

MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN
BOARD HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2024

The Town Board of the Town of Ramapo convened in on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 in the Edwin Wallace Auditorium of Ramapo Town Hall, 237 Route 59, Suffern, New York 10901.

Supervisor Michael B. Specht called the meeting to order and **Town Clerk, Sharon Osherovitz** called the roll. The following Board members were present and answered to their names:

Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Michael B. Specht	Supervisor	Present	
Brendel Charles	Councilwoman	Present	
Michael Rossman	Councilman	Present	
David Wanounou	Councilman	Absent	
Yehuda Weissmandl	Councilman	Absent	
Alyssa Slater	First Assistant Town Attorney	Present	
Sharon M. Osherovitz	Town Clerk	Present	

Welcoming Remarks

SUPERVISOR SPECHT welcomed everyone to the Organization Meeting this evening, and acknowledged his wife, Karen Specht, who was in the audience.

STATE OF THE TOWN ADDRESS:

Good evening, everyone. I am both proud and humbled to stand with you tonight and give my seventh state of the Town address as Supervisor of our great Town of Ramapo.

When I first stood here six years ago, I was a new Supervisor of a Town that had been through legal, political and financial turmoil. At that time, in its relationship with our County, fellow towns, and villages within the Town, Ramapo had many enemies and few friends.

Today, I am proud to say that when it comes to our fellow municipalities throughout the County, and at all levels of government, we have many friends and no enemies.

Instead of financial distress, we have fiscal strength and security.

When I took office in 2018, Ramapo was seen as a pariah by many. Today, we stand as a valued partner to every village, town and the County in making the lives of all residents better.

This sea change occurred not by happenstance but by the hard work of the people in this room, in reaching out to all, in trying to steer a middle ground whenever possible in policy and action that benefitted as many residents as we could, and by being responsive in both word and deed to our residents’ concerns and queries.

Ramapo is a dynamic and growing town that looks to the future while respecting the past. In 2017, while I was first running for office, I appeared as a lawyer before a Planning Board in another town. A resident spoke against an application, stating that it would lead to overbuilding like Ramapo and, in her words, no one wanted to live in Ramapo because it was too crowded. I had to resist the urge to stand up and say that her comment reminds me of Yogi Berra’s famous quote that no one goes to that restaurant because its too crowded. To state the obvious, if we are crowded, it’s because people want to live in Ramapo.

And today, over six years later, this is even more true. Whereas other Towns in our region have lost population, we have grown at a remarkable rate. Ramapo's population grew 17.6 percent between the 2010 census and the 2020 census. Our growth accounted for 83 percent of the total population growth for Rockland County during this period, and the population of young people under the age of 18 grew 30 percent. Our official population is now over 150,000 residents, making us the 8th largest Town in New York State.

As Town continues to grow, we must meet the challenges of maintaining the safety of our residents and improving our infrastructure and recreational needs.

Two years ago, I committed that we would continue to invest in the children and families of our Town by adding to our outstanding system of public parks. One year ago, I was proud to highlight the newly inclusive playground at Weldler Park, the first of its kind in Rockland County, which has proven to be popular beyond imagination. This year I'm proud to mention the beautiful new playground that we built at Sandy Brook Park in 2023. We worked with and met regularly with the residents who lived near the park, and whose children would be enjoying the playground, to decide what amenities would be

We will continue to enhance our existing parks and add new ones throughout this year.

We will continue to lead in improving the safety of our residents.

While Ramapo is one of the safest Towns in the United States, we will not rest on our laurels but instead will keep doing everything we can to make it even safer.

The Ramapo Police Department continues to make us proud as our officers protect and serve the Town and all of its residents and visitors. I'd like to again commend Chief Reilly for his outstanding leadership and commitment to community-based policing that engages with and reflects the diversity of our entire Ramapo community. We have fortunate to have a police department that shows respect and courtesy to the public and in return is admired and respected by our residents.

On tonight's agenda, we will be appointing three new members of the Town of Ramapo Police Department. We welcome them to the Ramapo family and wish them long, safe and productive careers.

In 2021 we started a major streetlight improvement project in close coordination with the New York State Power Authority (NYPA). This project involves:

- The Town purchasing its streetlights from the Orange & Rockland Utility which will set the stage for a conversion to LED lighting;
- LED lighting provides a better quality of street lighting at an environmentally friendly lower cost.
- Additional street lighting will be added to all parts of the Town that are currently underserved.
- The project will improve public safety for drivers and pedestrians due to improved lighting clarity and coverage.
- In addition, the project will include several technology additions which will enhance municipal management of street lighting issues and very importantly public safety.

In 2023, we moved forward with the implementation of this plan.

We upgraded all our existing streetlights to LED smart bulbs that are ecofriendly, energy efficient and which will give us individualized control over lighting levels on a light-by-light basis. A year ago, I discussed how we're in the process of the next phase of this project, to adding 1500 new streetlights throughout the unincorporated Town of Ramapo to our already existing stock of 1800 lights, improving safety and visibility for drivers and pedestrians. Well, I have to tell you that one year later, our plan has changed. We are now going to have a total of 2000 new streetlights throughout the Town. 1200 are already installed and 800 will be completed within 2024. A resolution to amend the project to add 451 new lights is on tonight's agenda.

In addition, I am pleased to announce that the New York Public Service Commission has approved Ramapo's application to purchase the remaining streetlights that have underground wiring that are currently owned by Orange & Rockland, which were not included in our initial project. This will add another 500 lights directly under the Town's control.

In late 2022, we commissioned our engineering consultants to undertake a town wide traffic study, to study critical intersections and roads throughout the Town and recommend improvements to enhance safety and ease congestion. We will also continue to work cooperatively with NYS, the County of Rockland, and each of our 12 villages to find ways to address the traffic challenges that affect all of us.

We know that we have a community that walks, and we know that our residents need to be safe as they walk on our streets every day and night.

We have installed sidewalks and pedestrian pathways throughout the Town, including on Francis, Elaine, Suzanne, parts of College, Howard, Remsen and Blauvelt, to name a few, and are in the process of working on Carlton Road and other high demand locations. We will continue to install sidewalks everywhere they are needed to keep our residents safe.

We have continued our Safer Ramapo campaign to educate the public on how to remain safe and have handed out thousands of reflector sashes so that pedestrians walking at night will be visible to traffic. I'm proud to see so many of our residents taking this message to heart and wearing reflector belts every day.

Our Police and our Office of Emergency Preparedness will continue to educate all who drive on or walk on our streets how to do so in a safe and courteous manner. We will put special efforts into making sure that our school bus drivers are educated on how to operate safely for their passengers, pedestrians and other drivers, and if necessary, our police will not hesitate to conduct needed enforcement.

In response to safety concerns, in 2023 we passed a local law to create a Taxi Commission to regulate the cab business and eliminate unsafe or improper practices that endanger our residents. All cabs operating in the Town of Ramapo now must pass a safety inspection by our staff, and all drivers must undergo a background check and have a Town issued permit to operate. Tonight, we will schedule a public hearing to further refine that law, based on input from the Taxi commission, members of the public, and cab drivers that we received in the past several months.

When I gave my first state of the Town speech in 2018, we were saddled with a 13.7 million dollar general fund deficit that this Board had inherited, and the Town was without a bond rating. By the close of 2021, we had turned that deficit into a surplus through fiscal discipline and careful budgeting. As a result, we were given an A+ bond rating from Standard & Poors with a stable outlook, allowing us to reenter the municipal bond market to finance the infrastructure improvements our residents need and deserve. And in 2023, Standard & Poors again reviewed our finances and upgraded our rating to AA minus levels with a stable outlook. S&P pointed out the challenges our Town faced in the past, and stated "since that time, the Town has materially bolstered its governance structure and improved internal and external transparency", that governance factors are in line with sector standards, and that a rapidly growing population helps lower social capital risk compared with areas of the state experience stagnant to decreasing populations. They noted that the town is formalizing long-term financial and capital planning, which they view as instrumental in our ability to respond to future and current demands of a rapidly expanding population. The improved rating reflected S&P's view of the Town's consistently positive budgetary performance & conservative budgeting.

The improved S&P ratings are not just an achievement on paper. The bond rating is our Town's credit rating, and the improved rating enables us to issue municipal bonds at a lower cost to our taxpayers, allowing us to afford the many improvements we are making to our streets, sidewalks, sewers, parks and improving our quality of life for all our residents.

In the next few months, we address the critical shortage of housing that affects not just our Town but our entire region. Our population has increased by more than **40,000** people since 2000 but housing production is not keeping up, as only 6,000 units of housing were added during that time. **This has resulted in over 60%** of households in Ramapo being rent burdened in 2020 compared to 48% in New York as a whole, **up from 53% of households** in Ramapo being rent burdened in 2010. Governor Hochul has asked all municipalities commit to increasing their housing stock and has outlined funding incentives for towns that do so. In 2023, we adopted a resolution setting forth the Pro Housing Communities Pledge, in which we committed to streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units and supportive housing, adopting policies that further fair housing, incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions, increase development capacity for residential uses, and enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development. In 2024 we turn this pledge into reality by studying our housing needs and enacting local laws to accomplish each of these goals.

We need diverse housing to meet the needs of our entire community, including housing for seniors and empty nesters, and smaller apartments for young families starting out in life. We need projects that expressly promote affordable housing, and we also recognize that increasing our housing inventory will help reign in out of control housing costs through the law of supply and demand.

As we move forward, we also are aware of our residents’ concerns about traffic congestion and other impacts of development. By meeting our commitment to expand available housing, we will be able to avail ourselves of state grants and incentives that will fund the infrastructure improvements that will make future growth sustainable.

We must continue to improve our Town’s infrastructure, encourage the development of affordable housing for our young families and seniors, and provide all that is needed to ensure the quality of life our residents deserve and expect.

May God bless the Town of Ramapo and the United States of America.

Supervisor's Announcements:
SUPERVISOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chief of Staff

ANNOUNCEMENT
AT THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD
HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2024
SUPERVISOR MICHAEL B. SPECHT
ANNOUNCED HE HAS APPOINTED
MONA MONTAL
BUDGET COORDINATOR / CHIEF OF STAFF (TOWN)

Deputy Supervisor

ANNOUNCEMENT
AT THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD
HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2024

SUPERVISOR MICHAEL B. SPECHT
ANNOUNCED HE HAS APPOINTED
BRENDEL CHARLES
AS DEPUTY SUPERVISOR OF THE TOWN OF RAMAPO
FOR THE YEAR 2024
AND WILL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SUPERVISOR

Director of Finance

ANNOUNCEMENT
AT THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD
HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2024
SUPERVISOR MICHAEL B. SPECHT
ANNOUNCED HE HAS APPOINTED
JOHN LYNCH
AS DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
FOR THE YEARS 2024 AND 2025

Confidential Assistant to the Supervisor

ANNOUNCEMENT
AT THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD
HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2024
SUPERVISOR MICHAEL B. SPECHT
ANNOUNCED HE HAS APPOINTED
FRANCES BRINN
AS HIS CONFIDENTIAL ASSISTANT
FOR THE YEAR 2024
AND WILL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SUPERVISOR

Appointments:

Appointment of Receiver of Taxes: Yitzchok Ullman

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-1

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that ***YITZCHOK ULLMAN*** of Monsey, New York be hereby re-appointed to the position of **RECEIVER OF TAXES** of the Town of Ramapo for a two (2) year term effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Yitzchok Ullman in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
SECONDER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Appointment of Deputy Receiver of Taxes - 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-2

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that *SHARON M. OSHEROVITZ*, of Montebello, New York be hereby appointed to serve as **DEPUTY RECEIVER OF TAXES** of the Town of Ramapo for the year 2024.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Appointment of Town Attorney: Itamar Yeger, Esq. - 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-3

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that *ITAMAR YEGER, ESQ* of New Hempstead, New York, be hereby appointed to serve as **TOWN ATTORNEY** of the Town of Ramapo and serves at the pleasure of the Town Board, subject to a thirty (30) day notice of termination.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Appointment of First Assistant Town Attorney- Alyssa Slater, Esq. - 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that *ALYSSA SLATER, ESQ.* of Cornwall, New York be hereby appointed to serve as **FIRST ASSISTANT TOWN ATTORNEY** of the Town of Ramapo and serves at the pleasure of the Town Board, subject to a thirty (30) day notice of termination.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Appointment of Assistant Town Attorney- Dennis Lynch, Esq. - 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-5

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the following named person be hereby appointed to serve as **ASSISTANT TOWN ATTORNEY** of the Town of Ramapo and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Board, subject to a thirty (30) day notice of termination.

DENNIS LYNCH, ESQ.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Appoint Assistant Town Attorney - Beth Finkelstein, Esq. -2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-6

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the following named person be hereby appointed to serve as ASSISTANT TOWN ATTORNEY of the Town of Ramapo and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Board, subject to a thirty (30) day notice of termination.

BETH FINKELSTEIN, ESQ.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Appoint Assistant Town Attorney - Amy Wagner-Mele, Esq. - 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-7

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the following named person be hereby appointed to serve as ASSISTANT TOWN ATTORNEY of the Town of Ramapo and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Board, subject to a thirty (30) day notice of termination.

AMY WAGNER-MELE, ESQ.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Appoint Assistant Town Attorney- Abigail Shvartsman , Esq. - 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-8

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Assistant Town Attorney within the Town of Ramapo

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby appoint ABIGAIL SHVARTSMAN to the position of Assistant Town Attorney effective January 11, 2024, pending final approval of the Rockland County Personnel Department, at an annual salary of \$70,000.00, and serves at the pleasure of the Town Board, subject to a thirty (30) day notice of termination.

OPERATING BUDGET 1420A.3100

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Appointment of Director of Emergency Services - 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-9

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that *MICHAEL B. SPECHT*, Supervisor of the Town of Ramapo, be hereby appointed to serve as **DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES** of the Town of Ramapo for the year 2024.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
SECONDER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Appointment of Deputy Directors of Emergency Services - 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-10

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that approval be hereby granted for *CAPTAIN DANIEL HYMAN*; *IAN SMITH* Building Inspector; *MONA MONTAL* Chief of Staff; *JOSHUA HANS* Program Coordinator Emergency Preparedness; *FREDRIC BRINN* Superintendent of Highways; and *JOSEPH MARGARETTEN* Constituent Services Assistant, to be hereby designated as **DEPUTY DIRECTORS OF EMERGENCY SERVICES** of the Town of Ramapo for the year 2024.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Consultants:

MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, PC - Municipal Engineering Services (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a proposal dated December 28, 2023 from MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P, 1533 Crescent Road, Clifton Park, New York 12065, to perform municipal engineering, planning and other professional services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the proposal of *MJ ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING, PC* for municipal engineering, planning and other professional services for the year 2024 is hereby accepted, subject to the terms set forth in the proposal dated December 28, 2023, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, PC in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Greenwald Doherty - Legal Counsel Subscription (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-12

WHEREAS, the Town entered into an agreement with Greenwald Doherty, LLP for the Enhanced Level Monthly Subscription for legal services related to employment matters, which included 5 hours per month of legal counsel, and

WHEREAS, Chief of Staff Mona Montal has reviewed the proposal and recommends the Town upgrade the subscription service to the Premium Level in 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the proposal of **GREENWALD DOHERTY, LLP** for the Premium Level Monthly Subscription effective January 1, 2024 for a fee of \$7,250 per month. The subscription includes unlimited hours of legal counsel on employment matters, live training, suite of customized legal documents, and employment law updates, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Greenwald Doherty, LLP in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office.

Source of Funds: 1420A.3452

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

J&G Law, LLP (formerly Jacobowitz and Gubits, LLC) - Special Counsel (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-13

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2023-20, the Town retained Jacobowitz and Gubits, LLP to serve as outside counsel, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office recommends the continued retainment of Jacobowitz and Gubits, LLP,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby retains **JACOBOWITZ AND GUBITS, LLP** to serve as outside counsel at the following rates:

- \$230/hour - Review of land use applications and petitions; annexation, incorporation and similar matters; eminent domain; personnel and labor; capital projects; and non-routine real estate matters.
- \$250/hour - All litigation and other major dispute resolution.
- \$215/hour - All other matters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no work shall be performed without the Supervisor's prior authorization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a letter agreement with Jacobowitz and Gubits, LLP in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1420A.3452 (Consultant)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Feerick Nugent MacCartney, PLLC – Special Counsel: Police Department Labor Relations (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-14

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a proposal, dated December 28, 2023, from Feerick Nugent MacCartney, PLLC, to serve as special counsel to the Town Attorney’s Office, for labor relations matters with respect to the Police Department, and other legal matters as may be requested by the Town Board

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the proposal of ***FEERICK NUGENT MACCARTNEY, PLLC***, to serve as special counsel to the Town Attorney’s Office, on an as needed basis, for labor relations matters with respect to the Police Department, and other legal matters as may be requested by the Town Board for the **year 2024**, subject to the terms set forth above for an amount not to exceed \$40,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor by hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Feerick Nugent MacCartney, PLLC, in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office; said agreement can be terminated upon thirty (30) days written notice.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 3120AB.3452

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Valuation Plus, Inc.: Preparation of Appraisals (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-15

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office requires the retaining of an appraiser for the preparation of preliminary and trial appraisals to assist in the defense of certiorari actions brought against the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office has received a proposal dated December 21, 2023 from Valuation Plus, Inc., 875 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 302, Mamaroneck, New York 10543, to provide appraisals pursuant to a schedule of fees, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, and

WHEREAS, Scott Shedler, Town Assessor, and the Town Attorney’s Office have recommended that said proposal be accepted,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the proposal of ***VALUATION PLUS, INC.*** to provide tax appraisals for the **year 2024** subject to the terms set forth above with a maximum total cost not to exceed \$50,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no work shall be performed without the Supervisor's prior authorization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a letter agreement with Valuation Plus, Inc., in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office subject to the terms set forth above and that the agreement can be terminated upon thirty (30) days’ written notice.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1420A.3452

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Molinaro Associates: Preparation of Appraisals (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-16

WHEREAS, the Town is the subject of several certiorari actions challenging the assessments of one and two-four family dwellings, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office and the Assessor require the preparation of an independent appraisal to defend the above actions, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office is in receipt of a proposal dated December 5, 2023 from Molinaro Associates to prepare appraisals at the following rates:

- Preliminary Appraisal - One Family Home - \$650
- Preliminary Appraisal - Two-Four Family Home - \$900
- Trial Appraisal - One Family Home - \$850
- Trial Appraisal - Two-Four Family Home - \$1,100
- Court appearances - \$1,400 per day, or \$750 for a half-day.
- All other pre-trial consulting work - \$100 per hour

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the proposal of *MOLINARO ASSOCIATES* to prepare appraisals of one and two-four family dwellings, at the terms set forth in the proposal dated December 5, 2023, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no work shall be performed without the Supervisor's prior authorization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Molinaro Associates in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1420A.3450

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Westervelt & Rea, LLP: Special Counsel Environmental Issues (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-17

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2023-38, retained Kimberlea Rea, Esq., to serve as special counsel to the Town, with respect to environmental issues including matters relating to the Town Landfill, land purchases and development, on an as-needed basis at a fee of \$285.00 per hour,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby retains *KIMBERLEA REA, ESQ.*, of Westervelt and Rea, LLP, P.O. Box 633, 50 North Ferry Road, Shelter Island, New York 11964, to serve as special environmental counsel to the Town on an as needed basis at the terms set forth above for the year 2024,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a letter agreement with Kimberlea Rea, Esq., in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office, and that said agreement can be terminated upon thirty (30) days' written notice.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1420A.3452

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP - Special Counsel: Assessment Litigation Matters (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-18

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by previous resolution, retained Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP, 510 Haight Avenue, Suite 202, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603, to serve as special counsel to the Town Attorney’s Office with respect to assessment litigation matters, and

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a proposal dated December 12, 2023, from Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP to serve as special counsel with respect to assessment litigation and other legal matters at a fee of \$195.00 per hour,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo, that it hereby retains *WHITEMAN OSTERMAN & HANNA LLP* to serve as special counsel to the Town Attorney’s Office with respect to assessment litigation and other legal matters at a fee of \$195.00 per hour, total fee not to exceed \$70,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no work shall be performed without the Supervisor's prior authorization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP, in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1420A.3452

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

William White – Assessment Services - (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-19

WHEREAS, Scott Shedler, Town Assessor, has requested that the Town retain additional staff to assist with respect to assessment services, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby retains William White at the following terms:

- a) Term: 2024;
- b) Compensation - no more than \$30.00 per hour;
- c) Total fee: Not to exceed \$45,000 for assessment services;
- d) Agreement can be terminated upon thirty days’ written notice, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with William White in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1355A.3452 (Consultant)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Value & Analysis- Preparation of Appraisals (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-20

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office is in receipt of a proposal dated January 4, 2024, from Value & Analysis, P.O. Box 434, North Salem, New York 10560, for the preparation of appraisals; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the proposal of VALUE & ANALYSIS to prepare appraisals at the fee listed in the attached proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no work shall be performed without the Supervisor’s prior authorization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Value & Analysis in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1420A.3452

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Coordination of Public Affairs-AXLE PR (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-21

WHEREAS, Mona Montal, Director of Purchasing, is in receipt of a proposal from Axle PR, Inc., 55 Old Nyack Turnpike, #610, Nanuet, New York 10954, to help coordinate Town-related public affairs through consultancy, strategy, earned/paid media opportunities, and social media postings, and

WHEREAS, the terms for the above media coordination are as follows:

- a) Consultancy and strategy on community/media affairs. A representative of AxlePR will attend one meeting and one event/incident per week of up to 1.5 hours each, in addition to short strategy phone calls. This service is up to, but not necessarily and not limited, to 16 hours per month at a fee of \$4,800.
- b) Earned media opportunities such as getting Town-related photos, videos, and news published periodically in local press/media and coordinating press conferences, at a fee of \$3,000 per month.
- c) Posting items on selective social media platforms, such as Whats/App/Instagram, at a fee of \$2,200 per month.
- d) Oversee the writing and production of print ads, digital content, billboards, photos, and videos, which will be billed on a case-by-case basis at an additional fee, which will be paid by a standing monthly purchase order.
- e) The total monthly fee not including the services described in section “d” will be \$10,000, and

WHEREAS, the Town and AxlePR, Inc. reserve the right to discontinue the agreement upon one month’s notice on the first day of the month, and

WHEREAS, the term of this agreement will commence January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the proposal of *AXLE PR, INC.*, for the above coordination of public affairs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Axle PR, Inc. in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
SECONDER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Gar Associates, Inc. - Assessment Services (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-22

WHEREAS, Scott Shedler, the Assessor of the Town of Ramapo, is in receipt of a proposal dated December 11, 2023, from Gar Associates, Inc., 5500 Main Street, Suite 347, Williamsville, New York 14221, to provide assessment support services related to building permit processing data collection and valuation consulting, as well as other Assessment projects, at a fee not to exceed \$50,000, and

WHEREAS, Scott Shedler has recommended the acceptance of the above proposal,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the proposal of *GAR ASSOCIATES, INC.* to perform the above services, at a fee not to exceed \$50,000,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no work shall be performed without the Supervisor's prior authorization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Gar Associates, Inc., in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1355.3452

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

F.J. Rella and Company, LLC - SCAR Consultant (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-23

WHEREAS, every year the Town is served with hundreds of Small Claim Assessment Review Actions (SCAR), challenging the Town’s assessment roll, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2023-23, retained F.J. Rella and Company, LLC to assist the Town Attorney’s Office in the defense of SCAR Proceedings, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office and Scott Shedler, the Town Assessor, are recommending that the Town retain F.J. Rella and Company, LLC, 15 Chestnut Street, #436, Suffern, New York 10901, to assist the Town Attorney’s Office in defense of SCAR proceedings for the year 2024 at a fee of \$50.00 per hour, total fee not to exceed \$40,000.00,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo, that it hereby retains *F.J. RELLA AND COMPANY, LLC* to assist the Town Attorney’s Office in defense of SCAR proceedings challenging the Town Assessment rolls, at a fee of \$50.00 per hour, total fee not to exceed \$40,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with F.J. Rella and Company, LLC, in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the prior agreement is hereby terminated.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1420A.3452

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Alliance Appraisal Services (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-24

WHEREAS, the Assessor’s Office requires the services of a New York State Certified Real Estate Appraiser to assist in the appraisal of properties, and

WHEREAS, Scott Shedler, the Assessor, is in receipt of a proposal from Alliance Appraisal Services, 15 Lansdale Road, New City, New York 10956, to provide the above appraisal services at the terms set forth in the proposal dated December 5, 2023, a copy of which is available at the Town Clerk’s Office, and

WHEREAS, Scott Shedler and the Town Attorney’s Office have reviewed the above proposal and recommends its acceptance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby retain *ALLIANCE APPRAISAL SERVICES* to provide appraisal services of properties at a total fee not to exceed \$10,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no work shall be performed without the Supervisor's prior authorization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Alliance Appraisal Services in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1420A.3450

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Michael Murphy-Assessment Services (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-25

WHEREAS, Scott Shedler, Town Assessor, has requested that the Town retain additional staff to assist with respect to assessment services, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby retains *MICHAEL MURPHY* at the following terms:

a)

Term: 2024;

b)

Compensation - no more than \$30.00 per hour;

c)

Total fee: Not to exceed \$45,000 for assessment services;

d)

Agreement can be terminated upon thirty days’ written notice, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Michael Murphy in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1355A.3452 (Consultant)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Bernard Kushner, PE: Engineering Consultant to Assessor (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-26

WHEREAS, Scott Shedler, the Assessor, requires the services of an engineering consultant to assist him in the valuation of utility properties, and

WHEREAS, Scott Shedler has reached an agreement with Bernard Kushner, 6 Louis Avenue, Monsey, New York 10952, to provide the above services at a fee of \$100 per hour, and

WHEREAS, Scott Shedler recommends acceptance of said agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby retain **BERNARD KUSHNER, P.E.** to provide engineering services with respect to valuation of utility properties at a fee of \$100 per hour, not to exceed \$10,000, for the period of January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no work shall be performed without the Supervisor's prior authorization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Bernard Kushner, P.E. in a form approved by the Town Attorney's Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1355A.3452

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
SECONDER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Lawrence Brown & Co. - Tax Certiorari Audits (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-27

WHEREAS, Scott Shedler, the Assessor of the Town of Ramapo, is in receipt of a proposal dated December 6, 2023 from Lawrence Brown & Co. to perform audits of financial statements submitted in connection with certiorari proceedings at a fee of \$130.00 per hour, and

WHEREAS, Scott Shedler has recommended the acceptance of the above proposal,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby retains **LAWRENCE BROWN & CO.**, 180 Phillips Hill Road, Unit 3A, New City, New York 10956, to provide audits with respect to tax certiorari proceedings at an hourly rate of One Hundred Thirty (\$130.00) per hour for the **year 2024**, total fee not to exceed Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollars, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no work shall be performed without the Supervisor's prior authorization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a letter agreement with Lawrence Brown & Co., in a form approved by the Town Attorney's Office subject to the terms set forth above and that the agreement can be terminated upon thirty days' written notice.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1420A.3452

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Capital Markets Advisors, LLC -Financial Advisory Services -(2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-28

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a proposal from Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, 11 Grace Avenue, Suite 308, Great Neck, New York 11021, to provide financial advisory services with respect to bond, note, and lease financings by the Town, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office, and

WHEREAS, John Lynch, Director of Finance, has reviewed the proposal and recommends its acceptance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the proposal of *CAPITAL MARKETS ADVISORS, LLC*, to provide financial advisory services to the Town for year 2024, at the terms set forth in the above proposal, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Capital Markets Advisors, LLC in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1310A.3452

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Rockland & Orange Reporting: Stenography Services (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-29

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo is in need of a stenographer for the transcribing of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board meetings,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that *ROCKLAND & ORANGE REPORTING* of 2 Congers Road, New City, New York, be hereby retained for the year 2024 to perform stenography services for Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning meetings at a fee of \$450.00 per meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when a transcript is required by the Town of Ramapo, the compensation to be paid Rockland & Orange Reporting shall be \$5.50 per page for an original and, if said transcript was requested by a private party, the cost to the Town will be \$2.75 per page, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Rockland & Orange Reporting in a form approved by the Town Attorney's office, subject to the terms set forth above and that said agreement can be terminated upon thirty (30) days written notice.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Geoffrey Welch - Environmental Consultant (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-30

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2023-39 retained Geoffrey Welch, 15 Liberty Rock Road, Sloatsburg, New York 10974, to serve as an Environmental Consultant to the Town to provide the following educational functions for the year 2023:

1.

Public Education and Outreach on Storm Water Impacts;
2.

Assist the Town in Public Involvement and Participation in Storm Water Management Practices;
3.

Public Education on Watershed Protection;
4.

Attendance at meetings and report to Town Board with respect to the above duties,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby retains **GEOFFREY WELCH** to serve as an Environmental Consultant to the Town to provide the above educational functions for the year 2024, at a fee not to exceed \$10,000, to be allocated on a monthly basis; said agreement can be terminated upon thirty days’ written notice, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor be hereby authorized to execute a letter agreement with Geoffrey Welch in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1220A.3452

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Boards and Commissions:

Appoint Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson - 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-31

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that **CHARLENE WEAVER** of Spring Valley, New York be hereby appointed to serve as **CHAIRPERSON** of the Town of Ramapo **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** for the year 2024, said term to expire December 31, 2024.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Appoint Commission on Ethics Co-Chairpersons - 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-32

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that **RICHARD WEINBERGER, ESQ.** and **CHRISTIAN G. SAMPSON**, be hereby appointed to serve as **CO-CHAIRPERSONS** of the Town of Ramapo **COMMISSION ON ETHICS** for the year 2024, said term expiring December 31, 2024.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
SECONDER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

General Matters:

Adoption of Salary Schedule - 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-33

WHEREAS, it is required that the Ramapo Town Board adopt the Salary Schedule for all Town Personnel for the year 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the **2024 SALARY SCHEDULE** for the Town of Ramapo CSEA Employees, Town of Ramapo Non-Union Employees, Town of Ramapo Highway CSEA Employees, Town of Ramapo PBA, Ramapo Police Superior Officers Association, Code Enforcement Officers and Boards and Commissions, a copy of which is on file at the Town Clerk’s office, be hereby approved and adopted for the year **2024**. Salaries are to be paid on a bi-weekly basis.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Re-Adoption of Various Town Policies - 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-34

WHEREAS, the Town Board annually reviews various Town policies and procedures, to guide the operations of the Town, and

WHEREAS, Mona Montal, Director of Purchasing, has reviewed the current *Procurement and Disposition Policies and Procedures Manual* on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and recommends its re-adoption without changes, and

WHEREAS, John Lynch, Director of Finance, has reviewed the current *Comprehensive Financial Policy & Procedures Manual*, on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and recommends its re-adoption without changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby re-adopts the following Town Policies without changes:

- **TOWN OF RAMAPO PROCUREMENT AND DISPOSITION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL- 2024**
- **TOWN OF RAMAPO COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL - 2024**

copies of which are on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Authorization to Execute Employment Agreements: Various Non-Union Employees**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-35**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo wishes to enter into agreements with various classifications of Non-Union employees, and

WHEREAS, said agreements will be negotiated with the Supervisor, and will be substantially similar to and consistent with existing agreements, including the CSEA, PBA Contracts/Agreements, as well as, the command staff agreements, and

WHEREAS, many municipalities have agreements with this type of classification of employees, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board places value on professionalism, and wants to recognize longevity and continuity of said classification of employees as permitted by law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized and may negotiate and execute said agreements with the following:

Assessor

Building Inspector

Chief of Police

Constituent Services Assistants

Confidential Assistant

Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Registrar

Director of Automated Services

Director of Parks & Recreation

Director of Purchasing/Chief of Staff

Engineer III

First Assistant Town Attorney

Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator

Justice Court Clerk

Personnel Administrator

Planning Assistant

Police Captains

Program Coordinators

Receiver of Taxes

Safety Manager

Secretary to Planning Board

Secretary to Zoning Board of Appeals

Town Attorney

Town Clerk/Registrar

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Setting Mileage Rates, Meal Rates, Attending Schools, Seminars & Other Related Business
- 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-36

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that employees and officials of the Town of Ramapo, when authorized or directed to travel in connection with their work, be hereby compensated as follows for the year 2024:

For travel using their personal vehicle, the Internal Revenue (IRS) Standard Mileage Rate in effect at the time of such travel, plus tolls and parking fees,
For meals, reimbursement shall be the IRS per diem meal rates in effect for the area in which traveled, except when in attendance at the Annual Association of Towns Meeting, where reimbursement shall be as follows:

- Maximum amount of reimbursement shall be U.S. General Services Administration 2023 Per Diem Rate for New York with submission of receipts,
- Without receipts, the maximum reimbursement shall be \$60.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board be hereby authorized to approve, at their discretion, all expenses and any other requests by employees and officials of the Town of Ramapo to attend schools, educational seminars and other Town of Ramapo related business.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Setting of Town Board Meeting Schedule - 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-37

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the *REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETINGS* of the Ramapo Town Board for the year 2024 be hereby designated as the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 P.M., to be held at Ramapo Town Hall, 237 Route 59, Suffern, New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Town Board Meetings for Police Matters and General Town Matters, may be scheduled as needed, the Thursday preceding the second regular scheduled meeting of the month at 9:00 A.M., and duly noticed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that *WORKSHOPS* may be scheduled, as needed, and duly noticed.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Designations:

Designation of Additional Signatory - 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-38

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Town Clerk, *SHARON M. OSHEROVITZ* be hereby designated *Official Signatory* for all Town of Ramapo funds for the year 2024, and that Sharon M. Osherovitz be hereby authorized to open and close such accounts as may be necessary and to deposit unused funds on Certificates of Deposit in the official depositories as provided for by law:

- KEY BANK
- TD BANK
- WEBSTER BANK
- CAPITAL ONE BANK
- CITIBANK
- JP MORGAN/ CHASE
- M & T BANK
- WELLS FARGO BANK

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Designation of Official Newspaper - 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-39

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that *THE JOURNAL NEWS*, having a business address of 1 Crosfield Avenue, West Nyack, New York, 10994, be hereby designated as the **OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER** of the Town of Ramapo for the year 2024, as long as the paper continues publishing in print.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Designation of Official Depositories - 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-40

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the following banks be hereby designated **OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES** for all Town of Ramapo funds for the year 2024, and that the Supervisor be hereby authorized to open and close such accounts as may be necessary and to deposit unused funds on Certificates of Deposit in the official depositories as provided for by law:

- KEY BANK
- TD BANK
- WEBSTER BANK
- CAPITAL ONE BANK
- CITIBANK
- JP MORGAN/ CHASE
- M & T BANK
- WELLS FARGO BANK

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Designation of Town Board Members as Police Commissioners - 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-41

WHEREAS, the Town Board currently exercises all Police matters conferred upon the Town Board pursuant to the Rockland County Police Act, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to recognize their powers regarding Police matters

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the following Town Board members, present this evening, January 10, 2024, may be referred to as TOWN OF RAMAPO POLICE COMMISSIONERS for the year 2024, with SUPERVISOR MICHAEL B. SPECHT being referred to as CHAIRMAN, when acting with respect to Police matters:

SUPERVISOR MICHAEL B. SPECHT
COUNCILWOMAN BRENDEL CHARLES
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL ROSSMAN

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Adjournment:

Adjournment

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-42

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Organizational Meeting of the Ramapo Town Board held this evening, January 10, 2024, be hereby adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl