

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 26, 2010

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, 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 following minutes: Council Meeting of May 12, Work Sessions of February 11, and February 22, 2010. Carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. [Russ Martin, County of Bergen, Assistant Supervisor of Roads, One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ](#), letter dated May 12, 2010, enclosing the snow plow agreement for the 2010-2012 snow plow season.
2. [Richard Wierer, Director of Solid Waste and Information and Technology, Bergen County Utilities Authority, Merhof Road, Little Ferry, NJ 07643](#) letter dated May 14, 2010, regarding the Solid Waste contract.
3. [Assemblyman Robert Schroeder, 123 Broadway, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677](#) fax received May 19, 2010, attaching a draft of a resolution expressing support for Kyleigh's Law, if the governing body chooses to introduce a similar resolution.
4. [Paul Krawczyk, Resident, Ramsey, NJ 07446](#) fax received May 20, 2010, regarding a Shade Tree issue on 16 Hubbard School Road.
5. [Howard Hurwitz, Executive Director, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ](#) letter dated May 13, 2010, enclosing a resolution adjusting sewer connection fees and various forms.

6. [Madeline Thumudo, Secretary Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority,](#) Wyckoff Road, Waldwick, NJ letter dated May 12, 2010 enclosing copies of minutes from their April 6, 2010 meeting.
7. [Marc Pfeiffer, Acting Director, Division of Local Governmental Services,](#) Trenton, NJ 08625 letter dated May 18, 2010, notifying the borough of the deadline for the budget introduction.
8. [Clifford J. Heath, Senior Vice President, Alliance for Action, Inc.,](#) invitation dated May 19, 2010, to the BC Alliance for Action Chapter meeting on June 4, 2010 at 8:15am at the Meadowlands Sports Complex Race Track.

IV. APPOINTMENTS –

Mayor made the following appointments:

Ken Gubala, Shade Tree Commission, Second Alternate

Robert Moran, 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:

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| 111-2010 | Resolution: | Payment of Vouchers |
| 112-2010 | Resolution: | Authorizing the tax redemption for Hugo Milano on Block 5503 Lot 39 in the amount of \$501.05 |
| 113-2010 | Resolution: | Confirming the appointment of Robert Moran to the Office of Emergency Management |
| 114-2010 | Resolution: | Authorizing the award of contract to Organic Recycling Inc. of Goshen, NY, for disposal of recyclable materials and mixed debris at \$9.50 a cubic yard |

AYES: Dillon, Jachzel, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozech NAYS: None
 Mayor administered the Oaths of Office to new volunteers, Robert Moran and Ken Gubala.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Councilman Jones, Chairman of Public Safety, joined the Mayor for presentation of certificates to the following people:

Haiti Relief Volunteers –

Michael Migliaccio

James Gatti

Eamon Daul

Sean Matro

Mayor stated that Michael Migliaccio and James Gatti are members of Our Chance International, EMS Outreach, and were part of a team of emergency medical technicians who traveled to Port-au-Prince, in the wake of the earthquake in January, 2010. They are both members of the Ramsey Ambulance Corps, O.E.M., and Rescue Squad.

Eamon Daul is a member of the Hackensack University Medical Trauma Team. Eamon is also a member of the Ramsey Ambulance Corps. Sean Matro, also a member of the Ramsey Ambulance Corps, coordinated shipping supplies and donations for the field teams in Haiti. Mayor stated that we want to congratulate each one of you and express our appreciation for your efforts. Councilman Jones added his appreciation.

Police Chief Bryan Gurney expressed his appreciation to the volunteers and stated that the new Veterans' Park is really beautiful and will be the focal point of the community. Chief Gurney spoke about recent burglaries in town. We are taking steps to prevent these occurrences. In a recent Mahwah incident, Patrolman Macaluso apprehended a suspect on West Crescent Avenue. Chief Gurney awarded the Honorable Service Award to Patrolman Macaluso for a job well done. Mayor presented Patrolman Macaluso with a certificate from the Mayor and Council.

Council President Siemsen joined the Mayor to present a certificate to Frank and John Mangano, owners of Hi-Way Hobby House, who are closing their business after 57 years. Mayor stated that he had many models and trains from the Hi-Way Hobby House. Council President Siemsen added that he too had many fond memories of going to Hi-Way Hobby House. Mr. Mangano stated that he will miss the people and Ramsey was a great place to have a business.

VII. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION -Councilman Bruce Vozech

My congratulations to those who received certificates tonight. We had the ribbon-cutting earlier tonight at Veterans' Park and I wish to thank everyone involved.

The budget hearing will take place at the next Council Meeting. The capital ordinance is going to be tabled, pending further review.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman William Jones

I was unable to attend the ceremony earlier this evening at Veterans' Park but I will be there on Monday. It is a nice upgrade and I think it was money well spent to honor and remember those who did so much for the freedoms that we have today. My thanks to the new volunteers and my best wishes to the Manganos for their retirements. We did receive word today from ANJEC, for an environmental grant for \$7500 to be incorporated into our Sustainable New Jersey obligations for a Natural Resource Inventory. This is also needed for our Master Plan. My thanks to Officer Macaluso for his excellent police work. The Knights of Columbus presented the Annual Shield Awards to Annette Young from Ambulance Corps, Kelly Vriesema from Rescue Squad, Greg Huot from Fire Department, and Ernie Larrat from O.E.M. and Sergeant Kevin Cherven from the Police Dept. My congratulations to each of those individuals.

C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilwoman Deirdre Dillon

The dedication at Veterans' Park tonight was wonderful and the park looks beautiful; it is a nice gateway into town. My thanks to those who received certificates tonight.

D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Arthur Nalbandian

My thanks to the new volunteers who were appointed tonight. My thanks to the volunteers who went to Haiti; they really exemplify what service to others is all about and their actions tell a lot about their character. I too remember going to Hi-Way Hobby House; it was an institution. The fountain at Veterans' Park was donated by the Knights of Columbus and I thank them for doing that. The benches were donated by the Woman's Club and they are also providing a disc with all the branches of the Military. Lenny DiTomaso is the Landscape Architect who worked tirelessly on this project, and his efforts are greatly appreciated. The contractor, Al Adamo, also took a personal interest in this project and I thank him for his hard work and efforts. Robert Chambers did the painting work on the monuments and staining on the benches. Our DPW also put a lot of effort and time into this park, helping the town to save money, and my thanks to Bill Horton and his department. The real thanks goes to the veterans who served our country, particularly those from Ramsey. We will have the Memorial Day ceremony on Monday; 9:00 a.m. at Union Cemetery and parade on Main Street at 11:00 a.m. Afterwards, there will be refreshments at the Fire Department. My congratulations to the recipients of the Shield Awards.

E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel

Veterans' Park looks beautiful and there isn't much more I can add to what has been said. I am very glad that so many people came to the ribbon cutting tonight. The volunteers who went to Haiti showed an extraordinary act of altruism. They actually got a plane ticket and went there as volunteers under horrific conditions to help people in need. I really have an enormous amount of respect for them. My thanks to the new volunteers who were appointed tonight.

F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Council President Andrew Siemsen Veterans’ Park looks great and my thanks to everyone involved. There will be a memorial ceremony on Monday at 9:00 a.m. at Union Cemetery to honor our veterans, followed by the parade at 11:00 a.m. Congratulations and thanks to the Haiti volunteers, also to the new volunteers. Congratulations to the owners of Hi-Way Hobby House as they retire. Congratulations to Police Officer Macaluso and congratulations to the recipients of the Shield Awards at the Knights of Columbus.

G. MAYOR CHRISTOPHER BOTTA

I would like to remind everyone to attend the parade and ceremony at Veterans’ Park on Monday. My thanks to everyone who was involved with the renovation. We will also have the winner of the essay contest at the ceremony.

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 - None

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

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

[ORDINANCE 10-2010 – An ordinance to amending the code of the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey and more specifically Sections 1-5.1, 1-5.2 and 1-5.3 of Chapter I entitled general provisions as well as sections 19-4.14, 19-4.15, 19-4.16, 19-4.17, 19-4.20, 19.4-25 AND 19-4.26 of Chapter XIX entitled Water and Sewer](#)

Resolution by Nalbandian, seconded by Dillon

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTIONS 1-5.1, 1-5.2 AND 1-5.3 OF CHAPTER I ENTITLED GENERAL PROVISIONS AS WELL AS SECTIONS 19-4.14, 19-4.15, 19-4.16, 19-4.17, 19-4.20, 19-4.25 AND 19.4-26 OF CHAPTER XIX ENTITLED WATER AND SEWER 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 9th day of June, 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 a 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 Nalbandian stated that this ordinance was recommended by the Board of Public Works for collection and trapping of grease in the sanitary sewer system. The ordinance imposes penalties for violators.

[ORDINANCE 11-2010 – An ordinance to authorize the acquisition, refurbishment, repair, replacement and supply of equipment, materials and facilities for the capital needs of various borough departments and to appropriate the sum of \\$451,000.00 to pay the cost thereof, in the Borough of Ramsey, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey \(Removed from the agenda for further review\).](#)

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

XII. NEW BUSINESS - None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meredith Bendian
Borough Clerk