

Borough of Ramsey
2009 Reorganization Meeting
January 7, 2009

Mayor Botta announced that the Pledge of Allegiance would be led by the Ramsey Veterans of Foreign Wars, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. Reverend Michael Carrier of First Presbyterian Church gave the invocation.

The oath of office was administered to Councilmen Andrew Siemsen and Bruce Vozeh by Borough Attorney Peter Scandariato. Mayor Botta officially called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Botta, Councilmembers Dillon, Jachzel, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozeh, Borough Administrator Nicholas Saros, Borough Attorney Peter Scandariato, Borough Clerk Meredith Bendian, and Deputy Borough Clerk Sherry Richards.

Absent: None

Mayor Botta read the Open Meetings Law notice.

Resolution Number One: Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Vozeh

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 2009:

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

Mayor opened the nominations for Council President. Councilman Vozeh nominated Deirdre Dillon, seconded by Jachzel.

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

Councilwoman Dillon is declared and elected as Council President.

Remarks By Re-elected Council Members

Councilman Siemsen acknowledged his wife, Michelle, and their children, Jonathan and Amanda, who were in the audience and expressed his appreciation to the voters of Ramsey for being re-elected. Councilman Siemsen thanked Bruce Vozeh for his support and encouragement, as well as the employees of Ramsey, especially our attorney, Peter Scandariato. Councilman Siemsen thanked all the volunteers, especially those in the emergency services. Councilman Siemsen acknowledged former Mayor Muti and Councilmembers Heller and Bisailon for having served with them. Councilman Siemsen stated that municipal spending was reduced and we have maintained low and stable tax rates. We obtained grants wherever possible and we continue to explore ways to share services with neighboring towns. We continue to assess long-term capital needs. Projects such as the Main Streetscape, the exterior improvements to the front of the Municipal Building, the improvements to the Senior Center and Finch Park, as well as the Fair Share Housing Plan, are ongoing projects which make Ramsey a desirable town to live.

Councilman Vozeh expressed his appreciation to those who came out tonight despite the bad weather and thanked the voters of Ramsey for re-electing him. I would like to thank members of my family for their support and commitment. We have accountability to those we represent, but we also have a need to function through a process of systematic approach. While we strive to

resolve residents' issues and concerns as quickly and efficiently as possible, we need to review the ramifications. This year, I will chair the Utilities, Buildings and Grounds Committee and we have an extremely difficult job ahead. The community faces a number of infrastructure needs from road repaving to sidewalks, buildings, water system, the Library, communications systems, technology, etc. Planning is difficult and tough economic times compound the issue. We cannot look to Trenton or Washington for help. Ramsey is in an extremely good financial position and this governing body has been very prudent and fiscally responsible. We do not have a budget deficit. We are not overextended with debt. Despite these positives, the road ahead will be bumpy. We will have to make tough decisions. I would like to thank and congratulate my running mate, Andrew Siemsen, and my colleagues. It has been a pleasure working with them. My thanks also to Nick Saros, Peter Scandariato, Meredith Bendian, and Sherry Richards.

Remarks by newly elected Council President

Council President Dillon thanked everyone for attending tonight. My thanks to my fellow Councilmembers for entrusting this position to me. I will certainly do my best. Thank you to my husband, Hugh, and our three beautiful daughters and my sister, Pat. My thanks to all of the Borough employees and all the volunteers who so graciously give up their time to make Ramsey such a wonderful place to live. I will work hard to make sure that we will move forward with several initiatives and projects that will be for the benefit of all the citizens of Ramsey. In addition, I hope to continue to foster a spirit in this town which lets people know that we consider ourselves a government by the people and for the people and we value the ideas and suggestions of every citizen. We are always accessible and we will do our very best to address all concerns. I look forward to continuing to work with the Board of Education and once again working with the Board of Health. Thank you.

Council President Dillon and Councilwoman Jachzel joined the Mayor to present a plaque to TD Bank, in recognition of their Gold Sponsorship of the Centennial Celebration of 2008. Vice-Chairman of the Centennial Committee, Rudy Iorio, also joined in the presentation. Vice President of TD Bank, Paul Scarduffa, expressed his appreciation for the plaque and indicated that TD Bank would always be a strong supporter of Ramsey's events. (There are 4 other Gold Sponsors: Ramsey Auto Group, Inserra Supermarkets, Gabrellian Associates, and Oster Properties, who could not attend tonight's meeting.)

Mayor opened the nominations for Class III member of the Planning Board and Council representative. Councilwoman Dillon nominated Councilman Nalbandian, seconded by Jachzel. Nominations closed. AYES: Dillon, Jachzel, Jones, Siemsen, Vozech NAYS: None ABSTAIN: Nalbandian Motion carried.

Resolution Number Two: Introduced by Jachzel, seconded by Jones

Be It Resolved that the regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Ramsey for the Year 2009 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 8:30 p.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. Formal action may be taken at any meeting.

With the following exceptions in May and November:

No work session meeting on May 25th . The May 27th work session will begin at 7:30pm with the regular meeting to follow at 8:30p.m. or soon thereafter.

No meetings on November 11th or 25th . On November 23rd the work session will begin at 7:30p.m. with the regular meeting to follow at 8:30 p.m or soon thereafter.

All meetings will be held in the Council Chambers unless otherwise announced. The Mayor and Council will hold its first meeting of 2010 on Friday, January 01, 2010 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, Jachzel, Jones, Nalbandian, Simesen, Vozeh NAYS: None

Resolution Number Three: Introduced by Jones, seconded by Siemsen

Be it Resolved that the following list of Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department Officers be approved for the Year 2009:

Line Officers:

Chief Michael Scalione
Assistant Chief Jim Dougherty
Deputy Chief Carl Held
Captain Randy Sterbinsky
Captain Greg Hewitt
Lieutenant Brendan Sterbinsky
Lieutenant Robert Shoemaker
Lieutenant Louis Warnet. Jr.
Lieutenant John Bergen
Lieutenant Timothy Hedenhag

Administrative Officers:

President Joseph S. Lehr
Vice President Kenneth Bell
Treasurer John Davis
Secretary Laura Single
Financial Secretary Garry Tonnon

Trustees:

TJ Murphy (5 year term)

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

Resolution Number Four: Introduced by Jones, seconded by Siemsen

Be it Resolved that the following list of Ramsey Volunteer Rescue Squad Officers be approved for the Year 2009:

Line Officers: Chief Jon Krehel
Deputy Chief Christopher Hoffman
Captain Eamon Daul
Lieutenant James Gatti
Lieutenant Bryan Phillips
Lieutenant Zachary Schleicher

Administrative Officers: President Michael Adams
Vice President Cheri Rosenstein
Secretary Kelly Vriesema
Treasurer Kathryn Muser

Trustees: David Brown
Robert Morris

AYES: Dillon, Jachzel, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozeh NAYS: NonE

Resolution Number Five: Introduced by Jones, seconded by Siemsen

Be it Resolved that the following list of Ramsey Volunteer Ambulance Corps Officers be approved for the Year 2009:

Line Officers: Chief Brian Behrmann
Deputy Chief Michael Migliaccio
Lieutenant Jeanette Coviello
Lieutenant Erik Bergsten
Lieutenant Kim Deas

Administrative Officers: President Steven Ahlstedt
Vice President Jane DePiero
Treasurer Clayton Bridges
Recording Secretary Linda Meiman
Corresponding Secretary Colleen Gubala

Trustees:

Kelly Vriesema
Deirdre Duncan
Holly Walker
Sean Matro
Annette Young

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

Mayor Botta made the following appointments:

Beautification Committee

Mark Madsen
Alice Fjotland
Marianne Kaplan
Beverly O’Hearn

Council Liaison: Councilman Vozech

Board of Education Liaison: Councilwoman Dillon

Liaison To New Jersey Motion Picture & Television Commission

Dean Cartier

Public Advocate

Harris Recht, Esq.

Ramsey Historian

Thomas A. Dater

Ramsey Alliance Against Drug And Alcohol Abuse

Bill Riordan, Coordinator

Kyra Faison-Gardner, Coordinator

Mayor Christopher C. Botta

Nicholas C. Saros, Borough Administrator

D.A.R.E. Officer Tim Shoemaker

Karen Barbato

Lucille Bell

Martha Carey

Rebecca Cella

Robert Cella

Suzanne Clinton

Mary Connolly

Tom DiLucci

Angie Kelly

David Lindstrom

Susan Lindstrom

Susan Major

Brian Riordan

Susan Schou

Dr. Roy Montessano, Superintendent of Schools

Anthony Kemps, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent of Schools

Eileen Smith

Karin Vohs

Roni Wildoner

Susan Wilson

Council Liaison: Councilman Jones

Ramsey Day Committee

Nicholas C. Saros, Borough Administrator

Michele Stecyna

Rennie Pincus

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Jachzel

Ramsey Representative – Community Development Committee

Douglas Rennie

Recycling Committee

Henry Schumacher, Chairman

Stanley Rutkowski, Vice Chairman

John Jordan

Harvey Ranzi

Alex Stecyna

Michael Barrow

Jeffrey Heller

Recycling Coordinator: William Horton, Jr.

Council Liaison: Councilman Vozeh

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Fred Swallow

Guy Greene

Joseph Barnes

Council Liaison: Councilman Siemsen

Environmental Commission (Three-Year Term)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Patrick Nerney	1/09	12/31/11
Angela Strollo	1/09	12/31/11
Thomas Thompson	1/09	12/31/11
<u>Alternate No. 2</u> Steve Tesoriero	1/09	12/21/09

Council Liaison: Councilman Jones

LIBRARY BOARD

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Mayor Christopher C. Botta	1/09	12/31/09
Peter Malvasi (Mayor's Alternate)	1/09	12/31/09
Carolyn Knauss (Supt. of Schools Alternate)	1/09	12/31/09

Council Liaison: Councilman Vozeh

Planning Board

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Mayor Christopher Botta	1/09	12/31/09
John Solarino Class II	1/09	12/31/09
Councilman Arthur Nalbandian Class III	1/09	12/31/09
William Jaekel (filling unexpired term of D. Torchin)	1/08	12/31/11
Shawn Kirk	1/09	12/31/11
Joseph Carey (Alt. 1)	1/09	12/31/10
Deirdre Woodbyrne (Alt. 2)	1/09	12/31/09

Council Liaison: Councilman Nalbandian

<u>Recreation Commission</u>	(Five-Year Term)	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Dr. Rudy Iorio	1/09	12/31/13
John Sebastian	1/09	12/31/13
Roberta Grissoni	1/09	12/31/13
<u>Council Liaison: Councilman Siemsen</u>		

Remarks from Council Members Who Have Not Spoken

Councilman Nalbandian congratulated Councilmen Siemsen and Vozeh on their re-elections. Both have dedicated a lot to this town where they grew up and deserve our commendations. My congratulations to Councilwoman Dillon on being elected Council President. My thanks to all the wonderful people who volunteer their services in various capacities to the Borough. They are our life-blood and we could not function without them. I look forward to continuing to work with our Borough Employees and various professionals including our attorney Peter Scandariato, Borough Administrator Nicholas Saros, Meredith Bendian and Sherry Richards. We have an excellent staff. Our DPW has worked tirelessly to clear the roads and I would like to recognize the members of the DPW. I look forward also to working with my colleagues in 2009. We are in an extremely challenging time, not just as a community and economically we have not seen what we are going through ever before of this magnitude. This town is positioned very well and better than most to deal with the current economic climate. Our predecessors also did a good job of keeping our finances in order. I look forward to serving as Chairman of Building, Planning and Zoning. I would like to thank Councilman Siemsen and Councilwoman Jachzel for their work with the Fair Share Housing Plan, as well as Chairman Iorio and our Borough Attorney Pete Scandariato and our COAH professional, Art Bernard. It could not have been done without the effort and cooperation of everyone involved. One of the other highlights of 2008 was the passage of a comprehensive residential rental housing ordinance which is something that will help improve the quality of life for Ramsey residents and enhance public safety, as well as maintaining the integrity of our zoning. My best wishes to everyone for a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Councilman Jones wished everyone a Happy New Year and expressed his appreciation for those who came out tonight in the bad weather. Congratulations to Councilmen Siemsen and Vozeh. Both are extremely hard-working individuals and they bring a lot to the Council. It is a joy to work with them and I look forward to continuing on in 2009. My congratulations to Councilwoman Dillon on her election as Council President. I think she will do an outstanding job in leading us in 2009. I also would like to say that 2008 was an exciting year and I would like to thank the hundreds of volunteers who got involved with the Centennial events. I would like to thank all of Ramsey's dedicated employees who work to keep Ramsey safe, clean, and more organized than any town in the State of New Jersey. I especially would like to thank Chief Gurney; he is truly a great professional and I got to know the entire Police Department this past year. We are truly fortunate to have such a wealth of experience, education and great people in the Police. The town has never been better in that capacity. I also want to thank Nick, Meredith, Sherry, Pete and everyone at Borough Hall for their helpfulness. They make everyone look better. I thank all of the new volunteers for giving of yourself to make the community better. I look forward to another year of working with the Public Safety and the brave men and women of Ramsey's emergency services. Our Police, Fire, Rescue, and OEM do an outstanding job answering the call 24/7, 365 days a year. It is a pleasure and an honor to work with such wonderful groups and I wish everyone a good year.

Councilwoman Jachzel thanked everyone for coming out tonight and I congratulate Councilmen Siemsen and Vozeh on their re-elections. I know they will continue to honor the position that you have been granted and I am proud to continue serving with you. I also congratulate Councilwoman Dillon on being elected Council President. I am very fortunate to have benefited from the experience, knowledge and support of Borough Administrator Nicholas Saros, Borough Attorney Scandariato, Borough Clerk Meredith Bendian, Deputy Clerk Sherry Richards and all of the staff at Borough Hall. It was an honor to be a part of this governing body during Ramsey’s Centennial year. We honored the past, celebrated the present, and imagined the future. We had so many wonderful events during the year and so many people devoted a lot of time and energy to make the events happen and to make sure they would be enjoyed by all. It was a privilege to work with Chairman John Scerbo, Vice-Chairman Rudy Iorio, Joe Carey and Deirdre Woodbyrne. We enjoyed a presentation by Tom Dater and celebrated America’s 100th Mother’s Day with the Air Force Band. Councilwoman Jachzel outlined each of the Centennial events which took place during 2008, especially the Centennial Parade. We will be planting a time capsule to be opened by future generations. This year, I will continue to work with the senior citizens. I plan on working to have a “Taste of Ramsey” as an annual event. I would like to thank all of the volunteers and municipal employees who are here tonight. You make Ramsey a very pleasant community. Thank you for joining us and I wish you and your families a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

The Following Appointments All Require Council Confirmation

<u>Board Of Adjustment</u>	(Four-Year Term)	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Howard Cantor	1/09	12/31/12
David Torchin (filling unexpired term of W. Jaekel)	1/08	12/31/11
Luke Chamberlin	1/09	12/31/12
<u>Alternate No. 1</u>		
Thomas Scuderi	1/09	12/31/10

Council Liaison: Councilman Nalbandian

Resolution Number Six: Introduced by Nalbandian, seconded by Dillon

Be It Resolved that the above captioned appointments hereby be confirmed:

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

Board Of Health (Three-Year Term)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
James Rogers	1/09	12/31/11
Jeffrey Nemeth	1/09	12/31/11
Joan Waring	1/09	12/31/11
John Pantazopoulos	1/09	12/31/11
<u>Alternate No.2</u> Marilyn Taylor	1/09	12/31/10

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Dillon

Resolution Number Seven: Introduced by Dillon, seconded by Jachzel

Be It Resolved that the above captioned appointments hereby be confirmed:

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

<u>Board Of Public Works</u>	(Three-Year Term)	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Mayor Christopher Botta	1/09	12/31/09
Steven Burgio	1/09	12/31/11
Glen Popolo	1/09	12/31/11

Council Liaison: Councilman Vozeh

Resolution Number Eight: Introduced by Vozeh, seconded by Nalbandian

Be It Resolved that the above appointments are hereby confirmed:

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

<u>Design Review Board</u>	(Three-Year Term)	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Councilwoman Jachzel	1/09	12/31/09
Nancy Boone	1/09	12/31/11
<u>Alternate. 2</u> Marianne Kaplan	1/09	12/31/11

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

Resolution Number Nine: Introduced by Nalbandian, seconded by Jachzel

Be It Resolved that the above appointments hereby be confirmed:

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

Fine Arts Council

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Greg McNally	1/09	12/31/11
Jackie Gersht	1/09	12/31/11

Council Liaison: Councilman Jones

Resolution Number Ten: Introduced by Dillon, seconded by Jones

Be It Resolved that the above appointments hereby be confirmed:

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

Pool Commission

(Three-Year Term)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Peter Truax	1/09	12/31/11
Donna Jordan	1/09	12/31/11
Eric Kiellar	1/09	12/31/11

Council Liaison: Councilman Siemsen

Resolution Number Eleven: Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Vozeh

Be It Resolved that the above appointments hereby be confirmed:

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

Shade Tree Commission

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
<u>Alternate 2</u> Brian Brisby	1/09	12/31/13

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Dillon

Resolution Number Twelve: Introduced by Nalbandian, seconded by Dillon
Be It Resolved that the above appointment hereby be confirmed:

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

Resolution Number Thirteen: Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Vozeh

Be It Resolved that the following newspapers be designated as the official legal newspapers for the Borough of Ramsey for the year 2009:

The Ridgewood News

The Bergen Record

The Star Ledger

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

Resolution Number Fourteen: Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Vozeh

Be It Resolved that Paul W. Garbarini, CPA, RMA, PSA, CMFO of Garbarini and Company, CP, be appointed as the Auditor of the Borough of Ramsey for the year 2009:

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

Resolution Number Fifteen: Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Vozeh

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ramsey has a need to acquire professional services, as not awarded through a competitive bid process contract pursuant to the provision of N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5 as appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of the professional services will each exceed \$21,000.00; and,

WHEREAS the anticipated term of this contract is one year; and,

WHEREAS, the following business entities have submitted proposals indicating that they will provide the professional services in accordance with their proposal attached hereto;

Art Bernard, P.P. Bernard and Nebenzahl

Appraisal Systems, Tax Appraisers

PIA, Inc., Insurance Consultant

Capital Alternatives, Grant Consultants

Crew Engineers, Inc., Consulting Engineers

Jeffrey Doolittle, L.S., Borough Surveyor

Hatch Mott MacDonald, Infrastructure and Environment

Paul W. Garbarini, CPA, RMA, Garbarini & Co. P.C.

PMK Group, Engineers

Dewberry-Goodkind, Inc., Engineers

CMX, Engineers & Consultants

Peter A. Scandariato, Esq, Borough Attorney

Harry D. Norton, Jr., Esq., Special Counsel

Elizabeth McKenzie, Professional Planner

Frank Piazza, Esq., Piazza Associates, Council on Affordable Housing Administrator

Mark Imbriani, Special Counsel for Council on Affordable Housing

Van Note- Harvey Associates, P.C., Environmental Engineers

Ruderman & Glickman, P.C., Labor Counsel

Stantec Consulting Services Inc.,

WHEREAS the above stated entities have completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that they have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Ramsey in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit them from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and,

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., Capital Alternatives, Crew Engineers, Inc., Jeffrey Doolittle, L.S., Surveying Technologies Inc., Hatch, Mott and MacDonald, CMX, Engineers and Consultants, PMK Group, Dewberry-Goodkind, Inc., Peter A. Scandariato, Esq., Stantec Consulting Services, 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., PIA, Inc., Art Bernard, P.P., Bernard and Nebenzahl

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, Jachzel, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozech NAYS: None

Resolution Number Sixteen: Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Vozech

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, Jachzel, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozech NAYS: None

Resolution Number Seventeen: Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Vozech

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, Jachzel, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozech NAYS: None

Resolution Number Eighteen: Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Vozech

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 2009 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 2009, and

Whereas, the total appropriations in the 2008 budget, less appropriations made for capital improvement fund, debt service and relief of the poor (public assistance) are as follows:

General	\$ 19,090,713.56
Water-Sewer Utility	\$ 6,255,264.00
Pool Utility	\$ 267,500.00

Whereas, 26.25 percent of the total appropriations of the 2008 Budget, less appropriations for capital improvement fund, debt service and relief of the poor (public assistance), in the said 2008 Budget is as follows:

General	\$ 5,011,312.30
Water-Sewer Utility	\$ 1,642,000.80
Pool Utility	\$ 70,218.75

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, Jachzel, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozech NAYS: None

Resolution Number Nineteen: Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Vozech

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, Jachzel, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozech NAYS: None

Resolution Number Twenty: Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Vozech

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 2008 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, Jachzel, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozech NAYS: None

Resolution Number Twenty-One Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Vozech

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 2009:

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

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

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, Jachzel, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozech NAYS: None

Resolution Number Twenty-Three: Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Vozech

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 2007-2008 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.

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

Resolution Number Twenty-Four: Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Vozech

Borough Administrator	Nicholas C. Saros
Borough Clerk	Meredith Bendian
Deputy Borough Clerk	Sherry Richards
Borough Attorney	Peter A. Scandariato, Esq.
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.
Second Assistant Prosecutor	Richard Rosa, 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
Tax Search Officer
Assessment Search Officer
Assistant Assessment Search Officer
Borough Atlas Search Officer
Assistant Borough Atlas Search Officer
Borough Engineer
Superintendent of Public Works
Temporary Housing Officer
Zoning Officer
Recycling Coordinator
Fire Sub-Code Official
Fire Official
Electrical Sub-Code Official /Inspector
Plumbing Sub-Code Official/Building & Fire
Protection Inspector
Plumbing Field Inspector
Construction Code Official
Building Inspector
Fire Inspector
Fire Inspector

Special Officers/Matrons

School Marshals

Angela Mattiace
Kathy Vetter
Ann Davaris
Richard Mammone
Sally Wiegand
Richard Mammone
Harold Reed
William H. Horton, Jr.
Richard Mammone
Richard Mammone
William J. Horton
Robert Connell
Frank Agatielli
Brian Vanore
James Zaconie

Frank Giordano
Robert Connell
Robert Connell
Tanis LaManna
Yuri Metelow

Tina Lanning
Gina Leonard
Pat Salmon
Barbara Alberse
Rita Bowerfind
Dave Getlin
Joann Godwin
Roberta Grissoni
Dennis Johnston
Andrew Kelly
Laurita Lanning
Tina Lanning
Eileen Malestein
Elizabeth Mariani
Beatrice Masquelier
Anne Toher-Nicholson
Carl Olb
Charles O'Rourke
Patrick Passero
Beatrice Robertson
Richard Rouault
Feim Saciri
George Tice
Richard Tully
Peggy Warnet
Cheryl White
John Wisneski

Substitutes

Peter D'Esopo
Ann Haner
Giulio Martino
Donna Spence
Nada Nicole Wood

Be It Resolved that the above appointments be and are hereby confirmed for the year 2009.

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

Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Howard Cantor, Board of Adjustment.

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

Be It Resolved that the following appointments be made and confirmed for the year 2009.

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

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

Be It Resolved that the following members of the Office of Emergency Management Local Emergency Planning Committee be appointed for 2009:

Mayor Christopher Botta, Chief Executive
Councilman Jones, 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 Brian Behrmann, Ramsey Ambulance Corps
Chief Jon Krehel, Ramsey Rescue Squad
William Horton, Public Works Superintendent
Leo Egan, Sanitarian, Board of Health

Francis Alcaro, Youth and Senior Citizen Liaison
 Dr. Roy Montesano, Superintendent of Schools
 Jennifer Crusco, Editor, Villadom Times
 Robert Pavlik, 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, Jachzel, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozeh NAYS: None

Mayor administered the oath of office to James Keeney, OEM Government Liaison.

Resolution Number Twenty-Seven: Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Jones

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 2009:

- TD Bank
- State Of New Jersey Management Fund
- Bank of America
- Valley National Bank
- Trustco
- JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
- North Fork Bank

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

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Council Committee Responsibilities

Council Members

Committee

Chairman

Members

Finance and Administration	Siemsen	Vozeh, Jones
Public Safety	Jones	Siemsen, Nalbandian
Health, Education & Social Services	Dillon	Jachzel, Siemsen
Building, Planning and Zoning	Nalbandian	Dillon, Jachzel
Public & Governmental Relations	Jachzel	Jones, Vozeh
Utilities, Building and Grounds	Vozeh	Nalbandian, Dillon

Council Liaison Responsibilities

Finance & Administration

Recreation Commission
Pool Commission
Library Board

Public Safety

Office of Emergency Management
Drug Alliance
Traffic Safety Committee

Health, Education & Social Services

Board of Health
Environmental
Fine Arts
Ramsey Responds
School Board

Building Planning & Zoning

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

Public & Governmental Relations

Civic Organizations
Ramsey Senior Citizens
Youth Guidance

Utilities, Buildings & Grounds

Recycling
Beautification
Board of Public Works (Water Board)

Other Liaison Responsibilities

Ramsey Day Committee

Council Members

Siemsen
Siemsen
Siemsen
Vozech

Jones
Jones
Jones
Jones

Dillon
Dillon
Jones
Jones
Dillon
Dillon

Nalbandian
Jachzel
Dillon
Nalbandian
Nalbandian

Jachzel
Jachzel
Jachzel
Jachzel

Vozech
Vozech
Vozech
Vozech

Jachzel

Public Comment – None

Closing Remarks From Mayor Christopher Botta

Mayor Botta wished everyone a Happy New Year. The year 2008 was a spectacular celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Borough of Ramsey. There was something for everyone and the events will be cherished memories for all residents. We will be having a special Council Meeting to thank all of those who volunteered their time. I would like to congratulate Councilmen Siemsen and Vozeh for their re-election. Their contributions have been extraordinary. Special congratulations to Council President Dillon. I think she will do a great job. We are a good team and we will continue to challenge each other and work together for the betterment of Ramsey. I am confident that we can have a successful year. Our Borough employees are the best in the State and they provide superior municipal services while at the same time adjusting to the realities of tighter municipal budgets. We must continue to cut and control costs in our budget and find new revenue sources. We will get little help from Trenton, but we are prepared for the challenge and through prudent planning have positioned the Borough well to weather these economic difficulties. We have a beautiful town with dedicated employees, hardworking volunteers and caring residents. Our task is to maintain our community as a desirable place to live, work, grow and raise a family. I am dedicated to that task. I encourage all residents to speak up and be heard and assist us with this endeavor. I wish you all a Happy, Healthy and prosperous 2009 and I look forward to working with everyone to insure a bright future for the Borough of Ramsey.

New Business – None

Adjournment

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

Meredith Bendian
Borough Clerk