

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD HELD ON
FEBRUARY 23, 2022

The Town Board of the Town of Ramapo convened in on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 in the Edwin Wallace Auditorium of Ramapo Town Hall, 237 Route 59, Suffern, New York 10901.

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

Call to Order

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

Comprehensive Plan Update

Supervisor Michael B. Specht: Comprehensive Plan Update

" As you know, I have been providing all periodic updates on the status of our Town’s comprehensive planning process. We are now at a significant point in this process that I would like to share with you since my last report to you.

The Town Professional Team has provided to the Town Board what our Town Professionals believe is a FGEIS and related documents that are “complete” for purposes of public review and comment. While this has taken considerable time to do so, the necessary time expended was important to address all the prior public comments as well as review all other planning and other issues required by law.

If the Town Board votes tonight to determine all documents “complete” for such public review and comment, then the Town will immediately release all relevant documents to the public for public review and comment. I want to remind all that the Town Board voting tonight on the documents being “complete” for public review is NOT any approval of any substantive part of the relevant documents.

Should the Town Board vote to determine all documents complete for purposes of public review, I have asked our Town Professionals to advise when a Public Hearing can lawfully be conducted. I am advised by our Town Professionals while this Public Hearing could be held sooner, that March 15, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. is a time permitted by law that allows for all Town Board Members to be present to hear from the public. I would ask the Town Board to so consider that date.

Finally, after the Public Hearing is conducted there will be a time period for written comments and then the Town Board will be asked by our Town Professionals to consider voting on SEQRA Findings as well as all other actions permitted by law, including but not limited to approval of Local Laws and related Zoning Code provisions as the Town Board determines after hearing from all."

Public Participation:

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

Deborah Munitz - 5 Rose Hill Road, Montebello, NY - Re: 301 Pomona Road- requested her email be re-submitted; Re: public hearings: spoke on lack of workshop and need for real charrette process

Nana Koch - 45-47 S. Mountain Road, New City, NY - encouraged Board to act on request made by Deborah Munitz for reversal of 301 Pomona Road.

Close Open Period For Public Participation

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-110

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Open Period For Public Participation held this evening, February 23, 2022, be hereby **closed at 7:08 P.M.**

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

Public Hearing: Petition of Watchtower:

A Public Hearing was held this evening, February 23, 2022, via zoom, to solicit public comment on the **PETITION OF WATCHTOWER: DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN & ZONING AMENDMENTS**. **GEORGE LITHCO**, Town’s outside legal consultant, brought the public up-to-date on the progress of the application since the last Public Hearing held January 26, 2022, recapped all previous meetings, and advised comments are continuing to be received. Mr. Lithco recommended the Board adjourn tonight’s public hearing to a future date. **KEITH CADY**, representing the applicant, stated he was ready to answer questions.

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

Deborah Munitz - 5 Rose Hill Road, Montebello, NY - questioned if the Town was following the recommendation of the Comprehensive Plan re: wetlands; mixed use purposes? Stated this was the time to do a “wetland protection” law; believed 15% or more sloping should be addressed by DEC; change net lot guidelines from 25% to 15%.

Robert Trostle - 45-47S. Mountain Road, New City, NY - spoke on project’s lack of financial benefit to Town and questioned the contribution the project would make to the Town stating the size of the development and amount of revenue to Town is minute with the lack of taxes to be collected and stated the project size should be scaled down.

Nana Koch - 45-47 S. Mountain Road, New City, NY - spoke on tax implications: 645 units for 1200 residents and fitness facilities/wellness center, recommended division of lot for partial taxing; stated taxpayers should not have to support fire and ambulance corps.

Adjourn Public Hearing: Petition of Watchtower: Draft Comprehensive Plan & Zoning Amendments

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-111

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Public Hearing held this evening, February 23, 2022, via zoom, to solicit public comment on the PETITION OF WATCHTOWER: DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN & ZONING AMENDMENTS be hereby Adjourned to March 21, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at Ramapo Town Hall 237 Route 59, Suffern, NY 10901 and/or via zoom.

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

Set Public Hearing: Northeast Ramapo Development Plan:

NORTHEAST RAMAPO DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The Board’s professional consultants prepared a Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS) for the Board’s review, consideration., and acceptance. Town Attorney DENNIS LYNCH spoke on the FGEIS, stating it is complete and, although a public hearing on a FGEIS is not required, suggested setting a public hearing on the FGEIS, Comprehensive Plan Amendments and proposed Zoning Amendments for March 15, 2022.

JACKLYN HAKES, of MJ Engineering, noted one of the revisions to the proposed Zoning Amendments eliminated a proposed zoning map change of property along State Route 45 from the R-80 (Residential) zoning district to the NS (Neighborhood Shopping) zoning district. Ms. Hakes also addressed the new section to establish a “Flex-Overlay Planned Unit Development” Zone (FOPUD) noting minor changes in the bulk tables and advised this overlay allows applicants to make applications however they are subject to Town Board and Planning Board approvals

Acceptance of FGEIS on Northeast Ramapo Development Plan; Schedule Public Hearing on FGEIS Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Proposed Zoning Amendments

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-112

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo Town Board proposes to amend and update the 2004 Town of Ramapo Comprehensive Plan, as amended, by adopting the Northeast Ramapo Development Plan (“NRDP”) and updating the Comprehensive Plan with respect to Town-wide Existing Conditions (the “Comprehensive Plan Amendments”) in accordance with NY Town Law 272-a; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board proposes to amend the Town of Ramapo Zoning Law to include a new section to establish a “Flex-Overlay Planned Unit Development” Zone (FOPUD) and to establish and map a new zoning district titled the “Commercial Corridor (CC)” zoning district (the proposed “Zoning Amendments”); and

WHEREAS, for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR), the SEQR Action is as follows:

Name of Action:

Comprehensive Plan Amendment for the Northeast Ramapo Development Plan and Comprehensive Plan Update of Town-wide Existing Conditions and Code Amendments for Northeast Ramapo (the “Action”)

Location: Town of Ramapo, Rockland County, New York

Project Sponsor: Town of Ramapo Town Board

Lead Agency: Town of Ramapo Town Board

SEQR Status: Type 1

WHEREAS, the Town Board previously caused to be prepared and accepted for public review a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement regarding the Comprehensive Plan Amendments and proposed Zoning Amendments and held a public hearing on September 13, 2021, which hearing was then closed for oral comment and remained open for written comments until October 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board accepted and has considered the oral and written comments, including comments received after the end of the comment period; and

WHEREAS, the Board’s professional consultants prepared a Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS) for the Board’s review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Board regularly updated the public on the progress of preparation of the FGEIS; and

WHEREAS, during the preparation of the FGEIS, proposed revisions were made to the proposed Zoning Amendments; and

WHEREAS, one of the revisions to the proposed Zoning Amendments deletes a proposed zoning map change of property along State Route 45 from the R-80 (Residential) zoning district to the NS (Neighborhood Shopping) zoning district; and

WHEREAS, the Board, having reviewed and considered the FGEIS, now intends to accept the FGEIS and, although a public hearing on a FGEIS is not required, to schedule a public hearing on the FGEIS, Comprehensive Plan Amendments and proposed Zoning Amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo to accept the FGEIS dated February 2022 as complete, prepared with respect to this SEQR Action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing shall be held on the FGEIS, Comprehensive Plan Amendments and proposed Zoning Amendments at a *Special Town Board Meeting* on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 7:00 PM, via Zoom, a link to which will be later provided on the Town’s website. Further, written comments on the FGEIS, Comprehensive Plan Amendments and proposed Zoning Amendments may be submitted and accepted until March 18, 2022, until 4:00 PM., at the Town Hall or via email to clerk@ramapo.org <<mailto:clerk@ramapo.org>>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FGEIS, Comprehensive Plan Amendments and proposed Zoning Amendments shall be circulated to all involved and interested agencies, by email or mail as such agencies wish, and those documents shall be made publicly available at the following locations for public review: Town Clerk’s Office at 237 Route 59, Suffern, New York (by appointment only); the Finkelstein Memorial Library at 24 Chestnut Street, Spring Valley, New York; and the Town website at <<http://www.ramapo.org/>>.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FGEIS, Comprehensive Plan Amendments and proposed Zoning Amendments shall be referred to the Town Planning Board and Rockland County Planning Department for recommendation.

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

Acceptance of Minutes:

Regular Meeting of February 9, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-113

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:

FEBRUARY 9, 2022 - REGULAR

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

Town Attorney:

Settlement of Tax Certiorari: 14 Grove LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-114

14 GROVE LLC

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office and the Office of the Assessor have recommended that the following certiorari matter be settled:

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Section/Lot</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Corrected Assessment</u>
2020/21	56.11-2-67.2	\$237,100	\$196,793
2021/22	56.11-2-67.2	\$237,100	\$196,793
2020/21	56.11-2-67.1	\$173,300	\$150,771
2021/22	56.11-2-67.1	\$173,300	\$150,771, 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 be hereby authorized to settle the above matter, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that settlement is subject to approval by the East Ramapo 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, Wanounou
ABSENT:	Weissmandl

Settlement of Tax Certiorari: Jacob Lefkowitz and Gittel Lefkowitz

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-115

JACOB LEFKOWITZ AND GITTEL LEFKOWITZ

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office and the Office of the Assessor have recommended that the following certiorari matter be settled:

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Section/Lot</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Corrected Assessment</u>
2020/21	50.7-1-76.1-1	\$44,900	\$44,900
2021/22	50.7-1-76.1-1	\$44,900	\$44,900
2020/21	50.7-1-76.1-2	\$23,200	\$20,416
2021/22	50.7-1-76.1-2	\$23,200	\$20,416, 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 be hereby authorized to settle the above matter, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that settlement is subject to approval by the East Ramapo 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, Wanounou
ABSENT:	Weissmandl

Acceptance of Easement and Dedication: 489 West Central Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-116

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo Planning Board approved a subdivision entitled “489 West Central Avenue,” and

WHEREAS, said approval required the granting of the following easement and dedication to the Town:

- Shade Tree Easement,
- Road Widening Dedication

WHEREAS, MJ Engineering and the Town Attorney’s Office have reviewed the above easement and dedication and recommend their acceptance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the above easement and dedication, subject to recording.

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

Acceptance of Easement and Dedication: 77, 79, and 85 Hillside Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-117

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo Planning Board approved a subdivision entitled “Hillside Mikvah,” and

WHEREAS, said approval required the granting of the following easement and dedication to the Town:

- Drainage Easement;
- Road Widening Dedication, and

WHEREAS, MJ Engineering and the Town Attorney’s Office have reviewed the above easement and dedication and recommend their acceptance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the above easement and dedication, subject to recording.

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

Acceptance of Easement and Dedication: 6 Cucolo Lane**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-118**

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo Planning Board approved a site plan entitled, “6 Cucolo Lane,” and

WHEREAS, said approval required the granting of the following easement and dedication to the Town:

- Emergency Turn-around Easement;
- Road Widening Dedication, and

WHEREAS, MJ Engineering and the Town Attorney’s Office have reviewed the above easement and dedication and recommend their acceptance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the above easement and dedication, subject to recording.

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

Approval of Agreement: Appraisal Economics**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-119**

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office is in receipt of a proposal dated February 9, 2022, from Appraisal Economics, 140 E. Ridgewood Avenue, Suite 380N, Paramus, New Jersey 07652, for the preparation of an appraisal to determine fair market value of Good Samaritan Hospital located at 255 Lafayette Avenue, Suffern, New York, and

WHEREAS, Scott Shedler, Town Assessor, has recommended that said proposal be accepted,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the proposal of *APPRAISAL ECONOMICS* to prepare the above appraisal at a fee of \$12,000 with an additional fee for any testimony or review, if requested, and

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

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1420A.3452

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

Acceptance of Agreement: The Chazen Companies**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-120**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works is in receipt of a proposal dated August 5, 2021, from The Chazen Companies, 1 North Broadway, Suite 803, White Plains, New York, 10601, for engineering services regarding a proposed access improvement for the Town Hall complex, and

WHEREAS, Paul Gdanski, P.E., has recommended that said proposal be accepted, and

WHEREAS, Mona Montal, Director of Purchasing, concurs with the above recommendation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the proposal of ***THE CHAZEN COMPANIES*** for the above engineering services at a fee not to exceed \$155,500, and

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

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1490A.3452

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

Finance:

Amendment to 2022 Budget- Sneden Place DARE Donation

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-121

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo received a donation from Sneden Place towards the Town’s DARE program, and

WHEREAS, receipt of said funds is not reflected in the 2022 Town Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that John Lynch, Director of Finance, is hereby authorized to **amend the 2022 TOWN BUDGET** as follows:

- Increase Revenues AB.227053 (DARE donations) by \$13,412.71, and
- Increase Appropriations 3120AB.3414 (DARE supplies) by \$13,412.71,

to reflect receipt of the above donation for 2022.

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

Authorization for Retroactive Reimbursement: Medicare Part B

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-122

WHEREAS, employers participating in the New York State Health Insurance Plan (“NYSHIP”) are required to reimburse the cost of Medicare Part B for enrollees and dependents in accordance with Section 167-a of Civil Service Law, and

WHEREAS, the Town sends out an annual reimbursement of Medicare Part B costs to all retirees and their dependents who are Medicare primary in January of the following year, and

WHEREAS, retirees are notified about their eligibility for reimbursement, and are requested to submit their documentation to the Town to determine the amount of reimbursement each year, however in some cases, eligible retirees fail to notify the Town on a timely basis which often triggers a request for retroactive reimbursement, and

WHEREAS, based on guidelines followed by the Employee Benefit Division (EBD) of New York State (NYBEAS), Policy/Memo 82r2, when EBD becomes aware that an individual’s claims have been Medicare primary, reimbursement will begin on the most recent of the following events:

- Retirement Date
- Medicare Part B eligibility date

- First day of the month following the last primary claims payment by the Empire Plan or HMO; or
- Three years prior to the date that the retiree first makes a claim for reimbursement (in accordance with Section 8 of State Finance Law)

WHEREAS, John Lynch, Director of Finance requests that the Board authorize retroactive reimbursements, allowing a maximum of three years to the date that the retiree first makes a claim for reimbursement in line with the New York State guidelines

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby authorizes retroactive reimbursements of Medicare Part B costs to all retirees and their dependents who are Medicare primary, allowing a maximum of three years to the date that the retiree first makes a claim for reimbursement in line with the New York State guidelines.

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

Police Matters:

Authorization for 3 Police Officers to attend Sig Sauer Training - March 22, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-123

WHEREAS, Police Chief Martin Reilly has requested authorization for Detective Wayne Mitchell, PO Robert Navarro, and PO Michael Luba to attend Armorer Certification- Sig Sauer P365 Training to be held at the Orange County Police Academy, Middletown, New York on March 22, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the total cost for attendance is \$840.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that authorization be hereby granted for ***DETECTIVE WAYNE MITCHELL, PO ROBERT NAVARRO, and PO MICHAEL LUBA*** to attend Armorer Certification- Sig Sauer P365 Training to be held at the Orange County Police Academy, Middletown, New York on March 22, 2022, **at a cost of \$840.00**, which has been budgeted for in 2022, 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, Seminars and Travel

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

Authorization for 3 Police Officers to attend Sig Sauer Training - March 21, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-124

WHEREAS, Police Chief Martin Reilly has requested authorization for Sgt. Robert Bassett, Detective Robert McIntosh and P.O. Nicholas Vega to attend Armorer Certification- Sig Sauer P365 Training to be held at the Orange County Police Academy, Middletown, New York on March 21, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the total cost for attendance is \$840.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that permission be hereby granted for ***SGT. ROBERT BASSETT, DETECTIVE ROBERT MCINTOSH and P.O. NICHOLAS VEGA*** to attend Armorer Certification- Sig Sauer P365 Training to be held at the Orange County Police Academy, Middletown, New York on March 21, 2022, **at a cost of \$840.00**, which has been budgeted for in 2022, 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, Seminars and Travel

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

Authorization for 2 Police Officers to attend Community Resource Officer Training

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-125

WHEREAS, Police Chief Martin Reilly, has requested authorization for two Police Officers to attend the Community Resource Officer Training to be held at the Westchester County Police Academy, in Westchester, NY, April 4th through April 8, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the cost to attend said Training will be \$250.00 per officer

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that permission be hereby granted for ***TWO POLICE OFFICERS*** to attend the Community Resource Officer Training to be held at the Westchester County Police Academy, in Westchester, NY, April 4th through April 8, 2022, at a total cost not to exceed \$500.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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, Training and Seminars

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

Town Clerk:

Approval of Policy-Making Positions Who Must File A Financial Disclosure Statement For Tax Year 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-126

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo adopted an Ethics Local Law, Local Law No. 11 of 1988, as amended by Local Law Nos. 3 of 1991, 5 of 1995, 3 of 1996, 2 of 2012, 3 of 2015, 6 of 2018, and 4 of 2020, which requires the filing of a Financial Disclosure Statement by various Town officials and employees, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Law, the Town is required to adopt an annual list of those policy-making positions who must file an annual statement of financial disclosure,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the attached list of ***POLICY-MAKING POSITIONS WHO MUST FILE A FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR THE TAX YEAR 2021***, be hereby approved and adopted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the time to file a financial disclosure statement is May 15, 2022.

**POLICY-MAKING POSITIONS
WHO MUST FILE A FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

The Town Board of the Town of Ramapo hereby resolves that the policy-making individuals who must file an annual Statement of Financial Disclosure for the Tax Year 2021 are:

All local elected officials of the Town of Ramapo (except Judges or Justices of the Unified Court System).

All local political party officials who earn \$30,000 or more from political party committee funds.

All candidates for local elected offices who file petitions for nomination at the primary election or who receive the nomination of a party other than a primary election.

Local officers and employees who hold policy-making positions as annually determined by the Town Board. These officers and employees include:

1. Persons holding the following job titles:
 - a) Assessor
 - b) Building Inspector II
 - c) Chief of Police
 - d) Confidential Assistant to Supervisor
 - e) Constituent Services Assistants
 - f) Deputy Director of Public Works
 - g) Deputy Town Clerk
 - h) Director of Automated Systems
 - i) Director of Building & Grounds
 - j) Director of Finance
 - k) Director of Parks and Recreation
 - l) Director of Purchasing
 - m) Intergovernmental Relations Coordinators
 - n) Justice Court Clerk
 - o) Land Acquisition Agent
 - p) Personnel Administrator
 - q) Planning Assistant
 - r) Police Captains
 - s) Program Coordinator Challenger Center
 - t) Program Coordinator Emergency Preparedness
 - u) Receiver of Taxes
 - v) Safety Manager
 - w) Secretary to Planning Board
 - x) Secretary to Zoning Board
 - y) Town Clerk
2. All members of the legal professional staff of the Town Attorney's Office.
3.
 - a) All members of the Planning Board of the Town of Ramapo
 - b) All members of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Ramapo
 - c) All members of the Assessment Board of Review of the Town of Ramapo

4. Notwithstanding the above, this list shall not include any employee of the Town of Ramapo covered under the CSEA and PBA Bargaining Units.

The statements to be filed herein are required to be filed by May 15, 2022.

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

New Business:

Waiver of Rules of Order: 24hr. Rule

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-127

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:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
SECONDER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou
ABSENT:	Weissmandl

Change to Town Board Meeting Schedule

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-128

WHEREAS, the Town Board would like to make the following change to the Town Board Meeting Schedule:

CANCEL

Meeting Wednesday April 13, 2021 7:00 P.M.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Regular Town Board Meeting Schedule be hereby changed as stated above.

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

Purchasing:

Acceptance of Bid: School Bus or Equivalent

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-129

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department of the Town of Ramapo has solicited bids for Buses for Various One Day Trips, (School Bus or Equivalent), and

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Ramapo and opened February 16th , 2022, in accordance with the provisions of the law, and

WHEREAS, Michelle Antosca, Director of Parks and Recreation, recommends the acceptance of the sole responsible bid submitted by Chestnut Ridge Transportation, Inc., 56 West Church Street, Spring Valley, New York 10977, and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the sole responsible bid submitted by ***CHESTNUT RIDGE TRANSPORTATION, INC.***, for Various One Day Trips (School Bus or Equivalent), for

DESTINATION	FEE \$
1. Arthur Avenue	474.00
2. Bear Mountain	364.00
3. Colonial Inn, Tappan	300.00
4. Colonial Manor, Old Tappan	300.00
5. Elmsford Dinner Theater	452.00
6. Greenwood Lake	518.00
7. Helen Hayes Theater	300.00
8. Kruckers. Pomona	300.00
9. Liberty Science Center	505.00
10. Manor House, Blauvelt	300.00
11. Platzl Brauhaus	300.00
12. Rye Playland, Monday - Friday	514.00
Rye Playland, Saturday-Sunday	639.00
13. Bounce, Valley Cottage	300.00
14. NY Grand Prix, Mt. Kisco	458.00
15. Shea Stadium	586.00
16. Sportime USA	383.00
17. Statue of Liberty	505.00
18. West Point	447.00
19. Woodcliff Lake	300.00

20. Midtown NYC, 14 th - 56 th	499.00
21. Uptown NYC, 57 th -196 th	499.00
22. Downtown NYC, Seaport/Battery Pk. - 14 th	553.00
23. Yankee Stadium	499.00
24. Mountain Creek	824.00
25. Provident Bank Park	352.00
26. Highlands New York	630.00
27. Splashdown Water Park	869.00
28. The Castle, Chester, NY	412.00
29. Medieval Times	446.00
30. Powerhouse Studios	412.00
31. Brunswick Lanes	412.00
32. The Ice Vault, Wayne, NJ	412.00
33. Palisades Mall	300.00
34. Local Trips - 15 mile max radius	365.00
Three to thirteen buses on four (4) to eighteen (18) different days during the program to transport children to Spook Rock or Saddle River Pools	
	412.00

be hereby approved and accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to return the bid deposit of the successful bidder upon execution of a contract with the Town, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor be hereby authorized to sign an agreement with Chestnut Ridge Transportation, Inc., in a form approved by the Town Attorney's Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: VARIOUS OPERATING

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

Acceptance of Agreement: Fellenzer Engineering, LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-130

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works is in receipt of a proposal dated February 16, 2022, from Fellenzer Engineering LLP, 22 Mulberry Street, Suite 2A, Middletown, New York, 10940, for engineering services to replace pump control panels at multiple locations within the Town, and

WHEREAS, Michael Sadowski, P.E., Deputy Director of the Department of Public Works, has recommended that said proposal be accepted, and

WHEREAS, Mona Montal, Director of Purchasing, concurs with the above recommendation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the proposal of *FELLENZER ENGINEERING LLP* for the above engineering services at a fee not to exceed \$27,900, plus all reimbursable expenses and 10% overhead, and

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

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 8197H20.34460

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

General Matters:

Authorization for Joshua Hans to Travel to Atlantic City, NJ for a Conference

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-131

WHEREAS, Joshua Hans, Program Coordinator, Emergency Services, has requested authorization to attend the New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Association Conference in Atlantic City, NJ May 4th through May 5th, 2022, and

WHEREAS, cost for attendance and will not exceed \$500.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that permission be hereby granted for *JOSHUA HANS* to attend the New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Association Conference in Atlantic City, NJ March 4th-March 5, 2022., at a cost not to exceed \$500.00, which has been budgeted for in 2022, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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: 1989A.3465

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

Personnel:

Establish Office Services Aide Position - Assessor's Office

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-132

WHEREAS, the classification of an Office Services Aide position in the Assessor's Office within the Town of Ramapo has been recommended by the Town Assessor, Scott Shedler, and

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Personnel Office has classified the position of Office Services Aide,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board authorizes the establishment of a full-time position of OFFICE SERVICES AIDE in the Assessor's Office.

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

New Business:

Authorization to Commence Injunction Action: 5 Whisper Lane

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-133

WHEREAS, Ian Smith, Building Inspector for the Town of Ramapo, has advised the Town Board that the building located at 5 Whisper Lane, Suffern, NY is being occupied, notwithstanding that it is an unsafe structure and in violation of the 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, NY, against 5 WHISPER LANE LLC, owner of the above property to enjoin use of the above property in violation of the 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 B. Specht, Supervisor
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou
ABSENT:	Weissmandl

Superviosr's Comments;

SUPERVISOR SPECHT announced the Town of Ramapo has implemented CodeRED, a high-speed emergency mass notification service. This system will serve as the backbone of the Town's Office of Emergency Preparedness and Safety (OEP) communications outreach to both citizens and staff. CodeRed alerts may be sent out in a variety of emergency situations including severe weather warnings, evacuation notices, police activity, and fire emergencies, as well as non-emergency situations such as major road closings and water service outages. The Town has an initial database of residential and business telephone numbers; however, all residents living within the Town of Ramapo limits are encouraged to visit <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BFFE410C5FBD> to enroll their contact information. Residents may also get a link to enroll by texting "RAMAPO" to 99411. No one should automatically assume they are in the emergency contact database.

Adjournment:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-134

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Regular Meeting of the Ramapo Town Board held this evening, February 23, 2022, be hereby **adjourned at 8:10 P.M.**

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