

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 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, Vozech,
Borough Attorney Peter Scandariato, Borough Administrator Nicholas Saros, and
Borough Clerk Meredith Bendian.

Absent: None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Heller, seconded by Vozech, to approve the minutes of December 27, 2006.
Carried.
(Councilmembers Dillon, Jones and Nalbandian abstained since they were not at the
meeting of
December 27, 2006).

III. COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. Ann Webersinn, Plant Sale Committee, Ramsey Area Garden Club
letter dated January 20, 2007, is requesting permission to use the
Ramsey Train Station on Saturday, May 12, 2007 for their annual
plant sale.
2. Howard Hurwitz, Executive Director, Northwest Bergen County
Utilities
Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ 07463
letter dated January 11, 2007, regarding a schedule of service
charges due from each community.
3. Madeline Thumudo, Secretary, Northwest Bergen County Utilities
Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ 07463
letter dated January 15, 2007, copy of the minutes of NBCUA
December 6, 2006 meeting.
4. Alyssa Jenkins, Secretary Cub Scout Pack 175, 27 Anne Street,
Ramsey
letter dated January 16, 2007, requesting permission to use

Woodland Ave. to host Cub Mobile Derby and permission to use MacFarran Field for rocket launch.

5. Howard Hurwitz, Executive Director, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ 07463
letter dated January 17, 2007, NBCUA Sewer Connection Fee Program.
6. Tom Wallner, Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus, Patrick Pindar Council # 3962, 48 Mechanic Street, Ramsey, NJ 07446
letter dated January 19, 2007, complimenting several Borough Hall employees for their assistance.
7. Veronica Ford, 120 Woodland Avenue, Ramsey, NJ 07446
letter dated January 18, 2007, requesting some repairs to her property due to the paving on Woodland Avenue.

IV. APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Botta made the following appointment:

Rushabh Shah to the Ramsey Office of Emergency Management

Councilman Vozech joined the Mayor to present certificates of achievement to the players, coaches, and cheerleaders of the Titan football team, Super Bowl Champions. Congratulations to all!

Mayor Botta requested Boy Scout Brian Sundermann to speak about the proposed Eagle Scout project, which Brian is planning. The plan involves the clean up of a Green Acres parcel of land, mulching the path 250 ft., possibly leveling and putting in some gravel. Mayor indicated that this was a good project and advised Brian to contact the Borough Administrator to coordinate the effort.

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION

Introduced by Vozech, seconded by Jones

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 #2
- b. Resolution: Cancellation of real estate taxes due for 2007 due to consolidation of parcels in the amount of \$22,970.00 for

Block 5102, Lot 2, owner Porven Real Estate, 566 Rt. 17.

- c. Resolution: Accepting the resignation of Lieutenant Mark Delhauer with regret.
- d. Resolution: Authorizing the extension of the award of the contract for drainage improvements, curbs and milling for Elbert Street, Blauvelt and Morse Avenue to M. Ingannamorte & Son, Inc.
- e. Resolution: Release of performance bond for Super Value, Inc., Block 3804, Lot 5 in the amount of \$12,000.00.
- f. Resolution: Release of performance bond to 385 N. Franklin Turnpike Associates, LLC, Block 3802, Lot 9 in the amount of \$178,480.00.
- g. Resolution: Authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute the agreement with Professional Insurance Associates and the Borough of Ramsey for professional risk management consulting services.
- h. Resolution: Release of escrow to Masterson Pools, Block 5102, Lot 5 in the amount of \$816.80.
- i. Resolution: Release of escrow to Masterson Pools, Block 3703, Lot 5 and Block 3901, Lots 5.01 and 7 in the amount of \$1,600.00.
- j. Resolution: Release of escrow to Sal Riggi, Block 4701, Lots 7 and 8 in the amount of \$2,229.50.
- k. Resolution: Appointing Rushabh Shah to the Ramsey Office of Emergency Management.
- l. Resolution: Authorizing the Borough Administrator to provide the necessary data to Bergen County to participate in the Bergen County Terrorism Task Force Program.
- m. Resolution: Authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute the agreement between the County of Bergen and Animal Control Services for 2007.
- n. Resolution: Authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement for Public Health Services with the Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission for 2007.

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

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

Ramsey Area Garden Club is requesting permission to use the train station for their annual plant sale on Saturday, May 12, 2007 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

Cub Scout Pack 175 is requesting permission to use Woodland Avenue for their cub mobile derby on Saturday, May 12, 2007 (raindate May 19th) between the hours of 8:30 AM and 12:00 PM. (REMOVED)

Knights of Columbus, Patrick Pindar Council #3962 is requesting a one day social affairs permit for May 5, 2007 between the hours of 7:00 PM and 1:00 AM.

Knights of Columbus, Patrick Pindar Council #3962 is requesting a one day social affairs permit for Ramsey High School Athletic Association for March 24, 2007 between the hours of 7:00 PM and 1:00 AM.

Knights of Columbus, Patrick Pindar Council #3962 is requesting a one day social affairs permit for the Jr. Woman's Club of Ramsey for February 10, 2007 between the hours of 7:00 PM and 1:00 AM.

AYES: Dillon, Heller, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozeh

NAYS: None

Mayor administered the oath to Mr. Shah, new OEM member.

VI. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION -Councilman Bruce Vozeh

Congratulations to Mr. Shah for volunteering to O.E.M. and congratulations to the Titans. My thanks to Brian Sundermann for the initiative of his Eagle Scout project. The fields closest to the railroad tracks at Finch Park have been done and that project should be finishing up shortly. We are developing a punchlist for the MacFarran Field project and that should be completed by the springtime. Also, we have started the budget process for 2007.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Council President Arthur M. Nalbandian

My congratulations to the Titans. It is a great accomplishment. Congratulations and thanks to the new member of the O.E.M. Our O.E.M. received a thank you letter from Homeland Security for our participation in National Preparedness Month, last September.

C. BUILDING & ZONING – Councilman Andrew Siemsen

My congratulations to the new O.E.M. member and to the Titans. I would like to thank Brian Sundermann for his proposed Eagle Scout project.

- D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Jeffrey C. Heller
I too would like to congratulate the new O.E.M. member and the Titans for their great line of victories. Ordinance #2 tonight will kick off our Utilities, Buildings and Grounds work for this year with some improvements on drainage projects and this week we will be having our first meeting of the Utilities, Buildings and Grounds. I would like to recognize Freeholder O'Brien who is here tonight.
- E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilman William Jones
I too would like to add my congratulations to the Titans for their outstanding accomplishment this year. Congratulations to the new volunteers and my thanks to Brian for his Eagle Scout project. I just want to point out that Orange and Rockland Electric have started to prune trees in the area. On March 24, the Ramsey High School Athletic Association will have their spring kick-off dinner at the Knights of Columbus. It is certainly a worthwhile effort.
- F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilwoman Deirdre Dillon
Congratulations to Mr. Shah and to the Titan football players, cheerleaders, and coaches for a job well done. Brian Sundermann's project sound great. I am working with the Board of Health regarding the health and hygiene practices in our schools and also an idea regarding obesity prevention for our school system.
- G. MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. BOTTA
My thanks to the members of the Titans, as well as the coaches and parents. The 2007 bidding process for the repaving program will be starting shortly and we do a combined bid with the Northwest Bergen Cooperative Pricing and this year Mahwah and Ridgewood will be joining in on the bid. This will probably result in a bid of over \$4 million for the combined projects in all 14 towns. We will have somewhere between \$100,000 and \$200,000 in paving projects. We will save money for everyone involved. Some towns have not participated in the past, but this year it seems that all towns will be working together to bring down the costs.
- 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

Julie O'Brien, 80 Manor Drive, expressed her appreciation for ord. 4-2007. It was a long time coming but I wanted to thank you for a job well done. Not seeing anyone else who wished to speak, Mayor closed the public comment.

VIII. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES None

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

- 1-2007 Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)
- 2-2007 Ordinance to authorize the drainage, reconstruction and repaving of Elbert Street, sections of Morse and Blauvelt Avenues
- 3-2007 Ordinance to establish a borough policy for the awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts
- 4-2007 Ordinance entitled Municipal Parking Lots

Ord. 1-2007 Establish a CAP bank
Resolution by Vozech, seconded by Heller

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) 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 February, 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.

AYES; Dillon, Heller, Jones, Nalbandian, Simsen, Vozech NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Ord. 2-2007 Amendment to Ord. 15-2006 regarding Elbert Street reconstruction and drainage
Resolution by Heller, seconded by Nalbandian

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 15-2006 WHICH IS ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DRAINAGE, RECONSTRUCTION, AND REPAVING OF ELBERT STREET INCLUDING SECTIONS OF MORSE AND BLAUVELT AVENUES IN THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$120,000.00 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 14th day of February, 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

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

Ord. 3-2007 Public Professional Service Contracts
Resolution by Vozeh, seconded by Heller

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND MORE SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER II THEREOF ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION" IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A BOROUGH POLICY FOR THE AWARDING OF PUBLIC PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS 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 February, 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

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

Ord. 4-2007 Amendment to Parking in Municipal Parking Lots
Resolution by Heller, seconded by Siemsen

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VIII OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY ENTITLED MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS AND OFF STREET PARKING AREAS AND MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 8-3.1 PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS; MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS

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 February, 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.

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

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meredith Bendian
Borough Clerk

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