

Approved at 9-9-09 Meeting

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 26, 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, Siemsen, Vozech,
Borough Attorney Peter Scandariato, Borough Administrator Nicholas Saros,
and Borough Clerk Meredith Bendian.

Absent: Councilman Nalbandian

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

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

1. [Marilyn Morello, Family Founder, Family Reach Foundation](#)
e-mail dated July 31, 2009, asking permission to post banners in Ramsey for their annual 5K and 10K runs on October 25, 2009, to support families fighting pediatric cancer.
2. [Robert Genetelli, Superintendent, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority](#)
30 Wyckoff Ave., Waldwick, NJ 07463
letter dated August 20, 2009, notifying of the flow meter calibration and verification dates.
3. [Edward Hynes, Executive Director, Bergen County Improvement Authority](#)
One Bergen County Plaza, Room 333, Hackensack, NJ 07601
letter dated August 20, 2009, announcing the Bergen Muni Banc capital equipment leasing program allowing municipal borrowers to secure low tax exempt lease rates.
4. [Nancy Ghiani, Account Manager, BC Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, Park 80](#)
West, Plaza One, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
notifying the borough of their membership expiration.

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:

- 198-2009 Resolution: [Payment of Vouchers](#)
- 199-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing Stantec Consulting Services for engineering services for the Tennis Courts at W. Oak Street for an amount not to exceed \\$19,400.00](#)
- 200-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing and Accepting the 2008 Audit Report prepared by Borough Auditor Garbarini and Co.](#)
- 201-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing the tax redemption on 105 Carol Street, Block 4803 Lot 23 in the total amount of \\$308.85](#)
- 202-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing the award of contract to Cliffhanger Productions for Musical Reviews on Ramsey Day in an amount not to exceed \\$2,750.00](#)
- 203-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing the payment to J. Fletcher Creamer in the amount of \\$6,100.65 for the emergency repair services to collapsed road on August 7, 2009](#)
- 204-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing the tax refund for 29 Dixon Street Block 5001 Lot 16 in the amount of \\$3,024.00](#)
- 205-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing the tax refund of James and Janet Engel, 44 Windsor Lane, Block 4301 Lot 14.02 C0044 in the amount of \\$4,106.00](#)
- 206-2009 Resolution: [Supporting the denial of parole for Christopher Righetti](#)
- 207-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing the re-bidding of the 2 DPW trucks for bids that were received August 4, 2009](#)
- 208-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing the award of contract to DR Mullen Construction Company for the replacement of Lakeside Bridge over the Crystal Spring Lake Dam Spillway in the amount of \\$ 181,533.60](#)

- 209-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing a tax redemption for Block 2902 Lot 6 in the amount of \\$3,380.51](#)
- 210-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing the escrow release for Ramsey Crescent Hills, LLC, Block 3502, Lots 34-36 & 45 in the amount of \\$3,526.55](#)
- 211-2009 Resolution: Awarding a contract to Fresh Air Flicks for a movie for Ramsey Day for an amount not to exceed \$4,100.00

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

- A. SPECIAL PERMITS:
REMOVED-
[Family Reach Foundation is requesting permission to hang a sign at RHS tennis courts advertising a 5K family run](#)

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

VI. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION -Councilman Andrew Siemsen
No comments.
- B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman William Jones
School opens next week. Drive safely.
- C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Arthur M. Nalbandian
(Not at this meeting).
- D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Bruce Vozech
The Library will be moving to a temporary space at the corner of Rt. 17 and Lake Street at the Doctor’s Inn complex.
- E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel
Our next issue of the Ramsey Journal will be coming out in September.
- F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Council President Deirdre A. Dillon
We will have our annual memorial ceremony on September 11 at 7:30 P.M. at the High School Auditorium. Ramsey Day is September 12th.
- G. MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. BOTTA
The curbing and sidewalk project continues on Main Street and North Central. Main Street, from Cherry Lane to Spruce Street, will then be repaved. The paving and milling will be done during evening hours

- 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

Fred Lobmeyer, 19 Poplar Street, stated that the website still indicates that there is a work session meeting on Monday. Borough Clerk advised that it had been advertised in the newspaper but the website was not changed. Mr. Lobmeyer asked about the water fountains at the train station not having drinkable water. This has been almost 2 years. Borough Administrator stated that it is still being reviewed. Our Water Department's engineer, Crew Engineers, did some testing at different spots and we did find that there was a problem beyond that area of the water fountain and we are working with NJ Transit to determine if some piping has to be replaced. It may be that the water has to be irrigated on a routine basis. It is beyond a maintenance issue. Mr. Lobmeyer stated that a representative from NJ Transit indicated to him that he has been approaching the town for well over a year and NJ Transit conducted their own tests and found that the water did not meet state water standards. The water tastes like aluminum and it could be the fountain itself. Borough Administrator is to contact Crew Engineers again. Mr. Lobmeyer stated that there had been a leak on Poplar Street for over 3 months. Mayor stated that he spoke with our Superintendent and it was a staffing issue at that time.

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

VIII. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES - None

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES – None

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

XI. NEW BUSINESS - None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meredith Bendian
Borough Clerk