

Approved at 10-28-09

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2009

Mayor Botta called the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to order. Council President led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor read the Open Public Meetings Law notice.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Botta, Councilmembers Dillon, Jachzel, Jones, Nalbandian, Vozeh, Borough Administrator Nicholas Saros, Borough Attorney Peter Scandariato, and Borough Clerk Meredith Bendian.

Absent: Councilman Siemsen

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Jones, seconded by Jachzel, to approve the minutes of September 23, 2009, as submitted. Carried. (Councilman Nalbandian abstained; he was not at the 9/23/09 meeting).

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

Motion by Nalbandian, seconded by Dillon, to receive and file the following Communications. Carried.

1. [Gary Ascolese, Asst. County Engineer, One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ, 07601](#) letter dated September 18, 2009, enclosing the details and agreement of the new NJDOT requirement related to funding used for County road resurfacing programs.
2. [William Horton, Jr., Past President, Public Works Association of](#) New Jersey letter dated September 29, 2009, informing of Mark Madsen's nomination for the Public Works Association's James Sylvester Memorial Heroism Award which will be presented in Atlantic City on November 19, 2009, at the Convention Center, inviting the governing body to attend.
3. [Mary Sinacore, Treasurer, Ramsey Senior Center, Inc.](#) letter dated September 28, 2009, asking permission to hold a 50/50 raffle at their luncheon on October 23, 2009.
4. [Nancy E. Bielin, 425 Island Road, Ramsey, NJ 07446](#) letter dated July 6, 2009, requesting a refund of an overpayment on an electrical permit.
5. [Robert Connell, Borough of Ramsey Construction Official](#) letter received October 8, 2009, informing the borough of his retirement on March 1, 2010.

6. [Pat Nerney, Chairman, Ramsey Environmental Commission](#)
letter dated October 11, 2009, requesting that the Mayor and Council pass a resolution endorsing the Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Act of 2009.
7. [Francis Giuliano, 7 Lost Tree Lane, Ramsey, NJ 07446](#)
letter dated October 13, 2009, commending the Department of Public Works on their professionalism and efficiency on their clean up of a fallen tree.
8. [David Grubb, Executive Director, Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund, Park 80 West, Plaza One, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663](#)
letter dated October 1, 2009, regarding the 2010-2011 Employment Practices Liability Program.
9. [Madeline Thumudo, Secretary, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Ave, Waldwick, NJ](#)
letter dated October 8, 2009, enclosing the minutes from the September 1, 2009 meeting.

Councilman Jones pointed out that Mark Madsen will be honored by the Public Works Association at the Atlantic City Convention. Mayor stated that we accept Robert Connell's retirement letter and thank him for his years of service to the Borough.

IV. APPOINTMENTS -

Mayor made the following appointments:

Henry Berger to the Ramsey Rescue Squad
Nicholas Catalini to the Ramsey Rescue Squad
Michael Ferrucci to the Ramsey Rescue Squad

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION

Introduced by Vozeh, seconded by

BE IT RESOLVED that the following resolutions herewith listed having been considered by the governing body of the Borough of Ramsey be and are hereby passed and approved:

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| 232-2009 | Resolution: | Payment of Vouchers |
| 233-2009 | Resolution: | Accepting the procedures and conditions for the County road-resurfacing program |
| 234-2009 | Resolution: | Authorizing the tax redemption to Tony Abajian in the amount of \$2,633.04 for Block 1904 Lot 4.4 |
| 235-2009 | Resolution: | Authorizing the tax redemption to Donna Palmadesso in the amount of \$1,529.46 for Block 1902 Lot 26.02 |

- 236-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing the tax redemption to Duncan Cameron and Renee Zeoli in the amount of \\$596.32 for Block 1301 Lot 1](#)
- 237-2009 Resolution: [Accepting the Corrective Action Plan for the 2008 Annual Audit](#)
- 238-2009 Resolution: [Designating October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the Borough of Ramsey](#)
- 239-2009 Resolution: Authorizing the refund of an electrical permit issued in error for Block 4201, Lot 6 in the amount \$250.00
- 240-2009 Resolution: [Release of escrow in the amount of \\$380.00 to Kirby/Ferrucci for Block 4905, Lot 41](#)
- 241-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing the cancellation of the Pool Utility Funds unexpended balances](#)
- 242-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing the refund of over-payment of taxes to T. O'Keefe, Block 4001-12, Lot CO861 in the amount of \\$3,700.06 and N. Bielen, Block 4201, Lot 6.Q in the amount of \\$5,283.71](#)
- 243-2009 Resolution: [Appointing Henry Berger to the Ramsey Rescue Squad](#)
- 244-2009 Resolution: [Appointing Nicholas Catalini to the Ramsey Rescue Squad](#)
- 245-2009 Resolution: [Appointing Michael Ferrucci to the Ramsey Rescue Squad](#)
- 246-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing the Borough to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for Barrier Free improvement to the Library in the amount of \\$ 103,721.00, rescinding resolution 184-2009](#)
- 247-2009 Resolution: [Accepting the retirement of Robert Connell from the Building Department effective March 1, 2010](#)
- 248-2009 Resolution: [Awarding a contract to Ramapo Auto Parts](#) for bids received on October 6, 2009
- 249-2009 Resolution: Authorizing the Borough to enter into a contract with Propertyroom.com for the Police to auction off property

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following applications and/or recommendations hereby be approved:

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

[Saddle River Valley Lions Club is interested in selling fruit, nuts, candy and potatoes](#) on Saturday, November 21, 2009 between the hours of 9:00 am and 1:00 pm.

AYES: Dillon, Jachzel, Jones, Nalbandian, Vozech NAYS: None ABSENT: Siemsen

Councilman Nalbandian added that October 16 is National Mammography Day and I think this is a very important issue. Since I lost my mother to breast cancer, I would sincerely urge all the women to get checked regularly for breast cancer.

Mayor administered the Oaths of Office to the new members of the Rescue Squad.

VI. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION -Councilman Andrew Siemsen

Not at this meeting.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman William Jones

I would like to welcome the new members of the Rescue Squad, and thank them for volunteering. We have received many letters from the various volunteer organizations with their nominations which are due by October 15 and we look forward to recognizing them at the meeting of the 28th. I would also like to thank Councilwoman Jachzel and her committee for getting the Farmer's Market and the Taste of Ramsey events organized. It was a very nice day and everyone had a great time. It also supports our local businesses and merchants.

C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Arthur M. Nalbandian

I wish Bob Connell well in his retirement and thank him for his service to the Borough. I also want to thank the new volunteers who were appointed tonight to the Rescue Squad. I would like to thank our Borough Clerk for adding the resolution about breast cancer.

D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Bruce Vozech

I would like to thank the Rescue Squad members who were appointed tonight and also thank Bob Connell for his service to the Borough.

E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel

I would like to thank everyone who supported the Farmer's Market and the Taste of Ramsey. The Historical Association co-sponsored the Farmer's Market. Our DPW worked very hard to coordinate both events. I wish Bob Connell well in his retirement. I want to commend Mike Adams for bringing in new members to the Rescue Squad.

F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Council President Deirdre A. Dillon

I wish Bob Connell well in his retirement and congratulations to Mark Madsen on a very

well-deserved award. Congratulations also to the new Rescue Squad volunteers. Congratulations to Councilwoman Jachzel, the Ramsey Historical Association, the DPW, Meredith, and Nick Saros and everyone who put the Farmer's Market and the Taste of Ramsey together. It was packed and it was a very positive event. The Ramsey High School is hosting the band competition this Saturday from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

G. MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. BOTTA

We are moving forward with the North Central and Main Street project. The crosswalks have been completed from North Central to Spruce Street. They are a great improvement. The left-hand turn signal will be activated on Monday and that will complete the entire project. We have signed the Library contract for the renovation of the library and that will be proceeding. The Library has moved temporarily over to Lake Street. It is up and running. We are hopeful that come next summer we will have a state of the art library. I would like to thank Councilwoman Jachzel for her leadership with the Farmer's Market and the Taste of Ramsey events. The DPW did an excellent job with the set-up and clean-up.

H. BOROUGH ATTORNEY – Peter A. Scandariato, Esq. No comments.

I. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Nicholas C. Saros No comments.

J. BOROUGH CLERK – Meredith Bendian No comments.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

VIII. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

[ORDINANCE 18-2009 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BROOKFIELD LANE SANITARY SEWER PUMPING STATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \\$440,000.00](#)

Introduced by Jachzel, seconded by Nalbandian

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BROOKFIELD LANE SANITARY SEWER PUMPING STATION IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER-SEWER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$440,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS having been brought up for public hearing and all persons interested having been given an opportunity to be heard, pass final reading by title and that said ordinance be adopted as an ordinance of the Borough of Ramsey, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she hereby is directed to cause a copy of the title of said ordinance to be published in an official newspaper of the Borough in the manner provided by law together with a notice of the date of introduction and adoption of said ordinance.

Not seeing anyone who wished to speak, Mayor closed the public hearing for ordinance 18-2009.
AYES: Dillon, Jachzel, Jones, Nalbandian, Vozeh NAYS: None ABSENT: Siemsen

Ordinance 19-2009 - AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RECONSTRUCTION AND VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT VETERANS' PARK IN THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$110,000.00 (TABLED)

Resolution by Vozeh, seconded by Dillon

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RECONSTRUCTION AND VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT VETERANS' PARK IN THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$110,000.00 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, IN THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY having been brought up for public hearing and all persons interested having been given an opportunity to be heard, pass final reading by title, and that said ordinance be adopted as an ordinance of the Borough of Ramsey, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she hereby is directed to cause a copy of the title of said ordinance to be published in an official newspaper of the Borough in the manner provided by law, together with a notice of the date of introduction and adoption of said ordinance.

Not seeing anyone who wished to speak, Mayor closed the public comment for ordinance 19-2009. Motion by Vozeh, seconded by Dillon, to table ordinance 19-2009 until bids are reviewed.
AYES: Dillon, Jachzel, Jones, Nalbandian, Vozeh NAYS: None ABSENT: Siemsen

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance 20-2009 An ordinance amending Chapter XIII of the Code of the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey and more specifically section 13-3.6 entitled fences

Introduced by Nalbandian, seconded by Jachzel

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 13-3.6 ENTITLED FENCES PASS THE FIRST READING BY TITLE and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage and adoption at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on the 28th day of October, at 8:45 p.m. prevailing time or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached at the Municipal Building in said Borough and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she hereby is instructed to publish in an official newspaper of the Borough in the manner provided by law a copy of said ordinance together with notice of introduction thereof and notice when the same will be considered for final passage and adoption.

Councilman Nalbandian stated that this ordinance amends the appeal process for decisions by the Zoning Board on fence variances to require them to go to Superior Court. Previously, it was appealed to the Mayor and Council.

AYES: Dillon, Jachzel, Jones, Nalbandian, Vozeh NAYS: None ABSENT: Siemsen

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to rescind approval of the block party on Canterbury Drive on October 31, 2009, by Vozeh, seconded by Jones.

AYES: Dillon, Jachzel, Jones, Nalbandian, Vozeh NAYS: None ABSENT: Siemsen

Councilman Nalbandian stated that this was a recommendation from the Police Department.

XI. NEW BUSINESS - None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nalbandian, seconded by Jones, to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

Meredith Bendian
Borough Clerk