

Borough of Ramsey
2007 Reorganization Meeting
January 1, 2007

Mayor Botta announced that the pledge of allegiance would be led by the Ramsey Veterans of Foreign Wars. Reverend Monsignor Lawrence Cull of St. Paul's R.C. Church gave the invocation.

The oath of office was administered to newly elected Mayor Christopher Botta by Christopher Martin, Esq., and to newly elected Councilwoman Deirdre Dillon by the Honorable Robert Wilson, J.S.C. and to Councilman William Jones by Christopher Martin, Esq.

Mayor Botta officially called the meeting to order.

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

Mayor thanked the members of the Board of Education who were in attendance and recognized former Mayor John Scerbo and former councilmembers Cantor, Iorio, Lehr, Adams and Nancy Hall.

Mayor read the Open Public Meetings law notice.

Resolution Number One: Introduced by Heller, seconded by Vozech

Be It Resolved that the By-Laws of the Borough Council of the Borough of Ramsey, New Jersey dated 1984, and as subsequently amended, be and are hereby adopted as the By-Laws for the year 2007:

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

Mayor opened the nominations for Council President. Councilman Vozech nominated Art Nalbandian, seconded by Councilman Heller. Mayor asked if there were any other nominations. Councilman Heller

moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Siemsen. Carried. Mayor instructed the clerk to cast one ballot for Councilman Nalbandian for Council President.

Councilman Nalbandian is declared and elected as Council President.

Remarks by Newly Elected Mayor Christopher C. Botta

Mayor Botta stated that it is a great honor to be sworn in as Mayor of Ramsey. I enter this position humbled by the love of family and friends who have helped me throughout

my life, my public service, and throughout my campaign. The decision to run for Mayor was a family decision, even down to my youngest son, Tyler, and I could not have done it without the love and support of my wife, Lisa, my sister, Patricia, and my parents. Thank you. To my sons, I hope I can be a role model for you by my example of service to our community. To my fellow councilmembers, I look forward to working with you for the betterment of Ramsey. Ramsey cannot be run by one man alone. I am counting on you for all of your input, ideas, hard work, and commitment. I know you will give everything you can to these positions of honor. It is especially gratifying to be serving with our newest councilmembers Jones and Dillon since we shared so much time and exchanged so many ideas during our campaigns. I look forward to implementing those ideas with both of you. To Council President Nalbandian, I look forward to working with you and all the council committees. Congratulations, you are well suited to this new leadership position. I would be remiss if I did not thank and acknowledge Councilman Bisailon and Mayor Richard Muti, who are finishing their terms. Dave, I learned how to be a councilman and a public servant at your side. You set a fine example for all of us on this dais. Your thoughtful contributions and experience will be sorely missed. Mayor Muti, we have always worked well together and I enjoyed our time together and we had a great working relationship. I commend you for stepping into the arena. You have accomplished much and much of what you started will be continued and will have laid the groundwork for the hard work we as a community have ahead of us. Thank you to you both. (Applause).

As we repeated in our campaign, my goal as your Mayor will be to put people first, but what does that mean and how does that translate into concrete achievements for our residents? You can only move the community forward and make a difference in people's lives, listen to people and work with them. That does not mean that you shy away from difficult decisions and there will be many to be made over the next four years. The most pressing issue is balancing the need for our municipal services and the tax burden of these services. We can do better and we must. We must look not only to what we can save, but what we spend. We must focus on the total cost without allowing excessive debt to burden future generations of Ramsey citizens. We must also continue to expand senior services and programs and insure that seniors can continue to reside in our community. We must be a community for all residents. To do that, we must look inside ourselves and inside of our operations and continue to consolidate positions, explore sharing services with our neighboring communities and consider new ideas such as public/private partnerships and outsourcing. We must not sacrifice the services our residents have come to expect and deserve. To that end, I want to congratulate and thank personally each one of our dedicated borough employees and our borough volunteers. Our community could not survive without your hard work, dedication, and commitment to the service of our residents; controlling our municipal expenses is a road that we will walk together. I encourage you all to continue in your efforts to move our community forward in this positive way. You have my commitment that I will do the same. It will be a team effort and I encourage you to forward your ideas, input and voices. No one person should take credit or blame for what we accomplish together as a community. We have a wonderful community including the Jr. Football players and parents, volunteer Ambulance Corps, Rescue Squad, Fire Department; everyone has a role and we must

continue to encourage that. I am truly honored to have been entrusted with this great responsibility as your Mayor and I look forward to serving you over the next 4 years. Thank you. (Applause).

Remarks By Newly Elected Council Members

Councilman Dillon thanked everyone for attending this meeting. Seeing you enforces my belief that Ramsey is such a very wonderful town with citizens who really care about it. I want to thank Councilman Bisailon and Mayor Muti who have both served this town so well. (Applause). I want to thank my family, especially my husband, Hugh; our daughters; my sister, Pat, and her husband, Rich. I truly appreciate your support and understanding. Also, thank you to my friends. Of course, a very special thanks to the citizens of Ramsey for putting your faith and confidence in me. I am truly humbled by it and flattered. I will do my best to serve all of the citizens of Ramsey. Indeed, I look forward to working with Mayor Botta, all the councilmembers, our great municipal employees especially Meredith and Nick and all the dedicated volunteers who make this town so special. I vow that I will work my hardest for every citizen in town. I am always available and I especially look forward to working with the seniors, Board of Health, Board of Ed, Ramsey Responds, and Youth Guidance which will be my focus this first year. Thanks for coming out today. I look forward to serving the next 3 years. (Applause).

Councilman William Jones wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked everyone who came out to this meeting. I am deeply honored for the opportunity to serve this community. Eighteen years ago, I was elected for the first time and I was elected as Bill and Marie's son. I was 23 years old and I was a product of my parents. Eighteen years later, I am known as Vera's husband and Zak, Evan, and Haley's dad. It is a testament to the wonderful people who are in my life. I am honored to serve with such a wonderful group of people as you see here. We had a difficult campaign. We pledged to put people first.

I would especially thank Councilman Bisailon and Mayor Muti for their years of service to the town.

To the employees and the wonderful volunteers, I thank you all. It is not easy to give extra time away from your families. The spirit of volunteerism in our emergency services, various boards and commissions, continues to keep the town on a path that will make us all proud. I thank you all for this chance and I look forward to serving in the next 3 years.

Remarks By Newly Elected Council President

Council President Nalbandian congratulated the Mayor and new Councilmembers on their elections.

I look forward to working with each of you to help make Ramsey an even better place to live, work, and visit. I would like to thank my colleagues for selecting me as Council President. I sincerely appreciate your confidence and trust in me and I will do my utmost

to uphold that faith. I would also like to thank Mayor Muti and Councilman Bisailon for their dedication and service to the people of Ramsey. Mayor Muti is one of the brightest and most capable persons I have ever met. You met every challenge with determination and are not afraid to address difficult issues. I think you accomplished more in 4 years than most people achieve in twice that time. It was my privilege to serve with you these past 2 years and I wish you and your lovely wife, Lorraine, all the best in the future. It was also my privilege to work with Dave Bisailon for the past 2 years on the Borough Council. What can you say about a person who has given 15 years of his life to our community? Dave was one of the first elected officials I met when I moved to Ramsey and I am happy to have had the opportunity to serve on the Council with him. I wish Dave and his wife, Pat, and their family all the best in the years ahead. As Monsignor Cull said, thanks should go to all the family members of all past and present members of the governing body because they make sacrifices at least as much as we do in sharing us with the community and we sincerely appreciate that. I would also like to recognize the members of the Board of Education and thank them for attending this meeting. I would also like to thank all of the emergency services professionals and volunteers in our community. It is a privilege to work with them. I also like to thank all of the Borough employees and all of our volunteers. They deserve our appreciation. God bless all of us and grant everyone a happy and healthy New Year. (Applause).

Mayor presented a plaque to outgoing Councilman Dave Bisailon, in recognition of his 15 years of service to the Borough. Freeholder-elect O'Brien presented a certificate to Councilman Bisailon on behalf of the Freeholders. Councilman Bisailon expressed his appreciation for the recognition and congratulated the new Mayor and Councilmembers. Councilman Bisailon also thanked all the voters who had elected him in the past 15 years, and indicated that he had worked with a lot of great people. Councilman Bisailon stated that Mayor Muti really worked to change things and he is glad for having had the opportunity to work with him. Councilman Bisailon also thanked former members of the governing body: Cynthia Porter, Joe Lehr, Chris Botta, Howard Cantor, John Scerbo, Jeff Heller, as well as all of the volunteers, Fire, Rescue, O.E.M., Ambulance and members of the Police Department and our outstanding Chief of Police Bryan Gurney. It has been a wonderful experience working with all of you, as well as the Borough employees and professional staff. Councilman Bisailon stated that Nick Saros is the finest Borough Administrator in Bergen County, if not the State, and he has been a great friend and advisor. Councilman Bisailon thanked his wife and daughters and sons-in-law for their sacrifices and encouragement and wished everyone all the best. (Applause).

Mayor Botta presented a plaque to outgoing Mayor Richard Muti in recognition of his dedication and service to the Borough. Mayor Muti acknowledged Mayor Botta's family and congratulated them, and expressed his appreciation to his wife, Lorraine, for her support and encouragement. Mayor Muti thanked the Borough employees, especially Nick Saros, Meredith Bendian, Sherry Richards, Peter Scandariato, and Ann Davaris for her loyalty to the office. Mayor Muti expressed his thanks to Dave Bisailon for their time together on the governing body. Mayor Muti thanked new Mayor Botta for his support. (Applause). Mayor thanked former councilmembers Howard Cantor and Joe Ratto and

stated that, as he had said in the past, Mayor Botta will make an excellent Mayor for the Borough of Ramsey.

Mayor Botta presented awards to volunteers Joe Palmer and Doug Rennie, for their dedication and work with the recreation programs and senior citizens, respectively. (Applause).

Mayor opened the nominations for Class III member of the Planning Board. Councilman Heller nominated Andrew Siemsen, seconded by Jones. Nominations closed.

AYES: Dillon, Jones, Heller, Nalbandian, Vozeh ABSTAIN: Siemsen Motion carried. Mayor Botta

instructed the clerk to cast one ballot for the election of Andrew Siemsen as the Class III member of the Planning Board.

Resolution Number Two:

Introduced by Dillon, seconded by Siemsen

Be It Resolved that the regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Ramsey for the Year 2007 be the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 8:30 p.m. or at the conclusion of the Agenda Work Session should it conclude prior to 8:30p.m. in the Council Chambers at Borough Hall. Agenda Work Sessions will precede the Council Meetings at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of the Work Session that is scheduled for the Council Meeting that follows the Monthly Work Session will begin at 8:00 p.m. The regular Monthly Work Session will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month. All meetings will be held in the Council Chambers unless otherwise announced. The Mayor and Council will hold its first meeting of 2008 on Tuesday, January 01, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building for the purpose of reorganizing and conducting other business that may come before it and formal action may be taken on such matters.

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

Resolution Number Three: Introduced by Nalbandian, seconded by Siemsen

Be It Resolved that the following list of Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department Officers be approved for the Year 2007:

Line Officers: Chief Michael Scalione
Assistant Chief Jim Dougherty
Deputy Chief Carl Held
Captain Jim Kennedy
Captain Steve Forbes
Lieutenant Pierre Gauthier
Lieutenant Randy Sterbinsky
Lieutenant Gary Paul
Lieutenant John Bergen
Lieutenant Greg Hewitt

2nd Lieutenant Michael Migliaccio
3rd Lieutenant Erik Bergsten

Administrative Officers:

President Mary Carol Ditaranto
Vice President William Lara
Treasurer Clayton Bridges
Recording Secretary Peggy Warnet
Corresponding Secretary Colleen Gubala

Trustees:

Janice Notte
Deirdre Duncan
William Lara
Donald Evans

Annette Young

AYES: Dillon, Jones, Heller, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozeh NAYS: None
Members came forward for the oath of office.

Communications >From The Mayor

Honorable Members Of The Council, I Hereby Make The Following Appointments:

Beautification Committee

Mark Madsen

Alice Fjotland

Marianne Kaplan

Beverly O'Hearn

Council Liaison: Councilman Heller

Board of Education Liaison: Councilman Nalbandian

Citizens' Budget Advisory Task Force

Pamela Bonan

Stephen Daffron

Ken Graves

Steven Mendelsohn

Albert Radom

Peter Ruel

Robert Timmes

Council Liaison: Councilman Vozeh

Liaison To New Jersey Motion Picture & Television Commission Dean Cartier

Public Advocate Harris Recht, Esq.

Ramsey Historian Thomas Dater

Ramsey Centennial Committee

John L. Scerbo, Chairman
Mayor Christopher C. Botta
Joe Carey, Vice Chairman
Dr. Rudolph Iorio, Vice Chairman
Edith D'Andrea, Secretary
Rich Mathieson, Treasurer

*Karen Dey
*Joanne Lehr
*Gene Sobeck
*Ernie Larrat

*Michelle Kaczorowski
*Doris Griffin
*Joan Baxer
*Nancy Boone

*Toni Delisi
*Bruce Whitaker
*Jim Dolan

Steve Adams
Joan Bazer
Wendy Bloom
Anita Cannata-Nowell
Dean Cartier
Msgr. Lawrence Cull
Jackie Gersht
Jeffrey Heller
Ron Kase
Lisa McGrath
Lynn Novak
Robert Phelan
Emily Rennie
Margery Simpson
Lisa Thompson
Lisa Zangara-Bogle

Mike Adams
Kathy Bednar
Tom Bogle
Joe Carey
Bob Cella
Thomas Dater
Ira Gordon
Lou Janicek
Jim Keeney
Philip Mones
Anne O'Loughlin
Rennie Pincus
Lauren Ryan
Marilyn Taylor
Carol Watson

Joseph Barnes
David Bisailon
Nancy Boone
JoAnn Carroll
Becky Cella
Ann Davaris
Joan Hamilton
Keith Kaplan
Norm Kopack
Denise Murrell
Dan Perino
Ken Reilly
Jeff Scheibenpfulug
Lois Terrace
Ann Webersinn

* Denotes Committee Chairs

Council Liaison: Councilman Heller

Ramsey Alliance Against Drug And Alcohol Abuse

Mary McLaughlin, Coordinator
Susie Wilson, Coordinator
Mayor Christopher C. Botta
Nicholas C. Saros, Borough Administrator
Sgt. Francis Alcaro
D.A.R.E. Officer Tim Shoemaker
Karen Barbato

Lucille Bell
Liza Brienza
Martha Carey
Rebecca Cella
Robert Cella
Mary Connolly
Patti dePiero
Elizabeth Forsyth
Joan Hamilton
Chris Haskell
David Lindstrom
Susan Lindstrom
Chrisanne Moger
Trish Montini
Susan Schou
Dr. Roy Montessano, Superintendent of Schools
Anthony Kemps, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent of Schools
Eileen Smith
Karin Vohs
Roni Wildoner

Council Liaison: Councilman Nalbandian

Ramsey Day Committee
Nicholas C. Saros, Borough Administrator
Michele Stecyna
Council Liaison: Councilman Jones

Ramsey Representative – Community Development Committee Douglas Rennie

Recycling Committee
Henry Schumacher, Chairman
Stanley Rutkowski, Vice Chairman
John Jordan
Harvey Ranzi
Alex Stecyna
Michael Barrow
Recycling Coordinator: Rev. Richard Creadick
Council Liaison: Councilman Heller

Technology Task Force
Raegan Greenshields, Chairperson
Walter Aumiller
Michael Barrow

Steven Boston
 George Bumiller
 Philip Lambert
 Peter Malvasi
 Joseph Morales
 Phil Schwartz
Council Liaison: Councilman Siemsen

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Fred Swallow
 Guy Greene
 Joseph Barnes

<u>Environmental Commission</u>	(Three-Year Term)	
Name	Term	Expires
Allison Clark	1/07	12/31/07
(filling unexpired term of Kyra Faison-Gardner)		

<u>Alternate No. 1</u>	1/07	12/31/07
Michael Morris		
(filling unexpired term of Allison Clark)		

<u>Alternate No. 2</u> (1-year)	1/07	12/31/07
Matthew Miller		
<u>Council Liaison:</u> Councilman Jones		

LIBRARY BOARD

Name	Term	Expires
Mayor Christopher C. Botta	1/07	12/31/07
Peter Malvasi (Mayor's Alternate)	1/07	12/31/07
Carolyn Knauss(Supt. of Schools Alternate)	1/07	12/31/07
Russell Johnson	1/07	12/31/07
Marie O'Neil	1/07	12/31/09

Council Liaison: Councilman Vozeh

Planning Board

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Mayor Christopher Botta	1/07	12/31/07
Richard Creadick Class II	1/07	12/31/07
(1-year term)		
Councilman Andrew Siemsen Class III	1/07	12/31/07
(1-year term)		
Steve Schefers (Class IV)	1/07	12/31/09

(4-year term)
(filling unexpired term of William Jones)
Shawn Kirk 1/07 12/31/08
(filling unexpired term of Deirdre Dillon)
(Environmental Liaison-3-year term)

Alternate No. 1 (2-year term)
Keith Flood 1/07 12/31/08

Alternate No. 2 (2- year term) 1/06 12/31/07
David Torchin
(filling unexpired term of Shawn Kirk)

Council Liaison: Councilman Siemsen
Recreation Commission (Five-Year Term)

Joann Malvasi 1/07
12/31/11

Alternate No. 1
Brian Schrager 1/07
12/31/08
(filling unexpired term of Luke Chamberlin)

Alternate No. 2
Pamela Re 1/07
12/31/07
(filling unexpired term of Brian Schrager)

Council Liaison: Councilman Vozeh

Remarks from Council Members Who Have Not Spoken

Councilman Heller expressed his appreciation to all those in attendance and congratulated Mayor Botta and the new councilmembers on their elections. Councilman Heller stated that he has worked with Dave Bisailon for a number of years and he has been an excellent public servant to the entire Borough. He has reached out to so many groups and there were some very difficult assignments, such as the revamping of the Ramsey Police Department and a three year stop in tax increases. Councilman Heller stated that Dave will be missed on the Council and wished him well.

Councilman Siemsen thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. I would like to thank all the volunteers for the time they commit. They spend many hours volunteering and they deserve to be

recognized. Councilman Siemsen stated that Dave Bisailon has had the best interests of Ramsey as his top priority and he will be missed. I would also like to recognize former Mayor Muti for his years of service as Mayor. His approach may not have been appreciated by all, but he certainly got a lot done.

This is attributable to his hard work and dedication to Ramsey. I wish him well in his future endeavors.

I also want to congratulate our new Mayor and Councilmembers. I have no doubt we will be in good hands for the next four years. Both Deirdre and Bill each have independent ideas but are good listeners as well and have the past interests of Ramsey at heart. In 2007, I will again chair the Building and Zoning Committee; it is a natural fit for my background. I will also serve on Public Safety. I am confident that the members of this governing body will give the residents our full dedication. I would like to recognize our servicemen and women for defending the freedoms we have come to realize; please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Happy New Year to all and best wishes for a healthy 2007.

Councilman Vozeh expressed his thanks to Dave Bisailon and Richard Muti. Councilman Vozeh stated that Dave is a top notch person who has worked with corporate executives and yet is very comfortable riding in a DPW truck during a snowstorm or hanging out at the Firehouse. Former Mayor Muti was willing to step outside of the comfort zone; he marched down a path that he believed in, whether it was popular or not. Although I did not always agree with Mayor Muti, I respected the energy and respect he brought to the office of Mayor. We face difficult decisions in 2007. There are always increasing costs.

I am extremely confident in Chris Botta's ability to lead. I congratulate and welcome Deirdre and Bill.

I look forward to serving with this governing body. Councilman Vozeh congratulated Art Nalbandian, new Council President. I will strive to fulfill the trust Ramsey residents have placed in all of us. We understand the responsibility. Thank you and have a great year.

At this point in the meeting, Mayor Botta announced a two-minute recess, after which the meeting resumed.

The Following Appointments All Require Council Confirmation

<u>Board Of Adjustment</u> <u>Name</u>	(Four-Year Term) <u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
James Forbes	1/07	12/31/10
Gary J. Gyss	1/07	12/31/10
Abbas Saffai	1/07	12/31/10

Alternate No. 1 (2-year term)

Vanessa Jachzel 1/07 12/31/08
(filling unexpired term of Fred Henry)

Alternate No. 2 1/07 12/31/07
Luke Chamberlin
(filling unexpired term of Vanessa Jachzel)

Council Liaison: Councilman Siemsen

Resolution Number Six: Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Jones

Be It Resolved that the above captioned appointments hereby be confirmed:
AYES: Dillon, Heller, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozech NAYS: None

<u>Board Of Health</u> <u>Name</u>	(Three-Year Term) <u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Alternate No. 2 Marilyn Taylor	1/07	12/31/08
Jeffrey Nemeth	1/07	12/31/09

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Dillon

Resolution Number Seven: Introduced by Dillon, seconded by Vozech

Be It Resolved that the above captioned appointments hereby be confirmed:
AYES: Dillon, Heller, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozech NAYS: None

Board Of Public Works (Three-Year Term)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Mayor Christopher Botta	1/07	12/31/07
Christopher Martin	1/07	12/31/09
Stephen A. Tesoriero	1/07	12/31/09
Laura Genovese-Behrmann (filling unexpired term of Howard Cantor)	1/07	12/31/07

Council Liaison: Councilman Heller

Resolution Number Eight: Introduced by Heller, seconded by Vozeh

Be It Resolved that the above appointments are hereby confirmed:
AYES: Dillon, Heller, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozeh NAYS: None

Design Review Board (Three-Year Term)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Bonnie Waterman	1/07	12/31/09
Councilman Nalbandian	1/07	12/31/07
<u>Alternate No. 1</u> Dana Autenrieth (filling unexpired term of Bonnie Waterman)	1/07	12/31/09
<u>Alternate No. 2</u> Marianne Kaplan (filling unexpired term of Dana Autenrieth)	1/07	12/31/08

Liaisons And Professional Support: Nicholas C. Saros, Borough Administrator; Richard Mathieson, Finance Officer; Harold Reed, Borough Engineer; Robert Connell, Construction Code Official

Resolution Number Nine: Introduced by Jones, seconded by Dillon

Be It Resolved that the above appointments hereby be confirmed:
AYES: Dillon, Heller, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozeh NAYS: None

Fine Arts Council

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Rennie Pincus	1/07	12/31/09
Michael Treni	1/07	12/31/08
(1-year term)	1/07	12/31/07

Council Liaison: Councilman Jones

Resolution Number Ten: Introduced by Jones, seconded by Heller

Be It Resolved that the above appointments hereby be confirmed:

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

Mayor Botta that we would hold off on the appointment for the Pool Commission at this time.

<u>Pool Commission</u>	(Three-Year Term)	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
	1/07	12/31/09

Council Liaison: Councilman Heller

Resolution Number Eleven: (Being Held)

Be It Resolved that the above appointments hereby be confirmed.

Shade Tree Commission

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Russell Martone	1/07	12/31/11

Council Liaison: Councilman Jones

Resolution Number Twelve: Introduced by Jones, seconded by Siemsen

Be It Resolved that the above appointments hereby be confirmed:

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

Resolution Number Thirteen: Introduced by Vozeh, seconded by Nalbandian

Be It Resolved that the following newspapers be designated as the official legal newspapers for the Borough of Ramsey for the year 2007:

The Ridgewood News

The Bergen Record

The Star Ledger

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

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officers has certified that funds are available

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Ramsey authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with: Appraisal Systems Inc., Dean Boorman and Associates, Capital Alternatives, Crew Engineers, Inc., Jeffrey Doolittle, L.S., Surveying Technologies Inc., Hatch, Mott and MacDonald, Paulus, Sokolowski & Sartor, Inc., Schoor Depalma Engineers and Consultants, PMK Group, Dewberry-Goodkind, Inc., Peter A. Scandariato, Esq., Elizabeth MacKenzie, Piazza and Associates, Ruderman and Glickman, P.C., Garbarini & Co., P.C., Van Note-Harvey Associates, P.C., Mark Imbriani, Esq., Harry D. Norton, Esq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be published in a newspaper within ten (10) days of its passage as required by law.

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

Resolution Number Sixteen: Introduced by Vozeh, seconded by Nalbandian

Be It Resolved that the interest will be charged at the rate of eight percent per annum on all delinquent taxes and six percent per annum on all delinquent assessments except that the rate will be one thousandth of one percent per annum of the taxes for any current quarter if the taxes for any current quarter if the taxes are paid during the first ten days of the same current quarter.

Be It Further Resolved that the interest be charged by the Tax Collector in accordance with the provisions of Section 54:4-67 of the New Jersey Revised Status that effective immediately, the rate of interest to be charged on delinquent tax or assessment payments shall be 8 percent per annum of the first \$1,500.00 of delinquency, and 18 percent per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date of actual payment.

Be It Further Resolved if the Office of the Tax Collector is closed on the 10th of February, May, August or November; then the rate of one thousandth of one percent per annum above described shall be extended to include the first business day thereafter.

Be It Further Resolved that the interest rate shall revert to the rate of eight percent per annum for the first day of any current quarter unless the taxes of the same quarter are paid during the first 10 days of the same quarter or as otherwise provided in this resolution.

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

Resolution Number Seventeen: Introduced by Nalbandian, seconded by Siemsen

Be It Resolved that the Tax Assessor be and is hereby authorized to defend County Board of Taxation and State Tax Court Appeals and to retain experts in connection therewith with the approval of the governing body; and

Be It Further Resolved that any stipulations of settlement in connection with such matters or any reduction in tax assessments including non-litigation matters may be subject to the review, approval and authorization by the governing body.

AYES: Dillon, Jones, Heller, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozeh

NAYS: None

Resolution Number Eighteen: Introduced by Vozeh, seconded by Nalbandian

Whereas, 40A:4-19 Local Budget Act provides that (where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2007 budget) temporary appropriations be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided;

Whereas, the date of this resolution is within the first 30 days of 2007, and

Whereas, the total appropriations in the 2006 budget, less appropriations made for capital improvement fund, debt service and relief of the poor (public assistance) are as follows:

General	\$ 18,954,852.61
Water-Sewer Utility	\$ 5,385,069.48
Pool Utility	\$ 262,095.00

Whereas, 26.25 percent of the total appropriations of the 2006 Budget, less appropriations for capital improvement fund, debt service and relief of the poor (public assistance), in the said 2006 Budget is as follows:

General	\$4,975,648.80
Water-Sewer Utility	\$1,413,580.74
Pool Utility	\$ 68,799.38

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Ramsey, County of Bergen that the following temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

AYES: Dillon, Heller, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozeh

NAYS: None

Resolution Number Nineteen: Introduced by Vozeh, seconded by Nalbandian

Be It Resolved that the Borough Treasurer and the other Borough Officials required to sign Borough checks be and they are hereby authorized to sign such checks for the payment of the following remaining expenses: Insurance, Payroll, School Tax, County Tax, Trust Account Checks, Refunds, Postage and

Be It Further Resolved that such persons may sign and disburse such checks prior to governing body approval of the subject voucher covering such items provided the voucher is properly completed by the claimant, and

Be It Further Resolved that all vouchers covering such payments shall be presented to the governing body for formal approval at the next ensuing meeting of the governing body.

AYES: Dillon, Heller, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozech

NAYS: None

Resolution Number Twenty: Introduced by Vozech, seconded by Nalbandian

Whereas, by directive of the County Board of Taxation, under Rule 18:12A-16 (C), any and all tax appeals and stipulations for increase and decrease shall be submitted to the County Board of Taxation by the local Tax Collector and/or Tax Assessor on behalf of the Borough of Ramsey for the year 2007 and are hereby authorized by this governing body for disposition by the County Board of Taxation.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ramsey, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that this resolution as heretofore stated shall be approved by this governing body, and

Be It Resolved that the Borough Clerk be instructed to submit a certified copy of this resolution to the Borough Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, and Bergen County Board of Taxation.

AYES: Dillon, Heller, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozech

NAYS: None

Resolution Number Twenty- One: Introduced by Vozech, seconded by Nalbandian

Be It Resolved that the Borough Administrator be and he is hereby authorized to purchase goods, equipment, materials and services through the State Purchasing programs during the year 2007:

AYES: Dillon, Heller, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozech

NAYS: None

Resolution Number Twenty-Two: Introduced by Vozech, seconded by Nalbandian

Be It Resolved that in addition to all interest charges, a six percent penalty shall be charged to a taxpayer with a tax delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 who fails to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year, and that such six percent penalty shall be computed on the amount of the delinquency.

AYES: Dillon, Heller, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozech

NAYS: None

Resolution Number Twenty-Three: Introduced by Vozeh, seconded by Nalbandian

Be It Resolved that the Collector of Taxes for the Borough of Ramsey be and is hereby authorized to conduct the annual sale of delinquent taxes for the calendar years 2006-2007 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.

AYES: Dillon, Heller, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozeh

NAYS: None

Resolution Number Twenty-Four: Introduced by Vozeh, seconded by Nalbandian

Borough Administrator	Nicholas C. Saros
Borough Clerk	Meredith Bendian
Deputy Borough Clerk	Sherry Richards
Borough Attorney	Peter A. Scandariato, Esq.
Municipal Court Judge	Vincent N. Marino
Court Administrator	Mary J. Pasichnyk
Deputy Court Administrator	Catherine Viggiano
Prosecutor	Christopher E. Martin, Esq.
Public Defender	Robert C. Welch Jr. Esq.
Assistant Prosecutor	Patrick Nerney, Esq.
Assistant Public Defenders	Daniel McNerney, Esq.
	Steven H. Schefers, Esq.
Tax Collector	Linda Canavan
Chief Financial Officer	Richard Mathieson
Treasurer	Richard Mathieson
Tax Assessor	Angela Mattiace
Tax Search Officer	Kathy Vetter
Assessment Search Officer	Ann Davaris
Assistant Assessment Search Officer	Richard Mammone
Borough Atlas Search Officer	Sally Wiegand
Assistant Borough Atlas Search Officer	Richard Mammone
Borough Engineer	Harold Reed
Superintendent of Public Works Jr.	William H. Horton,
Temporary Housing Officer	Richard Mammone
Zoning Officer	Richard Mammone
Recycling Coordinator	Richard Creadick
Fire Sub-Code Official	Robert Connell
Fire Official	Frank Agatielli
Electrical Sub-Code Official /Inspector	Brian Vanore
Plumbing Sub-Code Official/Inspector	James Zaconie
Plumbing Field Inspector	Frank Giordano
Construction Code Official	Robert Connell
Building Inspector	Robert Connell
Fire Inspector	Bruce Greenwood
Fire Inspector	Tanis LaManna

Fire Inspector
Special Officers/Matrons

Yuri Metelow
Tina Lanning
Gail Lawson
Gina Leonard
Pam Malone
Joan Walker

School Marshals

Helen Ahlstedt
James Bollenbacher
Lawrence Borst
Rita Bowerfind
Dave Getlin
Nancy Guiliano
Francine Griesco
Dennis Johnston
Andrew Kelly
L. Lanning
Eileen Malestein
Elizabeth Mariani
Beatrice Masquelier
Anne Nicholson
Charles O'Rourke
Patrick Passaro
Ignazio Stravato
Tara Sutherland
C. Thompson
George Tice
Richard Tully
Peggy Warnet
Cheryl White
John Wisneski

Substitutes

J. Godwin
B. Alberse
G. Johnson
A. Nicholson
C. Olb
M. Pearson
D. Spence

Be It Resolved that the above appointments be and are hereby confirmed for the year 2007.

AYES: Dillon, Heller, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozeh

NAYS: None

Resolution Number Twenty-Five: Introduced by Nalbandian, seconded by Siemsen

Be It Resolved that the following appointments be made and confirmed for the year 2007.

Office of Emergency Management, Dir.	Michael Adams
Office of Emergency Management, Deputy Dir.	Bruce Greenwood
Office of Emergency Management, Deputy Dir.	Glen Karpovich
Office of Emergency Management, Deputy Dir.	Sgt. Angelo LaManna
AYES: Dillon, Heller, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozeh	NAYS: None

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

Resolution Twenty-Six: Introduced by Nalbandian, seconded by Siemsen

Be It Resolved that the following members of the Office of Emergency Management Local Emergency Planning Committee be appointed for 2007:

Mayor Christopher Botta, Chief Executive
Councilman Arthur M. Nalbandian, Public Safety Chairman
Michael Adams, OEM & OCT Coordinator, LEPC Chairman
Glen Karpovich, OEM Deputy Coordinator, RTK & ICS Officer
Bruce Greenwood, OEM Deputy Coordinator, EOC Officer
Sgt. Angelo LaManna, OEM Deputy Coordinator, Public Safety Liaison
Wayne Lemme, OEM RADEF Officer
Louis Janicek, OEM RACES Officer
Michael Greenshields, OEM Shelter Management & Mitigation Officer
Nicholas C. Saros, Borough Administrator
Peter A. Scandariato, Esq., Borough Attorney
Meredith Bendian, Borough Clerk
Chief Bryan Gurney, Ramsey Police Department
Fire Chief Mike Scalione, Ramsey Fire Department
Chief Steven Ahlstedt, Ramsey Ambulance Corps
Chief Mike Burns, Ramsey Rescue Squad
William Horton, Public Works Superintendent
Leo Egan, Sanitarian, Board of Health
Sgt. Francis Alcaro, RPD, Youth and Senior Citizen Liaison
Dr. Roy Montesano, Superintendent of Schools
Jennifer Crusco, Editor, Villadom Times
Mona Bookman, Disaster Chairman, American Red Cross
Michelle Damiani, Liaison, Rockland Electric
James Keeney, OEM Government Liaison
Claudia Monteith, OEM Bio-Terrorism Consultant
Ralph Venturini, CERT Team Program Manager
AYES: Dillon, Heller, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozeh NAYS: None

Resolution Number Twenty-Seven – Introduced by Nalbandian, seconded by Siemsen

Be It Resolved that the following financial institutions be designated as the official depositories for the Borough of Ramsey for its fund for the year 2007:

Commerce Bank
TD Bank North
State Of New Jersey Management Fund
Bank of America
Valley National Bank
Trustco
Bank of New York
Interchange Bank
Washington Mutual
North Fork Bank

AYES: Dillon, Heller, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozeh

NAYS: None

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Council Committee Responsibilities

Committee
Finance and Administration

Public Safety
Health, Education & Social Services
Building and Zoning
Public & Governmental Relations
Utilities, Building and Grounds
Joint Committee with Ramsey
Board of Education

Council Members

Chairman	Members
Vozech	Heller, Nalbandian
Nalbandian	Siemsen, Jones
Dillon	Siemsen, Vozech
Siemsen	Jones, Dillon
Jones	Dillon, Heller
Heller	Nalbandian, Vozech
Nalbandian	Dillon, Heller

Council Liaison Responsibilities

Finance & Administration
Citizens Budget Advisory Task Force
Recreation Commission
Pool Commission
Library Board
School Board

Council Members

Vozech
Vozech
Vozech
Heller
Vozech
Nalbandian & Dillon

Public Safety
Office of Emergency Management
Drug Alliance
Traffic Safety Committee

Nalbandian
Nalbandian
Nalbandian
Nalbandian

Health, Education & Social Services
Board of Health
Environmental
Fine Arts
Ramsey Responds

Dillon
Dillon
Jones
Jones
Dillon

Building And Zoning
Design Review Board
Shade Tree
Board of Adjustment
Planning Board (Class III Member)

Siemsen
Nalbandian
Jones
Siemsen
Siemsen

Public & Governmental Relations
Civic Organizations
Ramsey Senior Citizens
& Ramsey Senior Center, Inc.
Youth Guidance

Jones
Jones
Dillon
Dillon

Utilities, Buildings & Grounds	Heller
Recycling	Heller
Beautification	Heller
Board of Public Works (Water Board)	Heller

Other Liaison Responsibilities

Ramsey Centennial Committee	Heller
Ramsey Day Committee	Jones
Technology/ Web Design Task Force	Siemsen

Public Comment

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

Closing Remarks From Mayor Christopher Botta

Mayor Botta thanked the Leisure Club for providing the refreshments. The floral arrangements will be delivered to the Woodlands Senior Housing. I would also like to thank the Road Department employees for setting up the Reorganization Meeting. My thanks to Meredith, Sherry and Nick for putting this meeting together.

Motion To Adjourn

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

Meredith Bendian
Borough Clerk

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