

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
January 10, 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 Attorney Peter Scandariato, Borough Administrator Nicholas Saros,  
and Borough Clerk Meredith Bendian.

Absent: None

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

Motion by Heller, seconded by Vozeh, to approve the minutes of December 13, 2006, as submitted.

Carried.

**III. COMMUNICATIONS -**

Motion by Dillon, seconded by Jones, to receive and file the following communication. Carried.

1. Rev. Louis J. Molinelli, SDB, Director/President, Don Bosco Preparatory High School, 492 N. Franklin Turnpike, Ramsey, NJ 07446  
letter dated January 5, 2007, requesting permission to replace school banners at the main entrance of the school.

**IV. APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Botta made the following appointments:

Susan Konish-Episcopo to the Ramsey Pool Commission  
(3 yr. term 1/07-12/31/09)

Amy Serafin, Ramsey Rescue Squad – Explorer Member

David J. Brown, Ramsey Rescue Squad – Explorer Member

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION  
Introduced by Vozech, seconded by Heller

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
- a1. Resolution: Reserve Transfer Resolution #1
- b. Resolution: Appointing Susan Konish-Episcopo to the Ramsey Pool Commission.
- c. Resolution: Appointing Piazza and Associates as the Affordable Housing Services Coordinator for the Borough of Ramsey.
- d. Resolution: Appointing Richard Mammone as the Municipal Housing Liaison For the administration of the affordable housing program for the Borough of Ramsey.
- e. Resolution: Appointing Amy Serafin to the Ramsey Rescue Squad as an Explorer Member.
- f. Resolution: Appointing David J. Brown to the Ramsey Rescue Squad as an Explorer Member.
- g. Resolution: Request made to the NJ Department of Transportation to extend the contract award date to March 30, 2007 for the award of a contract for Elbert Street.

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

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

Ramsey Seniors are requesting permission to extend their bingo license until Dec. 31, 2007.

Friends of the Adornos are requesting permission to hold an outdoor fair on Sunday, May 20, 2007 (raindate May 27<sup>th</sup>) between the hours of 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.

Don Bosco Preparatory High School is requesting permission to replace school banners at the front entrance.

B. RAFFLE REQUESTS:

Hubbard School PTO is requesting permission to hold an on premise merchandise raffle on Saturday, March 3, 2007 # 160

Friends of the Adornos are requesting permission to hold an on premise 50/50 raffle on Sunday, May 20, 2007 #161

Friends of the Adornos are requesting permission to hold an off premise 50/50 raffle on Sunday, May 20, 2007 #162

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

Council President Nalbandian joined Mayor Botta to administer the oaths of office to the new volunteers.

VI. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION -Councilman Bruce Vozeh  
The Reorganization Meeting went very well and I would like to thank Meredith, Sherry, and Nick for putting it together. Congratulations to the new volunteers as they start their community service. We have a busy year coming up as far as our union contracts are concerned and it will be an active year for the Finance Committee. I will be the liaison to the Recreation Commission and the new MacFarran Field will be a big help to the Recreation programs. A number of capital projects will also be a part of the Library this year.
- B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Council President Arthur M. Nalbandian  
I too would like to congratulate and thank the new volunteers. We truly appreciate their service and I look forward to working with them. I would like to thank Nick, Meredith and Sherry for the Reorganization Meeting and congratulate Mayor Botta on his becoming Mayor, as well as our new councilmembers on their election. I look forward to a great year and wish everyone a happy, healthy new year.
- C. BUILDING & ZONING – Councilman Andrew Siemsen  
I too would like to congratulate and thank the new volunteers.
- D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Jeffrey C. Heller  
I too would like to thank and congratulate the new volunteers. Planning for the pool starts in the month of February. I will be meeting with the other members of the Building and Grounds Committee and we will start with a list of projects for the year 2007.
- E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilman William Jones

I would like to offer my congratulations to the new volunteers. My thanks for the Reorganization Meeting and how everything was presented. As a new member, the Borough staff is very helpful and I would like to thank them. It is very much appreciated.

F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES –  
Councilwoman Deirdre Dillon

My thanks and congratulations to the new volunteers. My thanks to Nick, Sherry, Peter, and Meredith for a great job on the Reorganization Meeting. I look forward to working with the Board of Health.

G. MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. BOTTA

I have been Mayor for 10 days and have attended the Planning Board meeting, Fine Arts Council, Library Board, and the Environmental Commission and I have enjoyed administering the oath of office to the new members at each meeting. The Fine Arts Council will have some exciting things in 2007. We will be meeting with the County Engineering Department in the next two weeks to talk about county projects for 2007. Congratulations to the new appointees tonight.

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

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

VIII. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES None

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES None

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

XI. NEW BUSINESS None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meredith Bendian  
Borough Clerk

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