

MINUTES OF THE RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD HELD ON JANUARY 11, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Ramapo convened in on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 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	Present	
Yehuda Weissmandl	Councilman	Present	
Alyssa Slater	First Assistant Town Attorney	Present	
Sharon M. Osherovitz	Town Clerk	Present	

Welcome:

Supervisor Michael Specht welcomed the following dignitaries:

- District Attorney Thomas Walsh
- Rockland County Legislators: Toney Earl, Annie Hall, Itamar Yeger, Philip Soskin and Aron Wieder
- Village of Spring Valley Trustee Yisrael Eisenbach
- R.C. Legislative Committee staff and former Ramapo Town Councilman Patrick Withers
- Town of Ramapo retired First Assistant Town Attorney Alan Berman
- R.C. Water Task Force member Bruce Levine

STATE OF THE TOWN ADDRESS:

State of the Town 2023

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

Our Town’s founding dates back to 1791, making us in some ways an old Town; yet, in many ways we are a young Town and a growing Town. 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.

In last year's State of the Town address, I committed that we would invest in and upgrade our already outstanding existing parks facilities. In the fall, we built and opened a brand new, inclusive playground at Weldler Park, creating an area where children of different ages and abilities could play together using state of the art equipment, the first playground of its kind in Rockland County. We look forward to even greater parks and playground expansions in 2023, to serve the needs of the children and families of our community. For example, we have worked with the residents who live near Sandy Brook Park to improve that facility, and I'm proud that on tonight's agenda we have a resolution to purchase and install new playground equipment and rubber surfacing to provide an exciting, fun and safe play space at that Park.

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 are always looking to make it even safer.

The Ramapo Police Department continues to make us proud as our officers fulfill their mission of protecting and serving the Town and all of its residents and visitors. I'd like to again commend Chief Reilly for his commitment to professionalism and community- based policing that engages with and reflects the diversity of our entire Ramapo community. The respect and professional service shown by our PD to the public is mirrored by the admiration and affection our community shows towards the men and women who wear the uniform of the RPD.

In October of 2021 we undertook 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 2022 we completed the planning stage of the project and we are about to embark within weeks on the installation of new lighting and the conversion of existing lighting to LED smart lights. We will be 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. A listing of all existing and planned new lights will be posted shortly, so that residents can see what improvements will come to their streets. We plan to start installation on Maple Avenue in February of this year.

We will also provide additional phone numbers and email addresses for residents to report non functioning lights that need repair.

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 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.

We will be creating a Taxi and Limousine Commission to regulate, license and oversee taxis operating in our Town, to eliminate unsafe or improper practices and protect our residents.

In order to make our residents lives easier, and to ease traffic congestion, we will create a Townwide jitney bus service in conjunction with our partners in the not for profit sector led by Rabbi Horowitz from the Community Outreach Center that will connect our neighborhoods with shopping and medical care destinations.

We are in the process of undertaking sidewalk installation at different locations in the unincorporated Town, including on Route 306, a state highway, with the cooperation of NYS DOT. Tonight, we have on the agenda a historic resolution to issue a bond for \$18 million dollars to fund a major, comprehensive sidewalk and street improvement project that will enhance the safety and quality of life for our residents.

In the next few weeks, we will continue working with our Highway Superintendent and engineers to evaluate and prioritize where sidewalks should be installed. To further this task, I am announcing a Sidewalk Advisory Committee to coordinate this process and make recommendations to the Town Board.

We are now able to issue bonds to finance these large, long term improvements as a result of our improved finances. 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.

I'm especially proud that the Town Board was able to approve a budget for 2023 that resulted in no increase in Town taxes throughout the Town.

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:

ANNOUNCEMENT

AT THE RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD

HELD ON JANUARY 11, 2023

SUPERVISOR MICHAEL B. SPECHT

ANNOUNCED HE HAS APPOINTED

MONA MONTAL

BUDGET COORDINATOR / CHIEF OF STAFF (TOWN)

ANNOUNCEMENT

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HELD ON JANUARY 11, 2023

SUPERVISOR MICHAEL B. SPECHT

ANNOUNCED HE HAS APPOINTED

BRENDEL CHARLES

AS DEPUTY SUPERVISOR OF THE TOWN OF RAMAPO

FOR THE YEAR 2023

AND WILL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SUPERVISOR

ANNOUNCEMENT

AT THE RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD

HELD ON JANUARY 11, 2023

SUPERVISOR MICHAEL B. SPECHT

ANNOUNCED HE HAS APPOINTED

FRANCES BRINN

AS HIS CONFIDENTIAL ASSISTANT

FOR THE YEAR 2023

AND WILL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SUPERVISOR

ANNOUNCEMENT

AT THE RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD

HELD ON JANUARY 11, 2023

SUPERVISOR MICHAEL B. SPECHT

ANNOUNCED HE HAS APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:

SIDEWALK AND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

COUNCILMAN YEHUDA WEISSMANDL

COUNCILMAN MICHAEL ROSSMAN

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COORDINATOR YOSSI MARGARETTEN

HERSH HOROWITZ

SHAYA GLICK

TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMITTEE

SUPERVISOR SPECHT

HERSH HOROWITZ

BINYOMI MERMELSTEIN

YOSSI MARGARETTEN

PARKS COMMITTEE

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR BRENDEN CHARLES

MENDY LASKER

ISRAEL EISENBACH
CHAIM ROSE
SHAYA GLICK

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
COUNCILMAN DAVID WANOUNOU
PROGRAM COORDINATOR EMERGENCY SERVICES JOSHUA HANS
CAPTAIN KEVIN LEE
DR. MARY LEAHY
SHIMMY SINGER
ABE ROSENBERG
DAVID BREUER
EFRAIM TAUBER

Appointments: Town Clerk's Office:

Appointment of Sub-Registrar of Vital Statistics - 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-1

WHEREAS, Town of Ramapo Registrar of Vital Statistics, Sharon M. Osherovitz, has appointed Sandra Howells to serve as Sub- Registrar of Vital Statistics in the absence of the Registrar and Deputy Registrar for a one-year term effective January 1, 2023,
RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby ratifies the appointment of ***SANDRA HOWELLS***, to serve as **SUB-REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS** of the Town of Ramapo for a period of one (1) year, effective January 1, 2023 and terminating on December 31, 2023.

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

Appointments; Town Attorney's Office:

Appointment of Town Attorney - Itamar Yeger, Esq. - 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-2

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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Appointment of First Assistant Town Attorney - Alyssa Slater, Esq.- 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-3

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:	Yehuda Weissmandl, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Appointment of Assistant Town Attorneys - 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4

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

DENNIS LYNCH, ESQ.

BETH FINKELSTEIN, ESQ.

VERONICA PHILLIPS, ESQ.

IRA SCHOEPS, ESQ.

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

Appointments:

Appointment of Town Historian - 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-5

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that *CRAIG LONG* of Suffern, New York be hereby appointed to serve as the **TOWN HISTORIAN** of the Town of Ramapo for the year 2023.

Source of Funds: 7510A.3100

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

Appointment of Deputy Receiver of Taxes - 2023
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-6

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 2023.

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

Appointment of Director of Emergency Services - 2023
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-7

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 2023.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Yehuda Weissmandl, Councilman
SECONDER:	David Wanounou, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Appointment of Deputy Directors of Emergency Services - 2023
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-8

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 2023.

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

Appointments of Chairprsons to Boards and Commission:

Appoint Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson - 2023
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-9

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 2023, said term to expire December 31, 2023.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou
ABSTAIN:	Weissmandl

Appoint Planning Board Chairperson - 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that ***SYLVAIN KLEIN*** of Monsey, New York be hereby appointed to serve as **CHAIRPERSON** of the Town of Ramapo **PLANNING BOARD** for the year 2023, said term to expire December 31, 2023.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [3 TO 0]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSTAIN:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Appoint Commission on Ethics Co-Chairpersons - 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-11

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 2023, said term expiring December 31, 2023.

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

General Matters:

Adoption of Salary Schedule - 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12

WHEREAS, it is required that the Ramapo Town Board adopt the Salary Schedule for all Town Personnel for the year 2023,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the **2023 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 **2023**. 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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Adoption of Purchasing Policy

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-13

WHEREAS, the General Municipal Law, Section 104-b, which governs procurement policies and procedures, requires that the Town Board annually review its procurement policy and procedures, and

WHEREAS, Mona Montal, Director of Purchasing, has reviewed and recommends said policy

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby adopts the ***TOWN OF RAMAPO PROCUREMENT AND DISPOSITION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.***

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

Authorization to Execute Employment Agreements: Various Non-Union Employees

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-14

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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Setting of Mileage Rates, Meal Rates, Attending Schools, Seminars & Other Related Business - 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-15

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 2023:

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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Setting of Town Board Meeting Schedule - 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-16

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the **REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETINGS** of the Ramapo Town Board for the year **2023** 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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Extension of Agreements- Safety and Crime Prevention Programs- 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-17

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2022-98, entered into agreements to provide funding towards safety and crime prevention along with various training programs for the year 2022, with the following organizations,

- Chaverim of Rockland, Inc.
- Village of New Square Emergency Services
- Village of Kaser

WHEREAS, pursuant to said agreements, the yearly funding paid to the above organizations for the programs are established in the Town Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the above organizations requested the following amounts to continue said programs, which were approved by the 2023 Town Budget:

• Chaverim of Rockland, Inc.	\$10,000.00
• Village of New Square Emergency Services	\$20,000.00
• Village of Kaser	\$50,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute agreements with the above organizations in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 3125AB.3452 - \$10,000
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 3120AB.3452 - \$20,000
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 3125AB.3452- \$50,000

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

Retention of Outside Counsel: Traffic Prosecution and Other Legal Matters

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-18

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office has recommended that the Town retain Janice Gittelman, Esq. to assist the Town Attorney’s Office in the prosecution of traffic tickets and other legal matters, as needed, at the following terms:

- \$200 per hour for a maximum of \$35,000 per year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby retains *JANICE GITTELMAN, ESQ.*, to assist the Town Attorney’s Office in the prosecution of traffic tickets and other legal matters, as needed, effective January 11, 2023, the total fee not to exceed \$35,000 per year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a letter agreement with Janice Gittelman, Esq., 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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Acceptance of Consultants' Proposals:

Feerick Nugent MacCartney, PLLC – Special Counsel: Police Department Labor Relations
(2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-19

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a proposal, dated December 9, 2022, 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 **2023**, 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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Jacobowitz and Gubits, LLC - Special Counsel (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-20

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2022-23, 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 [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou
ABSTAIN:	Weissmandl

MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, PC - Municipal Engineering Services (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-21

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a proposal dated December 29, 2022 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 2023** is hereby accepted, subject to the terms set forth in the proposal dated December 29, 2022, 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 [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou
ABSTAIN:	Weissmandl

Lawrence Brown & Co. - Tax Certiorari Audits (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-22

WHEREAS, Scott Shedler, the Assessor of the Town of Ramapo, is in receipt of a proposal dated December 6, 2022 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 2023**, 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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

F.J. Rella and Company, LLC - SCAR Consultant (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-23

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. 2022-228, 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 2023 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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Brian McDine - Assessment Services (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-24

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 Brian McDine at the following terms:

- Term: 2023;
- Compensation - no more than \$30.00 per hour;
- Total fee: Not to exceed \$10,000 for assessment services;
- Agreement can be terminated upon thirty days' written notice, 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 Brian McDine 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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Lewis & Greer - Special Counsel: Assessment Litigation Matters (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-25

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by previous resolution, retained Lewis & Greer P.C., 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 7, 2022, from Lewis & Greer P.C. to serve as special counsel with respect to the above 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 **LEWIS & GREER P.C.** to serve as special counsel to the Town Attorney’s Office with respect to assessment litigation 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 Lewis & Greer P.C., 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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Goldman Attorneys, PLLC: Special Counsel to the Board of Assessment Review (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-26

WHEREAS, the Assessor’s Office requires the services of a special counsel to provide legal services, and

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a proposal, dated December 1, 2022, from Paul Goldman, Esq., of Goldman Attorneys, PLLC, 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Suite 108, Albany, New York 12205, to serve as special counsel at a fee of \$270.00 per hour for Paul Goldman, Esq., \$210 per hour for an associate attorney, and \$165 per hour for a paralegal, and

WHEREAS, the Assessor and Town Attorney's Office have reviewed the proposal and recommend its acceptance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby retains **GOLDMAN ATTORNEYS, PLLC**, to serve as special counsel to the Board of Assessment Review and assist the Assessor in any subsequent tax assessment review matters relating to said grievances, as well as other matters, as needed, at the rates specified above, with the total cost not to exceed \$20,000 for the **year 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 a Letter Agreement with Goldman Attorneys, PLLC 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 days’ written notice.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1358A.3452

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

Gar Associates, Inc. - Assessment Services (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-27

WHEREAS, Scott Shedler, the Assessor of the Town of Ramapo, is in receipt of a proposal dated December 1, 2022, 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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Valuation Plus, Inc.: Preparation of Appraisals (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-28

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, 2022 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 2023** 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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Molinaro Associates: Preparation of Appraisals (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-29

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 20, 2022 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 20, 2022, 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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Acceptance of Proposal: Alliance Appraisal Services (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-30

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 1, 2022, 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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Bailey O’Grady – Assessment Services (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-31

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 Bailey O’Grady at the following terms:

- a) Term: 2023;
- b) Compensation - no more than \$30.00 per hour;
- c) Total fee: Not to exceed \$20,000 for assessment services;
- d) Agreement can be terminated upon thirty days’ written notice, 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 Bailey O’Grady 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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Bernard Kushner, PE: Engineering Consultant to Assessor (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-32

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, 2023 - December 31, 2023.
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:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou, Weissmandl

William White - Assessment Services (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-33

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: 2023;
- b) Compensation - no more than \$30.00 per hour;
- c) Total fee: Not to exceed \$35,000 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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Michael Murphy - Assessment Services (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-34

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: 2023;
- b) Compensation - no more than \$30.00 per hour;
- c) Total fee: Not to exceed \$30,000 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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Rockland & Orange Reporting: Stenography Services (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-35

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 2023** to perform stenography services for Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning meetings at a fee of \$425.00 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 \$5.25 per page for an original and, if said transcript was requested by a private party, the cost to the Town will be \$2.50 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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Acceptance of Proposal: Financial Advisory Services- Capital Markets Advisors, LLC (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-36

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 2023**, 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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Empire Strategic Planning - Lobbying Assistance (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-37

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a proposal from Empire Strategic Planning, 111 Washington Avenue Ste. 103, Albany, New York 12210, to provide governmental/lobbying assistance and represent the Town before the executive, legislative and administrative branches of government in New York State, and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to accept said proposal at the following terms:

- 1) Term: January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023
- 2) Fee: \$60,000 payable at the rate of \$5,000 per month
- 3) Reimbursement for reasonable and actual expenses incurred

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby retains ***EMPIRE STRATEGIC PLANNING*** to provide governmental/lobbying assistance for the Town for the **year 2023** at the above terms, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a revised agreement with Empire Strategic Planning, 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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Westervelt & Rea, LLP: Special Counsel Environmental Issues (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-38

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2022-38, 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 2023**,

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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Geoffrey Welch - Environmental Consultant (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-39

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2022-39 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 2022:

- 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 2023**, 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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Designations:

Designation of Town Board Members as Police Commissioners - 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-40

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 all Town Board members may be referred to as **TOWN OF RAMAPO POLICE COMMISSIONERS** for the year 2023, with ***SUPERVISOR MICHAEL B. SPECHT*** being referred to as ***CHAIRMAN***, when acting with respect to Police matters.

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

Designation of Additional Signatory -2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-41

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 2023, 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**

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

Designation of Official Newspaper - 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-42

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 2023, as long as the paper continues publishing in print.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou
NAYS:	Weissmandl

Designation of Official Depositories - 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-43

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 2023, 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
- Webster Bank
- Signature Bank
- Wells Fargo Bank

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

Designation of Town Photographer - 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-44

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo wishes to publicize photographs of Town events,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that *LAIBEL SCHWARTZ*, of *LAIBEL SCHWARTZ PHOTOGRAPHY*, 29 Hickory Avenue, Hillburn, NY 10931, is hereby designated as the **OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER** for the Town of Ramapo for year 2023, for a fee of \$1,500.00 per month.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman, Weissmandl
ABSTAIN:	Wanounou

Adjournment:

Adjournment

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-45

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Re-Organizational Meeting of the Ramapo Town Board held this evening, January 11, 2023, be hereby **adjourned at 7:35 P.M.**

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