo, Mr. Skorupa, Mr. DeBlock, Mr. Corrison, Councilwoman Cusick, Mrs. Sylvester and Mr. Vozech. Mr. Hewitt arrived at 6:42PM.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Motion by Mr. Coronato seconded by Dr. Boff to receive and file the correspondence. Carried. Mayor Dillon abstained.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of March 20, 2023 meeting were accepted, Motion by Mr. Coronato to approve, seconded by Mr. Emmett. Carried.

Mayor Dillon swore in Mr. Brian Dillon to the Board.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1.	3/24/2023	H2M	Board of Public Works	<b>LSL Replacement phase 1B Contract 23-1 for signature to Shauger Property Services Inc</b>
2	4/12/2023	M. Bacolo	Board of Public Works	<b>Progress Report</b>
3.	4/17/2023	M. Skorupa	Board of Public Works	<b>Operations report</b>
4.	4/17/2023	J. DeBlock	Board of Public Works	<b>Management Report</b>

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Bacolo updated the board on the Lead Service Line replacement project phase 1B. Contracts are be signed tonight a meeting and returned to contractor with notice to proceed with work. A pre -construction meeting was held a Borough Hall on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Work set to begin at the end of April – beginning of May. The results of the test pit phase will determine how many service lines will need to be replaced.

North Central Ave pump house - A structural assessment was performed on the floor of the building. H2M is preparing an estimate. Bid documents are also being prepared to repair settlement of the floor.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT - Continued**

39 Upland Road requested water service for a private well on their property. H2M asked for documentation from homeowner if the well is up to NJDEP standards. It was determined from the documentation he well was up to NJDEP standards. There was discussion regarding requirement of a backflow preventer. Board determined backflow preventer on the independent irrigation line from the private well would not be required. Mr. DeBlock indicated this should be a topic for review by the Board going forward to see if any ordinance changes should be made.

**OPERATIONS REPORT**

Mr. Skorupa reported that the water dept continues with their daily duties. Continues to collaborate with H2M & DeBlock. Hydrant flushing will continue for two more weeks

**OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT REPORT** – Mr. DeBlock updated the Board regarding the cybersecurity conference that he attended. Based on the information shared, Ramsey is on track.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT** Mr. Corrison has two items for executive session regarding contracts and billing.

**MAYOR’S REPORT** nothing to report

**COUNCIL LIAISON’S REPORT** The Municipal budget will have a public hearing and vote on adoption at the next Mayor & Council meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT** nothing to report. Some comments for executive session regarding Mr. Corrison’ s matter.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

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

Motion to close public comment by Mr. Coronato. Second by Dr. Boff. Carried.

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** nothing to report.

**FINANCE**

Budget and Revenue/Expense Reports were submitted to Board members.

**Resolution by: Dr. Boff**

**Seconded by: Mr. Coronato**

**RESOLVED THAT:** The following bills be paid and charged to the current Water/Sewer 2023 and 2022 Budgets:

<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>\$ 809,295.50</b>
<b>RESERVE</b>	<b>\$ 5,671.22</b>

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

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – At 7:00 PM, motion by Mr. Coronato, second by Mr. Hewitt.  
Carried.

**RESOLVED THAT:**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Public Works of the Borough of Ramsey believes such circumstances exist; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Public Works of the Borough of Ramsey wishes to discuss matters of litigation, personnel, and contract negotiation; and

**WHEREAS**, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer exist, then the minutes can be made public;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by The Board of Public Works of the Borough of Ramsey, that the public be excluded from this meeting. The outcome of the meeting will be disclosed when a course of action is determined, or a decision is reached.

Motion by Mr. Coronato to end executive session at 7:23 PM, second by Mayor Dillon. Carried.

Motion by Mr. Coronato to approve an 18 month extension of the current agreement with NY Twist Drill/Dryco to continue operations at the Airmount Ave pump house and the three supporting wells, at a sum of \$189,895 plus \$18,655 in engineering costs incurred on the last 12 months to be paid to the Board. The agreement will be extended until October 31, 2024. Second by Mr. Emmett. Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS** – none

**NEW BUSINESS** – Councilwoman Cusick thanked Mr. Skorupa for his diligent work on the hydrant flushing program which is conducted overnight.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Coronato made a motion to adjourn at 7:26PM. Seconded by Mr. Hewitt. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted By: Kelly Sylvester