

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 24, 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.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Botta, Councilmembers Dillon, Jachzel, 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 Jones, seconded by Dillon, to accept the minutes of October 22, 2008, as submitted. Carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

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

1. [Michael Treni, 125 Deer Trail North, Ramsey, NJ 07446](#)
letter dated November 5, 2008, resigning from the Ramsey Fine Arts Council
2. [Russell Rothman, Rothman & Co., Inc. 50 Williams Drive, Ramsey, NJ](#)
letter requesting permission to hold their warehouse sale December 5 through December 12th from 1pm until 6pm
3. [Howard Hurwitz, Executive Director, Northwest Bergen County Utilities](#)
Authority, 30 Wyckoff Ave, Waldwick, NJ
letter dated November 14, 2008, notifying of the public hearing for connection fees.

IV. APPOINTMENTS –

Mayor Botta made the following appointment:
[Jordan Mistretta](#), Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION

Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Vozeh

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:

- 216-2008 Resolution: [Payment of Vouchers](#)
- 217-2008 Resolution: [Escrow Release to Alexander Ghiz for Block 5306](#)
Lot 30.01 in the amount of \$1,115.00
- 218-2008 Resolution: [Performance Bond release for St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, Block 2701 Lot 4](#) in the amount of \$161,457.25
- 219-2008 Resolution: [Landscaping Bond release for Masterson Car Wash, Block 5102, Lot 5](#) in the amount of \$5,000.00
- 220-2008 Resolution: [Transfer # 2](#)
- 221-2008 Resolution: [Appointing Jordan Mistretta to the Ramsey Fire Department](#)
- 222-2008 Resolution: [Authorizing the Borough Administrator to execute appropriate forms for Brookfield Sewage Pumping Station](#)

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

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

M. Rothman and Co., Inc. is requesting permission to have a warehouse sale on December 12, 2008 between the hours of 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

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

VI. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION -Councilman Andrew Siemsen

Congratulations to Jordan Mistretta and wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman William Jones

I would also like to welcome Jordan Mistretta to the Fire Department and remind everyone that the Home for the Holidays Parade will take place on Dec. 6.

Open Mic night at the Ramsey Country Club was the largest attended event I have seen. It went very well. My thanks to the Knights of Columbus for the excellent PBA event. They always step up and help. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. Thanks to Mike Treni for his service on the Fine Arts Council.

C. BUILDING PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Arthur M. Nalbandian

I would like to thank Jordan Mistretta for volunteering to serve on the Fire Department. My thanks to Mike Treni for his service on the Fine Arts Council. I also wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

- D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilwoman Deirdre A. Dillon
Congratulations to Jordan Mistretta on his appointment to the Fire Department. The DARE Ziti Dinner was a great success. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and the PBA for a great event. Best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving.
- E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Council President Bruce Vozeh
I would like to echo my colleagues’ comments and thank Jordan Mistretta for his service. My thanks to the K of C for the PBA function. I attended the Inter-faith service and read the Presidential Proclamation. There many different choirs and I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel
I want to thank Jordan Mistretta for volunteering to the Fire Department and also kudos to the Fine Arts Council for keeping the Open Mic Night going. There is some really great local talent. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.
- G. MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. BOTTA No comments.
- 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

[Ordinance 18-2008 An ordinance amending Chapter XXXIV of the Code of the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey and more specifically section 34-5 Subsection 34-5.2 therefore entitled nonconforming buildings and uses: Continuance and enlargement of nonconforming use or structure](#)

Introduced by Nalbandian, seconded by Jachzel

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XXXIV OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 34-5 SUBSECTION 34-5.2 THEREOF ENTITLED NONCONFORMING BUILDINGS AND USES: CONTINUANCE AND ENLARGEMENT OF NONCONFORMING USE OR STRUCTURE 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 OF RAMSEY in the manner provided by law, together with a notice of the date of introduction and adoption of said ordinance.

AYES: Dillon, Jachzel, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozeh NAYS: None
Councilman Nalbandian stated that this ordinance came about as a recommendation from the Zoning Board of Adjustment and requires that people who want to enlarge a non-conforming use have to come to the Zoning Board or the Planning Board for a variance. Not seeing anyone who wished to speak, Mayor closed the public hearing for ord. 18-2008.

Ordinance 19-2008 An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter XIX of the Code of the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey and more specifically Section 19-5 therefore entitled Stormwater Control Ordinance

Resolution by Dillon, seconded by Vozeh

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XIX OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 19-5 THEREOF ENTITLED STORMWATER CONTROL ORDINANCE 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.

AYES: Dillon, Jachzel, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozeh NAYS: None
Councilwoman Dillon stated that this ordinance adds another definition for major development. Not seeing anyone who wished to speak, Mayor closed the public hearing for ord. 19-2008.

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES None

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meredith Bendian
Borough Clerk