

Approved at the 7-14-10 M & C meeting

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 23, 2010

Mayor called the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to order. Council President led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor read the Open Public Meeting Law notice.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Dillon, seconded by Jachzel, to approve the minutes of May 26, 2010, as submitted. as submitted. Carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

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

1. [Patrick McGuinness, Director, Camp Ramsey, New York Sports Club \(NYSC\)](#) 1150 Route 17 North, Ramsey, NJ 07446 letter dated May 28, 2010, requesting permission to erect three (3) 20 X 20 tents June 14, 2010 through September 3, 2010 for their summer program.
2. [Andrea Breitkopf, Bicycle Touring Club of North Jersey, Fair Lawn, NJ](#) letter dated June 9, 2010, requesting permission to ride through town on Sunday, August 15, 2010 for their annual Ramapo Rally.
3. [Madeline Thumudo, Secretary, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority,](#) 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ letter dated June 9, 2010, enclosing minutes from the meetings of May 11, 2010.
4. [Madeline Thumudo, Secretary, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority,](#) 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ letter dated June 10, 2010, enclosing the audit report for the year ending December 31, 2009
5. [Madeline Finley, 78 Norman Drive, Ramsey, NJ](#) letter dated June 16, 2010, regarding the "growing" problem on Norman Drive.
6. [Linda Canavan, Ramsey Tax Collector](#) Letter dated June 18, 2010, regarding the issuance of third quarter estimated tax bills.

7. [Alec Stecyna, 39 Shuart Lane, Ramsey, NJ](#)
letter dated June 22, 2010, is requesting permission to have a block party on Monday, July 5, 2010 from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm .
8. [James Simpson, Commissioner, State of NJ, DOT, Trenton, NJ](#)
letter dated June 18, 2010, informing that NJ DOT is now accepting applications for Municipal Aid, bikeway, Centers of Place, Safe Streets to Transit and Transit Village Programs.
9. [Ellen Elias, Director, The Center for Alcohol and Drug Resources](#)
letter dated June 14, 2010, inviting the governing body to an open house.

IV. **APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor made the following appointment:

Anthony Lucca, 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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| 120-2010 | Resolution: | Payment of Vouchers |
| 121-2010 | Resolution: | Authorizing the renewal of Liquor Licenses for 2010-2011 |
| 122-2010 | Resolution: | Renewing the Rand Motel Liquor License for 2010-2011
with conditions |
| 123-2010 | Resolution: | Authorizing the renewal of BANS |
| 124-2010 | Resolution: | Endorsing the NJ Sustainable Land Use Pledge |
| 125-2010 | Resolution: | Authorizing the tax court judgment for the Office Court
Block 4702 Lots 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 in the total amount of
\$ 51,139.75 |
| 126-2010 | Resolution: | Authorizing a tax redemption to Perera for Block 1901 Lot
4.1 in the total amount of \$ 18,341.21 |
| 127-2010 | Resolution: | Authorizing a tax redemption to Schulze for Block 4701
Lot 14 in the total amount of \$ 42,124.69 |
| 128-2010 | Resolution: | Confirming the appointment of Anthony Lucca to the
Office of Emergency Management |

- 129-2010 Resolution: [Authorizing the Borough Tax Collector to prepare and issue estimated third quarter tax bills](#)
- 130-2010 Resolution: [Authorizing the borough enter into an interlocal agreement with Saddle River for Certified Tax Collector](#)
- 131-2010 Resolution: [Authorizing the Ramsey Police Department in cooperation with the Bergen County Police Chief's Association to create an interlocal services agreement with all municipalities in Bergen County for a mutual aid plan and rapid deployment force](#)

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

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

[Steve's Market is requesting permission to hang a banner at 1 Station Plaza](#) for the duration of the farmer's market advertising the "Best Butcher in Bergen County"

[NYSC is requesting permission to erect 3 20x20 tents for their summer camp](#) program from June 14, 2010 until September 3, 2010

[Bicycle Touring Club of North Jersey is requesting permission to bike through town on Sunday, August 15, 2010 between the hours of 7:00 am and 5:30 pm](#)

B. BLOCK PARTY REQUESTS:

[Jay McMahan of Valley View Drive is requesting permission to have a block party on July 24, 2010 from 3:00 pm – 11:00 pm](#)

[Alec Stecyna of Shuart Lane is requesting permission to have a block party on July 5, 2010 from 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm](#)

Mayor opened the public comment for renewal of liquor licenses.

Allan Braggin, 25 Franklin Street, asked how many liquor licenses are in the Borough.

Borough Clerk stated there are 16. Mayor stated that the licenses are handled through the State A.B.C. Not seeing anyone else who wished to speak, Mayor closed the public comment.

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

VI. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION -Councilman Bruce Vozech

My thanks to Bill Horton for his years of service to the Borough. I appreciate all of his time and efforts. Bill always put together a sound, responsible plan for his department's budget. Bill is leaving us in great shape and we do not have a lot of large expenditures. Bill has always been very responsive to the public.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman William Jones

My thanks and congratulations to Bill Horton. He will be missed. I would like to welcome Anthony to O.E.M. and remind everyone that the 4th of July festivities will be held at Finch Park, beginning at 3:00 p.m. The Fine Arts Council has worked very hard to make this a great event. The raindate is July 5th. During the work session, I made some points about the amount of time that we as Councilmembers spend and I wanted to let Mr. Braggin know that I think he is an extremely well versed resident and I don't dislike him. Perhaps I did not interpret Mr. Braggin correctly but I have gotten a sense that you think we just show up here 2 or 3 times a month for 2 hours. I just get a sense that you think that we do not put any time in or any thought. I just want to clarify that. I was not whining.

C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilwoman Deirdre Dillon

Congratulations and thank you to Anthony Lucca, our new volunteer. Best wishes to Bill Horton during his retirement; he will be greatly missed.

D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Arthur Nalbandian

Congratulations to Anthony Lucca. There was another Shred-It Day on June 12 and it was another success. It has been a pleasure to work with Bill Horton. I really appreciate his responsiveness and dedication to his job. I wish Bill all the best.

E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel

I also want to wish the best to Bill Horton and thank him for all that he has done. Things always went smoothly and he will be missed. Congratulations to West Bergen Mental Health Care for their 20th anniversary here in Ramsey. They really do an extraordinary service to the community and they provide services that you cannot receive elsewhere. The Farmer's Market is going well and my thanks to Nancy Boone for her efforts in putting this together. It is a real asset to the community.

F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Council President Andrew Siemsen

My thanks to Anthony Lucca for volunteering his service to OEM. Congratulations to Bill Horton on his retirement. Shred-It Day was a huge success and it is free of charge to our residents.

G. MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. BOTTA

I would like to commend the Historical Association and Councilwoman Jachzel for their work on the Farmer's Market. It has been a huge hit and I have received many good comments. Steve's Market is open during the market and a lot of merchants in town are open as well so it is encouraging residents to patronize our local shops. We are renewing our Interlocal Agreement with Saddle River for the Tax Collector's services and it has worked out very well for both boroughs. It is a great way for the communities to share services and cut costs. We continue to look at other possibilities in utilizing shared services. I would like to congratulate Bill Horton on his retirement and wish him the best. Bill has directly been responsible for our annual leaf collection and snow removal for the past 20 years. I can honestly say that we did not have to hear a lot about for those two major items. I thank Bill for his dedication to the community; he will be missed.

H. BOROUGH ATTORNEY – Peter A. Scandariato, Esq.

I too would like to thank Bill for all of his help and wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

I. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Nicholas C. Saros

I would like to thank Bill for his outstanding and dedicated job to the Borough. I wish Bill much happiness and success in his retirement. It is a tough job to balance the Road Department and the Department of Public Works. In the past, we had two Superintendents and those departments were merged and Bill did an outstanding job handling that merger. I wish Bill well; he will be sorely missed.

J. BOROUGH CLERK – Meredith Bendian

Congratulations to Bill and my thanks for making my job easier every day. I will miss him.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Allan Braggin, 25 Franklin Street, spoke about the possibility of an Eagle Scout project for the Green Acres property, adjacent to St. Paul's. Many trails are formulated by using woodchips and perhaps the paths could be improved. People would be able to walk through there and identify various types of trees for educational purposes. It could be a nice, safe path. Borough Administrator stated that there are pathways and parts of the bikeway that have been done using the woodchips. Mr. Braggin added that he does recognize the number of hours that the Councilmembers give to the community and thanked the members for their dedication.

Not seeing anyone else who wished to be heard, Mayor closed the Public Comment.

VIII. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

[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](#)

Introduced by Vozeh, seconded by Jachzel

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION, REFURBISHMENT, REPAIR, SUPPLY, AND REPLACEMENT 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 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.

Councilman Vozech stated that this ordinance pertains to capital equipment for emergency services and it represents costs for 2009 and 2010. All of the items were accounted for in the 2009 budget and part of the 2010 budget. We do not have to alter the budget.

Not seeing anyone who wished to speak, Mayor closed the public comment for ordinance 11-2010.

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

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Ord. 12-2010 East Oak Street Tennis Courts

Resolution by Nalbandian, seconded by Siemsen

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RECONSTRUCTION AND RESURFACING OF EAST OAK TENNIS COURTS LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY AND TO THE APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$160,000.00 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, IN THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY 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 14th day of July, 2010, at 8:45 p.m. prevailing time, or as soon thereafter 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 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

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 132 – Introduced by Vozeh, seconded by Siemsen

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Budget introduced in May be and it is hereby adopted.

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meredith Bendian
Borough Clerk