

Borough of Ramsey
2010 Reorganization Meeting
January 4, 2010

Mayor Botta announced that the Pledge of Allegiance would be led by the Ramsey Veterans of Foreign Wars. Reverend Dr. Carol Brighton of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer gave the invocation.

Councilwomen Dillon and Jachzel joined Mayor Botta for presentations to Rev. Dr. Brighton and Rev. Dr. Michael Carrier of the First Presbyterian Church. Both are retiring as Pastors.

The oath of office was administered to Councilwoman Deirdre Dillon by her husband, Hugh McDonald, Esq., and to Councilman William Jones by Christopher Martin, Esq.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None

Mayor Botta read the Open Public Meetings Law notice.

Resolution Number One: Introduced by Vozeh, seconded by Siemsen

Be It Resolved that the By-Laws of the Borough Council of the Borough of Ramsey, New Jersey dated 1984, and as subsequently amended, be and are hereby adopted as the By-Laws for the year 2010:

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

Councilman Vozeh nominated Andrew Siemsen for Council President, seconded by Councilman Nalbandian.

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

ABSTAIN: Siemsen

Councilman Siemsen is declared and elected as Council President.

Remarks By Re-elected Council Members

Councilwoman Dillon stated that she is truly humbled by the faith of the residents and it has been an honor and pleasure to serve the residents and work with all the wonderful volunteers who so graciously give their time and talents. It has also been a pleasure to work with Nick Saros, Peter Scandariato, Meredith Bendian, Mayor Botta, all the Councilmembers and everyone here at Borough Hall. Councilwoman Dillon expressed her promise to continue to do the best she can for the residents and always remember that it is a government by the people, and for the people.

Councilman Jones expressed his appreciation to those who attended tonight's meeting, despite the cold weather. Councilman Jones thanked his family for putting up with a lot. Councilman Jones stated that he has spent more than half of his adult life in elected office and he is grateful to serve for another 3 years. Councilman Jones stated that Mayor Botta

and his fellow Councilmembers do a tremendous job, serving selflessly and giving of themselves. We don't always agree on everything but we have the best interests of the town at heart. There is no hidden agenda. Councilman Jones expressed his appreciation to the professional staff, Peter Scandariato, Meredith and Nick Saros, as well as Sherry, Irene, and Annie Davaris. They are always willing to lend a helping hand. We all look a lot better by all the work that they do day in and day out. My thanks to the people who are being appointed tonight on the many Boards and Commissions, especially the ones that I have worked with over the past years. My thanks to the outgoing Chiefs, Brian Behrmann, Mike Scalione, and Jon Krehel. They have done a great job of balancing the job and the safety of the residents. Our O.E.M. Director Mike Adams and his crew do a great job and we are prepared for emergencies. It has been an incredible year for our Police Department with honors and awards for many of the members. They are truly professional and are the best in Bergen County, in my mind. I wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Safe 2010!

Remarks by newly elected Council President

Council President Siemsen congratulated Bill Jones and Deirdre Dillon on their elections in November. It has been a productive relationship. Council President Siemsen thanked his colleagues for electing him as Council President and thanked his family, especially his wife, Michelle, and their two children, for the incredible amount of time required to fulfill this position. Council President expressed his appreciation to Rev. Brighton and Rev. Carrier for their years of service in Ramsey, and thanked all of the employees who are always willing to help. This town could not run without its volunteers and my thanks goes out to all of them. I am looking forward to my new assignments this year, especially liaison to the Board of Education. This is the first year that we have had a new Governor since I have been in office as a Councilman and it looks like it is going to be a tough fiscal year for very municipality in the State. I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Mayor opened the nominations for Class III member of the Planning Board and Council representative. Councilman Nalbandian nominated Councilwoman Dillon, seconded by Councilman Jone. Nominations closed. AYES: Jachzel, Jones, Siemsen, Vozech, Nalbandian NAYS: None ABSTAIN: Dillon

Resolution Number Two: Introduced by Jachzel, seconded by Jones

Be It Resolved that the regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Ramsey for the Year 2010 be the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 8:30 p.m. or at the conclusion of the Agenda Work Session should it conclude prior to 8:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Borough Hall. Agenda Work Sessions will precede the Council Meetings at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of the Work Session that is scheduled for the Council Meeting that follows the Monthly Work Session will begin at 8:00 p.m. The regular Monthly Work Session will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month. Formal action may be taken at any meeting.

With the following exceptions in November:

There will be no meeting on Wednesday, November 24th

The November 22nd work session meeting will begin at 7:30pm with the regular meeting to follow at 8:30p.m. or soon thereafter.

All meetings will be held in the Council Chambers unless otherwise announced. The Mayor and Council will hold its first meeting of 2011 on Saturday, January 01, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building for the purpose of reorganizing and conducting other business that may come before it and formal action may be taken on such matters.

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

Resolution Number Three: Introduced by Jones, seconded by Dillon

Be it Resolved that the following list of Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department Officers be approved for the Year 2010:

Line Officers:

Chief James Dougherty
Assistant Chief Carl Held
Deputy Chief Randy Sterbinsky
Captain Louis Warnet
Captain Greg Hewitt
Lieutenant Steve Forbes
Lieutenant Brendan Sterbinsky
Lieutenant Timothy Hedenhag
Lieutenant Jonathan Krehel
Lieutenant John Bergen

Administrative Officers: President Joseph S. Lehr

Vice President David Stitz
Treasurer John Davis
Secretary Laura Single
Financial Secretary Garry Tonnon

Trustee

George Rough (5 year term)

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

Resolution Number Four: Introduced by Jones, seconded by Dillon

Be it Resolved that the following list of Ramsey Volunteer Rescue Squad Officers be approved for the Year 2010:

Line Officers: Chief Christopher Hoffman
Deputy Chief Richard Muser
Captain Bryan Phillips
Lieutenant Alex Gill
Lieutenant Zachary Schleicher
Lieutenant James Duffy

Administrative Officers: President Michael Adams
Vice President Cheri Rosenstein
Secretary Kelly Vriesema
Treasurer Joann Sanchez

Trustees: Joseph Jurewicz
Thomas Carroll

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

Resolution Number Five: Introduced by Jones, seconded by Dillon

Be it Resolved that the following list of Ramsey Volunteer Ambulance Corps Officers be approved for the Year 2010:

Line Officers: Chief Steven Ahlstedt
Deputy Chief Erik Bergsten
Lieutenant Deirdre Duncan
Lieutenant William Lara
Lieutenant Sean Matro

Administrative Officers: President Laura Behrmann
Vice President Michael Adams
Treasurer Stephen Goeller
Recording Secretary Linda Meiman
Corresponding Secretary Colleen Gubala

Trustees:
Holly Walker
Deirdre Duncan
Colleen Gubala
Sean Matro
Annette Young

AYES: Dillon, Jachzel, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozech NAYS: None
Mayor Botta made the following appointments:

Beautification Committee
Mark Madsen
Alice Fjotland
Marianne Kaplan
Beverly O’Hearn

Council Liaison: Councilman Nalbandian

Board of Education Liaison: Councilman Siemsen

Liaison To New Jersey Motion Picture & Television Commission
Dean Cartier

Public Advocate
Harris Recht, Esq.

Ramsey Historian
Thomas A. Dater

Ramsey Alliance Against Drug And Alcohol Abuse

Bill Riordan, Coordinator
Kyra Faison-Gardner, Coordinator
Mayor Christopher C. Botta
Nicholas C. Saros, Borough Administrator
D.A.R.E. Officer Tim Shoemaker
Karen Barbato
Lucille Bell
Martha Carey
Rebecca Cella
Robert Cella
Mary Connolly

Tom DiLucci
Angie Kelly
David Lindstrom
Susan Lindstrom
Brian Riordan
Susan Schou
Dr. Roy Montessano, Superintendent of Schools
Anthony Kemps, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent of Schools
Eileen Smith
Karin Vohs
Roni Wildoner
Council Liaison: Councilman Jones

Ramsey Day Committee

Nicholas C. Saros, Borough Administrator
Michele Stecyna
Rennie Pincus
Council Liaison: Councilwoman Jachzel

Ramsey Representative – Community Development Committee
Douglas Rennie

Recycling Committee

Henry Schumacher
Stanley Rutkowski
Joan Baxer
Harvey Ranzi
Alex Stecyna
Michael Barrow
Recycling Coordinator: Harry Smith
Council Liaison: Councilman Nalbandian

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Fred Swallow
Guy Green
Joseph Barnes
Council Liaison: Councilman Siemsen

Environmental Commission

<u>Name</u>		<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
George Goudelis	(Alt. 1) 2-year term	1/10	12/31/11
Steve Tesoriero	(Alt. 2)1-year term	1/10	12/31/10

Council Liaison: Councilman Jones

LIBRARY BOARD

<u>Name</u>		<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Mayor Christopher C. Botta		1/10	12/31/10
Caroline Knauss (Supt. of Schools Alternate)		1/10	12/31/10
Marie O'Neill (3- year term)		1/10	12/31/12
Michael Lonier (4-year term)		1/10	12/31/13
Susan Rohrbach-Thompson (2-year term)		1/10	12/31/12
Robert Phelan (1-year term)		1/10	12/31/10

Council Liaison: Councilman Vozeh

Planning Board

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Mayor Christopher Botta	1/10	12/31/10
John Solarino Class II	1/10	12/31/10
Councilwoman Deirdre Dillon Class III	1/10	12/31/10
Steve Schefers Class IV	1/10	12/31/13

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Dillon

Remarks from Council Members Who Have Not Spoken

Councilwoman Jachzel expressed her appreciation to those who attended tonight and congratulated Councilwoman Dillon and Councilman Bill Jones on their re-elections. Councilwoman Jachzel also congratulated the new Council President Andrew Siemsen. We have a new Governor and two new Bergen County Freeholders and they are going to be faced with tough decisions in order to balance the County and State budgets. Decisions which will no doubt affect all of us. We will rise as a Council to meet any challenges that come our way. This year, I will be serving on the Finance Committee but I am very pleased to say that I am a member of a Borough and group that has already been judicious with its funds and we are in an excellent position. We are nowhere near the position that the State is in financially and while we will be dealing with decisions to make and certain things that will be coming down from the new administration, I firmly believe that we are headed in the right direction that will once again lead our State to fiscally stability. The year 2009 demonstrated that Ramsey is a community in every sense of the word, where we come together in good times and in bad to help each other where help is needed and to celebrate when appropriate. We are a community that comes out in force to walk for a Cure for Cancer as we have for the past two years with the Relay for Life event and we

donate blood many times throughout the year. We ban together when families are in need with great generosity and selflessness seen through so many volunteer organizations and through various calls for actions. We mourn together as we did for Nancy Hall, a former Councilwoman, when hundreds gathered to celebrate her life. We come together to honor our soldiers and veterans on Memorial Day, Veterans' Day, and September 11th. We are a community that celebrates together as seen on the 4th of July Woodstock Weekend, Ramsey Day, and Home for the Holidays. I am honored to be Chairwoman of Public & Governmental Relations Committee. We have relaunched the Ramsey Journal, a publication which dates back to the earliest days of our Borough. This will continue to be distributed 3 times per year to residents. Last year, we brought back a Taste of Ramsey/Farmers' Market, co-sponsored by the Ramsey Historical Association. It was a huge success and we had sell-out crowds. It brought the community some of the best food that Ramsey has to offer. I am pleased to announce that we will have a Farmer's Market on Sundays from June through October. I am also pleased to be serving on the committee as liaison to the Senior Citizens. Our seniors are vibrant and dedicated individuals. They are energetic and I am honored to work with them once again. We are looking forward to having a new senior bus this year, thanks to the generosity of the Inserra Family. This will be a 17 passenger, wheelchair accessible bus. We will have a ribbon cutting ceremony sometime in February. We are going to continue to make communication a priority in Ramsey and I am looking forward to 2010 with all the challenges and opportunities. I wish everyone health, happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

Councilman Nalbandian congratulated Councilwoman Dillon and Councilman Jones on their re-election and I look forward to working with them in the coming year. I would also like to congratulate Councilman Siemsen on being elected Council President. I would like to thank Rev. Brighton and Rev. Carrier for their dedication and service to the community and wish them Godspeed in their retirements. I would also like to thank the VFW for presenting the colors tonight and leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Meetings like this are an excellent example of democracy and I wish to thank all of those serving in the armed forces at this time. I would also like to thank the members of the Board of Education for their service to the community. It is a difficult job and we appreciate all that they do. It is important to thank all of our employees, appointees, and volunteers for their service to the Borough. I look forward to working with all of them in the coming year. I certainly enjoy working with my colleagues on the Mayor and Council, as well as Nick Saros, Peter Scandariato, and Meredith. I look forward to working with them as well. I have enjoyed working with the various boards and commissions and I certainly look forward to working with them this coming year. I would like to thank God for giving me the wisdom and the ability to serve. My thanks to my family and my brother is a Councilman in Old Tappan and he was elected Council President yesterday. I would like to congratulate him on that. I will continue to do what is in the best interest of our community and for the people of Ramsey, as my parents taught me in their capacity as public servants as well. I would be remiss if I did not say "Go Bama" on behalf of my father who attended the University of Alabama. I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Councilman Vozeh thanked Rev. Carrier and Rev. Brighton for their service to the community. Congratulations to Councilwoman Dillon and Councilman Jones on their re-elections, as well as Councilman Siemsen on his election as Council President. I look forward to working with my fellow councilmembers, as well as Mayor Botta. I would like to thank my family for the sacrifices they make and allowing me to put in the time. I will be Chairman of Finance and

Administration this year. We have a lot of financial challenges ahead this year and certainly the Board of Education knows this as well as any of us. We have been very prudent in Ramsey in budgeting, but costs do go up. We have been fortunate enough to continue to budget and only have inflationary tax increases and we have very limited debt. Our ability to borrow is well above where we are currently borrowing. We have under \$10 million in debt, and we would be allowed to borrow up to \$100 million. I think that all past administrations have been very prudent in handling the infrastructure repairs, etc. and we have not bonded ourselves into any future problems. We are in good shape there, but we are not going to get any more help from the State and costs continue to go up. We just recently put in place the last of our union contracts whereby we will now have employee contributions from all of our employees for health benefit costs. It is not standard in public and it is the reality of the economic situation. We have outstanding employees and they have worked with us to come to an agreement that works for everyone. This has taken a long time and it will be something that we face going forward. These are not easy decisions. We need to step up and make decisions where we have to, for all the citizens who put us up here. I appreciate all the work that everyone has put in to keep the ball moving on the economic front.

The Following Appointments All Require Council Confirmation

Board Of Adjustment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Richard Daul (Alt. 2)	1/10	12/31/11

Council Liaison: Councilman Nalbandian
Resolution Number Six: Introduced by Dillon, seconded by Nalbandian

Be It Resolved that the above captioned appointments hereby be confirmed:

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

Board Of Health

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Denise Chetaitis (Alt. 1)	1/10	12/31/11

Council Liaison: Councilman Siemsen
Resolution Number Seven: Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Jachzel

Be It Resolved that the above captioned appointments hereby be confirmed:

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

Board Of Public Works (Three-Year Term)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Mayor Christopher Botta	1/10	12/31/10
Christopher Martin	1/10	12/31/12
Steve Tesoriero	1/10	12/31/12

Council Liaison: Councilman Nalbandian

Resolution Number Eight: Introduced by Nalbandian, seconded by Vozech

Be It Resolved that the above appointments are hereby confirmed:

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

Design Review Board

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Councilwoman Jachzel	1/10	12/31/10
Bonnie Waterman	1/10	12/31/12
Dana Autenreith (Alt. 1)	1/10	12/31/12

Liaisons And Professional Support: Nicholas C. Saros, Borough Administrator; Richard Mathieson, Finance Officer; Harold Reed, Borough Engineer; Robert Connell, Construction Code Official, Councilwoman Jachzel

Resolution Number Nine: Introduced by Dillon, seconded by Nalbandian

Be It Resolved that the above appointments hereby be confirmed:

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

Fine Arts Council

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Rennie Pincus	1/10	12/31/12
Helene Cohen	1/10	12/31/12

Council Liaison: Councilman Jones

Resolution Number Ten: Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Dillon

Be It Resolved that the above appointments hereby be confirmed:

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

Pool Commission (Three-Year Term)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Susan Konish - Episcopo	1/10	12/31/12

Council Liaison: Councilman Vozech

Resolution Number Eleven: Introduced by Vozech, seconded by Siemsen

Be It Resolved that the above appointments hereby be confirmed:

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

Shade Tree Commission

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Terence Beltramini	1/10	12/31/14

Council Liaison: Councilman Siemsen

Resolution Number Twelve: Introduced by Dillon, seconded by Nalbandian

Be It Resolved that the above appointment hereby be confirmed:

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

Resolution Number Thirteen: Introduced by Vozech, seconded by Siemsen

Be It Resolved that the following newspapers be designated as the official legal newspapers for the Borough of Ramsey for the year 2010:

The Ridgewood News

The Bergen Record

The Star Ledger

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

Resolution Number Fourteen: Introduced by Vozech, seconded by Siemsen

Be It Resolved that Paul W. Garbarini, CPA, RMA, PSA, CMFO of Garbarini and

Company, CP, be appointed as the Auditor of the Borough of Ramsey for the year 2010.

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

Resolution Number Fifteen: Introduced by Vozech, seconded by Siemsen

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ramsey has a need to acquire professional services, as not awarded through a competitive bid process contract pursuant to the provision of N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5 as appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of the professional services will each exceed \$21,000.00; and,

WHEREAS the anticipated term of this contract is one year; and,

WHEREAS, the following business entities have submitted proposals indicating that they will provide the professional services in accordance with their proposal attached hereto;

Art Bernard, P.P. Bernard and Nebenzahl

Appraisal Systems, Tax Appraisers

PIA, Inc., Insurance Consultant

Capital Alternatives, Grant Consultants

Crew Engineers, Inc., Consulting Engineers

Jeffrey Doolittle, L.S., Borough Surveyor

Hatch Mott MacDonald, Infrastructure and Environment

Paul W. Garbarini, CPA, RMA, Garbarini & Co. PC

PMK Group, Engineers

Dewberry-Goodkind, Inc., Engineers

CMX, Engineers & Consultants

Peter A. Scandariato, Esq., Borough Attorney
Harry D. Norton, Jr., Esq., Special Counsel
Izenberg Appraisal Associates
Elizabeth McKenzie, Professional Planner
Piazza & Associates, (Frank Piazza, Esq.) Council on Affordable Housing Administrator
Mark Imbriani, Special Counsel for Council on Affordable Housing
Van Note- Harvey Associates, P.C., Environmental Engineers
Ruderman & Glickman, P.C., Labor Counsel
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.
Surveying Technology (Tax Maps)
Paulus, Sokolowski and Sartor (Environmental Engineers)

WHEREAS the above stated entities have completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that they have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Ramsey in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit them from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and,

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Ramsey authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with:
Appraisal Systems Inc., Capital Alternatives, Crew Engineers, Inc., Izenberg Appraisal Associates, Jeffrey Doolittle, L.S., Surveying Technologies Inc., Hatch, Mott and MacDonald, CMX, Engineers and Consultants, PMK Group, Dewberry-Goodkind, Inc., Peter A. Scandariato, Esq., Stantec Consulting Services, Elizabeth McKenzie, Piazza and Associates, Ruderman and Glickman, P.C., Garbarini & Co., P.C., Van Note-Harvey Associates, P.C., Mark Imbriani, Esq., Harry D. Norton, Esq., PIA, Inc., Art Bernard, P.P., Bernard and Nebenzahl, and Paulus, Sokolowski and Sartor;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be published in a newspaper within ten (10) days of its passage as required by law.

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

Resolution Number Sixteen: Introduced by Vozeh, seconded by Siemsen

Be It Resolved that the interest will be charged at the rate of eight percent per annum on all delinquent taxes and six percent per annum on all delinquent assessments except that the rate will be one thousandth of one percent per annum of the taxes for any current quarter if the taxes for any current quarter if the taxes are paid during the first ten days of the same current quarter.

Be It Further Resolved that the interest be charged by the Tax Collector in accordance with the provisions of Section 54:4-67 of the New Jersey Revised Status that effective immediately, the rate of interest to be charged on delinquent tax or assessment payments shall be 8 percent per annum of the first \$1,500.00 of delinquency, and 18 percent per

annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date of actual payment.

Be It Further Resolved if the Office of the Tax Collector is closed on the 10th of February, May, August or November; then the rate of one thousandth of one percent per annum above described shall be extended to include the first business day thereafter.

Be It Further Resolved that the interest rate shall revert to the rate of eight percent per annum for the first day of any current quarter unless the taxes of the same quarter are paid during the first 10 days of the same quarter or as otherwise provided in this resolution.

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

Resolution Number Seventeen: Introduced by Vozeh, seconded by Siemsen

Be It Resolved that the Tax Assessor be and is hereby authorized to defend County Board of Taxation and State Tax Court Appeals and to retain experts in connection therewith with the approval of the governing body; and

Be It Further Resolved that any stipulations of settlement in connection with such matters or any reduction in tax assessments including non-litigation matters may be subject to the review, approval and authorization by the governing body.

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

Resolution Number Eighteen: Introduced by Vozeh, seconded by Siemsen

Whereas, 40A:4-19 Local Budget Act provides that (where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2010 budget) temporary appropriations be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided;

Whereas, the date of this resolution is within the first 30 days of 2010, and

Whereas, the total appropriations in the 2009 budget, less appropriations made for capital improvement fund, debt service and relief of the poor (public assistance) are as follows:

General	\$ 19,305,154.67
Water-Sewer Utility	\$ 5,910,000.00
Pool Utility	\$ 268,000.00

Whereas, 26.25 percent of the total appropriations of the 2009 Budget, less appropriations for capital improvement fund, debt service and relief of the poor (public assistance), in the said 2009 Budget is as follows:

General	\$ 5,067,603.10
Water-Sewer Utility	\$ 1,551,375.00

Pool Utility \$ 70,350.00

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Ramsey, County of Bergen that the following temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

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

Resolution Number Nineteen: Introduced by Vozeh, seconded by Siemsen

Be It Resolved that the Borough Treasurer and the other Borough Officials required to sign Borough checks be and they are hereby authorized to sign such checks for the payment of the following remaining expenses: Insurance, Payroll, School Tax, County Tax, Trust Account Checks, Refunds, Postage and

Be It Further Resolved that such persons may sign and disburse such checks prior to governing body approval of the subject voucher covering such items provided the voucher is properly completed by the claimant, and

Be It Further Resolved that all vouchers covering such payments shall be presented to the governing body for formal approval at the next ensuing meeting of the governing body.

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

Resolution Number Twenty: Introduced by Vozeh, seconded by Siemsen

Whereas, by directive of the County Board of Taxation, under Rule 18:12A-16 (C), any and all tax appeals and stipulations for increase and decrease shall be submitted to the County Board of Taxation by the local Tax Collector and/or Tax Assessor on behalf of the Borough of Ramsey for the year 2009 and are hereby authorized by this governing body for disposition by the County Board of Taxation.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ramsey, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that this resolution as heretofore stated shall be approved by this governing body, and

Be It Resolved that the Borough Clerk be instructed to submit a certified copy of this resolution to the Borough Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, and Bergen County Board of Taxation.

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

Resolution Number Twenty-One Introduced by Vozech, seconded by Siemsen

Be It Resolved that the Borough Administrator be and he is hereby authorized to purchase goods, equipment, materials and services through the State Purchasing programs during the year 2010:

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

Resolution Number Twenty-Two: Introduced by Vozech, seconded by Siemsen

Be It Resolved that in addition to all interest charges, a six percent penalty shall be charged to a taxpayer with a tax delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 who fails to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year, and that such six percent penalty shall be computed on the amount of the delinquency.

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

Resolution Number Twenty-Three: Introduced by Vozech, seconded by Siemsen

Be It Resolved that the Collector of Taxes for the Borough of Ramsey be and is hereby authorized to conduct the annual sale of delinquent taxes for the calendar years 2008-2009 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.

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

Resolution Number Twenty-Four:

Borough Administrator	Nicholas C. Saros
Borough Clerk	Meredith Bendian*
Deputy Borough Clerk	Sherry Richards
Borough Attorney	Peter A. Scandariato, Esq.
Court Administrator	Mary J. Pasichnyk*
Deputy Court Administrator	Catherine Viggiano
Prosecutor	Christopher E. Martin, Esq.
Public Defender	Robert C. Welch, Jr., Esq.
Assistant Prosecutor	Patrick Nerney, Esq.
Second Assistant Prosecutor	Richard Rosa, Esq.
Assistant Public Defenders	Daniel McNerney, Esq.
	Steven H. Schefers, Esq.
Tax Collector	Linda Canavan
Chief Financial Officer	Richard Mathieson
Treasurer	Richard Mathieson
Tax Assessor	Angela Mattiace
Tax Search Officer	Kathy Vetter
Assessment Search Officer	Ann Davaris
Assistant Assessment Search Officer	Richard Mammone

Borough Atlas Search Officer
Assistant Borough Atlas Search Officer
Borough Engineer
Superintendent of Public Works
Temporary Housing Officer
Zoning Officer
Recycling Coordinator
Fire Sub-Code Official
Fire Official
Electrical Sub-Code Official /Inspector
Plumbing Sub-Code Official/Building & Fire
Protection Inspector
Plumbing Field Inspector
Construction Code Official
Building Inspector
Fire Inspector
Fire Inspector
Fire Inspector
Special Officers/Matrons

School Marshals

Substitutes

Sally Wiegand
Richard Mammone
Harold Reed
William H. Horton, Jr.
Richard Mammone
Richard Mammone
Harry Smith
Robert Connell
Frank Agatielli
Brian Vanore
James Zaconie

Frank Giordano
Robert Connell
Robert Connell
Tanis LaManna
Yuri Metelow
Steve Lenz
Tina Lanning
Gina Leonard
Patricia Salmon

Barbara Alberse
Rita Bowerfind
Dave Getlin
Joann Godwin
Roberta Grissoni
Dennis Johnston
Andrew Kelly
Laurita Lanning
Tina Lanning
Eileen Malestein
Elizabeth Mariani
Giulio Martino
Beatrice Masquelier
Anne Toher-Nicholson
Charles O'Rourke
Patrick Passero
Beatrice Robertson
Richard Rouault
Feim Saciri
George Tice
Richard Tully
Cheryl White
John Wisneski
Nada Nicole Wood
Ronald Davis
Peter D'Esopo
Donna Spence

Be It Resolved that the above appointments be and are hereby confirmed for the year 2010.
Introduced by Vozeh, seconded by Siemsen

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

Resolution Number Twenty-Five: Introduced by Jones, seconded by Dillon

Be It Resolved that the following appointments be made and confirmed for the year 2010.

Office of Emergency Management, Dir.	Michael Adams
Office of Emergency Management, Deputy Dir.	Bruce Greenwood
Office of Emergency Management, Deputy Dir.	Glen Karpovich
Office of Emergency Management, Deputy Dir.	Sgt. Angelo LaManna

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

Resolution Twenty-Six: Introduced by Jones, seconded by Dillon

Be It Resolved that the following members of the Office of Emergency Management
Local Emergency Planning Committee be appointed for 2010:

Mayor Christopher Botta, Chief Executive
Councilman Jones, Public Safety Chairman
Michael Adams, OEM & OCT Coordinator, LEPC Chairman
Glen Karpovich, OEM Deputy Coordinator, RTK & ICS Officer
Bruce Greenwood, OEM Deputy Coordinator, EOC Officer
Sgt. Angelo LaManna, OEM Deputy Coordinator, Public Safety Liaison
Wayne Lemme, OEM RADEF Officer
Louis Janicek, OEM RACES Officer
Michael Greenshields, OEM Shelter Management & Mitigation Officer
Nicholas C. Saros, Borough Administrator
Peter A. Scandariato, Esq., Borough Attorney
Meredith Bendian, Borough Clerk
Chief Bryan Gurney, Ramsey Police Department
Fire Chief James Dougherty, Ramsey Fire Department
Chief Steven Ahlstedt, Ramsey Ambulance Corps
Chief Christopher Hoffman, Ramsey Rescue Squad
William Horton, Public Works Superintendent
Leo Egan, Sanitarian, Board of Health
Francis Alcaro, Youth and Senior Citizen Liaison
Dr. Roy Montesano, Superintendent of Schools
Jennifer Crusco, Editor, Villadom Times
Robert Pavlik, Disaster Chairman, American Red Cross
Michelle Damiani, Liaison, Rockland Electric
James Keeney, OEM Government Liaison
Claudia Monteith, OEM Bio-Terrorism Consultant
Ralph Venturini, CERT Team Program Manager

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

Mayor administered the Oath of Office to those appointees who were present at this meeting.

Resolution Number Twenty-Seven: Introduced by Vozech, seconded by Siemsen

Be It Resolved that the following financial institutions be designated as the official depositories for the Borough of Ramsey for its fund for the year 2010:

- TD Bank
- State Of New Jersey Management Fund
- Bank of America
- Valley National Bank
- Trustco
- JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
- North Fork Bank

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

Mayor announced the following Council Committees for 2010

Council Committee Responsibilities

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Members</u>
Finance and Administration	Vozech	Siemsen, Jachzel
Public Safety	Jones	Dillon, Nalbandian
Health, Education & Social Services	Siemsen	Jachzel, Dillon
Building Planning and Zoning	Dillon	Nalbandian, Jones
Public & Governmental Relations	Jachzel	Jones, Vozech
Utilities, Building and Grounds	Nalbandian	Vozech, Siemsen

Council Liaison Responsibilities

- Finance & Administration
- Citizens Budget Task Force
- Recreation Commission
- Pool Commission
- Library Board

Council Members

- Vozech
- Vozech
- Siemsen
- Vozech
- Vozech

- Public Safety
- Office of Emergency Management
- Drug Alliance
- Traffic Safety Committee

- Jones
- Jones
- Jones
- Jones

- Health, Education & Social Services
- Board of Health

- Siemsen
- Siemsen

Environmental	Jones
Fine Arts	Jones
Ramsey Responds	Siemsen
School Board	Siemsen
<u>Building And Zoning</u>	Dillon
Design Review Board	Jachzel
Shade Tree	Siemsen
Board of Adjustment	Nalbandian
Planning Board (Class III Member)	Dillon
<u>Public & Governmental Relations</u>	Jachzel
Civic Organizations	Jachzel
Ramsey Senior Citizens & Ramsey Senior Center, Inc.	Jachzel
Youth Guidance	Jachzel
<u>Utilities, Buildings & Grounds</u>	Nalbandian
Recycling	Nalbandian
Beautification	Nalbandian
Board of Public Works (Water Board)	Nalbandian
<u>Other Liaison Responsibilities</u>	
Ramsey Day Committee	Jachzel
Technology	Siemsen

Public Comment - None

Closing Remarks From Mayor Christopher Botta

Mayor Botta thanked the members of the Board of Education who attended tonight. We work very well together and I look forward to continuing that relationship. We are always there to work with you and I thank you for showing us your support tonight. We have a big chunk of tax dollars that we take and we do it to the best of our ability. I would like to recognize former Councilman, Mike Adams, who is here tonight. Typically, the Mayor's comments at the Reorganization Meeting are a "State of the Borough" address, however, as the meeting goes on, I realize that we all have comments about what the Borough's state is and I am confident that the state of our Borough is very strong and I am very hopeful for our future and the community. It was a great event in 2008 to celebrate the Centennial, to follow that up with additional events in 2009, and there were great challenges as well. The same thing will be true in 2010. We have great opportunity and great challenges. I look forward to working with our re-elected Councilpeople, Councilwoman Dillon and Councilman Jones. I especially want to thank Councilwoman Dillon for her service as Council President. It is a very important position especially in terms of communication with the Council and communication with me. I want to commend her for a great job done as Council President in 2009. I look forward to working with Councilman Siemsen and I pledge to work together and communicate effectively on all issues and topics and make this an excellent year for our Council so we can move forward on the many events and programs, as well as challenges that face us. I look forward to working with all of the Councilmembers in that regard. Our volunteers are truly the lifeblood of our community,

and I said many times that we need to make sure people feel safe and our Police Department does a great job of that through their policing efforts. We have much to do in 2010. We need to consider alternate revenue sources and we need to explore whether we should be in the water business and the value of our water system. We need to control our budget and all of us will have to make do with less, as we have done in our own homes and our own personal family budgets in the past year. I look forward to working with the Finance Committee and putting our 2010 budget together. We need to explore shared services with our surrounding communities in a significant way and I think that we need to realize that we cannot be parochial islands, 560 of them in New Jersey, forever. We need to really move forward on sharing our services, sharing purchasing, as we have already done in many areas, and we need to continue to do that. I look forward to the opening of our newly renovated Library later this year. That work is progressing very well. We look forward to continuing in our efforts to pick up the leaves, shovel the snow, the things that citizens demand and require of us. Sometimes they are the hardest things to deliver and we need to work better, and we will. The burden of that falls to our Borough employees. They do a great job in making sure that our residents are getting their money's worth for the taxes they pay. I want to commend all of our Borough employees for their hard work, not only in performing the services required of them but working with us. As Councilman Vozeh touched upon, we have had to share the costs of benefits going forward in the future. That is something that we will have to continue. When I came into office, all six of our union contracts had expired and I am very proud to say that all six have been resolved at this point. That took a lot of work from all of our councilmembers, especially the Finance and Administration Committee, our labor counsel, and our Borough Administrator. I think the agreements are a benefit for all of our community. We will work together in 2010 to continue to achieve our goals and I pledge to work with all of our volunteers, employees, and my fellow elected officials to meet the challenges. I wish everyone a Happy New Year and continued good will in 2010.

New Business – None

Adjournment

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

Meredith Bendian
Borough Clerk