

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 23, 2007

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, Heller, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozech,
Borough Administrator Nicholas Saros, Borough Attorney Peter Scandariato, and
Borough Clerk Meredith Bendian. Absent: None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilwoman Dillon, seconded by Councilman Siemsen, to approve the minutes of 3/28/07 and 4/25/07 as submitted. Carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

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

1. Assemblywoman Charlotte Vandervalk, 220 Kinderkamack Road, Suite E, Westwood, NJ, 07675
letter dated May 8, 2007, thanking the Mayor and Council for contacting her regarding Assembly Bill #3959.
2. Gael Strohmeier, Junior Woman's Club, PO Box 105, Ramsey, NJ
letter dated May 8, 2007, requesting permission to sell glow jewelry at the Fourth of July festivities at Finch Park.
3. Madeline Thumudo, Secretary, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ 07463
letter dated May 11, 2007, enclosing the NBCUA Audit Report for 2006.
4. Judy Zelikoff, Member of the Environmental Commission
e-mail dated April 11, 2007, resigning from the Environmental Commission as of May 1, 2007.

5. Commander Guy Green, V.F.W. Post 682, Ramsey
letter dated May 15, 2007, inviting the Mayor and Council to the Memorial Day Parade.
6. Jane Garnes, 10 Elbert Court, Ramsey, NJ
letter dated May 15, 2007, asking for the Borough to allow for electronic payments and automatic deductions to make things easier for residents to do business with the town.
7. Madeline Thumudo, Admin Asst., Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ 07463
letter dated May 8, 2007, resolution concerning a sewer extension permit on the west side of S. Central Avenue between Kimberly Court and East Oak Street.
8. Kathy Prochaska, Power Tech Inc., 0-02 Fair Lawn Avenue, Fair Lawn, Bicycle Touring Club of North Jersey, Ramapo Rally
letter dated May 17, 2007, requesting permission to ride through town for their annual bike rally.

IV. APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Botta made the following appointment:

Michael R. Zachmann to the Ramsey Jr. Fire Brigade

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION

Resolution by Vozeh , seconded by Nalbandian

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:

- a. Resolution: Payment of vouchers
- b. Resolution: Release of escrow in the amount of \$856.75 to Gerald Kass, Block 2905, Lot 4.
- c. Resolution: Appointing Michael R. Zachmann to the Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department as a Jr. Fire Brigade Member.
- d. Resolution: Authorizing the Borough Administrator to retain Tom Hanrahan as a special counsel for a personnel matter.

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

BLOCK PARTY REQUESTS:

Don Evans, Mayfair Drive is requesting permission to hold a block party on Saturday, June 30, 2007 between the hours of 3:00 pm and 12:00 midnight.

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

VI. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION -Councilman Bruce Vozech
My thanks to Judy Zelikoff for her service to the Environmental Commission. The Memorial Day ceremonies will start off with a memorial service at Union Cemetery at 9 a.m. on May 28th . The actual parade will start at 11:00 a.m.
- B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Council President Arthur M. Nalbandian
I too would like to thank Judy Zelikoff for serving on the Environmental Commission. The DARE fishing derby was a huge success. Officer Tim Shoemaker does an outstanding job as DARE Officer and I would say that we have the best DARE program in the State. I would like to commend the DPW, Police, fire, rescue and O.E.M. for their efforts during the recent storm. Trees were down and power was out in one area for a short while, but it was a great effort on the part of our emergency services working together to get things back to normal. Peter Del Vecchio conducted his last concert with the Ramsey Wind Symphony. He is moving from Ramsey and we wish him all the best; he has done an outstanding job.
- C. BUILDING & ZONING – Councilman Andrew Siemsen
Thanks to Judy Zelikoff ; her service to the Environmental Commission was very much appreciated.
- D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Jeffrey C. Heller
The Memorial Day service at Union Cemetery on Darlington Avenue will start at 9:00 a.m. Robert A. Schierloh was the first Ramsey resident to die in WW II.
We will be pursuing a grant to extend the bikepath and provide a bridge over NJ Transit tracks. We will be meeting with the architect to review plans for the new façade of the Municipal Building.

E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilman William Jones
Congratulations to Michael Zachmann on his appointment to the Jr. Fire
Brigade and my thanks to Judy Zelikoff for her service to the Environmental
Commission.

My thanks to the Knights of Columbus for inviting us to the Shield Awards.
There will be an Open Mic night at Border's on Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilwoman Deirdre A. Dillon
My congratulations to the Jr. Women's Club on their heirloom tomato sale.
The senior center will have its grand re-opening on June 10th and all residents
are invited to stop in and see the new improvements.

G. MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. BOTTA

I would like to encourage all residents to attend the parade on Memorial Day,
May 28th. There will be a memorial service at 9:00 a.m. at Union Cemetery
and the parade along Main Street starts at 11:00 a.m. and ends at Veterans'
Park with a memorial service, in honor of our veterans. FEMA is offering low
interest loans for those who had storm damage. I would like to thank all of
our emergency services for their work during and after the storm.

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

Chris Martin, 65 E. Cedar Place, commended the Mayor and Council for their
involvement with the Knights of Columbus and the Shield Awards and reminded
everyone that the DARE Idol program will be held on June 9th at 7:00 p.m. at Don
Bosco.

VIII. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES - None

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Ord. 17-2007 - An ordinance amending Chapter XIX entitled Sewer and Water,
Subsection 19-2.4 Meter Inspection and Service Calls

Resolution by Heller, seconded by Jones

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XIX OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY NEW JERSEY ENTITLED SEWER AND WATER AND MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 19-2 water charges subsection 19-2.4 METER INSPECTION AND SERVICE CALLS 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 13th day of June, 2007, 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, Heller, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen. Vozeh NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

XI. NEW BUSINESS None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meredith Bendian
Borough Clerk