

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD HELD ON  
JUNE 09, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Ramapo convened in on Wednesday, June 09, 2021 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 called the roll. The following Board members were present and answered to their names:

**Call to Order**

| Attendee Name     | Title                        | Status  | Arrived |
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| Michael B. Specht | Supervisor                   | Present |         |
| Brendel Charles   | Councilwoman                 | Present |         |
| Michael Rossman   | Councilman                   | Present |         |
| David Wanounou    | Councilman                   | Present |         |
| Yehuda Weissmandl | Councilman                   | Present |         |
| Aylssa Slater     | First AssistantTown Attorney | Present |         |
| Maureen Pehush    | Deputy Town Clerk            | Present |         |

**Comprehensive Plan Update:**

**OPENING REMARKS: SUPERVISOR MICHAEL B. SPECHT**

As part of the Town Board’s periodic updates on the status of our comprehensive planning process, I would like to share the progress made since the May 26, 2021 update.

- The Town Planning professionals continue to work on sections of the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) to be sure all requirements of SEQRA are fully complied with at all times.
  
- As previously announced, our Planning Workshop has been scheduled for June 17, 2021 at 6:00 pm. This will be a Zoom workshop intended for the Northeast Ramapo Professional Team to provide an update and overview of land use concepts considered within the Northeast Ramapo Development Plan/DGEIS. There will also be an opportunity for the public to submit questions in advance to the Professional Team. This will not be a Town Board Meeting. To have your question considered, submit all questions and comments through the project Northeast Corridor webpage by June 14, 2021.

In terms of next steps, the Town professionals will continue to move forward with preparation of the DGEIS to be presented in the immediate future to the Town Board to determine the completeness of the DGEIS for public comment.

For myself and on behalf of the Town Board, I thank all for their interest and comments and other contributions to this comprehensive planning process. I continue to welcome all to make your questions and comments through the Town's webpage in a timely fashion.

#### **Public Participation:**

##### **The following persons wished to address the Town Board this evening:**

**Robert Trostale**- 45 So. Mtn Road, New City - questions public notice comments to be received by June 14<sup>th</sup>; asked if any religious institutions planned for the Styker property; asked about plans for 58 So. Mtn Road and the Mowbray-Clarke property, noting tree markings

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#### **Close Open Period For Public Participation**

##### **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-221**

**RESOLVED** by the Town of Ramapo that the Open Period For Public Participation held this evening, June 9, 2021, be hereby **closed at 7:06 P.M.**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                     |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael B. Specht, Brendel Charles             |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Michael Rossman, Councilman                    |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou, Weissmandl |

#### **Acceptance of Minutes:**

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#### **Regular Meeting of May 26, 2021**

##### **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-222**

**RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the following Minutes of the Ramapo Town Board be hereby accepted, adopted, and recorded in the Minute Book:

##### ***MAY 26, 2021- REGULAR***

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                     |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Brendel Charles, Councilwoman                  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Michael Rossman, Councilman                    |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou, Weissmandl |

#### **Town Attorney**

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#### **Acceptance of Sewer Easement – 640 Chestnut Ridge Road**

##### **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-223**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Chestnut Ridge Planning Board approved a project located at 640 Chestnut Ridge Road; and

**WHEREAS**, said approval included an existing 20' wide sewer easement to the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Ramapo Department of Public Works discovered that the metes and bounds description of the easement was incorrect and that the sewer line was not within the easement description; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chestnut Ridge Planning Board and the Town of Ramapo Department of Public Works require the developer to refile the easement with the correct description; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Attorney's Office and the Department of Public Works have reviewed the maps and agreements and recommend approval of same,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the 20' wide sewer easement, subject to recording with the Rockland County Clerk.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                     |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Brendel Charles, Councilwoman                  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Michael Rossman, Councilman                    |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou, Weissmandl |

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#### Acceptance of Shade Tree Easement – 72 Carlton Road

##### RESOLUTION NO. 2021-224

**WHEREAS**, the Town Planning Board approved a project located at 72 Carlton Road, and

**WHEREAS**, said approval required the applicant to provide a 5' shade tree easement to the Town, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Attorney's Office and MJ Engineering have reviewed the above easement and recommend its acceptance,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the 5' shade tree easement, subject to recording with the Rockland County Clerk.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                     |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Brendel Charles, Councilwoman                  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Michael Rossman, Councilman                    |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou, Weissmandl |

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#### Settlement of Claim: Kahn v. Town of Ramapo

##### RESOLUTION NO. 2021-225

**WHEREAS**, Adam Kahn of 17 Langeries Drive, Monsey, New York, has filed a Notice of Claim against the Town for damages caused by a sewer backup, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Attorney's Office has reviewed the claim and recommends that it be settled in the amount of \$1,388.76, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Attorney's Office has recommended installation of a check valve, the cost of which will be reimbursed to Adam Kahn,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby settles the claim of *ADAM KAHN* in the amount of \$1,388.76, with an additional amount for a check valve installation not to exceed \$5,000.00, which will be reimbursed to Adam Kahn, said settlement to be charged to Account 8130SS.341931, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said settlement is subject to receipt of a General Release from Adam Kahn.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                     |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Brendel Charles, Councilwoman                  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Michael Rossman, Councilman                    |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou, Weissmandl |

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#### Settlement of Claim - Peter Milo

##### RESOLUTION NO. 2021-226

**WHEREAS**, Peter Milo of 3 South Amundsen Lane, Airmont, New York, has filed a Notice of Claim against the Town for damages caused by a sewer backup, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Attorney's Office has reviewed the claim for damages and recommends that it be settled in the amount of \$1,745.28, and

**WHEREAS**, said settlement requires the installation of a check valve at an estimated cost of \$6,600.00,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby settles the claim of **PETER MILO** in an amount not to exceed \$8,345.28, said settlement to be charged to Account 8130SS.341931, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said settlement is subject to receipt of a General Release from Peter Milo and a final invoice of the cost of the check valve installation.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                     |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Brendel Charles, Councilwoman                  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Michael Rossman, Councilman                    |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou, Weissmandl |

#### Personnel:

#### Appoint Provisional Fire Safety Inspector

##### RESOLUTION NO. 2021-227

**WHEREAS**, there is a vacancy in the position of Fire Safety Inspector in the Building Department within the Town of Ramapo, and

**WHEREAS**, Town Supervisor, Michael Specht, has made the following recommendation,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby appoint **ADAM PELTZ**, as Fire Safety Inspector, on a provisional basis, effective June 12, 2021. The annual salary will change from \$101,251 to \$106,314, according to the current CSEA contract.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 3620B.3100

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

#### Appoint Office Services Aide - Purchasing Department

##### RESOLUTION NO. 2021-228

**WHEREAS**, there is a vacancy in the position of Office Services Aide in the Purchasing Department within the Town of Ramapo, and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Director, Mona Montal, has made the following recommendation,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby appoint **ERIN WEIDEL** as probationary **OFFICE SERVICES AIDE**, effective June 14, 2021, at an annual salary of \$43,185, in accordance with the current CSEA contract.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1345A.3100

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                     |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Brendel Charles, Councilwoman                  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Michael Rossman, Councilman                    |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou, Weissmandl |

**Purchasing****Acceptance of Proposal: HVAC System****RESOLUTION NO. 2021-229**

**WHEREAS**, Michelle, Antosca, Director of Parks and Recreation is in receipt of a proposal from **AMI Services, Inc., 168 Hopper Avenue, Waldwick, New Jersey 07403**, and

**WHEREAS**, Michelle Antosca and Mona Montal, Director of Purchasing, recommend acceptance of the above proposal, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the proposal of **AMI SERVICES INC.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with AMI Services, Inc., in a form approved by the Town Attorney's Office

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 7155A-3400 Contractual Expenditures

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                     |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Brendel Charles, Councilwoman                  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Michael Rossman, Councilman                    |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou, Weissmandl |

**Approval of Agreement: Keep Rockland Beautiful- 2021 Great American Cleanup****RESOLUTION NO. 2021-230**

**WHEREAS**, the Town is in receipt of a proposal from Keep Rockland Beautiful, 120-126 North Main Street, New City, New York 10956, dated April 21, 2021, for their assistance to the Town during the 2021 Great American Cleanup, for a fee of \$3,500.00,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby agrees to enter into an agreement with the **KEEP ROCKLAND BEAUTIFUL** for their assistance to the Town during the 2021 Great American Cleanup, at a fee of \$3,500.00, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Keep Rockland Beautiful in a form approved by the Town Attorney's office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 6310A.34493 (Programs - Other)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                     |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Brendel Charles, Councilwoman                  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Michael Rossman, Councilman                    |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou, Weissmandl |

**Discussion: PPE**

Chief of Staff and Purchasing Director **MONA MONTAL** discussed with the Board the PPE that the Town has is no longer needed by the Town and there is a need for said PPE in India. The Board agreed the PPE should be surplussed and donated to India.

**Adjournment:****Adjournment****RESOLUTION NO. 2021-240**

**RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Regular Meeting of the Ramapo Town Board held this evening, June 9, 2021, be hereby **adjourned at 7:25 P.M. IN HONOR OF RETIRING POLICE CHIEF BRAD WEIDEL and INCOMING POLICE CHIEF MARTIN REILLY**, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Meeting is adjourned with world-wide prayers for people and countries suffering from COVID 19, in particular India.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                                          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael B. Specht, Supervisor                                       |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Brendel Charles, Michael Rossman, David Wanounou, Yehuda Weissmandl |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou, Weissmandl                      |

**Statement**

**Adjournment Resolution was given an out of sequence number in error, therefore, numbers 231 through 239 were not used.**