

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 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. Mayor asked for a moment of silence in memory of Michael Warnet, honorary member of the Fire Department.

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 Siemsen, seconded by Dillon, to approve the minutes of January 9, 2008, and January 23, 2008, as amended. Carried. (January 1 minutes to be reviewed).

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

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

1. [Lucille Conzo, St. Paul's Carnival Chairperson](#)
letter dated January 16, 2008, requesting permission to hold the annual carnival from May 14, 2008 through May 18, 2008.
2. [Michelle Damiani, Rockland Electric Company, 82 East Allendale Road, Saddle River, NJ 07458](#)
letter dated February 1, 2008, informing of the areas planned for vegetation management in the borough.
3. [Louis Ordini, 450 Airmount Avenue, Ramsey](#)
letter dated February 6, 2008 asking for a senior rate on dog licenses to be consistent with cat licenses. (Mayor stated we would discuss this matter for next year).
4. [Madeline Thumudo, Secretary, Northwest Bergen Utilities Authority](#)
30 Wyckoff Ave., Waldwick, NJ 07463
letter dated February 7, 2008 including Meeting Minutes
5. [Madeline Thumudo, Secretary, Northwest Bergen Utilities Authority](#)
30 Wyckoff Ave., Waldwick, NJ 07463
letter dated February 8, 2008 enclosing adopted resolution setting forth the 2008 meeting schedule.

6. [Alyse D. Terhune, Orange County Citizens Foundation](#) letter dated February 11, 2008, regarding events for revitalization of main streets in Orange County and surrounding areas.

IV. APPOINTMENTS –

Mayor appointed Bridget Kelly to the Recreation Commission, as an Alternate.

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:

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| 048-2008 | Resolution: | Payment of Vouchers |
| 049-2008 | Resolution: | Authorizing the Borough to enter into a contract with the County of Bergen for animal control services |
| 050-2008 | Resolution: | Transfer Resolution |
| 051-2008 | Resolution: | Endorsing NJEA'S Read Across America and Read Across America-NJ celebration of reading |
| 052-2088 | Resolution: | Refund of overpayment of taxes Block 5504, Lot 3 and Block 5504, Lot 4 in the total amount of \$18,398.65 to Simba, LLC |
| 053-2008 | Resolution: | Reduction of Performance Bond for Friendly Donuts, LLC, Block 4203, Lot 10 in the amount of \$16,374.00 |
| 054-2008 | Resolution: | Release of Performance Bond for Ramsey Spring, LLC, Block 3608, Lot 5 in the amount of \$248,000.00 |
| 055-2008 | Resolution: | Appointing Jeffrey Doolittle for his Professional Engineer and Land Surveying services for Woodland Ave from Knollwood Avenue to Shadyside Avenue |

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

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

Friends of the Adornos are requesting permission to hold an outdoor fair on Sunday, May 18, 2008 between the hours of 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

St. Paul's Interparochial School is requesting permission to hold a carnival on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 – Sunday, May 18, 2008 between the hours of 6:00 pm and 11:00 pm.

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 Michael Warnet. Congratulations to Bridget Kelly on her appointment tonight. Congratulations to the Jr. Women's Club for a very successful Casino Night.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman William Jones

My condolences to the family of Michael Warnet. My best wishes to Mike Adams for a speedy recovery. Congratulations to Bridget Kelly. We had our first public safety meeting last week and we will continue to meet monthly to keep the lines of communication open.

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

I too would like to extend my condolences to the family of Michael Warnet. My thanks to Bridget Kelly for serving on the Recreation Commission. We had our first early presidential primary and it was a positive thing. My thanks to Meredith and her staff for handling the election day procedures.

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

I too extend my condolences to the family of Michael Warnet. Councilman Siemsen and I toured the town earlier this week to review the streets for repaving. We will be going over this matter with the Borough Engineer.

E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Council President Bruce Vozeh

I would also like to thank Bridget Kelly and congratulate her on her appointment to the Recreation Commission. My condolences to the Warnet family. There was a great outpouring of support for the family. Congratulations to the Jr. Woman's Club on their Casino Night. My thanks to Meredith, Sherry, Irene, and Thom for their work on the presidential primary. We had the Borough Attorney reviewing the state policy regarding duplicate office holding and the Public and Governmental Relations will be making their recommendation.

F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel
I also would like to express my condolences to the family of Michael Warnet and thank Bridget Kelly for stepping up to the Recreation Commission. The Jr. Woman’s Club raised \$25,000 at the Casino Night and all of those funds stay in Ramsey to benefit the organizations within Ramsey. It was a terrific night.

G. MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. BOTTA

We are gearing up for the March 10 event at the high school, starting with refreshments at 6:00 p.m. and moving into the auditorium for a power point presentation by Tom Dater, Ramsey Historian, as well as free raffles. This is our first official Centennial event and I encourage everyone to come out and join us. Former Mayors and former Councilmembers will be in attendance, as well as our non-profit groups, volunteers, and emergency services personnel. At long last, the Vaughn Drive sewer connection is in place and for the remaining homes which are not connected, they will have the obligation to hook into the sewer system. This has been a long project by the Board of Public Works but it is finally at the end and people will be able to hook into the system. The pump system is operating. The Township of Mahwah will also be connecting some of their residences into the system because we have negotiated an agreement for shared services.

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

Doug Rennie, 30 Rose Avenue, spoke about the ordinance for sump pumps. Nothing has happened and it ought to be enforced. As a former treasurer for the Northwest Bergen Utilities Authority, the Republicans ran a very tight ship, but there was a change in a lot of things. There was some controversy about having an executive director. They needed a Republican majority and at the same time, they hired two more assistant executive directors. Emil Porfido was the first Executive Director and now all of a sudden we have two more directors and now we don’t have enough office space. My concern is that they are concerned about the cost of sewer coverage. I don’t think the Council is paying attention but I never see or hear any comments. All of these towns are just a means of raising money. I just would suggest that the Council pay a little attention, especially in the meeting with the Northwest Bergen Mayors’ Association. Mayor stated that the point is well taken.

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

VIII. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

[ORDINANCE NO. 01-2008 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter VII entitled Traffic](#)

Trucks over designated weight excluded from certain streets.

Resolution by Jones, seconded by Jachzel

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VII OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 7-17 THEREOF ENTITLED TRAFFIC: TRUCKS OVER DESIGNATED WEIGHT EXCLUDED FROM CERTAIN STREETS 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, 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.

Mayor stated that it was now time for the public hearing for ordinance no. 1-2008. Not seeing anyone who wished to speak, Mayor closed the public hearing. Councilman Jones stated that this is basically updating the weights on local streets.

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

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

[ORDINANCE NO. 02-2008 – Bond Ordinance to amend section one of Bond Ordinance 15-2007](#) to authorize the construction of arsenic treatment systems at various public water supply facilities.

Resolution by Dillon, seconded by Nalbandian

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 15-2007) ENTITLED; ‘BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ARSENIC TREATMENT SYSTEMS AT VARIOUS PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER-SEWER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,923,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS” ADOPTED MAY 9, 2007 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 27th day of February, 2008, 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, Jachzel, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozeh NAYS: None

Mayor stated that we are amending the ordinance to add the East Oak well to this round of arsenic treatment. Councilman Nalbandian added that the amount of the ordinance will remain the same.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Vozeh indicated that ordinance 3-2008 would be pulled from the agenda until a later meeting.

XI. NEW BUSINESS None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meredith Bendian
Borough Clerk

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