

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2008

Mayor Botta called the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to order. Lieut. Stitz 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

Motion by Jachzel, seconded by Dillon, to approve the minutes of March 12, 2008. Carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

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

1. [Carrie Kelly, Junior Woman's Club of Ramsey, P.O. Box 105, Ramsey, NJ](#)
letter dated March 26, 2008, requesting permission to distribute tickets at borough hall.
2. [Senator Gerald Cardinale, 350 Madison Ave., Cresskill, NJ](#)
letter dated March 26, 2008, thanking the Mayor and Council for supporting the opposition of the Wrongful Death Act in the State of New Jersey.
3. [Kris Kolluri, NJ State Dept of Transportation, Trenton, NJ 08625](#)
letter dated March 25, 2008, informing the Governing Body of the \$600,000.00 allotment of \$600,000.00 from Transportation Fund for the Crystal Spring lake Spillway Bridge replacement.
4. [Donna M. Sack, Member of Scleroderma Foundation, NJ Chapter](#)
letter dated March 15, 2008, asking the Governing Body to pass a resolution designating June as Scleroderma Awareness Month.
5. [Madeline Thumudo, NWBCUA, 30 Wyckoff Ave., Waldwick, NJ](#)
letter dated April 2, 2008, enclosing copies of minutes.
6. [Dale Bouma, Ramsey Department of Public Works, Road Department Employee](#)
letter dated April 8, 2008, advising of his retirement effective May 1, 2009.

IV. APPOINTMENTS –

Mayor Botta made the following appointments:

[Susan Rohrbach-Thompson](#), Library Board

[Connor Jewitt](#), Ramsey Rescue Squad

[Robert Foster](#), Ramsey Rescue Squad

Council President Vozech joined the Mayor to administer the oath of office to Lieut. Stitz who was joined by . Many members of the Police Department were in attendance. (Lieut. Stitz had been officially appointed at the last Council Meeting).

Police Chief Bryan Gurney stated that and pinned the badge on Lieut. Stitz, who thanked his family, fellow officers, and friends.

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION

Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by

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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| 084-2008 | Resolution: | Payment of vouchers |
| 085-2008 | Resolution: | Proclaiming April as Autism Awareness Month |
| 086-2008 | Resolution: | Authorizing the Borough to perform the annual budget self examination |
| 087-2008 | Resolution: | Authorizing the tax refund of \$4,821.75 to Kevin and Allison Nordman, block 3301 Lot 34 |
| 088-2008 | Resolution: | Appointing Connor Jewitt to the Ramsey Rescue Squad |
| 089-2008 | Resolution: | Appointing Robert Foster to the Ramsey Rescue Squad |
| 090-2008 | Resolution: | Authorizing the Borough to hold a public auction on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 |
| 091-2008 | Resolution: | Authorizing the Safe Routes to School grant application for the Madison Avenue and Island Park Avenue project |
| 092-2008 | Resolution: | Awarding contract to J. H. Meyer to construct a concrete slab for the Old Stone House in the amount of \$9,200.00 |

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

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

[Ramsey VFW Post 682 is requesting permission to sell poppies for the month of May](#) at various locations in the Borough

[Ramsey Area Garden Club is requesting permission to hang signs advertising their](#) Plant sale between May 1st and May 18, 2008.

[Grace Baptist Church is requesting permission to put an easel sign in front of their](#) church advertising a special event from April 19, 2008 – May 3, 2008.

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

Mayor Botta administered the oaths of office to Connor Jewett and Robert Foster, as new members of the Rescue Squad.

VI. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION -Councilman Andrew Siemsen
Congratulations to David Stitz and I look forward to working with him.
My thanks to the new members of the Rescue Squad for volunteering and
congratulations to Susan Thompson on her appointment to the Library Board.
The budget will be introduced at the next meeting. The registration form for
the pool was sent out this week.
- B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman William Jones - Not at this meeting.
- C. BUILDING PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Arthur M. Nalbandian
My congratulations to Lieut. Stitz and we look forward to working with him in the
future. My thanks to the new volunteers. My best wishes to Dale Bouma on his
retirement. We wish him well for a long and healthy retirement. There will be an
introduction of an ordinance tonight pertaining to temporary storage units. It is
something that is not currently regulated.
- D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilwoman Deirdre A. Dillon
My best wishes to Dale Bouma on his retirement. My thanks to the new volunteers
on the Rescue Squad and to Susan Thompson for the Library Board. Congratulations
again to Dave Stitz. We are finalizing the priority list for road resurfacing for this year
and we will be looking at our capital improvements projects. We will be filing the grant
for Safe Routes to School to repair two sidewalks in town near Tisdale and we will be
reviewing the CMX study.

- E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Council President Bruce Vozeh
I too would like to echo my colleagues’ comments and congratulate Lieut. Stitz. He is an outstanding officer. I would like to thank the new volunteers for the Rescue Squad and also Susan Thompson as a Library Board member. Congratulations to Dale Bouma and my thanks to him for his years of service on the Road Department.
- F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel
I would like to congratulate Lieut. David Stitz. Ramsey has a top-notch Police force. I know that Dave will be a true leader and I thank him for his service and wish him well in his new position. My thanks also to the new volunteers on the Rescue Squad and congratulate Susan Thompson to the Library Board. I wish Dale Bouma well in his retirement and thank him for his work in this town. The Leisure Club will be hosting bingo night for the Centennial Celebration on the first Monday of every month. Our next event will be on May 9. The Air Force Band will be playing at Smith School. The Board of Education election will be held on April 15.
- G. MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. BOTTA
I want to congratulate Lieut. Stitz and the two Rescue Squad appointees for their service and volunteerism. The arsenic remediation project is ongoing. The good news is that we will have 4 of our wells back on line by late next week. That is on schedule and that will help us as we get into the heavy water use season. The Environmental Commission will have their annual spring clean-up day on April 12. They will be working on the bike path. Also, this Saturday, the Orange County Citizens Foundation is visiting Ramsey to look at us as an example of a downtown place. They will be touring the improvement project downtown; visiting with store owners and restaurants. It is a great example and potential for us to show the project that we did and how we developed a downtown place. We have good news from Trenton. We have been awarded a grant in the amount of \$600,000 for the repair and replacement of the Crystal Spring dam bridge. That is money that we can use to remediate that span which is crumbling underneath the roadway.
- H. BOROUGH ATTORNEY – Peter A. Scandariato, Esq. No comments.
- I. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Nicholas C. Saros
I too would like to congratulate Dave Stitz on his appointment as Lieutenant and congratulations to Dale Bouma. He has been a long outstanding and dedicated employee. I wish him well in his future endeavors.
- J. BOROUGH CLERK – Meredith Bendian No comments.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Rennie. The May Bingo will be on the 12th of May. The others after that will be on the first Monday. We need more people. It was a lot of fun.

VIII. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES None

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance 04-2008- [An ordinance amending and supplementing the code of the](#) Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County New Jersey to create chapter XXVII, entitled Temporary Storage Containers

Resolution by Nalbandian, seconded by Siemsen

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY TO CREATE CHAPTER XXVII ENTITLED TEMPORARY STORAGE CONTAINERS 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 23rd day of April, 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, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozeh NAYS: None ABSENT: Jones

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

XI. NEW BUSINESS None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meredith Bendian
Borough Clerk

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