

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE
January 26, 2005

Mayor Muti called the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to order. Council President Botta led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor read the Open Public Meetings Law Notice.

I ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Muti, Councilmembers Bisailon, Botta, Heller, Nalbandian, O'Brien, Ratto, Borough Administrator Nicholas Saros, Borough Attorney Peter Scandariato, and Borough Clerk Nancy Ecke-Hohmann.

Absent: None

Motion by Councilman Bisailon, seconded by Heller, to go out of the normal order of business in order to present certificates. Carried. Various members of the Council joined Mayor Muti to present certificates to the members of Ramsey's Junior Football Team, The Spartans. Congratulations to all.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Bisailon, seconded by Councilman Ratto, to approve the minutes of December 8, 2004, and December 22, 2004, as submitted. Carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS: Motion by Councilwoman O'Brien, seconded by Councilman Heller, to receive and file the following Communications. Carried.

1. Steve McNicholas, Ramsey Police Department, 25 N. Central Avenue, Ramsey, NJ 07446
letter dated January 12, 2005 explaining to the residents that he is going back to Iraq.
2. Senator Gerald Cardinale, New Jersey Senate, 350 Madison Avenue, Cresskill, NJ 07626
letter dated January 11, 2005 enclosing an application for the 2005 New Jersey Historical Preservation Awards.
3. Frank DeBari, Director, Department of Parks, County of Bergen, Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs, One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ 07601-7262
letter dated January 13, 2005 requesting contact information about ethnically diverse artists or groups who have performed here in the Borough .

4. Hope D. Kotlarich, Tax Collector, Borough of Ramsey
letter dated January 26, 2005 retiring as Tax Collector. (Mayor and Council expressed their appreciation to Hope and wished her well in her future endeavors).
5. Victoria Mink, Vice President, Divisional Controller Cable Operations
Cablevision Systems Corporation, 1111 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage, NY
11714
letter dated January 10, 2005 enclosing Cablevision's franchise fee payment for the period January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004 .
6. Gary Shaw, Government Affairs Manager, Cablevision, 40 Potash Road
Oakland, NJ 07436
letter dated January 21, 2005 explaining some of the programs Cablevision has to offer its customers .
7. Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, Park 80 West,
Plaza One, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
letter dated January 21, 2005 a listing of the meetings of the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund, Municipal Excess Liability Claims Fund and New Jersey Municipal Environmental Risk Management Fund
8. Dennis McNerney, Bergen County Executive, County of Bergen,
One Bergen County Plaza, Room 580, Hackensack, NJ 07601
letter dated January 19, 2005 regarding shared services programs
9. Madeline Thumudo, Secretary, Northwest Bergen County Utilities
30 Wyckoff Avenue, PO Box 255, Waldwick, NJ 07463
letter dated January 19, 2005 minutes of the December 1, 2004 meeting
10. JP Tristani, Ramsey, NJ 07446
e-mail dated January 25, 2005 regarding Steve McNicholas
11. Senator Gerald Cardinale, NJ State Senate, 350 Madison Avenue,
Cresskill, NJ 07626
letter dated January 24, 2005 regarding the Historic Preservation Revolving Loan Fund

IV. APPOINTMENTS - None

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION Resolution No. 34, Introduced by Nalbandian,
seconded by Ratto

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

- a. Resolution: Payment of Vouchers
- b. Resolution: Liquor license transfer – Trackside Inn to Elphin, Inc. t/a Brady's at the Station
- c. Resolution: To authorize SHARE grant for Vaughn Drive Sewage Pumping Station
- d. Resolution: To authorize SHARE grant for Document Imaging Program
- e. Resolution: Appointment of Peter C. Kirch and Associates as Land Surveyor
- f. Resolution: To commend and congratulate the Reverend Patrick F. Pindar No. 3962 of the Knights of Columbus on their 50th Anniversary
- g. Resolution: Release of Performance Bond to Rockland Electric Company, Block 1601, Lot 1 in the amount of \$67,550.00
- h. Resolution: Pipeline Agreement with Saddle River and United Water
- i. Resolution: Water Supply Agreement between the Township of Mahwah and the Borough of Ramsey
- j. Resolution: Authorization to enter into a Unreimbursed Medical Flexible Spending Account Agreement with Horizon Healthcare Insurance Agency

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

- A. SPECIAL PERMITS:
Friends of the Adornos, 575 Darlington Avenue, Ramsey, NJ 07446
is requesting permission to hold an outdoor fair on Sunday, May 15, 2005 (rain date May 22, 2005) between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Woman's Club of Ramsey, 332 Maple Street, Ramsey, NJ 07446
is requesting permission to hold a plant sale at the Ramsey Train Station on
Saturday, May 14, 2005 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (raindate
Sunday, May 15, 2005

B. RAFFLE REQUESTS:

Knights of Columbus, 48 Mechanic Street, Ramsey, NJ 07446
on premise merchandise raffle to be held on March 11, 2005 #981

Knights of Columbus, 48 Mechanic Street, Ramsey, NJ 07446
on premise 50/50 raffle to be held on March 11, 2005 #982

AYES: Bisailon, Botta, Heller, Nalbandian, O'Brien, Ratto NAYS: None

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - Councilman Arthur M. Nalbandian

B. PUBLIC SAFETY - Councilman David J. Bisailon

C. BUILDING & ZONING - Councilman Joe Ratto

D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - Councilman Christopher C. Botta

E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilman Jeffrey C. Heller

F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilwoman Julie O’Brien

G. MAYOR RICHARD MUTI

H. BOROUGH ATTORNEY – Peter A. Scandariato, Esq. No comments.

I. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Nicholas C. Saros No comments.

J. BOROUGH CLERK – Nancy M. Ecke-Hohmann No comments.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

J. P. Tristani, 253 Nottingham Road, requested that the news release pertaining to Officer McNicholas remain posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building until Mr. McNicholas returns from Iraq and requested that the Mayor and Council pass a resolution in support of Mr. McNicholas.

Ms. Nylema Nabbie of Gittleman, Muhlstock & Chewcaskie spoke about the liquor license transfer from Trackside Inn to John Brady. Ms. Nabbie raised objections to site issues.

Pete Malvasi spoke about employee benefits.

VIII. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 1-2005 - Ordinance to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits and to establish a cap bank

Resolution No.35 – Introduced by Nalbandian, seconded by Ratto

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) having been brought up for public hearing and all persons interested having been given an opportunity to be heard, pass final reading by title, and that said ordinance be adopted as an ordinance of the Borough of Ramsey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to cause a copy of the title of said ordinance to be published in an official newspaper of the Borough in the manner provided by law together with a notice of the date of introduction and adoption of said ordinance.

AYES: Bisailon, Botta, Heller, Nalbandian, O'Brien, Ratto NAYS: None

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2-2005 – Ordinance amending and supplementing the zoning code entitled Signs

Ordinance No. 4-2005 - Ordinance amending and supplementing the zoning code entitled Fees and Deposits

Ordinance No. 5-2005 – Ordinance relative to fences

Ordinance No. 2-2005 Amendment to Sign Ordinance

Resolution No. 36 – Introduced by O'Brien, seconded by Nalbandian

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXXIV (ZONING) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN, COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 34-7 THEREOF ENTITLED SIGNS pass the first reading by title, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage and adoption at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on the 9th day of February, 2005, at 8:45 p.m. prevailing time or as soon after as the matter can be reached at the Municipal Building in said Borough, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be, and she hereby is, instructed to publish in an official newspaper of the Borough in the manner provided by law a copy of said ordinance, together with a notice of introduction thereof and notice when the same will be considered for final passage and adoption.

AYES: Bisailon, Botta, Heller, Nalbandian, O'Brien, Ratto NAYS: None

Ordinance No. 4-2005 Amendment to Fees and Deposits
Resolution No. 37 - Introduced by Ratto, seconded by O'Brien

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXXIV, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND MORE SPECIFICALLY SUBSECTION 34-4.17 (e) ENTITLED FEES AND DEPOSITS pass the first reading by title and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage and adoption at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on the 9th day of February, 2005, at 8:45 p.m. prevailing time or as soon after as the matter can be reached, at the Municipal Building in said Borough, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she hereby is, instructed to publish in an official newspaper of the Borough in the manner provided by law a copy of said ordinance together with notice of introduction thereof and notice when the same will be considered for final passage and adoption.

AYES: Bisailon, Botta, Heller, Nalbandian, O'Brien, Ratto NAYS: None

Ordinance No. 5-2005 Amendment to the Fence Ordinance
Resolution No. 38 – Introduced by Ratto, seconded by O'Brien

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXXIV (ZONING) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 34-4.25 THEREOF ENTITLED FENCES pass the first reading by title, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage and adoption at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on the 9th day of February, 2005, at 8:45 p.m. prevailing time or as soon after as the matter can be reached, at the Municipal Building in said Borough, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she hereby is, instructed to publish in an official newspaper of the Borough in the manner provided by law a copy of said ordinance together with notice of introduction thereof and notice when the same will be considered for final passage and adoption.

AYES: Bisailon, Botta, Heller, Nalbandian, O'Brien, Ratto NAYS: None

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS-

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Botta, seconded by Bisailon, to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

/ad

Nancy Ecke-Hohmann
Borough Clerk

