

February 11, 2009

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

I. ROLL CALL – FLAG SALUTE – OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW NOTICE

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – [12/10/08](#) – [12/22/09](#) – [Reorg 1/7/09](#) – [1/7/09](#)

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

1. [Mr. Lou Ordini, 454 Airmount Avenue, Ramsey, NJ 07446](#)
letter dated January 10, 2009, inquiring about senior rates for dog licensing compared with the discounted rate for cats.
2. [Inez Gioffre, L.A. Sunset Tan, 27 E. Main Street, Ramsey, NJ 07446](#)
letter received January 14, 2009 requesting permission to hang a 6 X 4 banner outside the front entrance until February 28, 2009
3. [Steven Felice, Manager, Lush Day Spa, 7 E. Main Street, Ramsey, NJ](#)
letter dated January 14, 2009, requesting permission to hang a banner for Valentine's Day on the Church Street Side of the Building
4. [Mary Bergonzi, Shade Tree Commission Secretary](#)
letter dated January 12, 2009, informing of her retirement from the Shade Tree Commission with regret
5. [Joan Tommaney, Ramsey Area Garden Club, Secretary](#)
letter dated January 16, 2009, requesting permission to use the Ramsey Train Station on Saturday, May 9, 2009 for their annual plant sale
6. [Pat Salmon, 70 Canterbury Drive, Ramsey, NJ 07446](#)
note received January 20, 2009, expressing thanks to the Mayor and Council for their support on the passing of her husband
7. [Howard Hurwitz, Executive Director, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ 07463](#)
letter dated January 9, 2009, enclosing copies of resolutions passed at the January 6, 2009 meeting

III. COMMUNICATIONS - (Cont'd)

8. [Madeline Thumudo, Secretary, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ 07463](#)
letter dated January 9, 2009, enclosing copies of minutes
9. [Russell Johnson, 75 Deer Trail, Ramsey, NJ 07446](#)
e-mail dated January 22, 2009, resigning with regret from the Library Board after ten years of service
10. [Senator Gerald Cardinale, 350 Madison Avenue, Cresskill, NJ 07626](#)
letter dated January 23, 2009, informing that the Governor's office had advised that the borough will be receiving \$95,000 for the improvement of Phase II Blauvelt Avenue Bikeway for Fiscal year 2009 Local Aid Bikeway Program
11. [Harry Smith, 46 Spruce Run, Ramsey, NJ 07446](#)
letter dated February 10, 2009, resigning from the Ramsey Planning Board, effective immediately
12. [Anna King, 418 S. Central Avenue, Ramsey, NJ 07446](#)
letter dated January 21, 2009, expressing disappointment in the United States Postal service delivery and distribution in Ramsey
13. [Lucy Vandenberg, Executive Director, State of New Jersey, Council on Affordable Housing, 101 S. Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08625](#)
letter dated January 26, 2009, acknowledging receipt of the Ramsey's petition for substantive certification of the Borough's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan
14. [Victoria Mink, Senior Vice President, Division Controller, Cablevision, 1111 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage, NY 11714-3581](#)
letter dated January 19, 2009, enclosing a check for \$43,205.00 representing full payment of all franchise fees for the year 2008
15. [Stephen Dilts, Commissioner, State of NJ, Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 600, Trenton, NJ 08625](#)
letter dated January 23, 2009, informing the Borough that Ramsey has been selected to receive funding from the NJ DOT for the Ramsey Bikeway Interconnect (Phase 2) at Blauvelt Avenue in the amount of \$95,000.00
16. [Jack Terhune, President, 200 Club of Bergen County, 560 Hudson Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601](#)
invitation to the 200 Club of Bergen County cocktail reception at the Graycliff on Wednesday, February 18, 2009

III. COMMUNICATIONS - (Cont'd)

17. Edward H. Hynes, Executive Director, Bergen County Improvement Authority, One Bergen County Plaza Room 333, Hackensack, NJ 07601
letter dated February 3, 2009, identifying the Borough as a candidate for notes for financing based on the Borough's outstanding bond anticipation notes (BANS)
18. Lucille Conzo, Carnival Chairperson, St. Paul's Interparochial School
187 Wyckoff Avenue, Ramsey, NJ 07446
letter dated February 10, 2009, requesting permission to hold their annual carnival from Wednesday, May 13, 2009 – Sunday, May 17, 2009.
19. Madeline Thumudo, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ 07463
letter dated February 4, 2009, enclosing a copy of resolutions adopted at the February 3, 2009 meeting
20. Madeline Thumudo, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ 07463
letter dated February 4, 2009, enclosing copies of minutes from January meetings

IV. APPOINTMENTS –

James Abbott, Office of Emergency Management

Tyler Buysse, Office of Emergency Management

Scott Deas, Office of Emergency Management

Jacqueline Gerscht, Office of Emergency Management

Joseph Lara, Office of Emergency Management

Michael McMahon, Office of Emergency Management

Sawyer Rosenstein, Office of Emergency Management

Anthony Sanchez, Office of Emergency Management

Shivaraj Shan, Office of Emergency Management

Kerry A. Conklin, Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department

V. **CONSENT RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following resolutions herewith listed having been considered by the governing body of the Borough of Ramsey be and are hereby passed and approved:

- 031-2009 Resolution: [Payment of Vouchers](#)
- 032-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing the Borough to enter into an agreement with Bergen County Community Development for an Open Space grant for Finch Park in the amount of \\$72, 525.00](#)
- 033-2009 Resolution [Authorizing Douglas Rennie as the Bergen County Community Development Program representative and Harry Smith as the Alternate through June 30, 2009](#)
- 034-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing the submission of the Recycling Tonnage grant application to NJ DEP](#)
- 035-2009 Resolution: [Appointing Nicholas Saros and Meredith Bendian as Fund Commissioner and Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund in order to participate in the Dental Plan](#)
- 036-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing Veteran's Tax Deductions on Block 4502 Lot 1 f or \\$250.00 and Block 5101 Lot 24 in the amount of \\$250.00](#)
- 037-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing the Borough to budget or bond as necessary to implement its Third Round Affordable Housing Plan](#)
- 038-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing Tran/Systems Lichtenstein to perform the biennial inspection on the Crystal Spring Lake in an amount not to exceed \\$8,600.00](#)
- 039-2009 Resolution: [Authorizing tax refunds to various properties in the Borough due to County Tax Board Judgments](#)
- 040-2009 Resolution: [Endorsing the BC Community Development Grant for West Bergen Mental Healthcare in the amount of \\$34, 210.00 for minor rehabilitation to their Cherry Lane Facility](#)
- 041-2009 Resolution: [Tax Refund in the amount of \\$9,324.00 for Lot 431 Block 1](#)

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION (Cont'd)

- 042-2009 Resolution: Tax Return in the amount of \$20,000 to Kevin Hanly for Block 3607 Lot 7 for overpayment
- 043-2009 Resolution: Reserve Transfer Resolution # 2
- 044-2009 Resolution: Appointing James Abbott to the Office of Emergency Management
- 045-2009 Resolution: Appointing Tyler Buysse to the Office of Emergency Management
- 046-2009 Resolution: Appointing Scott Deas to the Office of Emergency Management
- 047-2009 Resolution: Appointing Jacqueline Gerscht to the Office of Emergency Management
- 048-2009 Resolution: Appointing Joseph Lara to the Office of Emergency Management
- 049-2009 Resolution: Appointing Michael Mc Mahon to the Office of Emergency Management
- 050-2009 Resolution: Appointing Sawyer Rosenstein to the Office of Emergency Management
- 051-2009 Resolution: Appointing Anthony Sanchez to the Office of Emergency Management
- 052-2009 Resolution: Appointing Shivaraj Shan to the Office of Emergency Management
- 053-2009 Resolution: Authorizing the execution of the right of way agreement between the Borough and Fiber Technologies
- 054-2009 Resolution: Appointing Harry Smith as the Recycling and Shade Tree Coordinator
- 055-2009 Resolution: Authorizing a refund of redemption to outside lien holder Edison Tax Services for block 4808 Lot 4.I in the amounts of \$9,660.60 and \$5,500.00 for premium

V. **CONSENT RESOLUTION** (Cont'd)

- 056-2009 Resolution: **Authorizing a refund of redemption to the outside lien holder Robert U. DelVecchio for block 3605 L 6 in the amount of \$656.03**
- 057-2009 Resolution: **Confirming the endorsement of the request for funds from Bergen County Community Development for the Ramsey Public Library in the amount of \$167,000.00**
- 058-2009 Resolution: **Payment of Vouchers**
- 059-2009 Resolution: **Authorizing a tax refund for overpayment of taxes in the amount of \$4,369.00 to Stephen Bombara for Block 3101 Lot 68**
- 060-2009 Resolution: **Authorizing a tax refund in the amount of \$22,905.00 to Heidt Realty Co. for Block 5101 Lots 7 & 8**
- 061-2009 Resolution: **Appointing Kerry A. Conklin to the Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department**
- 062-2009 Resolution: Authorizing General Code to supplement and update the Borough Code Book and on line code in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00
- 063-2009 Resolution: **Authorizing participation in the Local Government Energy Audit Program**

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

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

Lush Day Spa is requesting permission to hang a 4x8 banner for the month of February for a Valentine's special. (*nunc pro tunc*)

Ramsey Area Garden Club is requesting permission to use the train station for their annual plant sale on Saturday, May 9, 2009 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

LA Sunset Tan is requesting permission to hang a banner advertising gift certificates for Valentine's Day. (*nunc pro tunc*)

Ramsey High School Band and Color Guard are requesting permission to sell hoagies door-to-door from March 6 – March 21, 2009

Friends of the Adornos are requesting permission to hold an outdoor fair on Sunday, May 17, 2009 between the hours of 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Retirees -

Francis Alcaro -	Ramsey Police Department
Mark Delhauer -	Ramsey Police Department
Kevin R. Kelly -	Ramsey Police Department
Robert Rapp -	Ramsey Police Department
Dale Bouma -	Ramsey Dept. of Public Works
Ronald Picariello -	Ramsey Dept. of Public Works
William Fleming -	Ramsey Dept. of Public Works

Honorable Service Award –

Detective Brian Huth

VII. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION -Councilman Andrew Siemsen

1. Various Comments

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman William Jones

1. Various Comments

C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Arthur M. Nalbandian

1. Various Comments

D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Bruce Vozeh

1. Various Comments

E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel

1. Various Comments

F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Council President Deirdre A. Dillon

1. Various Comments

G. MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. BOTTA

H. BOROUGH ATTORNEY – Peter A. Scandariato, Esq.

I. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Nicholas C. Saros

J. BOROUGH CLERK – Meredith Bendian

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to address the governing body should, when recognized, step up to the microphone and give his or her name (spelling the last name) and address. Please speak in an audible tone for the record and address your comments to the Chair. There will be a ten-minute time limit per speaker, unless reduced because of the volume of business on the agenda. No one, other than the person having the floor, will be permitted to enter into any discussion without recognition by the Chair.

IX. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance 01-2009 – Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget appropriation limits and to establish a cap bank

Ordinance 02-2009 - Ordinance to repeal ordinance No. 12-2007 and to amend and supplement Chapter X, Personnel Policies, of the revised general ordinances of the Borough of Ramsey, 1997, by adding thereto sections relating to compensation in the Borough of Ramsey, County of Bergen and the State of New Jersey

Ordinance 03-2009 – Ordinance to authorize the acquisition, repair, refurbishment, construction, replacement and supply of equipment, materials and facilities for the capital needs of various borough departments and to appropriate the sum of \$340,000.00 to pay the cost thereof, in the Borough of Ramsey, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey

Bond Ordinance 04-2009 – Bond Ordinance to authorize the purchase of a chipper truck for the Department of Public Works, the reconstruction of the intersection at the Island Avenue and Church Street and the installation of backstops at Finch Park in the Borough of Ramsey, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey to appropriate the sum of \$165,000.00 to pay the cost thereof, to make a down payment to authorize the issuance of bonds to finance in part such appropriation and to provide for the issuance of bond notes in anticipation for the issuance of such bonds

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT