

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
July 11, 2007

Mayor Botta called the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to order. Council President Nalbandian led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor read the Open Public Meetings law notice.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Botta, Councilmembers Dillon, Heller, 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 Jones, to approve the minutes of June 13, 2007, as submitted. Carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

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

1. Irene Monroe, 8 Elbert Street, Ramsey, NJ  
letter dated June 27, 2007, complimenting the curb and road work done at Elbert Street and Blauvelt Avenue by Ingannamort Company.
2. Jack R. D'Ambrosio, Jr., Housing Authority of Bergen County, 25 Rockwood Place, Englewood, NJ 07631  
letter dated June 19, 2007, regarding payment in lieu taxes for housing located in Ramsey.
3. Michelle Kaczorowski, Health Committee Chairperson, Jr. Woman's Club of Ramsey  
letter dated July 5, 2007, requesting permission to hold a blood drive in conjunction with the Community Blood Services on Friday, July 13, 2007 at Finch Park between the hours of 5:30 and 8:00 pm.
4. Mary Carol Ditaranto, President, Ramsey Ambulance Corps, Inc. 41 South Island Avenue, Ramsey, NJ  
letter dated July 8, 2007 requesting permission to close Island Avenue on Saturday, September 29, 2007 from 10:30am until 6:00pm for a dedication ceremony and wetdown for the two new ambulances.

5. Madeline Thumudo, Administrative Assistant, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ, 07463  
letter dated July 6, 2007, informing the Borough of the refund they received from the Sewer Connection Fee Program.

IV. APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Botta made the following appointment:

Craig P. Kobovitch - Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION

Resolution by Vozech, seconded by Nalbandian

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:

- a. Resolution: Payment of vouchers
- b. Resolution: Authorizing the submission of an application for the Ramsey Municipal Alliance grant for 2008 in the amount of \$11,500.00.
- c. Resolution: Authorizing prepayment to Ramsey Day vendors.
- d. Resolution: Restricting that the sale of any items on Ramsey Day be sold only by charitable organizations, non- profit organizations, civic organizations and political organizations.
- e. Resolution: Authorizing the setup and maintenance of signs advertising the Ramsey Day Fun Festival at Village Square parking lot and the corner of Main Street and North Central Avenue.
- f. Resolution: Appointing Craig P. Kobovitch to the Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department.
- g. Resolution: Authorizing the Construction Official to enter into a agreement with not to exceed \$10,000.00.

- V. CONSENT RESOLUTION - continued  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following applications and/or recommendations hereby be approved:

- A. SPECIAL PERMITS:  
Junior Womens' Club, asking permission to hold a blood drive in conjunction with Community Blood Services, Friday, July 13, 2007 at Finch Park between the hours of 5:30pm and 8:00pm.

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

VI. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION -Councilman Bruce Vozech  
Congratulations to Craig and my thanks for volunteering to the Fire Department. Recreation Commission will sponsor a movie at Finch Park on Friday, July 13, at dusk. The movie is "Night at the Museum". Also, I would like to thank all of the Borough employees for their work in conjunction with the fireworks on 7/6/07 and the clean-up the next morning. My thanks to the Buildings and Grounds and Road Dept. We will have capital ordinances to be introduced at the next meeting.
- B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Council President Arthur M. Nalbandian  
I would also like to thank Craig for joining the Fire Department. The concert and fireworks at Finch Park were really tremendous. I would like to thank the police, fire, rescue, ambulance corps, O.E.M. members and the DPW for their hard work. The event ran like clock-work. My thanks also the Fine Arts Council for putting on such a terrific event, under the leadership of Rennie Pincus.
- C. BUILDING & ZONING – Councilman Andrew Siemsen  
No comments.
- D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Jeffrey C. Heller  
I too would echo the comments of my colleagues relating to the Borough employees and their hard, diligent work executing the fireworks and then transitioning to an ordinary Saturday of baseball. It worked out very well.
- E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilman William Jones  
The efforts of all the different agencies working together to pull off the July 4th events was a great job by everyone and it was one of the largest turn-outs that we ever had for the fireworks. I would also like to thank the Wind Symphony. They did an excellent job. The Fine Arts Council has several events coming up: Sgt. Pepper concert at the high school at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 20; the Celtic Spring Band will be in the high school on July 25: LIFT will be playing on August 10 at Finch Park at 7:30 p.m. and Al Stewart on August 21<sup>st</sup> at the high school. We also have open mic night on the 28<sup>th</sup> at Border's. I would also like to congratulate and say thank you to Craig for serving on the Fire Department.

F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilwoman Deirdre A. Dillon  
Congratulations to Craig on his appointment to the Fire Department. There will not be a Board of Health meeting this month. The seniors will meet on July 19<sup>th</sup> at Finch Park. The Jr. Woman’s Club is holding an emergency blood drive on Friday night at Finch Park. Please stop by and donate if you can.

G. MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. BOTTA

We have been drawing a lot of water from United Water during this heat wave and we have been able to supply our community with sufficient water as a result of our connection with United Water. The water drawn is surface water which enters the system at a higher temperature and therefore has to be chlorinated upon entry and some residents may have noted a more chlorinated flavor to the water. There is no problem with it and no danger to using it. We have been able to supply our residents, even on peak demands. The annual water report went out during the last 10 days. My congratulations to the Fine Arts Council and the Wind Symphony and to all the employees who participated in the concert and fireworks event. It was a huge success and I thank everyone 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.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

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

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 22-2007 An Ordinance to authorize the reconstruction, drainage, curbs and paving of Brookfield Lane in the Borough of Ramsey and to appropriate the sum of \$300,000.00 to pay the cost thereof.

Resolution by Heller, seconded by Vozech

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 35-2006 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RECONSTRUCTION, DRAINAGE, CURBS AND PAVING OF BROOKFIELD LANE IN THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF

\$185,000.00 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF SO AS TO INCLUDE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SEWER LINE AND PUMP STATION AND TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATED SUM FOR SAID PROJECT TO \$300,000.00 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007, 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 Heller stated that some additional drainage work below the roadbed is being done, prior to the paving and installation of curbs. Mayor Botta added that the additional money for the sewer and pump station will be reimbursed by the Board of Public Works to the Borough.

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

X.    UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

XI.   NEW BUSINESS - None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meredith Bendian  
Borough Clerk

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