

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR 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	

Public Participation:

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

Deborah Munitz - 5 Rosehill Road, Montebello, NY - submitted written comments re: agenda item IV. O. “Declaration of Surplus Property”: in sum stated the land was obtained under subdivision and dedicated to the Town for public use for a specific buffer and public street purpose and is serving an existing purpose; Town should document the legal basis for surplusng land in the public trust as it was not purchased under Town Law §64 for general municipal purposes; urged Board to question this proposed resolution, not vote on it tonight and to require development plans to be put in the public record before moving forward

Close Open Period For Public Participation

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-43

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Open Period for Public Participation held this evening, January 10, 2024, be hereby **closed at 7:32 P.M.**

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

Public Hearing:

Set Public Hearing Date- Amendment to Taxi Law

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-44

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that a Public Hearing be hereby held on February 28, 2024, at 7:00 P.M., at Ramapo Town Hall, 237 Route 59, Suffern, NY, for the purpose of soliciting public comment on **A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 5-2023 ENTITLED TAXICABS AND VECHICLES FOR HIRE LICENSING LAW OF THE TOWN OF RAMAPO.**

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

Acceptance of Minutes:

Special Meeting of December 20, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-45

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:
DECEMBER 20, 2023

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

Town Attorney:

Approval of Agreement: Police Firing Range (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-46

WHEREAS, the Town had previously entered into agreements with various municipalities for use of the Police Firing Range at the former Town landfill, and
WHEREAS, all of the agreements will expire on December 31, 2023,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby agrees to enter into agreements for use of the *POLICE FIRING RANGE* for the year **2024** with the following agencies:

- County of Rockland Sheriff's Department
- Town of Haverstraw
- Town of Orangetown
- Village of Piermont
- Village of Spring Valley
- Town of Stony Point
- Village of Suffern
- United States Marshals Service
- Borough of Paramus, and
- Borough of Ramsey

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said agreements are subject to the following terms:

1. Compliance with Police Department General Order Number 105
2. Name the Town as an additional insured
3. Hold the Town harmless with respect to the use of the Police Firing Range, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute agreements with the above municipalities 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

Approval of Agreement: Not for Profit Agencies (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-47

WHEREAS, the New York State Comptroller’s Office has advised the Town of Ramapo that no funds should be provided to outside agencies by the Town without execution of a formal contract, and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Town Budget provides for allocation of funds to various outside agencies, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby agree to enter into contracts with the following agencies for the following amounts for the **year 2024**:

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TYPE OF SERVICE</u>
Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Rockland County, Inc	\$3,000	Youth Services
Bikur Cholim, Inc.	\$20,000	Health Services
Bikur Cholim, Inc.	\$10,000	Children at Risk
C.A.N.D.L.E.	\$1,000	Community Services
Camp Venture, Inc.	\$8,000	Services for the Handicapped
Chaverim	\$20,000	Community Services
Areivim	\$10,000	Community Services
Catholic Charities of Rockland County Inc.	\$3,000	Community Services
Community Improvement Council, Inc.	\$35,000	Youth Services
Community Outreach Center	\$35,000	Community Services
Derech Shalom	\$3,000	Family Services
Falling Angels	\$600	Community Services

First Timothy Christian Church	\$10,000	Community Services
Good Samaritan Foundation	\$30,000	Community Services
Haitian American Cultural and Social Organization (HACSO)	\$4,000	Community Services
Head Start of Rockland	\$6,000	Youth Services
Helping Hands	\$6,000	Community Services
Historical Society of Rockland County	\$600	Community Services
Jamaican Civic and Cultural Association of Rockland, Inc.	\$1,800	Youth Services
Keep Rockland Beautiful	\$3,500	Great American Clean Up
Konbit Neg Lakay	\$14,000	Community Services
Kupath Ezrah	\$15,000	Community Services
Ladies’ Ancient Order of Hibernians	\$5,000	Community Services
Legal Aid Society	\$3,000	Community Services
Lighthouse	\$3,000	Community Services
M.A.D.E. Transitional Services	\$12,000	Community Services
Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center, Inc.	\$15,000	Community Services
Men’s Ancient Order of Hibernians	\$5,000	Community Services
NAACP - Spring Valley	\$2,500	Community Services
New Square Emergency Services	\$20,000	Community Services
Ramapo Police Athletic League	\$10,000	Youth Services
Refuah Helpline	\$25,000	Community Services
Rockland County Senior LLC (formerly known as Rockland Community College Senior Citizens Club)	\$1,500	Senior Citizens
Rockland Community Development Center, Inc. - Senior Citizen Program	\$15,000	Senior Citizens
Rockland Holocaust Museum and Study Center	\$5,000	Community Services
Rockland Opportunity Development Association - Kaser (Youth)	\$50,000	Youth Services
Rockland Opportunity Development Association - Kaser (Seniors)	\$55,000	Senior Services
Rockland 21C	\$3,600	Family Services

Sloatsburg Soup Kitchen	\$2,000	Community Services
Sparks	\$3,000	Community Services
Suffern American Legion Post 859	\$1000	Community Services
Temicha Support Line, Inc.	\$3,000	Community Services
Tomche Shabbos	\$10,000	Community Services
Touching Bases	\$3,000	Community Services
Village of Kaser Emergency Services	\$15,000	Community Services
West Street Day Care, Inc.	\$9,000	Daycare Services
Yedei Chesed	\$4,000	Services for the Handicapped
Ray of Hope	\$10,000	Community Services

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 6310A (Community Action)

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

Intermunicipal Agreement - Village of New Hempstead - Wireless Communications Tower (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-48

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2022-475, approved an agreement with the Village of New Hempstead by which the Town divides equally with the Village all revenue received from the County of Rockland with respect to the wireless communication tower installed in the Fred Loescher Veterans Cemetery in the Village of New Hempstead, and

WHEREAS, said agreement expires on December 31, 2023,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby agrees to enter into an *Intermunicipal Agreement* with the ***VILLAGE OF NEW HEMPSTEAD*** for the year **2024**, by which the Town will pay the Village one-half (1/2) of any revenue received from the County of Rockland with respect to the wireless communication tower in the Veterans Cemetery in the Village of New Hempstead, and

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

SOURCE OF FUNDS: A.0631 - Due to Other Governments

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

Amendment of Resolution No. 2024-47 Approval of Agreement: Not for Profit Agencies (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-49

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2024-47, approved entering into contract agreements with various Not for Profit agencies for the year 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to amend said resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby AMENDS RESOLUTION NO. 2024-47 as follows:

“WHEREAS, the New York State Comptroller’s Office has advised the Town of Ramapo that no funds should be provided to outside agencies by the Town without execution of a formal contract, and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Town Budget provides for allocation of funds to various outside agencies, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby agree to enter into contracts with the following agencies for the following amounts for the year 2024:

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT	TYPE OF SERVICE
Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Rockland County, Inc	\$3,000	Youth Services
Bikur Cholim, Inc.	\$20,000	Health Services
Bikur Cholim, Inc.	\$10,000	Children at Risk
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Community Improvement Council, Inc.	\$35,000	Youth Services
Community Outreach Center	\$35,000	Community Services
Community Outreach Center	\$20,000	Senior Project
Derech Shalom	\$3,000	Family Services
Falling Angels	\$600	Community Services
First Timothy Christian Church	\$10,000	Community Services
Good Samaritan Foundation	\$30,000	Community Services
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Head Start of Rockland	\$6,000	Youth Services

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Historical Society of Rockland County	\$600	Community Services
Jamaican Civic and Cultural Association of Rockland, Inc.	\$1,800	Youth Services
Keep Rockland Beautiful	\$3,500	Great American Clean Up
Konbit Neg Lakay	\$14,000	Community Services
Kupath Ezrah	\$15,000	Community Services
Ladies’ Ancient Order of Hibernians	\$5,000	Community Services
Legal Aid Society	\$3,000	Community Services
Lighthouse	\$3,000	Community Services
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New Square Emergency Services	\$20,000	Community Services
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West Street Day Care, Inc.	\$9,000	Daycare Services
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Ray of Hope	\$10,000	Community Services

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SOURCE OF FUNDS: 6310A (Community Action)

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

License Agreement with Rockland Paramedic Services, Inc. for 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-50

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2023-53, granted a license agreement for 2023 to Rockland Paramedic Services, Inc., 540 Chestnut Ridge Road, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977 to utilize a portion of Town owned property at 3 DeBaun Avenue South, Suffern, New York for storage of a Paramedic vehicle and for office space, and

WHEREAS, Rockland Paramedic Services, Inc. and the Town are desirous of entering into an agreement for 2024 at the following terms:

- Premises: Garage, one office and bathroom
- Term: Month to month - 30 days’ notice
- Fee: \$900.00 per month - (plus \$200 based on square footage as share of the utilities, and proportionate share of special district taxes),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby agrees to grant a license agreement to **ROCKLAND PARAMEDIC SERVICES, INC.**, for use of a portion of the premises at 3 DeBaun Avenue South, Suffern, New York, for year **2024**, subject to the terms set forth above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Rockland Paramedic Services, Inc. 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

Highway Maintenance and Snow Removal Services for Various Villages (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-51

WHEREAS, New York State Villages have a non-delegable duty to maintain Village roads in a safe condition allowing for public travel, and

WHEREAS, various Villages within the Town of Ramapo lack the personnel and equipment to perform the above duties, and

WHEREAS, the Villages listed below have requested that the Town of Ramapo contractually provide certain Highway Maintenance and Snow Removal services for them, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo, in 2023, provided Highway Maintenance and Snow Removal Services pursuant to written agreements to the following Villages:

- 1. Chestnut Ridge
- 2. Pomona
- 3. New Hempstead
- 4. Wesley Hills
- 5. Kaser
- 6. New Square
- 7. Montebello, and

WHEREAS, the Town and Villages are desirous of entering into new agreements for the year 2024, and

WHEREAS, the cost for providing said services to the Villages is as follows:

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. Chestnut Ridge | \$664,278.00 |
| 2. Pomona | \$279,985.00 |
| 3. New Hempstead | \$359,039.00 |
| 4. Wesley Hills | \$438,094.00 |
| 5. Kaser | \$38,429.00 |
| 6. New Square | \$91,132.00 |
| 7. Montebello | \$395,273.00, |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby agree to enter into *INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS* with the aforementioned Villages for the above services for the year 2024, the Town to be compensated as follows:

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Chestnut Ridge | \$664,278.00 |
| 2. Pomona | \$279,985.00 |
| 3. New Hempstead | \$359,039.00 |
| 4. Wesley Hills | \$438,094.00 |
| 5. Kaser | \$38,429.00 |
| 6. New Square | \$91,132.00 |
| 7. Montebello | \$395,273.00, and |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute agreements with the above Villages 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

Intermunicipal Agreement - Village of Wesley Hills - Snow Plowing (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-52

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2023-203, approved an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village of Wesley Hills for the year 2023, by which the Town provided snow plowing for certain sidewalks within the Village, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wesley Hills wishes for the Town to continue to provide said snow plowing services for 2024 for the following sidewalks:

- 1) Route 306: Grandview Avenue to Lime Kiln Road; and
- 2) Forshay Road: Grandview Avenue to Willow Tree Road; and
- 3) North side of East Willow Tree Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Town will provide snow plowing services for the above-listed sidewalks for the year 2024 for the *VILLAGE OF WESLEY HILLS* at a fee of \$1,820.00 each time the sidewalks are required to be plowed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village of Wesley Hills 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

Interagency Agreement between Rockland Green and the Towns of Clarkstown, Haverstraw, Ramapo, and Stony Point for Animal Shelter Services

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-53

WHEREAS, the Town is required to provide pound and shelter services for dogs of the Town pursuant to the Agricultural and Markets Law of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to enter into an interagency agreement with Rockland Green and the Towns of Clarkstown, Haverstraw, Ramapo, and Stony Point for Animal Shelter services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby agrees to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the *ROCKLAND GREEN and THE TOWNS OF CLARKSTOWN, HAVERSTRAW, RAMAPO, and STONY POINT* for the provision of pound and shelter services, and

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

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1410A.3486

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

Fueling Agreements (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-54

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo and the following not-for-profit organizations and municipal corporations within the Town of Ramapo have, on an annual basis, entered into agreements permitting such not-for-profit organizations to utilize the fueling facilities of the Town of Ramapo:

- Bikur Cholim, Inc.
- East Ramapo School District
- Hamaspik of Rockland County
- Hatzolah EMS, Inc. and Chevrah Hatzoloh of Rockland County, Inc.
- Monsey Fire District
- Ramapo Housing Authority
- Rockland Paramedic Services, Inc.
- Tallman Fire District
- Village of Chestnut Ridge
- Village of Kaser
- Village of Montebello
- Yedei Chesed
- Chaverim of Rockland; and
- Good Samaritan Hospital, and

WHEREAS, the not-for-profit organizations have requested a continuance of the fueling arrangement for 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo is agreeable to providing such facility to the not-for-profit organizations subject to an additional twenty (20%) percent administrative fee above the cost of the fuel,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby agrees to enter into agreements for the utilization of the Town of Ramapo’s *FUELING FACILITIES* for the year 2024 with the above organizations at the terms set forth above, and

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.

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

Rates for Town Police During Traffic Control- 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-55

WHEREAS, the Town receives requests for use of Town Police for traffic control,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the following rates will be charged for the year 2024:

- Patrolman: \$158.00 per hour
- Supervisor: \$209.00 per hour

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

Sewer Maintenance Services: Village of Pomona (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-56

WHEREAS, the Village of Pomona has requested that the Town of Ramapo Sewer Department perform the following services in the year 2024 with respect to certain of the Village’s sewer lines located in the Town of Ramapo:

- a. Clearance of sewer blockages on as-needed basis;
- b. Flushing of problem areas on an-needed basis; and

WHEREAS, the provision of said services is conditioned as follows:

- a. The clearance of sewer blockages is limited to the Village sewer mains and any lateral located in a Village right-of-way;
- b. The Town is not responsible for any capital improvements to the Village’s sewer mains, and
- c. This Agreement extends only to the Village’s sewer lines located in the Town of Ramapo and does not cover any Village sewer lines or portions of sewer lines located in the Town of Haverstraw, and

WHEREAS, the Town is willing to provide the above maintenance services at a cost of \$59.945 per sewer unit, said charge to be placed on the 2024 tax bills for all Village properties located in the Town of Ramapo,

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 *VILLAGE OF POMONA* to maintain certain of the Village’s sewer lines located in the Town of Ramapo for the year 2024 subject to the terms set forth above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Village of Pomona 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

Approval of Terms of PILOT for Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (1 Avon Place, SBL # 54.36-1-6) and Authority for Signing of the Proposed PILOT Agreement

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-57

WHEREAS, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (“Regeneron”) has obtained the assistance of the Rockland County Industrial Development Agency (the “County IDA”) for the purpose of acquiring and redeveloping property located at 1 Avon Place, Suffern, New York, which is identified on the Tax Map of the Town of Ramapo as SBL 54.36-1-6 (the “Subject Parcel”); and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property is owned by Regeneron and is improved with a building that housed Avon research and development operations and Regeneron will retrofit the building for Regeneron-specific laboratory/research/office use (hereinafter the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project was induced by the County IDA on or about September 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Subject Parcel is situated within the Town of Ramapo (“Town”); and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the County IDA’s assistance in the proposed Regeneron project, the Subject Parcel will be rendered exempt from real property taxation over a period of fifteen (15) years; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of the County IDA’s involvement and the tax-exempt status to be afforded the Subject Parcel, Regeneron is prepared to enter into an agreement providing for the payment of monies in lieu of taxes that would otherwise be levied against the Subject Parcel during the period it is rendered tax exempt on account of the County IDA’s participation (the “PILOT Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the PILOT Agreement will provide for the payment of monies on an annual basis to affected taxing jurisdictions, including the Town, over a period of fifteen (15) years; and

WHEREAS, the PILOT Agreement shall provide that, during the period it is in effect, annual PILOT payments will be made by Regeneron to the affected taxing jurisdictions (including the Town) based upon an application of each jurisdiction’s then prevailing tax rate;

WHEREAS, the PILOT Agreement will utilize “PILOT Assessments” for the computation of annual payments, which will be applied to the then current real property tax rate in each year of the PILOT, are as follows:

<u>PILOT Year</u>	<u>PILOT ASSESSED VALUE</u>
1	\$3,238,900
2	\$3,238,900
3	\$3,238,900
4	\$3,461,644
5	\$3,684,388
6	\$3,907,132
7	\$4,129,877
8	\$4,352,621
9	\$4,575,365
10	\$4,798,109
11	\$5,020,853
12	\$5,243,597
13	\$5,466,341
14	\$5,466,341
15	\$5,466,341

WHEREAS, the Town has obtained the advice and assistance of the Town’s special counsel concerning the PILOT Agreement and its terms; and

WHEREAS, the Suffern Central School District (the school district within which the Subject Parcel is located) agreed to the PILOT Agreement’s terms on or about November 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo Town Board deems it advisable to consent to, and approve, the PILOT Agreement’s proposed terms, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Ramapo Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to take those steps necessary to implement the PILOT Agreement, consistent with the terms referenced above, including execution of all documents associated therewith in a form deemed acceptable to the Town’s special counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said approval is conditioned upon approval by the other Taxing Jurisdictions and parties to the PILOT Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a PILOT Agreement that is in a form approved by Whiteman Osterman and Hanna, LLP.

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

Approval of Terms of PILOT for Montebello Gateway LLC (34 N. Airmont Road, Montebello, New York, SBL # 55.07-1-3) and Authority for Signing of the Proposed PILOT Agreement

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-58

WHEREAS, Montebello Gateway LLC (“Montebello Gateway”) has obtained the assistance of the Rockland County Industrial Development Agency (the “County IDA”) for the purpose of acquiring and redeveloping property located at 34 N. Airmont Road, Montebello, New York, which is identified on the Tax Map of the Town of Ramapo as SBL 55.07-1-3 (the “Subject Parcel”); and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property is owned by Montebello Gateway and will be improved by an office building;

WHEREAS, the Project was induced by the County IDA on or about February 17, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Montebello Gateway filed an amended application on April 3, 2023 seeking additional sales tax and mortgage tax benefits, wherein the County IDA reapproved and readopted the provisions of the February 17, 2022 inducement with the updated terms on or about April 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Subject Parcel is situated within the Town of Ramapo (“Town”); and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the County IDA’s assistance in the proposed Montebello Gateway project, the Subject Parcel will be rendered exempt from real property taxation over a period of five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of the County IDA’s involvement and the tax-exempt status to be afforded the Subject Parcel, Montebello Gateway is prepared to enter into an agreement providing for the payment of monies in lieu of taxes that would otherwise be levied against the Subject Parcel during the period it is rendered tax exempt on account of the County IDA’s participation (the “PILOT Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the PILOT Agreement will provide for the payment of monies on an annual basis to affected taxing jurisdictions, including the Town, over a period of five (5) years after project completion; and

WHEREAS, the PILOT Agreement shall provide that, during the period it is in effect, annual PILOT payments will be made by Montebello Gateway to the affected taxing jurisdictions (including the Town) based upon an application of each jurisdiction’s then prevailing tax rate; and

WHEREAS, the PILOT Agreement will utilize “PILOT Assessments” for the computation of annual payments, following project completion, based on a PILOT assessed value of \$1,030,000 subject to an annual abatement of 90% (Year 1), 80% (Year 2), 70% (Year 3), 40% (Year 4) and 20% (Year 5); and

WHEREAS, the Town has obtained the advice and assistance of the Town’s special counsel concerning the PILOT Agreement and its terms; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Montebello (the Village within which the Subject Parcel is located) agreed to the PILOT Agreement’s terms on or about May 17, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Suffern Central School District (the school district within which the Subject Parcel is located) agreed to the PILOT Agreement’s terms on or about December 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo Town Board deems it advisable to consent to, and approve, the PILOT Agreement’s proposed terms, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Ramapo Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to take those steps necessary to implement the PILOT Agreement, consistent with the terms referenced above, including execution of all documents associated therewith in a form deemed acceptable to the Town’s special counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said approval is conditioned upon approval by the other Taxing Jurisdictions and parties to the PILOT Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a PILOT Agreement that is in a form approved by Whiteman Osterman and Hanna, LLP.

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

Acceptance of Easement: 64 Saddle River Road

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-59

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo Planning Board has granted Plan approval for 64 Saddle River Road, and

WHEREAS, said approvals required the developer to provide a Shade Tree Easement benefiting the Town, and

WHEREAS, MJ Engineering and the Town Attorney’s Office 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 above easement, subject to recording.

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

Acceptance of Easement: 155 Sterling Mine Road

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-60

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo Planning Board has granted Subdivision approval for 155 Sterling Mine Road, and

WHEREAS, said approvals required the developer to provide a stormwater maintenance and access easement and agreement, and

WHEREAS, MJ Engineering and the Town Attorney’s Office 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 above easement, subject to title insurance, title report, and subject to recording.

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

Declaration of Surplus Property

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-61

WHEREAS, the Town is the owner of various strips of land located on Summit Avenue and Park Avenue which are illustrated on the attached map,

WHEREAS, Mona Montal, Director of Purchasing, has advised the Town Board that the above property is not required by the Town and can be declared surplus

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby declares the above property surplus.

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

Settlement of Tax Certiorari: Shan Chen

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-62

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office has recommended that the following certiorari matter be settled:

SHAN CHEN

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Section/Lot</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Corrected Assessment</u>
2021/22	54.35-2-19	\$80,000	\$61,300
2022/23	54.35-2-19	\$80,000	\$55,100, and

WHEREAS, Scott Shedler, the Town Assessor, concurs with the above recommendation, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Town Attorney is hereby authorized to settle the above matter, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that settlement is subject to approval by the Suffern Central School District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that refunds can only be made when the Petitioner is current on all tax liability.

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

Retain Outside Counsel: Municipal Law Legal Services - Abrams Fensterman

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-63

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo required the services of a law firm to serve as outside counsel to provide legal services in the area of municipal law, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo, via Resolution 2023-342, has retained the firm of Abrams Fensterman, 81 Main Street, Suite 306, White Plains, New York 10601 to serve as outside counsel to provide legal services in the area of municipal law at the following terms:

- Partner: \$350.00 per hour
 - Associate Partner: \$300.00 per hour
- ,and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo required additional services of a law firm to serve as outside counsel to provide legal services in the area of municipal law for 2023,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby retains *ABRAMS FENSTERMAN* to serve as outside counsel at the discretion of the Supervisor to provide additional legal services at the above mentioned rates on municipal law matters for 2023, in an amount not to exceed an additional \$55,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a letter agreement with Abrams Fensterman 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

Approval of Agreement: Provisions of Emergency Medical Services: Rockland Paramedic Services, Inc

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-64

WHEREAS, the Town’s agreement for the provision of Emergency Medical Services with Rockland Paramedic Services, Inc., 540 Chestnut Ridge Road, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977, expired on December 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Town and Rockland Paramedic Services, Inc. wish to enter into a new agreement subject to the following terms:

- 1) Term: year 2024 on a quarterly basis;
- 2) Fee: \$650,000, to be paid on a quarterly basis, for a total annual sum of \$2,600,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby agrees to enter into an agreement with **ROCKLAND PARAMEDIC SERVICES, INC.**, for the provision of Emergency Medical Services subject to the terms set forth above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Rockland Paramedics Services will be compensated for any additional necessary services above the current provided services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Rockland Paramedic Services, Inc. in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: SMEMS1.345406

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

Disciplinary Charges: Highway Department Employee - Appointment of Hearing Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-65

WHEREAS, Frederic Brinn, Superintendent of Highways, has recommended disciplinary charges against an employee in the Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, the bringing of charges against the above employee requires a hearing be held before an independent Hearing Officer, with respect to said charges,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby appoints **WILLIAM SHERWOOD, ESQ.**, of Stony Point, New York, at a cost of \$250.00 per hour, as an independent Hearing Officer with respect to the above disciplinary charges.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1420A.3452

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

WAIVER OF 24 HOUR RULE:

Waiver of Rules of Order: 24 Hr. Rule

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-66

WHEREAS the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2018-83, adopted Rules of Order for the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Rules, to the extent practicable, no resolution may be brought for a vote unless printed or digital copies are presented to each Board member 24 hours prior to the opening of the meeting, and

WHEREAS, said rule can be waived by a majority consent of the Board members present,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby waives the **RULES OF ORDER** with regard to the 24 hour rule.

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

New Business:

Authorization to Commence Injunction Action: 68 Decatur Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-67

WHEREAS, Ian Smith, Building Inspector for the Town of Ramapo, has advised the Town Board that the premises located at 68 Decatur Avenue, Spring Valley, New York present an imminent threat to the safety and welfare of the residents of the Town and is in violation of the New York State Property Maintenance Code, New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, and the Revised Code of the Town of Ramapo, and

WHEREAS, Ian Smith has requested that the Town commence an injunction action to enjoin the continuing use of the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby authorizes the Town Attorney’s Office to commence a proceeding in the Supreme Court, Rockland County, New York, against **YESHAYA TIRNAUER**, owner of the above property, to enjoin use of the above property in violation of the New York State Property Maintenance Code, New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, and the Revised Code of the Town of Ramapo.

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

Purchasing:

Removal of Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions: 48-50 Gerow Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-68

WHEREAS, in 1974 Ramon and Barbara Dow applied to the Town of Ramapo Zoning Board of Appeals seeking a variance permitting the construction of an addition to their home located at 48-50 Gerow Avenue, to be used as a garage and living accommodation for Robert and Marion Sayers, and

WHEREAS, the ZBA, subsequent to a public hearing held April 29, 1974, granted the aforesaid application, subject to the condition that the addition could only be used as a living accommodation so long as the space was occupied by Robert and Marion Sayers. A Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions was filed against 48-50 Gerow Avenue, Spring Valley, New York 10977, and

WHEREAS, the Restriction further set forth the procedure for removal of said restrictions which provided that the Restriction could only be modified, terminated or canceled by the joint action of the Town of Ramapo Town Board and the successors or assigns, in writing, and

WHEREAS, Gerow Properties LLC, the assignee and owner of the above property has requested that the restrictions be removed to allow the existing space to be used as living accommodations, and

WHEREAS, Gerow Properties, LLC appeared before the Zoning Board of Appeals (“ZBA”) on December 5, 2023, to confirm that they would be comfortable with the Town Board removing the restriction, and

WHEREAS, the ZBA had no objection to the request and the Building Inspector noted that there were no additional variances required to allow the space to be used as living accommodations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby agrees to remove the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions filed against 48-50 Gerow Avenue, Spring Valley NY 10977, to allow the property to continue to be used as living accommodations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Gerow Properties, LLC, in a form approved by the Attorney's Office.

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

Acceptance of Bid: Special Events

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-69

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department has solicited bids for **Special Events** for the Town of Ramapo, and

WHEREAS said proposals were received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Ramapo and opened on December 21,2023, in accordance with the provisions of the law, and

WHEREAS, Michelle Antosca, Director of Parks and Recreation, recommends the acceptance of the bid from Bobby K Entertainment, P.O. Box 937, Elmira, New York 14902, for a total fee of \$19,675.00, for five Town events, and

WHEREAS, Mona Montal, Director of Purchasing, concurs with said recommendation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the bid from **BOBBY K ENTERTAINMENT**, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Bobby K Entertainment, in a form approved by the Attorney's Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 7310.34809, 34802.34810

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

Approval of Change Oder No. 1: Francis Place Sidewalk Project

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-70

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2023-184 the Town entered into an agreement with A-Tech Concrete, 11 Taylor Road, Edison, New Jersey, 08817, for the Francis Place Sidewalk Project for the installation of concrete curbs and sidewalks, for a total bid price of \$843,170.00, and

WHEREAS, the Town was awarded 2021 Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 for partial funding of said project, and

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a change order from A-Tech Concrete in the amount of \$245,280.00, covering all necessary miscellaneous work and unit price overages along Francis Place between the project limits that were encountered during construction, but unforeseen within the plans and project specification as follows:

Change Order No. 1: Francis Place Sidewalk Project

Item	Amount	Unit Price	Total Price
Concrete Sidewalk	1,153.39 SF	\$14.00	\$16,231.50
Concrete Curb	1,574.50 LF	\$48.00	\$75,576.00
Asphalt Driveways	2,764.50 SF	\$15.00	\$41,467.50
Road Pavement Replacement	4,485 SF	\$17.00	\$76,245.00
Retaining Walls	128 SF	\$45.00	\$5,760.00
Sdei Yosef Wall	Lump Sum	N/A	\$30,000.00
Total			\$245,280.00

and

WHEREAS, Edward Moran, Engineer II Town of Ramapo, conducted daily inspections of the project, and recommends acceptance of the change order in the amount of \$245,280.00, as the above listed work was necessary to complete the project to provide a safer roadway system for vehicles and pedestrians, and

WHEREAS, Michael Sadowski, Deputy Director of Public Works, and Mona Montal, Director of Purchasing, concur with the above recommendation, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2023-537 the Town entered into an agreement with Congregation Sdei Yosef to increase the scope of the retaining wall to accommodate the elevation of the parking area of the house of worship and accept payment for same from Congregation Sdei Yosef for their portion of the installation of said wall in the amount of \$21,880.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that **Change Order No. 1 as listed** is hereby approved in the amount of \$245,280.00, and the contract amount for the above services with respect to the **FRANCIS PLACE SIDEWALK PROJECT** is hereby increased from \$843,170.00 to \$1,088,450.00.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 5110DB.3439
2021 Community Development Funds
Res. No. 2023-537: Congregation Sdei Yosef \$21,880.00

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

Acceptance of Proposal: Electronic Medical Records - ESO Solutions, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-71

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a proposal from ESO Solutions, Inc., 11500 Alterra Parkway, Ste. 100, Austin, Texas, 78758, to provide Electronic Medical Records for the Ambulance Corps and Paramedic service that contract with the Town, as follows:

- Rockland Paramedic Services, Inc:**

Total Recurring Fees: \$23,700.00
Total One-Time Fees \$595.00
Discounts: \$1,214.75
Total Fees: \$23,080.25
- Hatzoloh of Rockland County:**

Total Recurring Fees: \$26,825.00
Total One-Time Fees \$595.00
Discounts: \$1,371.00
Total Fees: \$26,049.00
- Spring Hill Community Ambulance Corp., Inc.:**

Total Recurring Fees: \$15,730.00
Total One-Time Fees \$0.00
Discounts: \$786.50
Total Fees: \$14,943.50
- Village of New Square EMS**

Total Recurring Fees: \$7,447.53
Total One-Time Fees \$0.00
Discounts: \$782.42
Total Fees: \$6,665.11
- William Paul Faist Ambulance Corps:**

Total Recurring Fees: \$7,735.93
Total One-Time Fees \$0.00
Discounts: \$809.14
Total Fees: \$6,926.79

,and
WHEREAS, Josh Hans, Program Coordinator, Emergency Preparedness, recommends acceptance of said proposal to help streamline billing and offer cost savings thru negotiating a group rate, and

WHEREAS, Mona Montal, Director of Purchasing, concurs with said recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the proposal of **ESO SOLUTIONS, INC.**, to provide Electronic Medical Records for the Ambulance Corps and Paramedic service that contract with the Town, at the terms stated above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with ESO Solutions, Inc. in a form approved by the attorney’s office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

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

Amendment of Project Agreement : NYPA Streetlight Project

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-72

WHEREAS, New York Power Authority (NYPA) provides turnkey assistance to municipalities in connection with converting their street lighting assets to energy efficient LED lighting along with public safety, environmental, transportation and connectivity enhancements, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board by Resolution 2023-262 approved the project agreement with *New York Power Authority (NYPA)* for a project cost not to exceed \$7.6 million and authorized the Supervisor to execute an agreement in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to amend the project agreement to authorize the installation of 450 additional streetlights in various locations within the Town to enhance pedestrian and vehicular safety which requires an increase to the project cost of \$1.2 million bringing the total project cost to \$8,734,420.48 as set out in the attachment to this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby amends the project agreement with *NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY (NYPA)* and authorizes the installation of 450 additional streetlights in various locations within the Town increasing the project cost of \$1.2 million bringing the total project cost to \$8,734,420.48, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to finalize the amended project agreement with NYPA for a project cost not to exceed \$8,734,420.48 and execute and agreement 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

Authorizing Entering Into a Lease Purchase Agreement in Connection with the Purchase of Equipment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-73

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo, Rockland County, New York is in need of equipment and has evaluated financing alternatives and determined that a lease purchase agreement is the least expensive and is therefore in the best interests of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo, Rockland County, New York as follows:

Section 1. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a lease purchase agreement and any other documents required in connection with the financing of the purchase of equipment at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,455,471, to be financed and payable over a period of not to exceed five years.

Section 2. The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

Personnel:

Appointment of Police Officers

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-74

WHEREAS, there are vacancies in the position of Police Officer within the Town of Ramapo Police Department, and

WHEREAS, Police Chief, Martin Reilly, has made the following recommendations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby appoint the following nominees from Civil Service List #67540 to the position of probationary POLICE OFFICER - GRADE 5, effective January 29, 2024. According to the current PBA contract, the annual salary is \$56,923 for Non-Certified Officers and \$60,775 for Certified Officers.

JOSEPH WASSNER - Certified
JAKE TAMBURRO - Non-Certified
KEVIN LEONARD - Certified

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 3120AB.3100

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

General Matters:

Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement: PBA

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-75

WHEREAS, the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Ramapo and the Ramapo Police Benevolent Association expired on December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Town and the Ramapo Police Benevolent Association wish to extend the above agreement pursuant to the terms of a Memorandum of Agreement, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby approves a COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT between the Town of Ramapo and the Ramapo Police Benevolent Association for the period retroactive from January 1, 2023, and expiring on December 31, 2027, subject to the terms set forth in the agreement on file in the Town Clerk’s Office.

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

Adjournment:

Adjournment

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-76

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Regular Meeting of the Ramapo Town Board held this evening, January 10, 2024, be hereby **adjourned at 8:00 P.M.**

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