

Borough of Ramsey
2008 Reorganization Meeting
January 1, 2008

Mayor Botta announced that the pledge of allegiance would be led by the Ramsey Veterans of Foreign Wars, followed by a moment of silence in memory of Rev. Richard Creadick, Recycling Coordinator, who died yesterday after a long illness. Reverend Monsignor Lawrence Cull of St. Paul's R.C. Church gave the invocation, and expressed his appreciation for having known Rev. Creadick, who will be greatly missed.

The oath of office was administered to newly elected Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel by Mayor Botta. Councilwoman Jachzel's husband, Steve, and two of their children, Evan and Eric, were in attendance. The oath was administered to Councilman Arthur Nalbandian by his father, The Honorable Martin A. Nalbandian, JMC (Retired). Councilman Nalbandian's son, Martin, and daughter, Noelle, held the Bible for their father. 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 Dillon

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 2008.

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

Mayor opened the nominations for Council President. Councilman Siemsen nominated Bruce Vozeh, seconded by Nalbandian.

AYES: Dillon, Jachzel, Jones, Nalbandian, Siemsen, Vozeh NAYS: None
Councilman Vozeh is declared and elected as Council President.

Remarks by Newly Elected Councilwoman Jachzel

Councilwoman Jachzel expressed her appreciation to the voters of Ramsey for electing her. She takes the position of Councilwoman very seriously with a deep awareness of the responsibility and the citizens of the Ramsey are the reason that she is here. Councilwoman Jachzel indicated that she would always be available to listen to concerns and points of view. It is the people who make up the community and Ramsey is very blessed. Councilwoman Jachzel thanked all the volunteers and employees of the Borough and indicated that she looks forward to working with Mayor Botta and the Councilmembers and congratulated Councilman Nalbandian on his re-election. Councilwoman Jachzel wished outgoing Councilman Heller well in his future endeavors. This year will be reflecting upon Ramsey's history and we honor our senior citizens and we mourn the passing of Rev. Creadick.

Councilwoman Jachzel thanked her family for their help during her campaign and wished everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Councilman Nalbandian expressed his appreciation to Monsignor Cull for his kind words about Rev. Creadick. Councilman Nalbandian thanked the voters for re-electing him to the Council. It is an honor and a privilege to serve in this capacity and being re-elected is especially rewarding. Councilman Nalbandian thanked his father and his two children, and hoped that he continues to set a good example for them. Councilman Nalbandian stated that his brother was elected to his first term as a Councilman in Old Tappan and I wish him the best of luck in that town. Councilman Nalbandian wished everyone a happy and healthy new year. Councilman Nalbandian congratulated Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel on being elected to the Council and congratulated Councilman Bruce Vozech on being elected Council President. Councilman Nalbandian expressed his appreciation to outgoing Councilman Jeff Heller for his service to the Borough and wished Jeff and his wife, Martha, good luck. I would also like to thank the Mayor and my colleagues on the Council and recognize them for all of their efforts. It is a privilege to serve during the Centennial year with such a fine group of people. I would also like to thank Nick Saros, Meredith Bendian, Peter Scandariato and Sherry Richards, as well as all of the Borough employees who really make things work. I look forward to continuing to work with all of them. I would like to recognize the members of our Board of Education and School Administration, many of whom are here today, and thank them for all their hard work. It has been a pleasure to work with Police Chief Gurney, as well as the heads of the other emergency services organizations, during my tenure as Chairman of Public Safety over the last 2 years, and I look forward to continuing to work with them as a member of the Public Safety Committee. It is an exciting honor to be the Chairman of the Building, Planning and Zoning Committee this year and I look forward to working with all of the employees and volunteers in that capacity. Three years ago I dedicated my service to my mother who was a Councilwoman in Old Tappan for 9 years and passed away 10 years ago. In my mind, she was and will always be the model public servant and, with her understanding, I would like to dedicate the next 3 years of my public service to another model public servant, Rev. Richard Creadick. We met many years ago at a Ramsey High School football game. We talked about many topics and he truly was a man for all seasons. I look forward to serving the Borough of Ramsey in memory of Rev. Creadick.

Remarks by newly elected Council President

Council President Vozech thanked everyone for attending today. My thanks to my colleagues for electing me as Council President. This will be my third year on the Council and I realize I have big shoes to fill and I look forward to the challenge. My thanks to Jeff Heller who has been a quality public servant who is not afraid to set outside the common thinking and take a different position when he thought it was the right one. Jeff provided insight time and time again, always thinking about Ramsey's future. He was a great help to me and I will miss him on the Council. I congratulate and welcome Vanessa. I know Ramsey will be proud of the confidence they have showed in you. My congratulations to Art on his re-election. I look forward to continue to draw on his valued experience in the year to come. My thanks also to Andrew, Deirdre and Bill. My congratulations to Chris Botta for a tremendous job as Mayor. My thanks to Nick, Peter, Meredith and Sherry, as well as everyone else who has worked to make this meeting all come together. Yesterday, we lost "The Rev." He was my first pastor, the one who confirmed me, and beyond that he was a special person in our family's life. Reverend Creadick touched everyone he met in some way. He lived every day spreading hope, optimism and support to so many. He will be missed. Thank you.

Mayor presented a plaque to outgoing Councilman Jeff Heller, in recognition of his 15 years of service to the Borough and added that it has been a pleasure to serve with him. Jeff will continue to serve on the Pool Commission and the Recycling Committee. Councilman Heller expressed his appreciation to his wife, Martha. John Scerbo first appointed me to the Planning Board and I learned a lot about what was going on and I thank him for that appointment. My thanks to Doug and Emily Rennie. Being in public office is a trust and I am very much in debt to the voters of Ramsey for having elected me in 1992 and re-electing him 4 times. That is one of the most important honors that I will have for the rest of my life. My thanks to all. God bless you and God bless America. (Applause).

Mayor introduced Freeholder Julie O'Brien, who congratulated Vanessa Jachzel and Art Nalbandian, and presented a certificate to Jeff Heller from the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders for his years of service as a Councilman.

Mayor Botta presented an award to Randy Sterbinsky of the Fire Department for his work with "Home for the Holidays". The parade this year was spectacular and Randy does a great job organizing and coordinating the event. Randy stated that there is no way this event could take place without the help of his fellow volunteer firemen. They all pitch in and he expressed his appreciation to them.

Mayor opened the nominations for Class III member of the Planning Board and Council representative. Councilman Siemsen 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 Siemsen, seconded by Dillon

Be It Resolved that the regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Ramsey for the Year 2008 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, with the following exceptions in May, November and December:

No work session meeting on May 26th. The May 28th work session will begin at 7:30 p.m. with the regular meeting to follow at 8:30p.m.

On November 24th the work session will begin at 7:30p.m. with the regular meeting to follow at 8:30 p.m. There will be no meeting on November 26th.

On December 22nd the work session will begin at 7:30 p.m. with the regular meeting to follow at 8:30 p.m. There will be no meeting on December 24th.

All meetings will be held in the Council Chambers unless otherwise announced. The Mayor and Council will hold its first meeting of 2009 on Thursday, January 01, 2009 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, Siemsen, Vozeh NAYS: None

Resolution Number Three: Introduced by Jones, seconded by Nalbandian

Be it Resolved that the following list of Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department Officers be approved for the Year 2008:

Line Officers:

Chief Michael Scalione
Assistant Chief Jim Dougherty
Deputy Chief Carl Held
Captain Randy Sterbinsky
Captain Steve Forbes
Lieutenant Pierre Gauthier
Lieutenant Robert Shoemaker
Lieutenant Louis Warnet. Jr.
Lieutenant John Bergen
Lieutenant Greg Hewitt

Administrative Officers:

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

Trustees:

Jason Klein (Five Year Term)

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

ABSENT: None

Resolution Number Four: Introduced by Jones, seconded by Nalbandian

Be it Resolved that the following list of Ramsey Volunteer Rescue Squad Officers be approved for the Year 2008:

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

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

Trustees: Zachary Schleicher
Morgan Squires

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

Resolution Number Five: Introduced by Jones, seconded by Nalbandian

Be it Resolved that the following list of Ramsey Volunteer Ambulance Corps Officers be approved for the Year 2008:

Line Officers: Chief Brian Behrmann
Lieutenant Steven Ahlstedt
Lieutenant Michael Migliaccio
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:

Donald Evans
Deirdre Duncan
William Lara
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: Councilwoman Dillon

Board of Education Liaison: Councilwoman Jachzel

Citizens’ Budget Advisory Task Force

Pamela Bonan
Stephen Daffron
Ken Graves
Steven Mendelsohn
Albert Radom
Peter Ruel
Robert Timmes
Council Liaison: Councilman Siemsen

Liaison To New Jersey Motion Picture & Television Commission

Dean Cartier

Public Advocate

Harris Recht, Esq.

Ramsey Historian

Thomas A. 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
Richard Mathieson, Treasurer

Karen Dey	Toni Delisi	Joanne Lehr
Doris Griffin	Bruce Whitaker	Gene Sobeck
Joan Baxer	Ernie Larrat	Nancy Boone
Steve Adams	Mike Adams	Joseph Barnes
Kathy Bednar	Laura Genovese-Behrmann	Wendy Bloom
Tom Bogle	Anita Cannata-Nowell	JoAnn Carroll
Dean Cartier	Bob Cella	Becky Cella
Msg. Lawrence Cull	Thomas Dater	Meredith Dykstra
Eric Endress	Jackie Gersht	Ira Gordon
Joan Hamilton	Ron Kase	Jim Keeney
Norm Kopack	Hugh McDonald	Anne O'Loughlin
Dan Perino	Robert Phelan	Ken Reilly
Emily Rennie	Peter Scandariato	Margery Simpson
Marilyn Taylor	Lois Terrace	Lisa Thompson
Carol Watson	Ann Webersinn	Deirdre Woodbyrne

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Jachzel

Mayor asked former Mayor John Scerbo to join him as he read a Centennial Proclamation. Mr. Scerbo stated that plans have been going on for the past 5 years for the Centennial Celebration. Everything you need to know about the Centennial will be on the website. We are doing this without taxpayers' money and we welcome contributions.

Ramsey Alliance Against Drug And Alcohol Abuse

Bill Riordan, Coordinator

Kyra Faison-Gardner, Coordinator

Mayor Christopher C. Botta

Nicholas C. Saros, Borough Administrator

Sgt. Francis Alcaro

D.A.R.E. Officer Tim Shoemaker

Karen Barbato

Lucille Bell

Martha Carey

Rebecca Cella

Robert Cella

Mary Connolly

Tom DiLucci

Angie Kelly

David Lindstrom

Susan Lindstrom

Mary McLaughlin

Brian Riordan

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 Jones

Ramsey Day Committee

Nicholas C. Saros, Borough Administrator

Michele Stecyna

Rennie Pincus

Council Liaison: Councilman Vozech

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: Councilwoman Dillon

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>
Michael Morris	1/08	12/31/10
Matthew Miller	1/08	12/31/10
<u>Alternate No. 1</u>		
George Goudelias	1/08	12/31/09
<u>Alternate No. 2</u>		
Nancy Sperling	1/08	12/31/08

Council Liaison: Councilman Jones

LIBRARY BOARD

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Mayor Christopher C. Botta	1/08	12/31/08
Peter Malvasi (Mayor's Alternate)	1/08	12/31/08
Carolyn Knauss(Supt. of Schools Alternate)	1/08	12/31/08
Frank Hurley (three- year term)	1/08	12/31/10
Russell Johnson (four year term)	1/08	12/31/11
Emily Rennie (five year term)	1/08	12/31/12

Council Liaison: Councilman Vozeh

Planning Board

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Mayor Christopher Botta	1/08	12/31/08
John Solarino Class II	1/08	12/31/08
Councilman Arthur Nalbandian Class III	1/08	12/31/08
Dr. Rudolph Iorio (Class IV)	1/08	12/31/11
Harry Smith (Class IV)	1/08	12/31/11
Donald McLaughlin(Class IV)	1/08	12/31/11

Council Liaison: Councilman Nalbandian

Recreation Commission

(Five-Year Term)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Pamela Re (filling unexpired term of J. Palmer)	1/06	12/31/10
<u>Alternate No. 2</u>		
Deane Wittmann	1/08	12/31/08

Council Liaison: Councilman Vozech

Remarks from Council Members Who Have Not Spoken

Councilman Siemsen expressed his appreciation for those who attended today's meeting. Today, we say good-bye to Jeff Heller as a member of the Council but not as a public servant to the Borough. Councilman Siemsen remembered when he first started on the Council and Councilman Heller told him to treat the Borough's finances as he would his own finances. He will always remember that statement when discussing the Borough's finances. Congratulations to Vanessa Jachzel and Art Nalbandian. Vanessa was a member of the Board of Adjustment and was very diligent and making informed, educated decision. She always had the best interests of Ramsey at heart. I would like to thank each of the volunteers who are being appointed today, especially the members of the Centennial Committee who have spent the past 5 years planning for this event. I am looking forward to a successful 2008 as part of this governing body. I will be chairman of the Finance and Administration Committee. This will not be an easy task but I am looking forward to the challenge. The Ramsey residents have placed their trust in us and I will do my best to make sure we provide them with the leadership this community deserves. The passing of Rev. Creadick is a huge loss to the community. He will be tremendously missed. I would like to recognize our servicemen and women, especially those away from their families during this holiday season. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Happy New Year to all.

Councilman Jones welcomed everyone and wished everyone a safe, healthy and happy New Year. I offer my condolences to Pastor Creadick's family. He was a wonderful person and he will definitely be missed. I would like to thank Councilman Heller for his 15 years of service and I look forward to his continued service on the Pool Commission. I would like to welcome back Councilman Nalbandian. He has done an outstanding job. I welcome Councilwoman Jachzel and look forward to working with her in the upcoming years. My congratulations to Councilman Vozech as Council President. He has done an outstanding job with the Finance Committee and I am sure he will do an outstanding job as Council President. I thank all of the volunteers for their service. It is amazing to see how many people are involved and it really makes our town a special place. We are truly blessed to have so many outstanding people who give of themselves despite their busy schedules. As chairman of public safety, I look forward to working with our outstanding professionals of Emergency Services. They are truly great professionals. Special congratulations to Randy Sterbinsky for his idea of "Home for the Holidays" and the way it has blossomed into a great event. I would also say, "Happy Birthday to Ramsey" on being 100 years old. It is going to be a great year. I would like to thank the many people here at Borough Hall – Nick, Meredith, Sherry, Ann – and everyone in the Municipal Building. They have made me feel quite welcome here. Thank you to everyone and Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Dillon wished everyone a Happy New Year and expressed her appreciation to all who came out to the Reorganization Meeting. It is an important tradition, especially this year being Ramsey's Centennial. Congratulations to Councilman Nalbandian on his re-election and to Councilwoman Jachzel on her election. My first year on the Council has been a wonderful learning experience and I truly appreciate everyone's assistance. My thanks

to all who serve the town in so many capacities. I look forward to working with senior citizens, the Board of Health and the Board of Education. We need to do a current assessment of all of our buildings to see what is needed, both short term and long term. I am happy to say that we will be undertaking that assessment this year and I will be in charge of it. Thank you everyone and I wish Ramsey a wonderful celebration for the Centennial.

The Following Appointments All Require Council Confirmation

<u>Board Of Adjustment</u>	(Four-Year Term)	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
William Jaekel	1/08	12/31/11
Angela Strollo	1/08	12/31/11
Luke Chamberlin	1/05	12/31/08
(filling unexpired term of Vanessa Jachzel)		

<u>Alternate No. 1</u>		
Thomas Scuderi	1/07	12/31/08
(filling unexpired term of Luke Chamberlin)		

<u>Alternate No. 2</u>		
Rich Daul	1/08	12/31/09

Council Liaison: Councilman Nalbandian

Resolution Number Six: Introduced by Nalbandian, seconded by Siemsen

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

<u>Board Of Health</u>	(Three-Year Term)	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Donna Sprunger-Madar	1/08	12/31/10
C.B. Young	1/08	12/31/10
Dr. Albert Tartini	1/08	12/31/10

<u>Alternate No. 1</u>		
Denise Chetaitis	1/08	12/31/09

Council Liaison: Councilwoman Jachzel

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)
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Mayor Christopher Botta	1/08	12/31/08
Joanne Lehr	1/08	12/31/10
Laura Genovese-Behrmann	1/08	12/31/10
<u>Council Liaison:</u> Councilwoman Dillon		

Resolution Number Eight: Introduced by Dillon, seconded by Nalbandian

Be It Resolved that the above appointments are hereby confirmed:

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

Design Review Board

(Three-Year Term)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Deirdre Dillon	1/08	12/31/08
Alex Ghiz	1/08	12/31/10
Beverly O'Hearn	1/08	12/31/10
Robert Phelan	1/08	12/31/10

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

Resolution Number Nine: Introduced by Nalbandian, seconded by Vozech

Be It Resolved that the above appointments hereby be confirmed:

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

Fine Arts Council

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Diane Tumulty	1/08	12/31/08
Robert Trupiano	1/08	12/31/08
Carol Watson	1/08	12/31/10
<u>Council Liaison:</u> Councilman Jones		

Resolution Number Ten: Introduced by Jones, seconded by Dillon

Be It Resolved that the above appointments hereby be confirmed:

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

Pool Commission

(Three-Year Term)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Jeffrey Heller	1/08	12/31/10
<u>Council Liaison:</u> Councilman Siemsen		

Resolution Number Eleven: Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Vozech

Be It Resolved that the above appointments hereby be confirmed:

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

Shade Tree Commission

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Henry Schumacher	1/08	12/31/12
Jay McMahan	1/08	12/31/12
Joseph Melso	1/08	12/31/12
Stanley Rutkowski	1/08	12/31/12

Council Liaison: Councilman Siemsen

Resolution Number Twelve: Introduced by Nalbandian, seconded by Jones

Be It Resolved that the above appointments hereby be confirmed:

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

Resolution Number Thirteen: Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Vozech

Be It Resolved that the following newspapers be designated as the official legal newspapers for the Borough of Ramsey for the year 2008:

The Ridgewood News

The Bergen Record

The Star Ledger

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

Resolution Number Fourteen: Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Vozech

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 2008:

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

Resolution Number Fifteen: Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Vozech

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;

Appraisal Systems, Tax Appraisers
Dean Boorman and Associates, Planning Consultants
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. PC
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 and Associates, Council on Affordable Housing
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., Dean Boorman and Associates, 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.

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, Vozeh NAYS: None

Resolution Number Seventeen: Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Vozeh

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, Vozeh NAYS: None

Resolution Number Eighteen: Introduced by Siemsen, seconded by Vozeh

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 2008 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 2008, and

Whereas, the total appropriations in the 2007 budget, less appropriations made for capital improvement fund, debt service and relief of the poor (public assistance) are as follows:

General	\$20,406,185.00
Water-Sewer Utility	\$ 5,721,000.00

Pool Utility \$ 267,500.00

Whereas, 26.25 percent of the total appropriations of the 2007 Budget, less appropriations for capital improvement fund, debt service and relief of the poor (public assistance), in the said 2007 Budget is as follows:

General	\$5,356,623.56
Water-Sewer Utility	\$1,501,762.50
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, Vozeh NAYS: None

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

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 2008:

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

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

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, Vozeh NAYS: None

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

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, Vozeh NAYS: None

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

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.
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	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	William H. Horton, Jr.
Temporary Housing Officer	Richard Mammone
Zoning Officer	Richard Mammone
Recycling Coordinator	William H. Horton, Jr.
Fire Sub-Code Official	Robert Connell
Fire Official	Frank Agatielli
Electrical Sub-Code Official /Inspector	Brian Vanore
Plumbing Sub-Code Official/Building & Fire Protection Inspector	James Zaconie
Plumbing Field Inspector	Frank Giordano
Construction Code Official	Robert Connell
Building Inspector	Robert Connell
Fire Inspector	Tanis LaManna
Fire Inspector	Yuri Metelow
Special Officers/Matrons	Tina Lanning
	Gina Leonard
	Pam Malone
	Joan Walker
	James Bollenbacher
	Lawrence Borst
	Rita Bowerfind
	Dave Getlin
	Joann Godwin
	Dennis Johnston
	Andrew Kelly
	Eileen Malestein
	Laurita Lanning
	Beatrice Masquelier
	Anne Nicholson
	Patrick Passaro
	Beatrice Robertson
	Richard Rouault
	Feim Sacari
	Tara Sutherland
	Charles Thompson
	George Tice
	Richard Tully
	Peggy Warnet
	Cheryl White
School Marshals	

John Wisneski
Charles O'Rourke

Substitutes

Barbara Alberse
Carl Olb
Guilio Martino
Michael Schul
Donna Spence

Be It Resolved that the above appointments be and are hereby confirmed for the year 2008.

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

Oaths Of Office Administered By Mayor To All Appointees

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

Be It Resolved that the following appointments be made and confirmed for the year 2008.

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 2008:

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

Mayor administered the oath of office to those who were present.

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

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 2008:

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

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

2008 Council Committee Responsibilities Council Members

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Members</u>
Finance and Administration	Siemsen	Vozeh, Dillon
Public Safety	Jones	Nalbandian, Jachzel
Health, Education & Social Services	Jachzel	Dillon, Jones
Building and Zoning	Nalbandian	Siemsen, Jachzel
Public & Governmental Relations	Vozeh	Jones, Siemsen
Utilities, Building and Grounds	Dillon	Nalbandian, Vozeh
Joint Committee with Ramsey	Jachzel	Dillon, Vozeh

Board of Education

Council Liaison Responsibilities

Finance & Administration

Citizens Budget Advisory Task Force
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 And Zoning

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

Public & Governmental Relations

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

Utilities, Buildings & Grounds

Recycling
Beautification
Board of Public Works (Water Board)

Other Liaison Responsibilities

Ramsey Centennial Committee
Ramsey Day Committee

Council Members

Siemsen
Siemsen
Vozeh
Siemsen
Vozeh

Jones
Jones
Jones
Jones

Jachzel
Jachzel
Jones
Jones
Jachzel
Jachzel

Nalbandian
Dillon
Siemsen
Nalbandian
Nalbandian

Vozeh
Vozeh
Jachzel

Jachzel

Dillon
Dillon
Dillon
Dillon

Jachzel
Vozeh

Public Comment None

Closing Remarks From Mayor Christopher Botta

Mayor Botta wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated Council President Vozech on his election as Council President and also congratulated Councilwoman Jachzel and Councilman Nalbandian on their election and re-election. It is an honor and privilege to work with everyone. We have a good group of people working together. My thanks to all of the volunteers and to those continuing in their roles as emergency service volunteers and board and commission members. You are truly indispensable and you reflect all that is good about our community. I would also like to thank our Borough professionals, Nick Saros, Meredith Bendian, Sherry Richards, Peter Scandariato. Our residents deserve the best service and they get them from our Road, Police, Water, Library, and Borough Hall staffs. I often receive compliments from other elected officials about the appearance of our town and the work ethic of our employees. 2008 is shaping up to be a once in a lifetime event. Yes, the Centennial Year has arrived. We needed everyday of the past 5 years to make it happen and I encourage all of those residents to take advantage of the activities planned by the Centennial Celebration. I am looking forward to the Garden tour, a visit from President Theodore Roosevelt, and the biggest and best Ramsey Day ever. We have many goals and I look forward to working with the Borough Council to achieve these goals. We can keep Ramsey the great place that is and I encourage everyone to contact us with your suggestions and ideas and to constructively work towards a bright future for Ramsey. God bless Ramsey!

Motion To Adjourn

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

Meredith Bendian
Borough Clerk

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