

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGULAR MEETING of SEPTEMBER 19, 2022
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 January 14th, 2022.

Board members present (in person & via conference call) were; Mayor Dillon, Mr. Coronato, Mr. Emmett, Dr. Goujani, Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Emmer. Along with Mr. Vozeh, Mr. Bacolo, Mr. Corriston, Mr. Skorupa, Mr. DeBlock, Councilwoman Cusick and Mrs. Sylvester. Mr. Tyburczy was absent.

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion by Mr. Coronato seconded by Dr. Goujani to receive and file with review the Committee reports. Carried.

MINUTES

Minutes of August 15, 2022 meeting were accepted. Motion by Mr. Coronato to approve, seconded by Dr. Goujani. Mr. Emmer abstained. Carried.

No.	Date	From	To	Subject
1.	08/22/2022	Crew	Board of Public Works	Bid Documents for the Decommissioning of test wells. Advertised in Bergen Record on 8/23/22.
2.	08/30/2022	Crew	Board of Public Works	Chick-fil-A Rt 17N – Revised site plans for modifications to entrance and drive through.
3.	09/14/2022	Crew	Board of Public Works	Payment request #1 from Montana Construction Corp. for lead service line replacement phase 1A, contract 22-1.
4.	09/16/2022	Crew	Board of Public Works	E. Crescent Ave Lead Service Line Test Pitting Project (rebid) - Contract 22-4. Two contractors submitted quotes. They both exceed the bid threshold of \$44K.
5.	09/16/2022	Crew	Board of Public Works	Decommission of Test Wells Contract 22-3. Three contractors obtained bids. Two contractors submitted bids. The lowest bidder was William Stothoff in the amount of \$68,900.
6.	09/12/2022	Crew	Board of Public Works	Engineers report
7.	09/15/2022	M. Skorupa	Board of Public Works	Operations report
8.	09/15/2022	J. DeBlock	Board of Public Works	Management Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Bacolo provided an update on lead service line inventory and replacement project. Phase 1A by Montana Construction is complete except for some restoration work. Some additional work was performed by the contractor including; repair of a broken storm drain on Main St., leaking galvanized pipe at a residence and relocation of an abandoned service. The cost for this extra work is \$8,428.32 It was originally around \$20,000, Crew worked with Montana to reduce these costs. Crew recommends to the Board that these extra costs be approved.

Two bids were received for the decommissioning of Ramsey owned test wells at Ramapo Reservation and some others in town. The lowest bid was \$65,245, it was from William Stothoff. This contractor has performed work in the past for the Borough and is highly qualified. Crew recommends to the Board that they approve this bid pending review by Board Attorney Mr. Corrison. Mr. Corrison commented that there is also a specific contract which is required by the county when accessing their land.

Regarding the E. Crescent Ave test pitting. Twenty test pits were specified to be performed. Two quotations were received from John Garcia and Montana Construction. However, they are very high and over the threshold and can't be accepted. The water dept. reviewed their records and were able to reduce the number down further from 20 to 18. Crew is trying to have this project completed to stay ahead of the county paving project. Ramsey DPW will try and excavate some of the test pits and will coordinate with Crew.

Crew received a request from a builder for 39 Upland Rd for water and sewer service. Crew recommends that the Board approve this request.

Motion by Mr. Coronato to approve change order #2 from Montana Construction for additional work for Phase 1A Lead Service Line replacement in the amount of \$ 8,428.32, second by Mayor Dillon. Carried

Motion by Mr. Coronato to accept the bid for the decommissioning of wells from William Stothoff in the amount of \$65,245. Second by Mr. Emmett. Carried.

Motion by Mr. Coronato to reject the quotes from Garcia Construction and Montana Construction for the test pit work on E. Crescent Ave as it exceeds the Borough threshold, second by Mayor Dillon. Carried.

Motion by Mr. Coronato to approve the application request for water and sewer service at 39 Upland Rd. Second by Mr. Hewitt. Carried.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Skorupa reported that the water dept continues working with Crew & DeBlock with the lead line survey and replacement project.

The jet vac truck is back in service.

Mr. Eric Moritz has submitted his resignation from the Water Dept. He will be greatly missed.

OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT REPORT – Mr. DeBlock updated the Board that the Borough received some violation notices from NJDEP which were sent in error. Jim working the NJDEP to have it corrected and the record expunged. There is discussion by the State Legislature to increase the bid threshold amounts from its current limits.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT Mr. Corrison is working with Contractor for the N. Central Ave cell tower. An application was submitted to Mahwah for the installation and approvals.

MAYOR’S REPORT Nothing to report.

COUNCIL LIAISON’S REPORT Ordinance 14-2022 The increase of water and sewer fees was adopted at the Sept. 14th Mayor & Council meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT Mr. Vozech discussed the water tank cleaning and maintenance. A company that has reached out to Mr. Vozech & Mr. Skorupa, would like to come in and present their services. He also noted the Mr. Moritz will be sorely missed by all for his knowledge and dedication during his 8 years with the water department.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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 Mr. Emmett. Carried.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE nothing to report.

FINANCE

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

Resolution by: Mr. Emmett

Seconded by: Dr. Goujani

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

CURRENT	\$ 425,071.27
RESERVE	\$ 5,165.00
WIRED	\$ 0

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

AYES: Mr. Coronato, Mayor Dillon, Mr. Emmett, Dr. Goujani, Mr. Emmer and Mr. Hewitt

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Tyburezy

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Coronato made a motion to adjourn at 7:05PM. Seconded by Dr. Goujani. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted By: Kelly Sylvester