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BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 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.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Botta, Councilmembers Dillon, Jachzel, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozech, Borough Administrator Nicholas Saros, Borough Attorney Peter Scandariato, and Borough Clerk Meredith Bendian.

Absent: Councilman Jones

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Councilman Nalbandian moved to approve the minutes of November 12 and November 24, 2008, seconded by Vozech. Carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

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

1. [Ramsey Junior Girl Scout Troop 1091, Ramsey, NJ](#)
letter dated December 8, 2008, thanking the Mayor and Council for the wonderful experience of the Borough Hall tour and joining the Governing Body up on the dais and participating in the meeting.
2. [Howard Hurwitz, Executive Director, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ](#)
letter dated November 14, 2008, enclosing the Public Notice for the NBCUA Connection Fees Hearing
3. [Madeline Thumudo, Secretary, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ](#)
letter dated December 4, 2008, enclosing minutes from various NCBUA meetings
4. [Dr. Rudolph Iorio, Ramsey Senior Citizen Transportation Fund](#)
letter dated December 15, 2008, requesting \$5,000.00 for the Senior Citizen's Transportation Fund.

IV. APPOINTMENTS – None

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:

- 232-2008 Resolution: [Payment of Vouchers](#)
- 233-2008 Resolution: [Tax Refund to Block 4601 Lot 12](#)
- 234-2008 Resolution: [Transfer Resolution # 4](#)
- 235-2008 Resolution: [Endorsing the Ramsey Planning Board Fair Share Plan](#) and Housing Element as adopted by the Ramsey Planning Board on December 16, 2008
- 236-2008 Resolution: [Authorizing the escrow release in the amount of \\$3,153.00](#) to Brown Dog/Greenbelt Landscaping for Block 3608 Lot 2
- 237-2008 Resolution: [Authorizing the escrow release in the amount of \\$310.00](#) to Joseph Korcak for Block 5302 Lot 40
- 238-2008 Resolution: [Authorizing Jeffrey B. Doolittle to develop plans for outfall](#) scouring remediation at various location within the Borough
- 239-2008 Resolution: Authorizing the Borough Attorney and Borough Administrator to negotiate a contract for Recyclables
- 240-2008 Resolution: Authorizing an offer of employment of four new hires for the Department of Public Works upon verification of various background tests
- 241-2008 Resolution: Authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to enter into a contract with TYCO Animal Control for an amount not to exceed \$16,200.00
- 242-2008 Resolution: Approving the proposed settlement between The Borough of Ramsey and Drico Corporation, formerly NY Twist Drill
- 243-2008 Resolution: Approving the salary increase for various non-union, part-time employees

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

ABSENT: Jones

VI. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION -Councilman Andrew Siemsen

I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season and a Happy New Year.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman William Jones (not at this meeting).

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

I wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season. In tonight's consent resolution, we endorsed the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan that was adopted by the Planning Board on December 16. I would like to thank Rich Scalia, Jim Cordingley, and Art Bernard of Bernard and Nebenthal for an excellent job. This process and the result of the process were a collaborative effort of the Planning Board, Master Planning and Zoning Committee, which included Rudy Iorio, Sean Kirk, and Harry Smith; and the Council's Building, Planning and Zoning Committee which included Councilmembers Siemsen and Jachzel. Also, a tremendous effort was made by various Borough employees: Nick Saros, Rich Mammone, Harold Reed, and I am sure Bob Connell, Rich Mathieson, and Joanne Heyer, who helped put together the information. This was an arduous task in a relatively short constricted time table. There were countless telephone conversations, conference calls that I had with Rudy Iorio and Nick Saros, and Art Bernard on the various work that was being done to comply with COAH's regulation. I should also include our Borough Attorney Peter Scandariato who should be thanked along with Bruce Whitaker. It was a lot of work and effort. No one person could have done it. I would like to thank my committee members and everyone else that I mentioned and

I think we have the best possible Housing Element and Fair Share Plan that we could submit to COAH. We will see going forward what will happen because COAH has changed the rules in the past. We are in compliance with the filing deadline of December 31st and thus protect the Borough from any builders' remedy law suits. COAH does allow the opportunity to amend the plan, if we feel that it should be amended at some point in the future. My thanks to everyone for completing this task and my best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilwoman Deirdre A. Dillon

My thanks to the DPW employees for doing a great job of clearing the streets during the snowstorms. My thanks to Councilman Nalbandian and Planning Board Chairman Iorio as well as Councilmembers Siemsen and Jachzel for all of their hard work on Ramsey's Housing and Fair Share Plan. Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy holiday season.

E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Council President Bruce Vozeh

I too would like to thank the DPW for their hard work during the storms. I received a number of positive comments. My thanks to the Building, Planning and Zoning Committee for their work with the Fair Share Plan. My condolences to the Solarino family, on the passing of John's father. I wish everyone a Happy New Year.

F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel
DPW did a great job plowing the roads and I wish everyone happy holidays and all
the best in the New Year.

G. MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. BOTTA

My thanks to everyone for a great team effort to meet the COAH deadline. In the long
run, the plan will be very beneficial for our Borough. We also passed the resolution
approving the Water Board settlement with the NY Twist Drill and we obtained a total
of \$201,000 to offset some of the costs of the arsenic remediation program at the Arrow
Road facility. I too received very positive feedback about the snow removal and my
thanks to the DPW for a good job. It really improved the safety of our roads.

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 20-2008 An Ordinance amending Chapter XXI of the Code of the Borough of Ramsey,](#)
Bergen County, New Jersey and more specifically Section 31-1.9 thereof entitled applications ;
procedure for filing; fees for variances within jurisdiction of Planning Board; Borough Engineer's
Review of all applications

Resolution by Nalbandian, seconded by Jachzel

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER
XXI OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
AND MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 31-1.9 THEREOF ENTITLED APPLICATIONS;
PROCEDURE FOR FILING; FEES FOR VARIANCES WITHIN JURISDICTION OF
PLANNING BOARD; BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REVIEW OF ALL APPLICATIONS 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.

Councilman Nalbandian stated that this ordinance came about as a result of a recommendation from the Borough Engineer to the Planning Board, subsequently presented to the Council. The ordinance adds to the application requirements, specifically architectural drawings for any structures proposed on the site. There have been some issues with miscalculations or mistakes regarding the elevations and heights on proposed buildings.

Not seeing anyone else who wished to speak, Mayor closed the public hearing for ord. 20-2008.

AYES: Dillon, Jachzel, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozeh
ABSENT: Jones

NAYS: None

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - None

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

XI. NEW BUSINESS - None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to recess to Sine Die Meeting on 1/7/09 at 7:00 P.M. by Nalbandian, seconded by Vozeh.
Motion carried.

Meredith Bendian
Borough Clerk