

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 22, 2008

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. Members of Cub Scout Pack 306, Webelos Den 8, assisted in conducting the meeting. Mayor Botta announced a moment of silence in memory of Kathie Wild, Volunteer Member of the Ambulance Corps, who died during the past week, after a long illness.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Botta, Councilmembers Dillon, Jachzel, 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 Dillon, seconded by Vozeh, to approve the minutes of September 24, 2008, as submitted. Carried.

Motion by Nalbandian, seconded by Jones, to go out of the normal order of business to present certificates. Carried.

Mayor asked the following people to come forward: Doug Harvey, Mitchell Cooperman, Gary Paul, Chris Antonucci. Councilman Jones explained that on August 17, all of these gentlemen worked together in a fast life-saving action in Shop Rite. Volunteer fireman Bill Fleming went into cardiac arrest in the deli section of Shop Rite. The men used a defibrillator and CPR to save Mr. Fleming, who was subsequently transported to Valley Hospital where he remained for 3 weeks. The next day, August 18, Gary Paul saved a 13 year old girl from drowning at the Jersey Shore. Gary was presented with a life-saving medal from the Ramsey Fire Department by Chief Mike Scalione.

III. APPOINTMENTS

Mayor made the following appointments:

Jeffrey Saunders – Volunteer Fire Dept.
Kevin Cherven – Sergeant, Police Dept.

Mayor asked Police Chief Bryan Gurney to join him in promoting Officer Kevin Cherven to Sergeant. Chief Gurney stated there were many good candidates but Kevin was outstanding. Mayor administered the oath of office to the new Sergeant. Sergeant Cherven expressed his appreciation for the promotion.

Mayor administered the oath to new volunteer fireman Jeff Saunders.

Mayor invited Jay McMahon from the Shade Tree Commission to join in presenting the awards to the winners of the commercial landscape Shade Tree Award:

- 1st place – Masterson Car Wash on Rt. 17 North
- 2nd place – Holiday Inn Express on Rt. 17 North
- 3rd place - Fieldstone Fine Art on Main Street

Mayor announced a 5 minute recess. At this point, the Cub Scouts left the meeting.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS -

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

1. [Rick Marchesi, President, Beach Contractors, Inc., 12 Mountainside Avenue, Suite B, Mahwah, NJ 07430](#)
letter dated October 9, 2008, expressing his satisfaction with the service he received from the Building Department.
2. [Mr. Louis A. Ordini, 450 Airmount Avenue, Ramsey, NJ 07446](#)
letter dated October 8, 2008, regarding this year's leaf pick up schedule.
3. [Thomas Matte, 147 Church Street, Ramsey, NJ](#)
letter dated October 8, 2008, regarding the letter he received about property management.
4. [Howard Hurwitz, Executive Director, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ 07463](#)
letter dated October 15, 2008, advising of their proposal to issue Utility System Revenue bonds and enclosing copies of resolutions.
5. [Madeline Thumudo, Secretary, Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ 07463](#)
letter dated October 8, 2008, enclosing minutes.

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION

Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Vozech

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:

- 204-2008 Resolution: [Payment of Vouchers](#)
- 205-2008 Resolution: [Authorizing the Mayor and Council to request funds from Bergen County community Development in the amount of \\$129,000.00 for the Ramsey Public Library project.](#)
- 206-2008 Resolution: [Escrow Release in the amount of \\$2,213.00 for John Donahue Subdivision, Block 4205 Lot 40](#)
- 207-2008 Resolution: [Tax Refunds on various properties in Ramsey](#)
- 208-2008 Resolution: [Veteran's tax deduction for 2008 to John Bonaro, Block 1901 Lot 7](#)
- 209-2008 Resolution: [Appointing Jeffrey B. Saunders to the Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department](#)
- 210-2008 Resolution: [Appointing Patrolman Kevin Cherven to Sergeant of the Ramsey Police Department](#)
- 211-2008 Resolution: [Proclaiming November as Caregivers Month in the Borough of Ramsey](#)
- 212-2008 Resolution: Retaining Richard Stewen, LLC for emergency roof repair at Finch Park in the amount of \$8,900.00

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

VI. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION -Councilman Andrew Siemsen
 My condolences to the family of Kathie Wild; she will be truly missed. Congratulations to Jeff Saunders and to Kevin Cherven and to the winners of the Shade Tree awards. Congratulations to those who received the Life Saving Awards.
- B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman William Jones
 I would also offer my condolences to the family of Kathie Wild. We appreciate all that she gave to the community. I would also congratulate Mr. Saunders for joining the Ramsey Fire Department. My thanks to those who were involved with the life-saving incident. I would also congratulate Sgt. Cherven on his accomplishment. The Centennial parade is scheduled for Sunday, October 26. Last week was Fire Prevention Week and this week is Red Ribbon Week, to bring awareness to the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

- C. BUILDING PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Arthur M. Nalbandian
My condolences and prayers go out to the family and friends of Kathie Wild. I thank the Cub Scouts for their help tonight. It is always great to have the Scouts coming in for a meeting. My thanks to Jeffrey Saunders for volunteering to the Fire Department and congratulations to Kevin Cherven on his promotion to Sergeant. I would also like to express my appreciation to all the heroes who were here tonight.
- D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilwoman Deirdre A. Dillon
My condolences to the family of Kathie Wild. Congratulations to those who received the Life Saving Awards tonight. Congratulations to the winners of the Shade Tree Awards and congratulations to Sergeant Cherven. My thanks and congratulations to Jeff Saunders for joining the Fire Department. Hopefully, the new boiler will be ready soon.
- E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Council President Bruce Vozeh
My condolences to the Wild family. I have known Kathie for a long time and she has done a lot for the community. I would like to thank the recipients of the Life Saving awards and the Cub Scouts for helping us tonight. Congratulations to the winners of the Shade Tree awards. Congratulations to Sergeant Cherven and also my thanks to the Public Safety Committee for the difficult choice they had to make.
- F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel
I wish to offer my condolences to the family of Kathie Wild. My thanks to those who received the awards tonight and congratulations to Kevin Cherven. My thanks to the Cub Scouts.
- G. MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. BOTTA

We have the Halloween Parade on Saturday and the Centennial Parade on Sunday. There will be some refreshments and entertainment on the front lawn of the High School after the Centennial Parade and we are looking forward to that event.
- H. BOROUGH ATTORNEY – Peter A. Scandariato, Esq. No comments.
- I. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Nicholas C. Saros
My condolences to the Wild family.
- J. BOROUGH CLERK – Meredith Bendian No comments.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

VIII. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

[Ordinance 15-2008 An ordinance amending the code of the Borough of Ramsey](#), Bergen County, New Jersey and more specifically Chapter II, Article III, Section 2-32, Subsection 2-23.1 Thereof entitled Administration: Departments established: Police Department: Appointments

Introduced by Jones, seconded by Jachzel

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND MORE SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER II ARTICLE III SECTION 2-32, SUBSECTION 2-23.1 THEREOF ENTITLED ADMINISTRATION: DEPARTMENTS ESTABLISHED: POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPOINTMENTS having been brought up for public hearing and all persons interested having been given the 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 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.

Councilman Jones stated that this is the reorganization of the Police Department by eliminating one Lieutenant's position and this needs to be done by ordinance so that there are no open positions left unfilled.

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

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

[Ordinance 16-2008 An ordinance to authorize the acquisition, supply of equipment,](#) materials and installation of a fire suppression system located in the municipal building in the Borough of Ramsey, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, and to appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to pay the cost thereof.

Introduced by Nalbandian, seconded by Vozech

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION, SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, AND INSTALLATION OF A FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$25,000.00 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF having been brought up for public 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.

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

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

[Ordinance 17-2008 An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter XIII of the](#) Code of the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey and more specifically section 13-16 entitled R1, R2, R3 and R4 Residential Zone District Rental Property

Introduced by Nalbandian, seconded by Siemsen

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XIII OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 13-16 ENTITLED R1, R2, R3 AND R4 RESIDENTIAL ZONE DISTRICT RENTAL PROPERTY 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 12th of November, 2008, at 8:45 p.m. prevailing time or as soon thereafter 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 the notice of introduction thereof and notice when the same will be considered for final passage and adoption.

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

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

XI. NEW BUSINESS - None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meredith Bendian
Borough Clerk

