

Approved at 11-23-09 Meeting

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 28, 2009

Mayor Botta called the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to order. Richard Bockhorn and Art Keys, retired members of the Fire Department, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor read the Open Public Meetings Law notice.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Vozeh, seconded by Jones, to approve the minutes of 10/14/09 as submitted. Carried. (Councilman Siemsen abstained).

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

Motion by Jachzel, seconded by Jones, to receive and file the following Communications. Carried.

1. [PERMA Risk Management Services, Bergen County Municipal JIF, Park 80,](#) West, Plaza One, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663 memo dated October 22, 2009, announcing the issuance of dividends to all of the members of the Joint Insurance Fund.
2. [PERMA Risk Management Services, Bergen County Municipal JIF, Park 80,](#) West, Plaza One, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663 memo dated October 21, 2009, announcing the public hearing for the 2010 proposed budget hearing.
3. [Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick,](#) NJ, 07463 letter dated October 26, 2009, enclosing the preliminary 2010 budget.

Motion by Nalbandian, seconded by Dillon, to go out of the normal order of business in order to present awards to volunteers. Carried. Council President Dillon and Councilman Jones joined the Mayor for the special presentations. Mayor stated that we wanted to honor some of our very dedicated volunteers from our organizations. Councilman Jones stated that he has been involved

with various organizations since moving to Ramsey 11 years ago. All of the volunteers make this town a better place to raise our families and they made Ramsey the place it is today. No one volunteers in order to win an award. Years go by and I thought that since we have so many wonderful groups here in town, we should recognize those who have been serving the community in various capacities. I wish to thank all of the volunteers for giving back to us and we are all grateful.

The following volunteers were recognized:

Ron Damato, Knights of Columbus
Paul Hennion, O.E.M.
Dorothy Verdone, UNICO
Tom & Judy Consiglio, Baseball & Softball
Betsy Coyne, Cub Scouts Pack 175
Jim Gwon, Hockey Association
Michelle Kaczorowski, Jr. Woman's
Margaret Davis, Senior Citizens
Bina Wenthen, Senior Citizens
Jim Cowie, Soccer Assoc.
Jackie Gersht, Girl Scouts
Paul Gatti, Marching Band
Pierre Gauthier, Marching Band
Susan Major, DARE & Smith School PTO

Kelly Vriesema, Rescue Squad

Presented by:
Steve Adams
Mike Adams
Ron Muzzillo
John Dugan
Patrick Pacenza
Pat Nerney
Andrea Chambers
Doug Rennie
Doug Rennie
Mike Argenio
Pamela Gersht
Cliff Bialkin
Cliff Bialkin
Police Chief Bryan Gurney
and Kim Rozylowicz
Chief Jon Krehel

Bruce Hasbrouck, Sr. 50 Years to Rescue Squad (resides in Maryland)
Richard Strangfeld 50 Years to Rescue Squad

Alice Bianchetti 50 Years to Woman's Club

Edmond Litchult 50 Years to Fire Dept.
Richard Bockhorn
Art Keys
Robert Monteith

Chief Dougherty thanked the families as well as the members for their sacrifices.

Councilman Jones expressed his appreciation and congratulations to everyone.

IV. APPOINTMENTS – None

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION

Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Dillon

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:

- 250-2009 Resolution: [Payment of Vouchers](#)
- 251-2009 Resolution: [Proclaiming October as Volunteer month](#)
- 252-2009 Resolution: [Supporting the adoption of a strong anti-idling policy by government agencies, schools, businesses and other organizations](#)
- 253-2009 Resolution: [Endorsing the support of the passage of the Green Acres, Water Supply and Flood Plain Protection and Farmland and Historic Preservation Act 2009](#)
- 254-2009 Resolution: [Establishing a “green team” advisory committee consisting of members who are residents and employees of the Borough](#)
- 255-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing the tax refund to Maureen O’Dea for Block 4202 Lot 1C0087 in the amount of \\$ 705.34](#)
- 256-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing an increase in the change fund from \\$100.00 to \\$300.00 for the tax office](#)
- 257-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing a cancellation of taxes for a fully exempt permanent disabled veteran for Block 5410 Lot 36](#)
- 258-2009 Resolution: [Awarding a contract to ICOP Digital, Inc. for a police video system subject to attorney review](#)
- 259-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing the rejection of bids for the Veteran’s Park Project](#)

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

VI. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION -Councilman Andrew Siemsen
My congratulations and thanks to all the award recipients for their years of service to the Borough.
- B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman William Jones
I would echo Councilman Siemsen’s comments and also thank Nick, Meredith, Annie, Irene, and Sherry for getting the plaques done. I also want to remind everyone that Home for the Holidays will take place on December 5th.
- C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Arthur M. Nalbandian
I would like to thank the volunteers and congratulate them on their achievements. They are the lifeblood of the community. I would also like to thank Councilman Jones since it was his idea to recognize the volunteers.
- D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Bruce Vozech
I too would echo my colleagues’ comments and thank them for their service. This is only a sample of the volunteers that we have and they deserve our appreciation.
- E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel
I would echo everyone’s comments and the volunteers really do make up the fabric of our community. They give so much of themselves without any expectations of anything in return.
- F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Council President Deirdre A. Dillon
I echo everyone’s remarks regarding the recipients of the volunteer awards and I would like to thank Nick, Meredith and Sherry. Ramsey Responds will be having a coat and blanket collection on Saturday, November 7, at the Knights of Columbus. Everything that is brought there that day will be donated that day to needy residents.
- G. MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. BOTTA - No comments.
- 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

Dean Cary, 7 Burnwood Place, Upper Saddle River, spoke about curbs on Arch Street at the location of St. John’s Episcopal Church. Mayor stated that the matter has been referred to our Utilities, Buildings and Grounds Committee and we should have a recommendation by the next Council Meeting. We will keep you informed after our next meeting on November 23.

VIII. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION 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 XIII OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY NEW JERSEY AND MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 13-3.6 ENTITLED FENCES 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 about ordinance 20-2009, Mayor Botta closed the public hearing.

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

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

[ORDINANCE 21-2009 An Ordinance amending section 14-2 of Chapter XXIV of the Code of The Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey and more specifically Subsection 14-2 .1 thereof entitled Fire Safety Zones Designated](#)

Introduced by Jones, seconded by Vozeh

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-2 OF CHAPTER XXIV OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY SUBSECTION 14-2.1 THEREOF ENTITLED FIRE SAFETY ZONES DESIGNATED 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 23rd day of November, 2009, at 8:45 p.m. prevailing time or as soon after 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.

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

[ORDINANCE 22-2009 An Ordinance authorizing the acquisition of real property](#)
commonly known as 180 Airmont Avenue in the Borough of Ramsey, County of
Bergen, State of New Jersey

Introduced by Nalbandian, seconded by Siemsen

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 180 AIRMONT AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY 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 23rd day of November, 2009, at 8:45 p.m. prevailing time or as soon after 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.

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

[ORDINANCE 23-2009 An Ordinance Chapter V of the Code of the Borough of](#)
Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey, and more specifically Section 5-2 entitled
licensing of dogs and Section 5-6 entitled cats

Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Vozech

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER V OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 5-1 ENTITLED LICENSING OF DOGS AND SECTION 5-6 ENTITLED CATS 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 23rd day of November, 2009, at 8:45 p.m. prevailing time or as soon after 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 Siemsen stated that we have re-examined the dog and cat license fees and we felt that we would keep the fees flat. In the past, we offered a senior discount for cats and we are now applying a senior discount for dog licenses. We have increased the late fees.

AYES: Dillon, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozech NAYS: Jachzel

ORDINANCE 24-2009 An Ordinance amending Chapter VIII of the Code of the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, State of New Jersey, entitled municipal parking lots and off street parking areas and more specifically section 8-3.1 parking restrictions and limitations: Municipal Parking Lots

Introduced by Vozeh, seconded by Dillon

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VIII OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY ENTITLED MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS AND OFF STREET PARKING AREAS AND MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 8-3.1 PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS: MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS 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 23rd day of November, 2009, at 8:45 p.m. prevailing time or as soon after 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.

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

ORDINANCE 25-2009 An ordinance authorizing the reconstruction and various improvements at Veterans' Park in the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, State of New Jersey

Introduced by Vozeh, seconded by Nalbandian

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 \$130,000.00 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, IN THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY 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 23rd day of November, 2009, at 8:45 p.m. prevailing time or as soon after 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.

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

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

XI. NEW BUSINESS - None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meredith Bendian
Borough Clerk