

Approved at the July 28, 2010 M & C Meeting

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 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, Siemsen, Vozech,
Borough Administrator Nicholas Saros, Borough Attorney Peter Scandariato,
and Borough Clerk Meredith Bendian.

Absent: Nalbandian

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Motion by Jones, seconded by Jachzel, to approve the minutes June 9 and June 23, 2010, as submitted. Carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

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

1. [Philip J. Murphy, Chair, Steering Committee, Bergen Bike Tour, 64 Passaic Street, Hackensack, NJ](#)
letter dated June 24, 2010, requesting permission to ride through the borough on their annual bike tour, Sunday, September 26, 2010.
2. [Angie Kelly, President, Smith School PTO](#)
letter dated June of 2010, recognizing all Emergency Services for their assistance to the students at Smith School.
3. [Thomas E. Mitchell, 90 Norman Drive, Ramsey, NJ](#)
letter dated June 28, 2010, requesting dredging of Crystal Lake.
4. [200 Club of Bergen County, 560 Hudson Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601](#)
letter dated July 1, 2010, requesting membership in the club.
5. [Ann M. Davaris, Administrative Secretary](#)
letter dated July 9, 2010, advising of her retirement from the Borough effective September 01, 2010, after 29 years with the Borough.
6. [Angelo Onello, Conklin Associates, 29 Church Street, Ramsey, NJ](#)
letter dated July 2, 2010, regarding water service connection at 360 Shadyside Road.

7. [Harold Reed, Borough Engineer](#)
Letter dated July 9, 2010, informing of his retirement on September 30, 2010, after 22 years with the Borough.
8. Harold Hurwitz, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, N.J. regarding the water usage and EDU data in preparation for their 2011 budget.
9. [Angela Strollo, Vice Chairperson, Ramsey Environmental Commission](#)
letter dated July 9, 2010, enclosing the commission's review of the Environmental Resource Inventory.

Councilwoman Dillon stated that the letters of retirement from Ann Davaris and Harold Reed are accepted with regret.

Mayor stated that letter no. 6 is going to be addressed at the Board of Public Works meeting on July 19.

IV. APPOINTMENTS – None

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION

Introduced by Vozeh, 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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| 133-2010 | Resolution: | Payment of Vouchers |
| 134-2010 | Resolution: | Authorizing a tax redemption for John and Virginia Bishop, Block 2303 Lot 21.1 in an amount of \$1,400.67 |
| 135-2010 | Resolution: | Authorizing the award of contract to New Wave Cinemas of Washington Township, NJ in amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 |
| 136-2010 | Resolution: | Accepting the retirement of Harold Reed, Borough Engineer, effective September 30, 2010, with regret |
| 137-2010 | Resolution: | Awarding contract to Princeton Hydro, LLC for Environmental Resource Inventory in an amount not to exceed \$14,500.00 subject to Borough |

Attorney review

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

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

[Bergen Bike Tour is requesting permission to ride through town on Sunday,](#)
September 26, 2010 between the hours of 7:30 am and 1:00 pm.

B. BLOCK PARTY REQUESTS:

[Maureen Lobmeyer is requesting permission to have a block party on Saturday,](#)
September 4, 2010

[Murph Bamrick is requesting permission to have a block party on Saturday,](#)
July 17, 2010

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

VI. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION -Councilman Bruce Vozech

I received a lot of compliments regarding the 4th of July festivities at Finch Park and I would like to thank everyone involved. It took a lot to coordinate with the DPW, Fire, and Police and there was quite a crowd. I would like to thank Ann Davaris and Harold Reed for their service to the Borough. They will be missed.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman William Jones

I would echo the sentiments of Councilman Vozech and congratulate both Ann and Harold. I worked quite a bit with Harold over the years, especially in my Planning Board days and his skills and talents will be missed. Also, I know how valuable Ann has been to the town and whenever I called to speak with her, she was always very helpful. I wish them both well. I too would like to thank everyone involved in the 4th of July event. Nick, Meredith and Sherry and the entire staff worked very hard to coordinate with the public safety groups involved. The Fine Arts Council put a great deal of effort into expanding our horizons of music to the community. The fireworks were the best I seen in 12 years.

C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilwoman Deirdre Dillon

I would like to echo the remarks of Councilmen Vozech and Jones.

D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Arthur Nalbandian

Not at this meeting. Councilman Vozech stated that we will be having the final

reading of the ordinance regarding the reconstruction of the tennis courts.

E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel

I would echo the remarks of my colleagues regarding Harold Reed and Annie Davaris. They both did an outstanding job for the Borough and I wish them success in their endeavors. The Fine Arts Council did an outstanding job on the 4th of July and the music and fireworks turned out very well. I received quite a bit of positive feedback. Finch Park was packed.

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

I too would like to thank Ann Davaris and Harold Reed for their time at the Borough and congratulate them on their retirements. I attended the Amateur Radio Day with Councilwoman Jachzel which started in our O.E.M. headquarters and I appreciate Mike Adams inviting us to that event. I would like to thank the Scouts who are in attendance tonight.

G. MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. BOTTA

Two weeks ago, we went on emergency water restrictions and all automatic sprinkling was restricted since we were not able to obtain sufficient water from United Water and our own wells could not produce enough water for peak demands. Hand-held hoses were allowed. I must commend our water operators for managing the system well. There was never a public safety danger or inability to handle any emergency. As of tomorrow, we will be amending the water restrictions and we will go to an alternate day watering system. As of tomorrow, the Borough's conservation program as set forth in a previous ordinance, will go into effect. In that sense, automatic watering will be permitted under the following circumstances; properties east of the NJ Transit railroad tracks will be permitted to water only on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Properties west of the NJ Transit railroad tracks will be permitted to water only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. There shall be no automatic watering of properties on Fridays and hand-held hoses will be permitted on all days, including Fridays. After consultation with United Water, and our in-house water operator, we believe that these conservation measures will be sufficient until further notice. They are certainly subject to further amendment, if we get another intense dry spell or if there is any interruption of service from United Water. This will be broadcast on our reverse 9-1-1 system and it will be on our website. I would like to commend and thank Harold Reed for his 22 years of service to the Borough; Harold did a lot to help our residents with engineering issues. Also, to Ann Davaris who is in her 29th year of service to the Borough as the Administrative Secretary to the Mayor and the Borough Administrator and also transcribes the minutes. I would like to thank her for her time and dedication to the Borough, always being cooperative with our residents when they call to try to find me, etc. I thank her for her dedication to the community.

H. BOROUGH ATTORNEY – Peter A. Scandariato, Esq. No comments.

I. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Nicholas C. Saros

I would like to thank Harold Reed for his 22 years of outstanding and dedicated service to the Borough. It has been a privilege and an honor to work with Harold; he has been a true professional and a caring and conscientious individual. I think he did an outstanding job. I would like to say that I have been very blessed to have had Annie Davaris as my secretary. She has worked very well with all of the Borough employees, former Mayors and Councils, and I thank her for her years of service.

J. BOROUGH CLERK – Meredith Bendian No comments..

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Rennie, spoke about his property taxes, amounting to an 8 ½ % increase this year. In addition to that, there will not be a return from the State in September. That means about a 31% increase in property taxes this year. Social Security is not getting an increase and pensions are not getting any increases. In one year, all the Ramsey senior citizens are going to bite the bullet. These are people on a fixed income.

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

VIII. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

[ORDINANCE 12-2010 – An ordinance to authorize the reconstruction and resurfacing of the East Oak tennis courts located in the Borough of Ramsey and to 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](#)

Resolution by Siemsen, seconded by Voze

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RECONSTRUCTION AND RESURFACING OF THE EAST OAK TENNIS COURTS LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY AND TO 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 having been brought up for final 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.

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

Councilman Siemsen stated that this ordinance appropriates the money to resurface the tennis courts on East Oak Street and is somewhat offset by a grant.

Councilman Vozeh added that the grant is for \$75,000 from the Bergen County Open Space Program. We had previously appropriated funds for this project, so very little money has to be added this year. Most of it was previously allocated.

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

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - None

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Introduced by Vozeh, seconded by Siemsen

Resolution 138-2010

Awarding Contract to D & S Land Development for the base and Alternate 1 in an amount not to exceed \$153,365.00 for the reconstruction of tennis courts on East Oak Street

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meredith Bendian
Borough Clerk

