

Approved at 3-24-10 council meeting

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
March 10, 2010

Mayor Botta called the regular meeting to order. Eagle Scouts Jarrett Floyd and Nicholas Ciccari 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 Attorney Peter Scandariato, Borough Administrator Nicholas Saros and Borough Clerk Meredith Bendian.

Absent: None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Jones, seconded by Jachzel, to approve the minutes of the work sessions of 1/13/10 and 1/25/10, and the Council Meetings of 2/11/10 and 2/24/10, as submitted. Carried. (Councilman Jones abstained from the work session of 1/13/10).

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

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

1. [Ruth Barton, Corresponding Secretary, Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, P.O. Box 164, Ramsey, NJ](#) requesting permission to hold an outdoor flea market on Sunday, April 25, 2010.
2. [PERMA Risk Management Services, BC Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, 250 Pehle Avenue, Suite 701, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663](#) memo dated March 2, 2010, alerting the changes to the 2009 Safety incentive program awards.
3. [William Riordan, Co-coordinator, Ramsey Drug Alliance, 14 Arrowhead Ct.](#) e-mail dated March 3, 2010, resigning from the Ramsey Drug Alliance and thanking everyone for their help.
4. [Ella Filippone, Executive Director, Passaic River Coalition, Morristown, NJ](#) letter dated February 17, 2010, asking for the support of the governing body to help improve the water quality.
5. [Lucy Valente, St. Paul Interparochial School, 187 Wyckoff Avenue, Ramsey, NJ](#) letter dated March 8, 2010, requesting permission to hang two 3X8 banners at various locations in town from May 7 through May 23, 2010

Councilman Nalbandian expressed his appreciation to Bill Riordan for his service on that committee. Councilman Jones added that Bill Riordan was great to work with on the Drug Alliance.

IV. APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Botta made the following appointment:

Erin M. Karpovich, Ramsey Office of Emergency Management

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION

Introduced by Vozech, seconded by Siemsen

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:

- 062-2010 Payment of Vouchers
- 063-2010 [Authorizing the payment to Transsystems for biennial inspection of Crystal Lake Spring Dam for change order in the amount of \\$4,000](#)
- 064-2010 [Designating March as Women's History Month](#)
- 065-2010 [Awarding the contract to A & A Painting Contractors, Inc. for the painting of the municipal pool](#)
- 066-2010 [Authorizing an application for Association of New Jersey Environmental Commission \(ANJEC\) in the amount of \\$7,500.00 for a Natural Resource Inventory study](#)
- 067-2010 [Authorizing the amendment to the temporary budget](#)
- 068-2010 [Confirming the appointment of Erin M. Karpovich to the Ramsey Office of Emergency Management](#)
- 069-2010 [Awarding the bid for Library Shelving to Commercial Furniture Interiors of Mountainside, NJ, in an amount not to exceed \\$244,108.96](#)
- 070-2010 [Authorizing change order No. 2 for the renovations to the library for a reduction in cost of \\$51,787.00](#)

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

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

[Ramsey High School Band and Color Guard Parents are requesting permission to sell hoagies door-to-door from March 31, 2010- April 24, 2010.](#)

[Ramsey Volunteer Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary is requesting permission to hold an Outdoor Flea Market at the train station on Sunday, April 25, 2010 between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.](#)

AYES; Dillon, Jachzel, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozech

NAYS: None

Councilman Jones joined the Mayor to administer the Oath of Office to Erin Karpovich.

## VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Eagle Scouts Jarrett Floyd and Nicholas Cicciari presented an American Flag to the Mayor Council. The flag had been flown over the U.S.National Support Headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan, on September 11, 2009. Eagle Scout Nicholas Cicciari read the letter which was received with the flag. The flag and certificate are on display in the Ramsey Municipal Building. Mayor expressed his appreciation for this flag and thanked the Scouts for their work and dedication.

## VII. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

### A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION -Councilman Bruce Vozeh

My appreciation to the Scouts for their projects overseas in support of our troops. My thanks to Erin Karpovich for joining O.E.M. There was change order on the Consent Resolution tonight in regard to work at the Library, which was handled by our own DPW and my thanks to Bill Horton and his crew for their work on the new water line. The Library project is proceeding on schedule.

### B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman William Jones

My thanks to the Scouts. It is something to be proud of here in Borough Hall. My thanks to Bill Riordan for his work on Drug Alliance. I would like to welcome Erin Karpovich and also Salvatore Miele, new members of O.E.M. The annual Clean-Up Day sponsored by the Environmental Commission will take place on April 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We are looking for volunteers. It has been a very well attended event in the last few years. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration will take place on July 4<sup>th</sup>. During the recent snowstorm, the Rescue Squad responded to 60 calls and O.E.M. was answering calls for over 24 hours. They do a great job of getting our reports into Rockland Electric as quickly as possible.

### C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilwoman Deirdre Dillon

I would echo the remarks about Sal Miele and Erin Karpovich and thank them for volunteering. My thanks to Mr. Riordan for his service on the Drug Alliance, and my thanks to Eagle Scouts Nicholas Cicciari and Jarrett Floyd. The recent application for a new Dunkin' Donuts on Rt. 17 was denied by the Planning Board.

### D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Arthur Nalbandian

My congratulations to Erin Karpovich and my thanks to Troop 31 for their presentation. Their service to the community is to be commended. I would also like to recognize the efforts of our DPW for the excellent job with the snow removal, after our last two-day storm. The accumulation was about 20 inches and it took a lot of effort to clear the streets. The emergency services also did a lot of work during the snowstorms and I thank them also.

### E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel

I would echo my colleagues' remarks and thank Jarrett and Nicholas for their outstanding representation of Troop 31. My thanks also to Erin Karpovich. The

dedication and ribbon cutting for the new bus for the senior citizens will take place on March 17 at 12:30 p.m. in front of the senior center. The new bus was very generously donated by the Inserra family and will be dedicated in memory of Larry Inserra's mother, Theresa Inserra.

F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Council President Andrew Siemsen  
My congratulations and thanks to Erin Karpovich, as well as Sal Miele and my thanks to Troop 31 for everything they do for our military personnel overseas. They should feel very proud of themselves.

G. MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. BOTTA

I would like to thank Eagle Scouts Jarrett Floyd and Nick Ciccari for their presentation tonight. I would like to thank our DPW employees for their work during the storm season. I continue to receive compliments from other municipalities and residents who say that once they get to Ramsey, they know it is Ramsey because the roads look so good. I think the credit goes to our Borough employees who are very dedicated, as well as this governing body who has made the necessary investments to make sure that our equipment is up to date and doesn't break down. We are ready to go, when there is a storm. A resident in the Ramsey Golf & Country Club suffered a heart attack after shoveling snow during the storm. The Police and Ambulance arrived with two DPW trucks to plow the way to Main Street and they were able to transport the man to the hospital. He is back home now and he did send a very grateful thank you letter. My congratulations to all 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.

#### VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Allan Braggin, 25 Franklin Street, stated that when Veterans' Park is completed in its renovations, both Eagle Scouts Jarrett Floyd and Nick Ciccari should be invited to repeat their presentation at the opening ceremony. I think it would give a wider view of what they have done. Mayor stated that that is a nice idea and we will make a note of that. Mr. Braggin stated that he would like to see the term councilperson or councilmember be used, rather than councilman or councilwoman. It is more appropriate in today's environment and would serve the community well. Mayor stated that the Public and Governmental Relations Committee would look at that.

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

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

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2010 - An Ordinance amending Chapter X of the Code of the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey, and more specifically Sub - Section 10-23.6 thereof entitled compensation

Introduced by Vozeh, seconded by Siemsen

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER X OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY SUB SECTION 10-23.6 THEREOF ENTITLED COMPENSATION RANGES 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010, 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 Vozeh stated that this ordinance changes the salary ranges for the Municipal Judge and Municipal Prosecutor. The ranges are being lowered to the minimum range. This amendment coincides with a reduction in the number of court sessions.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2010 – Bond Ordinance to authorize repaving  
Introduced by Nalbandian, seconded by Vozeh

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND REPAVING OF LILLIAN COURT, GERTZEN ROAD, OXFORD COURT, NEW ENGLAND DRIVE IN THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$240,000.00 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 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010, 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.

Borough Administrator stated that we will add a supplemental debt resolution to correspond with ord. 4-2010. Councilman Nalbandian stated that this is part of our annual repaving program and the streets are determined by the inspection of the Borough Engineer, as well as review by the Utilities, Buildings and Grounds Committee. This goes out for a joint bid as part of the Northwest Bergen communities to try and get the best possible price for the project.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2010 – An Ordinance to prohibit parking during certain hours on Monroe Street

Introduced by Jones, seconded by Dillon

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 SPECIFICALLY SECTION 7-14 THEREOF ENTITLED PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010, 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 Jones stated that this ordinance will prohibit parking on Monroe Street along the length of the Smith School and North Central Avenue. It will relieve some of the pressures in that area and has been recommended by the Police Department.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2010 - An Ordinance to establish reimbursement procedures for the control and clean-up of hazardous materials

Resolution by Jones, seconded by Jachzel

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND MORE PARTICULARLY SECTION 2-18 REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES FOR THE CONTROL AND CLEANUP OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SUB SECTION 2-78.2 REIMBURSABLE ITEMS 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010, 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 Jones stated that this ordinance will increase the fees that we are able to charge when our equipment is used for clean-ups on the highway or any accidents. It has been recommended by our Emergency Management Services to bring our rates up and being in line.

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

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 071-2010 Authorizing the supplemental debt statement to be sent to the State of New Jersey

Introduced by Vozech, seconded by Siemsen

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meredith Bendian  
Borough Clerk