

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2009

Acting Mayor Deirdre Dillon called the regular meeting to order. Councilman Nalbandian led the Pledge of Allegiance. Acting Mayor Dillon read the Open Public Meetings law notice.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Mayor Botta and Councilman Jones

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Motion by Nalbandian, seconded by Siemsen, to approve the minutes of June 10, 2009.
Carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

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

1. [Mark Madsen, Supt. Ramsey Water Dept](#)
note received on June 29, 2009 thanking the Mayor and Council for their condolences on the passing of his father
2. [Warren and Carol Carsen, 2219 Olive Branch Drive, Sun City Center, Florida](#)
e-mail received July 6, 2009, praising the work of the Ramsey Police and Volunteer Fire Department
3. [Helen Bergren, 607 Fairfax Drive, Ramsey, NJ 07446](#)
note dated July 5, 2009, thanking the Mayor and Council for sponsoring the senior trip to the Broadway Show 9-5 in New York City
4. [Edghill and Rodriguez Families, 19 Manor Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430](#)
letter dated July 5, 2009, thanking the Mayor and Council for such a wonderful and magical concert and fireworks on July 4th
5. Beyers Brothers, letter dated June 29, 2009, rescinding their bid submitted on April 21, 2009.

IV. APPOINTMENTS – None

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION

Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Jachzel

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:

- | | | |
|----------|-------------|---|
| 157-2009 | Resolution: | Payment of Vouchers |
| 158-2009 | Resolution: | Authorizing a tax redemption for Leslie and Nancy DeMarino in the amount of \$49.01 for Block 5002 Lot 14 |
| 159-2009 | Resolution: | Authorizing a tax redemption for Thomas and Patricia Ramundo for Block 4603 Lot 6 in the amount of \$ 9,577.75 |
| 160-2009 | Resolution: | Authorizing the renewal of liquor license for Steak and Ale of New Jersey Inc. , License No. 0248-33-005-002 pursuant to the special ruling from the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control |
| 161-2009 | Resolution | Authorizing repairs to the street sweeper for up to \$13,048.23 to Timmerman Equipment Company upon approval of the Administrator |
| 162-2009 | Resolution: | Rescinding the award of contract to Beyer Brothers for two trucks from April 21, 2009 due to the unavailability of vehicles from manufacturer |

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

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

[Ramsey Outdoor Store is requesting permission to have a sidewalk sale](#) on Saturday, September 12, 2009 (raindate 9/19/09) between the hours of 9:00 am and 6:00 pm.

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

VI. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION -Councilman Andrew Siemsen
I attended the HAM Radio Field Day with O.E.M. It was very interesting.
- B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman William Jones - Not at this meeting.
- C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Arthur M. Nalbandian
My compliments to the Fine Arts Council for the July 4th weekend events and fireworks. It was extremely enjoyable.
- D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Bruce Vozeh
I too would like to thank the Fine Arts Council and the DPW for all of their work in putting the festivities together. We have two ordinances for final adoption: the Library Renovations and the road improvements for Woodland Avenue. We are getting some grants back for both projects.
- E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel
I would echo my colleagues’ comments regarding the Fine Arts Council. Thanks to Rennie Pincus and Helene Cohen for their vision in conceiving the Woodstock Weekend and for everyone on Fine Arts, the emergency services, and the DPW. The music on both nights was terrific and the vendors served terrific food that everyone seemed to love. We had all-around positive comments; one after the other. It was a really positive event.
- F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Council President Deirdre A. Dillon
I would like to echo everyone’s remarks and congratulations to the Fine Arts Council for the Woodstock Weekend. I was not able to attend, due to previous commitments but I heard many positive comments and it put Ramsey in a very good light.
- G. MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. BOTTA Not at this meeting.
- 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

Doug Rennie, 30 Rose Avenue, expressed his appreciation for last weekend’s activities, especially the fireworks.

Not seeing anyone else who wished to speak, Acting Mayor closed the public comment.

VIII. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF
ORDINANCES

[Ordinance 16-2009 – A bond ordinance to authorize the renovation of the Ramsey Municipal Library in the amount of \\$4,250,000](#)

Resolution by Vozeh, seconded by Siemsen

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RENOVATION OF THE RAMSEY MUNICIPAL LIBRARY IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$4,250,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, 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,

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 OF RAMSEY in the manner provide by law, together with a notice of the date of introduction and adoption of said ordinance.

Councilman Vozeh stated that the Library Board has also passed a resolution requesting the Council to fund the renovations. Not seeing anyone else who wished to speak, Acting Mayor closed the public hearing.

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

[Ordinance 17-2009 – A bond ordinance to authorize the road reconstruction, resurfacing, drainage and sidewalk improvements to Woodland Avenue in the amount of \\$365,000.00](#)

Resolution by Vozeh, seconded by Nalbandian

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING, DRAINAGE AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS TO WOODLAND AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$365,000.00 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWNPAYMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE IN PART 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 OF RAMSEY 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, Acting Mayor closed the public comment.

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

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meredith Bendian
Borough Clerk

