

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGULAR MEETING of May 15, 2023
Via in person & Conference call**

Mayor Dillon called the regular meeting of The Board of Public Works to order at 6:32 pm. The meeting was conducted in-person and by conference call.

Mayor Dillon 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. Emmett, Dr. Boff, Mr. Stugart and Mr. Dillon. Along with Mr. Bacolo, Mr. Skorupa, Mr. Corrison, Councilwoman Cusick, Mrs. Sylvester and Mr. Vozeh. Mr. Coronato, Mr. Hewitt and Mr. DeBlock were absent.

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion by Mr. Emmett seconded by Mr. Stugart to receive and file the correspondence. Carried.

MINUTES

Minutes of April 17, 2023 meeting were accepted, Motion by Mayor Dillon to approve, seconded by Dr. Boff. Carried.

No.	Date	From	To	Subject
1.	4/18/2023	H2M	Board of Public Works	LSL Replacement phase 1B Contract 23-1 Shauger Property Services Inc executed contracts.
2.	4/21/2023	H2M	Board of Public Works	Notice of Upcoming Construction letter for Lead Service Line replacement test pits.
3.	4/21/2023	H2M	Board of Public Works	Notice to residents of LSL test pit results.
2	5/11/2023	M. Bacolo	Board of Public Works	Progress Report
3.	5/15/2023	M. Skorupa	Board of Public Works	Operations report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Bacolo updated the board on the Lead Service Line replacement project phase 1B. Thirty-two test pits were dug, eleven of which had lead service lines. Seven were galvanized lines partially owned by the Borough. The contractor is moving to Woodland Ave next, seventeen test sites are in the area. A packet will be delivered to the homeowners from H2M which includes a letter and results once excavation is completed, and if a lead line is discovered. Approximately 70 letters were delivered to homes east of the railroad tracks in the Canterbury Drive area where H2M will conduct plumbing inspection surveys to identify the type of material for existing water service lines. H2M will report back on the responses.

SOC compound testing will be required on a quarterly basis per NJDEP. H2M applied for a waiver from this testing from the NJDEP. The application was mailed on May 1st.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Skorupa reported that the water dept continues with their daily duties and continue to collaborate with H2M, DeBlock Environmental Services and the contractor Shauger Group. Mr. Skorupa presented a sample of a lead line pipe for the Board.

Water value inspecting, and exercising are being conducted in addition to sanitary sewer inspections in preparation for upcoming paving of some streets in the Borough.

Hydrant flushing was completed. Two repairs to hydrants were required out of the 800 that were flushed.

OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT REPORT – Mr. DeBlock was absent.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT Mr. Corrison updated the Board about a letter that was sent to Mr. Robert Regan, Upper Saddle River Borough Attorney regarding the sewer service provided by the Borough of Ramsey per the Ten Cee’s agreement.

Dryco (The NY Twist Drill) proposes to extend the second agreement with the Board through October 31, 2024. Dryco proposes to pay the Board of Public Works of Ramsey \$208,550.

Mr. Corrison spoke to Mr. O’Scanlon of FDS Enterprises LLC and the FDS contract with the Board needs to be renewed. Approval is needed from the Board in reference to extension of FDS Enterprises LLC, this is a professional services agreement and exempt from public bidding. There is no retainer cost to the Board.

Motion by Mr. Emmett extending the contract with FDS Enterprises Inc. as the Board of Public Works Telecommunications Consultant and Expert. Second by Mr. Stugart. Carried.

Motion by Mr. Emmett to authorize Mayor Dillon and Mr. Corrison to execute the extension agreement with Dryco (NY Twist Drill) for the second extension which covers the same terms as the first extension in 2022 of the initial agreement from 1995. Motion seconded by Dr. Boff. Carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT Thanked Mr. Skorupa for sharing sample of a lead service line with the Board.

COUNCIL LIAISON’S REPORT Suggested the RAVE Alert be sent earlier for the LSL work for residents.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT Mr. Vozeh discussed the sewer billing for the new development at 1 Lake St, Upper Saddle River. He is working with Mr. Dougherty the USR Building Inspector on these proprieties.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Mayor Dillon provided three opportunities for public comment. No public was present or on the phone.

Motion to close public comment by Mayor Dillon. Second by Dr. Boff. Carried.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE Mr. Hewitt was absent.

FINANCE

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

Resolution by: Dr. Boff

Seconded by: Mr. Emmett

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

CURRENT	\$ 286,846.12
RESERVE	\$ 390.21

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

AYES: Mayor Dillon, Mr. Emmett, Dr. Boff, Mr. Stugart, and Mr. Dillon

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Coronato

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Emmett made a motion to adjourn at 7:03PM. Seconded by Mr. Stugart. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted By: Kelly Sylvester