

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY  
THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
REGULAR MEETING of August 18, 2023  
Via in person & Conference call**

Mayor Dillon called the regular meeting of The Board of Public Works to order at 6:33 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, Mr. Emmett, Mr. Hewitt, Dr. Boff, Mr. Stugart, and Mr. Dillon. Along with Mr. Bacolo, Mr. Skorupa, Mr. DeBlock, Mr. Corriston and Mr. Vozech. Councilwoman Cusick and Mrs. Sylvester were absent.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**MINUTES**

Minutes of July 17, 2023 meeting were accepted, Motion by Mr. Coronato to approve, seconded by Mayor Dillon. Carried. Mr. Hewitt Abstained.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1.	7/26/23	H2M	Board of Public Works	<b>Pine St Water Main Replacement Contract 23-3. Application for soil erosion &amp; sediment control plan certification.</b>
2.	8/15/23	H2M	Board of Public Works	<b>Sanitary Sewer Construction 20 W. Crescent Ave Mahwah revised drawings</b>
3.	8/17/23	H2M	Board of Public Works	<b>Pine St Water Main Replacement Contract 23-3 bids received summary.</b>
3	8/16/23	M. Bacolo	Board of Public Works	<b>Progress Report</b>
4.	8/18/23	M. Skorupa	Board of Public Works	<b>Operations report</b>
5.	8/18/23	J. DeBlock	Board of Public Works	<b>Management Report</b>

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Bacolo updated the Board on Lead service line survey properties that have been classified as unknown. Working with Mr. Skorupa on inspecting these homes to determine materials They are currently focused on the streets around Canterbury Drive, about 200 homes and making good progress.

North Central Pump House structural floor repairs update. H2M is continuing to work on plans and specs for these repairs. They expect them to be completed shortly and soliciting estimates from selected contractors. An update will be provided at the September Board meeting.

20 W. Crescent Ave in Mahwah is requesting to connect to the Ramsey sewer system. H2M has reviewed their request and sees no issues with the connection. Mr. Bacolo noted that this property is not listed in the Ramsey-Mahwah Sanitary Sewer Agreement. Their neighbors to the

left and right are already connected to Ramsey's sewer system but are also not listed in the agreement. The homeowner would pay the connection fees.

Motion by Mr. Coronato to approve the sewer connection of 20 W. Crescent Ave Mahwah to the Ramsey sanitary sewer system. Second by Mr. Stugart. Carried.

Pine St water main replacement project update, bids were received August 16<sup>th</sup>. The recommendation letter was sent to the board on August 17<sup>th</sup>. The lowest bid was from Jo-Med Contracting Corp.in the amount of \$397,833.50. H2M has reviewed their bid and references and believes they can complete the project successfully.

Motion by Mr. Coronato to approve the bid from Jo-Med Contracting Corp.in the amount of \$397,833.50 for the Pine Street Water Main replacement. Second by Mr. Stugart. Carried.

The homeowner at 277 Canterbury Drive has submitted a proposal to the Planning Board for an addition to their home. Their attorney sent an email to the Borough of Ramsey that the addition would encroach over the existing sewer line and are asking if this line can be reinforced. H2M does recommend that this be approved. Mr. Corriston discussed that a formal request needs to be submitted directly from the homeowner to the Board of Public Works for discussion. Mr. Corriston will respond to the property owner's attorney.

#### **OPERATIONS REPORT**

Mr. Skorupa reported that his department worked with the Bergen County contractor for the Main St /Wyckoff Ave resurfacing project, checking and marking water valves and sanitary sewer manholes after paving was completed. 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. Several repairs were needed this past month.

**OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT REPORT** the NJDEP Facility Service reports. Mr. DeBlock has been working with H2M on the NJDEP Facility Service reports, Water Quality reports and lead service line report. The lead service line report has been submitted the NJDEP.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT** Nothing to report

**MAYOR'S REPORT** Nothing to report.

**COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORT** Absent

**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 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>\$ 486,266.16</b>
<b>RESERVE</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>WIRED</b>	<b>\$ 108,338.35</b>

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

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

**NAYS:** none

**ABSENT:** none

**OLD BUSINESS** – none

**NEW BUSINESS** – none

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Coronato made a motion to adjourn at 6:50PM. Seconded by Mr. Emmett. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted By: Kelly Sylvester