

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD HELD ON
JANUARY 25, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Ramapo convened in on Wednesday, January 25, 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 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	Absent	
Alyssa Slater	First Assistant Town Attorney	Present	
Maureen Pehush	Deputy Town Clerk	Present	

Promotion Ceremony

SUPERVISOR SPECHT welcomed family, friends, police officers, and residents to this evenings Town Board meeting. The Supervisor acknowledge Patrick Withers, former Town Councilman, and former NYPD officer.

CHIEF MARTIN REILLY called in the **RAMAPO POLICE HONOR GUARD** to present the colors. The **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by officer Sean Baird’s children followed by a Moment of Silence in memory of police officers, first responders, and members of the US Military who have sacrificed their lives for their community and our nation. **SGT. MICHAEL ANTON** retired our Nation’s colors.

The Meeting was turned back over to the Supervisor and the Town Board for a vote on the promotion of Officer Baird to Sergeant.

Police Matters

Promotion of Police Officer to Sergeant

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-71

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Police Sergeant within the Town of Ramapo Police Department, and

WHEREAS, Ramapo Police Chief, Martin Reilly, 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 **SEAN BAIRD** to the position of **POLICE SERGEANT** from Promotional Civil Service List #21034, effective January 26, 2023, at an annual base salary of \$166,149, plus longevity, in accordance with the PBA contract.

(SOURCE OF FUNDS: OPERATING BUDGET 3120AB.3100)

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

Promotional Ceremony

CHIEF REILLY congratulated Sgt. Baird on his promotion, and acknowledged the Sergeant’s wife and children, his parents, siblings, and mother-in-law, all who were in attendance this evening.

SUPERVISOR SPECHT, on behalf of the Ramapo Town Board, stated the Board was proud of the Ramapo Police Department and thanked them for protecting the residents of the Town and those who visit. The Supervisor congratulated Sgt. Baird and stated the Ramapo Police Department was the finest in the United States and pledged the Boards commitment to make available the best training and equipment possible for the Department.

CHIEF REILLY thanked the Supervisor and all in attendance this evening. The Chief thanked Supervisor Specht, Deputy Supervisor Charles, Councilman Rossman, Councilman Wanounou, Councilman Weissmandl and Chief of Staff Mona Montal for their continued support of his Department and the goals that they have set forth. Chief Reilly also thanked his Department and the Officers in attendance this evening for their commitment and service to the Town of Ramapo.

INTRODUCTION

Chief Reilly introduced **SGT. SEAN BAIRD** and spoke on the highlights of the Sergeant’s career. Sgt. Baird was born and raised in the Town of Ramapo, attended Suffern Highschool, and went on to graduate from Salisbury University. After graduating the Rockland County Police Academy in 2009, he began his law enforcement career with the Sheriff’s Department, served as Sergeant with the Town of Wallkill PD, and came to the Ramapo Police Department in 2017, serving on various details within the Department. The Chief praised the Sergeant for his excellent work as a Police Office and stated he was looking forward to seeing what he accomplishes as a Sergeant. Chief Reilly’s advised Sgt. Baird and all police supervisors to be flexible, be compassionate, and set high standards for themselves and their officers, coaching them to be the best they can be.

OATH OF OFFICE

SGT. BAIRD was invited to the stage to be presented his new rank and shield. The Sgt’s wife, with their children by his side, pinned the Sergeant Shield on her newly promoted husband’s uniform. Deputy Town Clerk Maureen Pehush administered the **OATH OF OFFICE**.

The **TOWN BOARD** extended their congratulations to Sgt. Baird.

Recess

A two (2) minute recess followed this evening's promotional ceremony.

Public Participation:

No one wished to address the Town Board this evening.

Close Open Period For Public Participation

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-72

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Open Period for Public Participation held this evening, January 25, 2023, be hereby **closed at 7:21 P.M.**

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

Presentation: Oksana Hauser In Support for Ukraine

OKSANA HAUSER, a citizen of Ukraine residing in the U.S., addressed the Town Board on the perils of the Ukrainian people during their time of war. She spoke on the tremendous help from the Town of Ramapo and throughout Rockland County in support of her donation drive. Over 75 lbs was shipped to the Ukraine consisting of first aide, clothing and food. Ms. Hauser presented the Supervisor and the Town Board with thank you letters, a plaque and framed artwork. The **SUPERVISOR** thanked Ms. Hauser for her efforts and said the Town was fortunate to help and is committed to do more as Ukrainians are valiantly defending their homeland. **DEPUTY SUPERVISOR CHARLES** thanked Ms. Hauser for her courage and hard work as she endeavors to help the people of her homeland. The Deputy Supervisor reminded Ms. Hauser that Ramapo is her home as well and stated the “war needs to stop.”

A pray vigil will be held February 26, 2023 as a reminder the war is still continuing, less people forget.

Public Hearing:

Public Hearing: Establishing Filming Rights & Requirements in the Town

A Public Hearing was held this evening, January 25, 2023, to solicit public comment on the **INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING FILMING RIGHTS & REQUIREMENTS IN THE TOWN OF RAMAPO**. First Assistant Town Attorney **ALYSSA SLATER** introduced the following exhibits and stated all requirements were met to open the Hearing:

- 1. Public Hearing Notice
- 2. Affidavit of Posting by the Town Clerk
- 3. Affidavit of Publication by the Journal News

Ms. Slater summarized the proposed law and discussed the need thereof.

No one wished to address the Town Board this evening.

Close Public Hearing: Introductory Local Law Establishing Filming Rights &
Requirements in the Town of Ramapo

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-73

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Public Hearing held this evening, January 25, 2023, to solicit public comment on the **INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING FILMING RIGHTS & REQUIREMENTS IN THE TOWN OF RAMAPO** be hereby **closed at 7:30 P.M.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Introductory Local Law will be placed on the February 8, 2023 Town Board Agenda.

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

Public Hearing: To Amend Chapter 37, Article VI of the Town Code Regarding Police Residency

A Public Hearing was held this evening, January 25, 2023, to solicit public comment on the **PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 37, ARTICLE VI OF THE TOWN CODE REGARDING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR POLICE OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY THE TOWN OF RAMAPO**. First Assistant Town Attorney **ALYSSA SLATER** introduced the following exhibits and stated all requirements were met to open the Hearing:

- 1. Public Hearing Notice
- 2. Affidavit of Posting by the Town Clerk
- 3. Affidavit of Publication by the Journal News

SUPERVISOR SPECHT summarized the proposed law and its amendments and discussed the need to not limit the pool of candidates to give the Town the ability to choose the best candidates. **CHIEF REILLY** stated a newly hired Officer must be a Town of Ramapo resident at the time they take their oath of office.

CHIEF OF STAFF MONA MONTAL thanked Rockland County Department of Personnel for their support of the Town’s needs with personnel matters.

No one wished to address the Town Board this evening.

Close Public Hearing: Proposed Revisions to Article VI of Chapter 37 of the Town Code: Police Residency

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-74

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Public Hearing held this evening, January 25, 2023, to solicit public comment on the **PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 37, ARTICLE VI OF THE TOWN CODE REGARDING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR POLICE OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY THE TOWN OF RAMAPO** be hereby **closed at 7:35 P.M.**

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

Local Law to Amend Chapter 37, Article VI of the Town Code Regarding Police Residency

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-75

WHEREAS, upon notice duly published and posted, a public hearing was held on January 25, 2023, on a Proposed Local Law to Amend Chapter 37, Article VI of the Town Code Regarding Residency Requirements for Police Officers Employed by the Town of Ramapo, and **WHEREAS**, public discussion was heard at such hearing concerning the merits of the proposed revisions

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 37, ARTICLE VI OF THE TOWN CODE REGARDING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR POLICE OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY THE TOWN OF RAMAPO** be and hereby is adopted as **Local Law No.1 of 2023** of the Town of Ramapo on January 25, 2023.

On the motion of Councilperson Charles, seconded by Councilperson Rossman, the foregoing resolution was adopted on a roll call vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, with 1 Absent.

Dated: January 25, 2023

**TOWN OF RAMAPO
A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND
CHAPTER 37, ARTICLE VI OF
THE TOWN CODE**

Be It Enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo:
**Article VI
Police Officers**

§ 37-15 Statutory authority; legislative intent.
This article is adopted pursuant to the provisions of § 10(1)(ii)(a)(1) of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, which grants to local governments the authority to enact local laws regarding the qualifications of local officers which are not inconsistent with general state statutes. Furthermore, this article recognizes that the New York State Legislature amended Public Officers Law at § 3 exempting certain local officers from a residency requirement therefore rendering said section of the Public Officers Law to be a special rather than general law. Therefore, this article properly sets forth residency requirements for police officers in the Town of Ramapo. Nothing herein shall abrogate the requirements of New York State Civil Service Law concerning the other qualifications necessary to be employed as a police officer. Further, this article shall supersede § 3 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York and, to the extent required, § 23 of the Town Law of the State of New York in their application to the Town of Ramapo for the position of a Town of Ramapo police officer.

§ 37-16 Residency requirement.
The person or persons holding the position of a Town of Ramapo police officer must, from the time of the initial administration of the oath of office as a police officer in the Town of Ramapo remain a Town of Ramapo resident at all times for at least two years after taking said initial oath of office as a Town of Ramapo police officer. The terms "resident" as used in this section shall have the same meaning as "residence" as defined under New York State Election Law § 1-104(22). Nothing herein shall apply to any newly hired police officers for the Town of Ramapo as a result of any merger or disbandment of any police department within the County of Rockland, New York.

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

Acceptance of Minutes:

Re-Organizational Meeting of January 11, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-76

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the following Minutes of the Ramapo Town Board be here by accepted, adopted, and recorded in the Minute Book:
JANUARY 11, 2023 - RE-ORGANIZATIONAL

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

Regular Meeting of January 11, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-77

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

JANUARY 11, 2023 - REGULAR

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

Town Attorney:

Local Law: First Time Home Buyer Property Tax Exemption

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-78

CORRECTED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, an introductory Local Law, entitled “First-Time Homebuyers Property Tax Exemption” was introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo on November 9, 2022, and upon notice duly published and posted, a public hearing was held on January 11, 2023, before the Town Board, and written comments were accepted through January 18, 2023, and

WHEREAS, public discussion was heard at such hearing concerning the merits and environmental significance of said introductory local law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the adoption of the introductory Local Law entitled “First-Time Homebuyers Property Tax Exemption” is a SEQR Type II action and is hereby determined not to have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the introductory LOCAL LAW ENTITLED “FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION” of the Town of Ramapo be and hereby is adopted as Local Law No. 2 of 2023 of the Town of Ramapo on January 25, 2023.

On the motion of Councilperson Charles, seconded by Councilperson Rossman, the foregoing resolution was adopted on a roll call vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, with 1 Absent

Dated: January 25, 2023

TOWN OF RAMAPO
INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW
FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo, County of Rockland, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 253, titled “Taxation,” of the Code of the Town of Ramapo is amended by adding a new Article designated as Article XVII and titled “First-Time Homebuyers Property Tax Exemption,” to read as follows:

§253-56. Legislative intent. State Real Property Tax Law §457 authorizes a municipality to adopt a local law to provide a partial real property tax exemption for eligible first-time homebuyers. The intent of this local law is to allow such property tax exemption upon application made by a qualifying first-time homebuyer in accordance with Real Property Tax Law §457.

§253-57. Exemption **Authorized**. If an applicant qualifies for this property tax exemption, such exemption **is hereby authorized in accordance with Real Property Tax Law §457 and this local law**, shall be limited to five (5) years and shall be computed in accordance with the following table:

<u>Year of Exemption</u>	<u>Percentage Assessed Valuation Exempt From Tax</u>
1	50
2	40
3	30
4	20
5	10
6 or more	0

§253-58. Increase in purchase price limits. The purchase price limits provided in Real Property Tax Law §457 shall be increased by twenty-five percent (25%).

§253-59. Application requires certificate of occupancy. An application for this property tax exemption must include the certificate of occupancy for the construction for which the exemption is sought.

Section 2. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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

Local Law: Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters & Volunteer Ambulance Workers

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-79

WHEREAS, an introductory Local Law, entitled “Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Service Workers” was introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo on December 28, 2022, and upon notice duly published and posted, a public hearing was held on January 11, 2023, before the Town Board, and written comments were accepted through January 18, 2023, and

WHEREAS, public discussion was heard at such hearing concerning the merits and environmental significance of said introductory local law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the adoption of the introductory Local Law entitled “Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Service Workers” is a SEQR Type II action and is hereby determined not to have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the introductory Local Law entitled “Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Service Workers” of the Town of Ramapo be and hereby is adopted as **Local Law No. 3 of 2023** of the Town of Ramapo on January 25, 2023.

On the motion of Councilperson Rossman, seconded by Councilperson Charles, the foregoing resolution was adopted on a roll call vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, with 1 Absent.

Dated: January 25, 2023

**REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE
WORKERS**

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo, County of Rockland, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1. Article X, titled “Tax Exemption for Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Companies,” of Chapter 253, titled “Taxation” of the Code of the Town of Ramapo is repealed and a new Article X, titled “Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Service Workers,” is adopted to read as follows:

§253-36. Legislative intent. The state Real Property Tax Law has been amended by adding a new §466-a regarding a partial real property tax exemption for the primary residence owned by a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker. The intent of this local law is to continue and expand the partial real property tax exemption currently offered by the Town consistent with the terms of the newly amended statute.

§253-37. Grant of exemption. Residential real property owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, volunteer fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service shall be exempt from taxation and assessments levied by the Town to the extent of ten percent (10%) of the assessed value of such property, exclusive of special assessments, subject to the requirements set forth in this Article.

§253-38. Eligibility. Such exemption shall not be granted unless:

- A. The applicant resides in the Town or Village which is served by such incorporated volunteer fire company, volunteer fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service;
- B. the property is the primary residence of the applicant;
- C. the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided, however, that if any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant’s residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this Article; and
- D. the applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service as an enrolled member who has served such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service for at least two years. The applicant must submit such certification together with the tax exemption application.

§253-39. Grant of lifetime exemption. Any enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who accrues more than 20 years of active service, and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, shall be granted the ten percent (10%) exemption authorized by this Article for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within Rockland County.

§253-40. Un-remarried spouses of volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers killed in the line of duty. The property tax exemption authorized by this Article and granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service shall, upon application, be continued to such deceased enrolled member’s un-remarried spouse if such member is killed in the line of duty, provided that:

- A. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of such enrolled member who was killed in the line of duty;
- B. such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least five (5) years; and
- C. such deceased volunteer had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death.

§253-41. Un-remarried spouses of deceased volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers. The property tax exemption authorized by this Article and granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service shall, upon application, be continued to such deceased enrolled member’s un- remarried spouse, provided that:

- A. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of such enrolled member;
- B. such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least twenty (20) years; and
- C. such deceased volunteer and un-remarried spouse had been receiving the exemption for such property prior to the death of such volunteer.

§253-42. Application. Application for such exemption shall be filed with the Assessor on or before the taxable status date of each year on a form as prescribed by New York State.

§253-43. No diminution of benefits. No applicant who is a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker who by reason of such status is receiving any benefit under the provisions of Article 4 of the state Real Property Tax Law on the effective date of this local law shall suffer any diminution of such benefit because of the provisions of this Article.

Section 2. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State

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

Referral of PUD Application to CDRC: Millers Pond

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-80

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo has received a petition from Mount Ivy LLC and Lindifrim (Pomona) LP (petitioner or contract vendee or authorized representative) for the rezoning of specific parcels of land for a planned mixed-use muti-family development composing of 637 residential units (of mixed types) and approximately 103,000 square feet of non-residential, mixed-use commercial space, and

WHEREAS, the project site consists of 143.6 acres located within the Town of Ramapo which encompasses tax parcels, 33.13-2-6, 33.09-2-31 and 33.09-2-37, and

WHEREAS, to construct the proposed development, Petitioner requests the rezoning of 33.13-2-6, 33.09-2-31 and 33.09-2-37 from a RR-80 zone to a Planned Unit Development zoning district “PUD”, and

WHEREAS, the site and proposed project previously underwent a comprehensive environmental review with the completion of an environmental impact statement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board refers the Petition from *MOUNT IVY LLC and LINDIFRIM (POMONA) LP* to the Town of Ramapo **Community Design Review Committee (CDRC)** for the purposes of the Town Board obtaining feedback from the Town staff and consulting professionals, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon receipt of the CDRC Report and associated reviews for Town staff and consulting professionals, the Town Board will then commence with the review of the Petitioner’s request.

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

Settlement of Tax Certiorari: Congregation Ateres Yisroel

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-81

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

CONGREGATION ATERES YISROEL

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Section/Lot</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Corrected Assessment</u>
2017/18	49.06-1-2.2	\$124,400.00	\$124,400.00 *
2018/19	49.06-1-2.2	\$124,400.00	\$124,400.00 *, and

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 refunds can only be made when the Petitioner is current on all tax liability.

*Property shall be 100% exempt

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

Acceptance of Proposal: Outside Counsel - Sokoloff Stern LLP

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-82

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo requires the services of a law firm to serve as outside counsel for genera legal matters, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office is in receipt of a proposal from Sokoloff Stern LLP, dated January 18, 2023, to serve as outside counsel, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office has reviewed the above 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 ***SOKOLOFF STERN LLP*** to serve as outside counsel, at the following hourly rates:

Partners:	\$250
Associates:	\$225
Paralegal:	\$110

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a letter agreement with Sokoloff Stern LLP 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, Wanounou
ABSENT:	Weissmandl

Personnel:

Nominate Police Officers

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-83

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

WHEREAS, Ramapo 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 nominate the following candidates from Civil Service List #21033 (OC) as Police Officer:

VINCENT CLIFFORD
ERICA SILHAN
KATE LENIHAN
WILLIAM SEYMOUR
VINCENT GISONNO
RICHARD ACCARDI
JAMES KELLY
ERIC TURSI

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

Reinstatement of Part-Time Police Radio Dispatcher (CAD)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-84

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Part-Time Police Radio Dispatcher (CAD) within the Town of Ramapo Police Department, and

WHEREAS, Chief of Police Martin Reilly has made the following recommendation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby reinstate THOMAS R. STEVENS JR. as Police Radio Dispatcher (CAD) on a Part-Time basis effective January 26, 2023, at a pay rate of \$49.18 per hour, in accordance with the current CSEA contract.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 3125AB.3100

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

Accept Resignation - Police Radio Dispatcher (CAD)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-85

WHEREAS, Douglas DiBlasi, has submitted a letter of resignation from his position as Police Radio Dispatcher (CAD) in the Town of Ramapo Police Department, effective January 5, 2023,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the resignation, as submitted by DOUGLAS DIBLASI, is hereby accepted.

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

Appoint Principal Registry Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-86

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Principal Registry Clerk within the Town of Ramapo Town Clerk's Office, and

WHEREAS, Sara Oshervitz, Town Clerk, 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 SANDRA HOWELLS, as provisional PRINCIPAL REGISTRY CLERK, effective January 30, 2023, at the annual salary of \$97,431, in accordance with the current CSEA contract.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1410A.3100

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

Abolish Position: Assistant Street Construction Inspector

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-87

WHEREAS, there currently exists in the Town of Ramapo the position of Assistant Street Construction Inspector, and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor has recommended that said position be abolished as part of a re-organization,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board hereby abolishes the position of ASSISTANT STREET CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR, effective February 1, 2023, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sharon Hendler, Personnel Administrator, is directed to notify the Rockland County Department of Personnel of afore mentioned position abolishment.

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

Purchasing;

Acceptance of Bid: Purchase of Police Uniforms and Supplies

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-88

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department of the Town of Ramapo has solicited bids for Purchase of Police Uniforms and Accessories, and

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Ramapo and opened on January 11th , 2023, in accordance with the provisions of the law, and

WHEREAS, Chief Martin Reilly, and Mona Montal, Director of Purchasing, recommend the acceptance of the bid submitted by Harriman Army-Navy, Inc.,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the lowest responsible bid submitted by *HARRIMAN ARMY-NAVY, INC.*, 186 Route 17M, Harriman, New York, 10926,

Be hereby approved and accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with Harriman Army-Navy, Inc., in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS 3120AB/3412

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

General Matters:

Amendment of Resolution No. 2023-69: Update Schedule of Fees: Flex Overlay Planned Unit Development Application Fees

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-89

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution No 2023-69 updated the Standard Schedule of Fees to include Flex-Overlay Planned Unit Development (PUD) application fees, and

WHEREAS, the Resolution contained an error in the Residential calculations, 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 Resolution No. *2023-69 be hereby AMENDED* to read as follows:

“ WHEREAS, the Town has established the Flex-Overlay Planned Unit Development zoning option (PUDs), which are development proposals authorized under Section 376-24 of the Town of Ramapo Zoning Code, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has prepared and made available an application package for said use, and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to enact specific fees for the PUD application which are independent from the subdivision, special use, site development plan or CDRC applications

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby update the **STANDARD SCHEDULE OF FEES** to include PUD application fees to be calculated as follows:”

Residential	\$350 + \$150/Unit
Commercial	\$350 + \$0.15/sf of building area

	Mixed Use	Utilize the above combination
RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]	
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman	
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou	
ABSENT:	Weissmandl	

Authorization for 2 Officers to attend Bosch Crash Data Retrieval Course

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-90

WHEREAS, Chief Martin Reilly has requested authorization for Sgt. Sean Baird and PO William O'Connor to attend the Bosch Crash Data Retrieval Course to be held on February 7th, 8th, and 9th, 2023, at the Westchester Police Academy, and

WHEREAS, attendance at said Course call for a training fee of \$350.00 per officer

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that authorization is hereby granted for **SGT. SEAN BAIRD AND PO WILLIAM O'CONNOR** to attend the *Bosch Crash Data Retrieval Course* to be held on February 7th, 8th and 9th, 2023, at the Westchester Police Academy, **at a cost not to exceed \$700.00**, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said expenses incurred by the above are to be considered a proper municipal charge under Town Law, Section 116(12) and General Municipal Law, Section 77b.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 3120AB.3465-Schools, Travel, Seminars

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

Authorization for 2 Officers to attend the NYSP Sex Crimes Seminar

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-91

WHEREAS, Chief Martin Reilly has requested authorization for Det. Daniel Santa and Det. Marc Lieman to attend the NYSP Sex Crimes Training Seminar to be held at the NYS Police Academy in Albany, New York, March 8th - 9th, 2023, and

WHEREAS, attendance for two (2) POs at said Seminar call for the following costs: hotel accommodations \$238.00, Fuel \$100.00 and per diem meal reimbursement \$345.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that authorization is hereby granted for **DET. DANIEL SANTA AND DET. MARC LIEMAN** to attend the *NYSP Sex Crimes Training Seminar* to be held at the NYS Police Academy in Albany, New York, March 8th - 9th, 2023, **at a cost not to exceed \$800.00**, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said expenses incurred by the above are to be considered a proper municipal charge under Town Law, Section 116(12) and General Municipal Law, Section 77b.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 3120AB.3465-Schools, Travel, Seminars

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

New Business:

Waiver of Rules of Order: 24hr. Rule

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-92

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, Wanounou
ABSENT:	Weissmandl

Appoint Planning Board Member

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-93

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the Planning Board

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby appoints **ABRAHAM CIMENT** of Monsey, NY, as a Planning Board Member, to fill the unexpired term of Yaakov Rosenberg, said term to expire December 31,2025.

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

Supervisor's Announcement:

SUPERVISOR SPECHT announced his decision to close the Saddle River Pool in the Town’s best interest. The Supervisor stated that last season 96% of attendees were non-residents. He further noted the pool is in need or expensive repairs, area residents’ complaints, and trouble securing staffing. The Town’s Park Committee is tasked with exploring better uses of the facility that would be more beneficial to the Town.

Adjournment:

Adjournment

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-94

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Regular Meeting of the Ramapo Town Board held this evening, January 25, 2023, be hereby **adjourned at 8:00 P.M.**

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