

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
April 8, 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, Siemsen, Vozech, Borough Administrator Nicholas Saros, Borough Attorney Peter Scandariato, and Borough Clerk Meredith Bendian.

Absent: None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Jones, seconded by Jachzel, to approve the minutes of March 11, 2009, as submitted. Motion carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

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

1. [Lou Ordini, 450 Airmount Avenue, Ramsey, NJ 07446](#)  
letter dated March 28, 2009, requesting the fees for dog licenses be discounted for senior citizens just as there is a discounted fee for senior cat owners
2. [Bruce Anton, Fund Development Office, Inter-Religious, 479 Maitland Avenue, Teaneck, NJ 07666](#)  
letter dated March 26, 2009, requesting permission to hold their Sixteenth Annual Bike Bergen on April 26, 2009
3. [Gina Avino, Owner, Artistic Design, 44 E. Main Street, Ramsey, NJ 07446](#)  
letter dated March 31, 2009, requesting permission to hold an outdoor event on Sunday, June 7, 2009 from 1pm to 4pm
4. [200 Club, 560 Hudson Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601](#)  
invitation received April 6, 2009, to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Valor Awards and Student Scholarship Luncheon pm Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009
5. [Mary Sinacore, Treasurer, Ramsey Senior Center](#)  
letter dated April 7, 2009, requesting permission to hold a 50/50 raffle on May 21, 2009 at their luncheon.

6. [Kimberly Frain, Site Acquisition Consultant, T-Mobile, 4 Sylvan Way](#), Parsippany, NJ 07054 letter dated April 3, 2009, regarding the possibility of construction of a new communications facility in the Borough. (Mayor stated that the Building and Grounds Committee will be examining this entire issue).

IV. APPOINTMENTS – None

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION

Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Nalbandian

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:

- 099-2009 Resolution: [Payment of Vouchers](#)
- 100-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing that the Borough conduct its annual self examination for the 2009 Budget](#)
- 101-2009 Resolution: [Release of escrow for Block 3608, Lot 5 in the amount of \\$654.95 to Ramsey Spring, LLC](#)
- 102-2009 Resolution: [Release of Performance Bond for Block 3608, Lot 2 in the amount of \\$50,776.00 to Brown Dog, LLC](#)

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

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

[Fellowship for the Homeless is requesting permission to ride through town on Sunday, April 26, 2009 for their Annual Bike Bergen Ride/Walk](#)

[Ramsey Area Garden Club wants to hang signs at Franklin Turnpike, S. Central Avenue and Wyckoff Ave to advertise their plant sale in May](#)

[Knights of Columbus Council #3962 is requesting permission to collect funds April 24, 25, and 26 at Shop Rite, Bagel Boys, Pathmark, Bagel Depot and Ramsey Liquors between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm](#)

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

VI. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION -Councilman Andrew Siemsen  
No comments.
- B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman William Jones  
We met with several residents from Manor Drive regarding speed limit signs and we will be alerting others in the neighborhood.
- C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Arthur M. Nalbandian  
No comments.
- D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Bruce Vozeh  
The Library Board is moving forward on the construction planning and they are currently looking at different options for temporary space when the Library is under construction.
- E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel  
My thanks to Nicholas Cicciari for his proposed Eagle Scout project. I am very pleased to announce that we are relaunching the Ramsey Journal. We have received material and articles from over 21 different departments and community organizations. It will be mailed out to all residents.
- F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Council President Deirdre A. Dillon  
I attended the Board of Education meeting last night with Councilmembers Jachzel and Vozeh for the State of Our Schools meeting. It was a very interesting meeting and well put together. My best wishes to everyone for a very happy holiday.
- G. MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. BOTTA  
We will be adding left turn lanes onto East Main Street and West Main Street, widening the intersection and adding left-turn signal lights at the intersection of North Central and Main Street, as well as a temporary light at the intersection of Darlington and North Central. We have been assured by the County that this work will be done in conjunction with the repaving of Main Street. That project will take 6 weeks during the summer. We will be contributing the cost of stamped concrete crosswalks throughout the repaved areas. I want to thank the Buildings & Grounds, our Road Department and our Public Safety for their participation in the opening day parade for Little League last Saturday. We had over 1200 participants and I thank everyone involved.
- 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

James Keeney, 655 Richmond Court, spoke about a large pothole at the entrance to Rt. 17 South. Mayor stated that we would contact the appropriate people as soon as possible.

VIII. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

[Ordinance 06-2009 Amending Chapter VII of the Code of the Borough of Ramsey](#), Bergen County, New Jersey and more particularly section 7-20 thereof entitled stop intersections

Resolution by Jones, seconded by Siemsen

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VII OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND MORE PARTICULARLY SECTION 7-20 THEREOF ENTITLED STOP INTERSECTIONS 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 ord. 6-2009.

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

ABSENT: None

[Ordinance 07-2009 Authorizing the road reconstruction and repaving of Arrow Road](#), Fawn Hill Court and portions of Elizabeth Avenue in the Borough of Ramsey, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, to appropriate the sum of \$110,000.00 to pay the cost thereof, to make a down payment to authorize the issuance of bonds to finance in part such appropriations and to provide for the issuance of bond anticipation notes in anticipation of such bonds

Resolution by Siemsen, seconded by Vozech

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND REPAVING OF ARROW ROAD, FAWN HILL COURT, AND PORTIONS OF ELIZABETH AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF

\$110,000.00 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWNPAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE IN PART SUCH APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION 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 on ordinance 07-2009, Mayor closed the public hearing.

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

ABSENT: None

## IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

[Ordinance 08-2009 An ordinance amending Chapter VIII of the Code of the Borough](#) of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey and more specifically Section 8-4 thereof entitled issuance of resident sticker

Resolution by Dillon, seconded by Jachzel

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VIII OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 8-4 THEREOF ENTITLED ISSUANCE OF RESIDENT STICKER 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 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 09-2009 An ordinance amending the code of the Borough of Ramsey](#), Bergen County, New Jersey and more specifically Chapter XIV thereof entitled fire prevention and protection

Resolution by Jones, seconded by Nalbandian

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND

MORE SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER XIV THEREOF ENTITLED FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION pass final 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 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  
Councilman Jones stated that this will bring our fees in line and it has been recommended by Mr. Agatielli, our Fire Prevention Official.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution by Nalbandian, seconded by Siemsen

103-2009 Resolution: Authorizing an expenditure not to exceed \$4,000 for a sign for Centennial Hall

Councilwoman Jachzel stated that she would be voting no for this second plaque because it is redundant and would be confusing to the members of the public but more importantly I think it gives those who criticize government for wasting taxpayers' dollars an ample opportunity to criticize us, especially in these economic times.

Councilman Nalbandian stated that this plaque is an entirely different purpose than the one for the Centennial Committee. This plaque dedicates the hall of the municipality so it is not a duplication. Governing bodies have done this before and will do this again in the future for various facilities. It is a very common and appropriate function.

Mayor Botta stated that it is a non-essential cost by the Borough to do this and although I do not have a vote on it, I would not be in support of it.

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meredith Bendian  
Borough Clerk

