

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGULAR MEETING of July 17, 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. Coronato, Dr. Boff, Mr. Stugart, and Mr. Dillon. Along with Mr. Bacolo, Mr. Skorupa, Mr. Robert DeBlock, Mr. Corrison, Councilwoman Cusick, and Mr. Vozech. Mr. Emmett, Mr. Hewitt and Mrs. Sylvester were absent.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

MINUTES

Minutes of June 19, 2023 meeting were accepted, Motion by Mr. Coronato to approve, seconded by Mayor Dillon. Carried.

No.	Date	From	To	Subject
1.	6/12/23	Schwanewede Hals & Vince	Board of Public Works	Application for flood hazard area verification from NJDEP for 7 & 10 Monroe Dr Mahwah
2.	7/10/23	H2M	Board of Public Works	Sanitary Sewer Construction 20 W. Crescent Ave Mahwah
3.	7/13/23	H2M	Board of Public Works	14 Mechanic St
3	7/12/23	M. Bacolo	Board of Public Works	Progress Report
4.	7/17/23	M. Skorupa	Board of Public Works	Operations report
5.	7/17/23	J. DeBlock	Board of Public Works	Management Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Bacolo updated the Board on the water service line inventory report, it was submitted to the NJDEP by the July 10th deadline. The lead service line replacement annual plan will be submitted to the NJDEP by the July 31st deadline. H2M prepared notices to be mailed to Ramsey property owners regarding lead service line replacement. Sixty-two certified letters will be sent along with 200 repeat notification letters as required by NJDEP.

The lead service line replacement phase 1B project with Shauger Property Services has been completed. The contractor needed to perform some additional excavation work to identify utilities. The contractor submitted claims for this work in the amount of \$6,297.51. After a review of the claims, H2M recommends approval by the Board for these expenses.

Pine St water main replacement project update – the field survey has been completed. H2M is preparing the drawings. Ramsey DPW is reviewing the survey and drawings. This project should be going out to bid this month.

The replacement of the arsenic media at the Arrow Road pump house was initially estimated for 15 months. They have outperformed and have been working efficiently for 3 years. H2M contacted Adage for the new media. They informed H2M that the work from the initial contract was not done since the media outperformed. They are offering to honor the contract from 2021 in the amount of \$ 77,000. It would be a savings to Ramsey of \$35,000 - \$40,000 to use existing contract.

Motion by Mr. Coronato to proceed with existing contract with Adage for arsenic media replacement at the Arrow Rd facility. Second by Dr. Boff . Carried.

Motion by Mr. Coronato adjust the contract with Shauger in the amount of \$6,297.51 for additional work on the lead service line replacement project phase 1B. Second by Mr. Stugart. Carried.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Skorupa reported that the water pump was replaced at the E. Oak well house with a new submersible pump, all testing was conducted. Mr. Skorupa noted that the water dept continues with their daily duties. They also continue to collaborate with H2M and DeBlock Environmental Services for the lead service line replacement project. .

OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT REPORT Mr. Robert DeBlock updated the board on the NWBCUA 2023 service charges water usage and EDU reports. They have been submitted.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT Mr. Corrison received the agreement from Ms. Schepisi regarding joining other entities in PFOS litigation. Mr. Corrison is waiting to hear back on the updated status.

MAYOR’S REPORT Nothing to report. Noted the County project of paving Wyckoff Ave & Main St is in progress.

COUNCIL LIAISON’S REPORT Thanked the Board for the completion of the new water quality report.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT Nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

No public was present in person or on the phone.

Motion to close public comment by Mr. Coronato. Second by Mayor Dillon. 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:

CURRENT	\$ 856,841.94
RESERVE	\$ 0

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

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Emmett , Mr. Hewitt

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Coronato made a motion to adjourn at 6:47PM. Seconded by Dr. Boff. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted By: Kelly Sylvester