

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGULAR MEETING of OCTOBER 16, 2023
Via in person & Conference call**

Mayor Dillon called the regular meeting of The Board of Public Works to order at 6:31 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. Hewitt, Dr. Boff, Mr. Stugart and Mr. Dillon. Along with Mr. Bacolo, Mr. Skorupa, Mr. DeBlock, Mr. Corrison, Councilwoman Cusick and Mrs. Sylvester. Mr. Coronato, Mr. Vozeh and Mr. Emmett were absent.

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion by Mayor Dillon seconded by Mr. Hewitt to receive and file the correspondence. Carried.

MINUTES

Minutes of September 18, 2023 meeting were accepted, Motion by Mayor Dillon to approve, seconded by Mr. Stugart with one correction. Carried.

No.	Date	From	To	Subject
1.	9/19/23	H2M	Board of Public Works	North Central Treatment Building Structural Repairs Contract 23-2 awarded to Camden Group, Inc.
2.	10/5/23	H2M	Board of Public Works	Pine St Water main replacement – jo-Med contracting Corp. Contract 23-3 Payment Request #1
3.	10/12/23	M. Bacolo	Board of Public Works	Progress Report
4.	10/16/23	M. Skorupa	Board of Public Works	Operations report
5.	10/16/23	J. DeBlock	Board of Public Works	Management Report

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Mr. Bacolo updated the Board on Lead service line inspection survey project phase 2 which continues. A plumbing survey was sent out to approximately 85 customers south of Lake Street, between S. Franklin Turnpike and Rt 17. H2M is in the process of conducting these inspections. Mr. Bacolo will share the results of the survey at the next Board meeting.

North Central Pump House structural floor repairs update. The contracts for Camden Group have been reviewed and are in the process of being signed. Work is scheduled to start in early November.

The new water main has been installed on Pine St and testing and construction of cross connections are ready to begin.

A SCADA survey was performed at the N. Central Ave pump house on October 13th. H2M is reviewing the information collected and will present to the Board once complete.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Skorupa reported that he received a request from a resident on Alder Dr. to move a fire hydrant from his front yard. There are several homes with this situation in this neighborhood. The hydrants were set 6ft from the curb in their front yards.

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.

The water department has two used vehicles they would like to auction as they have reached their useful life. A 2000 Ford Utility van and a 2003 Ford Truck. Mr. Skorupa is asking for the Boards approval to move forward with the sale of these vehicles.

Motion by Mayor Dillon to authorize the Dept. of Public Works to auction two vehicles on the online gov deals website, a 2000 Ford E-450 Utility Van - VIN#1FDXE45F2YHA19114 and a 2003 Ford F-350 Truck with plow (cab and chassis only) - VIN#1FTSF31P94EB22109. Seconded by Mr. Hewitt. Carried.

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

OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT REPORT Mr. DeBlock updated the board that the EPA issued a notice of amendment of PFAS earlier in the year. No updates have been provided from EPA at this time. He will keep the Board posted on any new developments. Mr. DeBlock has a meeting scheduled this month with H2M to update the Borough's Cyber security plan. They are also working with H2M to prepare the Industrial Operating reports on water treatment backwash quality for submission to NWBCUA.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT Nothing to report.

COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORT Ms. Cusick updated the Board on the upcoming Fall issue of the Ramsey Journal. She will be submitting two articles reading Pine St water main replacement and the Lead Service line replacement.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT Absent

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion by Mayor Dillon 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 Mayor Dillon. Second by Mr. Hewitt. Carried.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE Nothing to report.

FINANCE

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

Resolution by: Dr. Boff

Seconded by: Mr. Stugart

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

CURRENT	\$ 821,026.60
RESERVE	\$ 10,833.63
WIRED	\$ 0

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

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Coronato, Mr. Emmett

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dillon made a motion to adjourn at 6:46PM. Seconded by Mr. Stugart. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted By: Kelly Sylvester