

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD HELD ON
MARCH 22, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Ramapo convened in on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 in the Edwin Wallace Auditorium of Ramapo Town Hall, 237 Route 59, Suffern, New York 10901.

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

Call to Order

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

Public Participation:

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

Rachel Budek- 70 Dunnigan Drive, Suffern, NY - spoke on need for pedestrian safety on College Road and advised letter submitted a month ago

MONA MONTAL, Chief of Staff, advised letter was sent to Town’s engineer consultants to review

Jayne Malkin- 83 East Maple Avenue, Monsey, NY - Association of Visually Impaired advocate - stated pedestrian safety is not limited to just the visually impaired, offered to help the consultants and engineers

Close Open Period For Public Participation

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-172

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Open Period for Public Participation held this evening, March 22, 2023, be hereby **closed at 7:10 P.M.**

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

Public Hearing:

A Public Hearing was held this evening, March 22, 2023, to solicit public comment on an **INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS AND LICENSING OF TAXIS IN THE TOWN OF RAMAPO.**

TOWN ATTORNEY ALYSSA SLATER introduced the following exhibits into the record:

Exhibits:

1. Public Hearing Notice
2. Affidavit of Posting (Town Clerk)
3. Affidavit of Publication (Journal News)
4. Affidavit of Notification: Introductory Local Law

No one wished to address the Town Board this evening.

Close Public Hearing: Estblishing Regulations & Licensing of Taxis in the Town of Ramapo

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-173

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Public Hearing held this evening, March 22, 2023, to solicit public comment on an **INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS AND LICENSING OF TAXIS IN THE TOWN OF RAMAPO** be hereby **closed at 7: 20 P.M.**

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

Adopt Local Law: Establishing Regulations & Licensing of Taxis in the Town of Ramapo

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-174

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo on a **ROLL CALL VOTE** that the **PROPOSED INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW ENTITLED, TAXICABS AND VEHICLES FOR HIRE LICENSING LAW OF THE TOWN OF RAMAPO**, and which was the subject of a Public Hearing held this evening, March 22, 2023, 7:00 P.M., be hereby **adopted as advertised and shall be known as Local Law No. 5 of 2023.**

**TOWN OF RAMAPO
INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW
LOCAL LAW NO. 5-2023**

**TAXICABS AND VEHICLES FOR HIRE
LICENSING LAW OF THE TOWN OF RAMAPO**

Be It Enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo:

Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

A. This Chapter shall be known as the “Taxicabs and Vehicles for Hire Licensing Law of the Town of Ramapo.”

B. The Town Board of The Town of Ramapo hereby declares that the transportation of persons by motor vehicles available for hire in the Town of Ramapo is a vital service which must be licensed and regulated in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of individuals using such services.

C. The Town Board of the Town of Ramapo further finds that unregulated use of the streets of Ramapo by present and future taxicab operators contributes to traffic congestion in a manner not responsive to solution by the general application of the vehicle and traffic laws of the State of New York, and that the regulation of such use on behalf of Town by the Taxi and Limousine Commission is the most efficient mechanism of enforcement available.

D. The intent and intended scope of this Taxicabs and Vehicles for Hire Licensing Chapter is to:

- (1) Control and regulate the level of service of taxicabs picking up passengers in the Town of Ramapo.
- (2) Prohibit the pickup of passengers within the Town of Ramapo for destinations either within or without the town of Ramapo by taxicabs and other vehicles for hire not licensed to do business in the Town of Ramapo.

Section 2. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings indicated:

A. OPERATOR and/or OWNER -A person, firm, corporation or entity owning, controlling the use of or engaged in the business of operating one or more taxicabs for hire upon the streets of the town.

B. RATE CARD - A rigid white sheet of paper not less than 8 ½ inches by 11 inches, encased in a transparent wrapper to be securely affixed to the vehicle as to be clearly visible to passengers in the vehicle and clearly readable, containing information as required pursuant to this chapter.

C. TAXICAB- Any motor vehicle engaged in the business of carrying persons for hire, whether the same is operated from a street stand, a garage or otherwise operated for hire, except vehicles known as “jitneys”, “buses”, livery vehicles providing transportation to and from medical providers such as doctors, hospitals, clinics and other providers of medical services without charging a fee to those being transported or subject to the provisions of the Transportation Corporation Law or used by undertakers in carrying on their business. Notwithstanding anything above written, “taxicabs” shall include a livery vehicle or any vehicle for hire carrying passengers, unless specifically excluded under any provision of this chapter.

D. TAXICAB DRIVER’S LICENSE - A current, unexpired license granting permission by the Town of Ramapo to any person to drive a licensed taxicab or vehicle for hire upon the streets of the Town of Ramapo.

E. TAXICAB OPERATING LICENSE - A current, unexpired license granted by the Town of Ramapo to any person, firm, corporation or entity to operate or keep for hire any taxicab in the Town of Ramapo.

F. VEHICLE FOR HIRE-Any motor vehicle engaged in the business of carrying persons for hire, which does not operate from a street stand and is not available for hail, except vehicles known as “jitneys”, “buses”, livery vehicles providing transportation to and from medical providers such as doctors, hospitals, clinics and other providers of medical services without charging a fee to those being transported or those used by undertakers. A vehicle displaying a license plate designated by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles for use by vehicles for hire shall be presumed to be so engaged.

G. VEHICLE FOR HIRE OPERATING LICENSE - A current, unexpired license granted by the Town of Ramapo to any person, firm, corporation or entity to operate or keep a vehicle for hire in the Town of Ramapo.

H. TOWN - The Town of Ramapo

Section 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF TAXI & LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

A Taxi and Limousine Commission is hereby established. The Taxi and Limousine Commission shall consist of five persons, shall be appointed by the supervisor and shall serve a one-year term. The Taxi and Limousine Commission shall make recommendations regarding the rules, regulations, and policies for the operation of taxicabs, limousines and vehicles for hire in the Town of Ramapo. The Taxi and Limousine Commission shall review and approve all applications for operating licenses and driver’s licenses for all taxicabs and vehicles for hire. The Taxicab and Limousine Commission shall also hear and decide upon revocations and suspensions of operating licenses and driver’s licenses for all taxicabs and vehicles for hire.

Section 4. TAXICAB OR VEHICLE FOR HIRE OPERATING LICENSE REQUIRED

No taxicab or vehicle for hire may be kept for hire or pay nor pick up passengers for hire or pay within the Town of Ramapo, unless a taxicab or vehicle for hire operating license, together with an inspection certificate and sticker for the same, has been duly issued and is in full force and effect.

Section 5. TAXICAB OPERATING LICENSE FEES

The fee for each taxicab license and the fee for the annual renewal thereof shall be in accordance with the Standard Schedule of Fees of the Town of Ramapo.

Section 6. VEHICLE FOR HIRE OPERATING LICENSE FEES

The fee for each vehicle for hire licensed and the fee for the annual renewal thereof shall be in accordance with the Standard Schedule of Fees of the Town of Ramapo

Section 7. APPLICATION FOR TAXICAB OR VEHICLE FOR HIRE OPERATING LICENSE

An application for a taxicab or vehicle for hire operating license shall be made by the owner to the Town Clerk upon forms furnished by the Taxi and Limousine Commission. Said application shall contain the following information:

- A. The name, date of birth and residence of the person applying for the license.
- B. The type of motor vehicle to be licensed and the state license number.
- C. The location of the taxicab dispatch center or centers to be used by the operator during the license year, the name of the owner of such dispatch center, the name of the manager or other employees in charge of each such dispatch center and the telephone number of each such dispatch center.
- D. The experience of the applicant in the taxicab business.
- E. The financial status of the applicant, including the amounts of all unpaid judgments against the applicant and the nature or transaction of acts giving rise to said judgments.
- F. Prior arrests and convictions, including the nature of the offense, jurisdiction, date committed and sentence, if any.
- G. All accidents during prior 36 months involving property damage or personal injury, together with a full explanation of same.
- H. Convictions for moving violations within the last 36 months.
- I. Such other information as the Town Clerk, Taxi and Limousine Commission or Chief of Police may deem necessary for the safety and convenience of the public.

Section 8. PERSONS PROHIBITED FROM RECEIVING LICENSE; APPEALS; LICENSES NOT TRANSFERABLE

A. No taxicab or vehicle for hire operating license shall be issued to any person who has been convicted of a felony or any sex offense or who has been found not to be of good moral character. Any applicant refused a license by the Taxi and Limousine Commission may appeal to the town board, which may direct, after investigation, that a license shall be issued to operate a taxicab or vehicle for hire to a person who has been convicted of a felony, other than a sex offense, upon ample proof being submitted to the Town Board that the applicant has been a person of good moral character for a period of three years preceding the date of filing the application for a taxicab or vehicle for hire operating license.

B. Each taxicab and vehicle for hire operating license issued shall be personal to the licensee and shall not be transferred by the licensee.

Section 9. INSPECTION AND REINSPECTION OF VEHICLES: INSPECTION STICKERS

A. A taxicab or vehicle for hire exterior and interior shall be kept in a clean and good condition, and all parts of the taxicab and vehicle for hire shall be in good working order and safe condition as evidenced by the display of a duly issued and valid New York State inspection Certificate.

B. The taxicab or vehicle for hire shall be inspected as to its exterior and interior condition prior to issuance and renewal.

C. The taxicab or vehicle for hire shall have a valid New York State Inspection Sticker displayed in accordance with the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

D. The following items on each vehicle shall be inspected prior to the issuance of a license or renewal license:

- (1) Condition of paint on the vehicle.
- (2) Body of the vehicle, including rust conditions.
- (3) Lettering of said vehicle.
- (4) Interior lights.
- (5) Illuminated dome light which shall illuminate the word "taxi".
- (6) Cleanliness of windows and glass. Windows shall not have any tinting and shall be transparent.
- (7) any other items that the inspector shall deem necessary and proper.

E. The Taxi and Limousine Commission is authorized to establish such additional rules and regulations as are necessary to ensure the condition of fitness for operation and use of taxicabs and vehicles for hire and it shall establish the form of certificate to be issued therefor.

Section 10. ASSIGNMENT OF TAXICAB OPERATING LICENSE NUMBER

Upon the issuance of a taxicab operating license, the Taxi and Limousine Commission shall thereupon assign and designate a number for such licensed taxicab which shall be displayed on the exterior rear doors, as well as the upper quarter panel of the said taxicab, in numbers at least 6 inches in height and one inch in width in a color that contrasts with the background color of the taxicab, so that the same is legible at a distance of 50 feet during daylight hours. Said number shall also be displayed in the interior of said taxicab in numbers at least two inches in height, so that the same is visible to passengers in the front and rear of the taxicab. Such requirements as to display do not apply to vehicles for hire.

Section 11. IDENTIFICATION AND MARKING OF VEHICLES

All Taxicabs shall be clearly identified or marked on the exteriors as follows:

A. The name of the company, owner or operator and telephone number in three-inch minimum and six inch maximum lettering and an approved decal on each front door.

B. Identifying numerals four inches high on the center of the rear trunk deck so as to be legible from the rear.

Section 12. LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIRED

The Clerk shall not issue a taxicab or vehicle for hire operating license until the applicant provides a certificate of insurance, identifying the Town of Ramapo as the certificate holder, demonstrating that every vehicle which will be operated in the Town is insured in the amount of \$100,000.00 for bodily injury to any person, \$300,000.00 for injuries to more than one person which are sustained in the same accident and \$50,000.00 for property damages resulting from one accident, by an insurance company licensed to do business in the State of New York. The licensee shall also provide a certificate demonstrating that a policy of workers compensation is in full force and effect. The applicant must keep said policies of insurance in effect at all times, and the licensee shall provide a current certificate of insurance to the town clerk prior to the end of the policy period specified in the certificate of insurance. Said certificate of insurance shall provide for 20 days notice of cancellation to the town.

Section 13. DISPLAY OF DRIVER'S PHOTOGRAPH, RATE CARD AND RATES

A. Each taxicab shall display at all times a rate card which shall contain the name and address of the owner of the Taxicab and the number assigned to said taxicab. The rate card shall also contain the schedule of fares charged by the operator.

B. Each taxicab and vehicle for hire shall display at all times the driver's license of the driver of the taxicab or vehicle for hire or a current photo of the driver with the driver's full name.

C. The required card or cards shall be placed on the dashboard inside said taxicab or vehicle for hire and shall be illuminated after sundown so they are clearly readable from the rear seat by the passenger.

D. There shall be no additional charges for handling packages or baggage.

E. Each taxicab shall have displayed on the rear doors thereof the maximum fare rate currently being charged by operator.

Section 14. DURATION OF TAXICAB OR VEHICLE FOR HIRE OPERATING LICENSE

A taxicab or vehicle for hire operating license shall be issued for a one year period, unless sooner suspended or revoked.

Section 15. SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF TAXICAB OR VEHICLE FOR HIRE OPERATING LICENSE

A. A taxicab operating license or vehicle for hire operating license may be suspended by the Chief of Police or the Town Supervisor for good and proper reasons and in the interest of the Town until the next regular meeting of the Taxi and Limousine Commission, at which time the Taxi and Limousine Commission shall review and determine the question of revocation, suspension or reinstatement of the license.

B. A taxicab operating license or vehicle for hire operating license may be suspended or revoked by the Taxi and Limousine Commission after a hearing if it is found that the vehicle licensed as a taxicab or vehicle for hire has been used:

- (1) for an immoral or illegal purpose or business.
- (2) For a violation of any Town local law or resolution or any state or federal law.
- (3) If the owner has knowingly failed to provide safe transportation to any passenger using the taxicab or vehicle for hire.
- (4) Charging excessive fares.

Section 16. REGISTER OF LICENSED TAXICABS AND VEHICLES FOR HIRE

The Town Clerk shall keep a register of the name of each person owning or operating a taxicab or vehicle for hire licensed under this chapter, together with the license number and description, make and color marking of such vehicle. Such record, subject to limitations set forth in the Public Officers Law of the State of New York, shall be open to the public at all reasonable times.

Section 17. TAXICAB/VEHICLES FOR HIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED

No person shall drive, nor shall any person permit a taxicab or vehicle for hire to be driven on the streets in the Town of Ramapo unless driver thereof has been duly licensed and unless there is in full force and effect a Town of Ramapo driver's license to drive such a taxicab or vehicle for hire.

Section 18. FEE FOR TAXICAB DRIVER'S LICENSE/VEHICLES FOR HIRE

The fee for a taxicab and/or Vehicles for Hire drivers' license and renewal shall be in accordance with the Standard Schedule of Fees of the Town of Ramapo. No license fee shall be charged for owners of duly licensed taxicabs or vehicles for hire and for stockholders of corporations licensed to operate taxicabs and vehicles for hire in the Town unless they drive such motor vehicles.

Section 19. APPLICATION FOR TAXICAB DRIVER'S LICENSE

A. An Application for Town taxicab driver's license shall be made to the Town Clerk on forms designated by the Taxi and Limousine Commission. No license shall be issued or renewed unless it appears from said application and from any investigation that the applicant:

- (1) Has been issued and maintains a valid and current New York State Chauffeur's license.
- (2) Is of sound mind and body and of good health and eyesight and is not subject to any physical or emotional disability which might render him/her unfit for safe operation of the taxicab.
- (3) Is a person of good moral character.
- (4) Has not been convicted of a crime, misdemeanor or any moving traffic violation offense, which violation is indicative of unsafe driving.
- (5) Applicants shall provide a full face picture, passport size.
- (6) Applicants shall provide the Taxi and Limousine Commission with a certified copy of the applicant's driving abstract from the Department of Motor Vehicles dated within 60 days of the date of the application, and such other information and the payment of such other fees as the Taxi and Limousine Commission, Town Clerk or Chief of Police may deem necessary for the safety and convenience of the public, including but not limited to any forms or application authorizing a background screening of the applicant.

B. Any person denied a driver's license by the Taxi and Limousine Commission may appeal said determination to the Town Board within 30 days after receiving the notification thereof. The Town Board may grant a license if it finds that the applicant has met the standards of this chapter or that the provisions of this chapter should be waived because of undue hardship, and that the safety of the public will not be diminished thereby.

Section 20. CONTENTS AND ISSUANCE OF TAXICAB DRIVERS LICENSE; DURATION OF LICENSE

A. Upon satisfactory fulfillment of the requirements set forth in accordance with this chapter, there shall be issued to the applicant a Town taxicab driver's license which shall be in such form as to contain the signature of the licensee and the blank spaces for such additional information as the Taxi and Limousine Commission, Town Clerk or Chief of Police may require in the interest of public safety and convenience. Each license shall be stamped with the seal of the Town. All licenses shall be numbered in the order in which they are issued and shall contain the name and place of residence of the licensee and the date of issuance.

B. A town taxicab driver's license shall be valid for one year, unless sooner suspended or revoked.

Section 21. RECORD OF TAXICAB DRIVER'S LICENSE

A record of applications and Town taxicab drivers' licenses issued, and all renewals, suspensions and revocations thereof shall be kept on file at the Town Clerk's office.

Section 22. SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF TAXICAB DRIVER'S LICENSE

A. A taxicab driver's license may be suspended by the Town Supervisor, The Chief of Police, or any person so designated for good and proper reasons and in the interest of the Town until the next regular meeting of the Taxi and Limousine Commission, at which time the Taxi and Limousine Commission shall review and determine the question of revocation, suspension or reinstatement of the license.

B. A taxicab operating license or vehicle for hire operating license may be suspended or revoked by the Taxi and Limousine Commission or persons so designated after a hearing if it is found that the vehicle licensed as a taxicab or vehicle for hire has been used:

- (1) for an immoral or illegal purpose or business.
- (2) For a violation of any Town local law or resolution or any state or federal law.
- (3) If the owner has knowingly failed to provide safe transportation to any passenger using the taxicab or vehicle for hire.
- (4) Charging excessive fares.

Section 23. TAXICAB DRIVER'S LICENSE TO BE CARRIED

Any taxicab driver's license issued pursuant to this chapter shall be carried by the licensee at all times when such licensee is operating or in charge of any taxicab.

Section 24. TRANSFER OR ASSIGNMENT OF TAXICAB OPERATING LICENSE PROHIBITED

A license issued hereunder shall not be assignable or transferable to any other person. Any licensee who permits his license to be used by any other person and any person who uses such license granted or given to any other person shall be guilty of a violation of this chapter.

Section 25. REFUSAL TO PROVIDE SERVICES

No taxicab or vehicle for hire may refuse to provide service to any person, nor may the driver refuse to provide service to any person for transportation from the Town of Ramapo to any point within the County of Rockland. No person shall be required to pay for any trip in advance.

Section 26. TRIP RECORDS

A trip record shall be kept by each licensed taxicab driver showing the time dispatched, the destination, the time of arrival at the destination, the number of passengers and the total fare. Such trip record shall be submitted to the Taxi and Limousine Commission upon request.

Section 27. PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES; ENFORCEMENT

A. An appearance ticket shall be issued for a violation of any section of this chapter and shall be returnable before a Justice of the Town of Ramapo Justice Court.

B. Upon the conviction of any section of this chapter, the penalty shall not exceed \$500.00 for each section violated and suspension or revocation of the Town Taxicab's driver's license, taxicab operating license or vehicle for hire operating license.

Section 28. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Dated: March 22, 2023

SHARON M. OSHEROVITZ
Town Clerk
Town of Ramapo
237 Route 59
Suffern, New York 10901

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

Acceptance of Minutes:

Special Meeting of March 13, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-175

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:

MARCH 13, 2023- SPECIAL

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

Town Attorney:

Hold Harmless Agreement: 1 Briarcliff Drive Associates

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-176

WHEREAS, 1 Briarcliff Drive Associates is seeking certain approvals from the Town regarding property at 1 Briarcliff Drive, Monsey, New York, and

WHEREAS, as part of granting any such approval, the Town requires a Hold Harmless Agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office has no legal objection to a Hold Harmless agreement that is in acceptable form as approved by the Town Attorney’s Office,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a Hold Harmless Agreement with ***1 BRIARCLIFF DRIVE ASSOCIATES***, in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office, for parking in the right of way.

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

Settlement of Tax Certiorari: CMAM Enterprises LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-177

CMAM ENTERPRISES 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>
2019/20	56.09-2-17	\$105,000	\$78,750
2020/21	56.09-2-17	\$105,000	\$78,750
2021/22	56.09-2-17	\$105,000	\$78,750, 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 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:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
SECONDER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Settlement of Tax Certiorari: Congregation Bais Chesed of Monsey, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-178

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

CONGREGATION BAIS CHESED OF MONSEY, INC.

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Section/Lot</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Corrected Assessment</u>
2016/17	49.20-2-36.-3	\$71,900	\$71,900*, 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 66% exempt

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

Approval of Change Order No. 2: Waverly Place Sewer Rehabilitation Project: Morano Brothers

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-179

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2021-193, the Town Board entered into an agreement with Morano Brothers Corp., 2045 Albany Post Road, Croton on the Hudson, New York 10520, to perform planning, design, and construction of the Waverly Place Sewer Rehabilitation Project, at a total bid price of \$4,572,610.00, and
WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2023-113, the Town Board approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$499,473.00, and

WHEREAS, during construction it was discovered that sections of existing drainage pipe were incorrectly omitted from the survey and design drawings which were used as the basis of the bid proposals, and

WHEREAS, Morano Brothers submitted a change order proposal reflecting the additional costs associated with the installation for the design revisions as follows:

Change Order No. 2:

- Removal and reinstallation of 36” drainage pipe on Dover Terrace

Total Change Order: \$143,139.88, and

WHEREAS, GHD, the Town’s project manager, has reviewed said change order proposal and finds the changes to be justified and the proposed pricing reasonable, and recommends the acceptance of the Contractors’ proposal, and

WHEREAS, Michael Sadowski, P.E., Deputy Director of Public Works concurs with said recommendation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts **MORANO BROTHERS CORP. Change Order No. 2** in the amount of \$143,139.88, and the aggregate contract amount for the above services with respect to the Waverly Place Sewer Rehabilitation Project is hereby increased to \$5,215,222.88.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 8197H20.34460

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

Acceptance of Proposal: Civil Design Works LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-180

WHEREAS, the Town received a request from residents to extend the sanitary sewer system to include property in the Town District located in the Village of Wesley Hills, and

WHEREAS, a survey was commissioned and the Sewer Department subsequently dug test holes looking for depth in bedrock to assist in the future design, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works solicited proposals from three Engineering Companies, and

WHEREAS, Michael Sadowski, PE, Deputy Director of Public Works, recommends the acceptance of the proposal of the lowest responsible bidder: Civil Design Works LLC of New City, New York, in the amount of \$29,500, 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 the proposal submitted by **CIVIL DESIGN WORKS LLC** be hereby approved and accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Civil Design Works LLC 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, Weissmandl

Acceptance of Proposal: Sterling Environmental Engineering, PC – Post Closure Monitoring 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-181

WHEREAS, pursuant to the site management plan approved by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for the former Town landfill, the Town is required to perform post closure monitoring for the year 2023, and

WHEREAS, Michael Sadowski, Deputy Director of Public Works, is in receipt of a proposal from Sterling Environmental Engineering, PC, 24 Wade Road, Latham, New York 12210, dated August 30, 2022, to perform the post closure monitoring for the year 2023 at a cost of \$37,920.00, and

WHEREAS, Michael Sadowski and Mona Montal, Director of Purchasing, recommend acceptance of the above proposal,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the above proposal of *STERLING ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, PC* to perform post closure monitoring for the former Town landfill at a cost of **\$37,920.00**, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Sterling Environmental Engineering, PC in a form approved by the Town Attorney's Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 8160A.3483

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

Purchasing:

Acceptance of Bid: Fire and Sprinkler Maintenance

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-182

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department has solicited bids which were opened January 31, 2023, for Fire and Sprinkler Maintenance and Monitoring at the JTS Community Center,, JTS Grandstands, JTS Bubble and Cultural Arts Center, to provide services with respect to the fire alarm and sprinkler system , and

WHEREAS, Michelle Antosca, Director of Parks and Recreation, recommends the acceptance of the bid from **Davis Technologies Group, LLC, 67 North Main Street, New City, New York 10956**, for Fire and Sprinkler System Maintenance and Monitoring at the JTS Community Center and the Senior Citizens Community Center, 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 above bid of *DAVIES TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, LLC* with respect to servicing and monitoring the fire alarm and sprinkler system at the terms set forth, and

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

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 7150-3400 & 7190A/3400

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

Acceptance of Bid: Elaine Place Sidewalk Project

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-183

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department has solicited bids for Elaine Place Sidewalk Project for the installation of concrete curbs and sidewalks, and

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Ramapo and opened on March 9, 2023, in accordance with the law, and

WHEREAS, Michael Sadowski, Deputy Director of Public Works, has recommended that the lowest responsible bid submitted by A-Tech Concrete, 11 Taylor Road, Edison, New Jersey, 08817, for a total bid price of \$715,135.00 be accepted, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the bid as submitted by *A-TECH CONCRETE*, for a total bid price of **\$715,135.00**, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with A-Tech Concrete., in a form approved by the Town Attorney's Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 5110DB.3439
2021 Community Development Funds

RESULT:	ADOPTED [3 TO 1]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
NAYS:	Weissmandl
ABSTAIN:	Wanounou

Acceptance of Bid: Francis Place Sidewalk Project

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-184

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department has solicited bids for Francis Place Sidewalk Project for the installation of concrete curbs and sidewalks, and

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Ramapo and opened on March 9, 2023, in accordance with the law, and

WHEREAS, Michael Sadowski, Deputy Director of Public Works, has recommended that the lowest responsible bid submitted by A-Tech Concrete, 11 Taylor Road, Edison, New Jersey, 08817, for a total bid price of \$843,170.00 be accepted, and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the bid as submitted by *A-TECH CONCRETE*, for a total bid price of **\$843,170.00**, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with A-Tech Concrete., in a form approved by the Town Attorney's Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 5110DB.3439
2021 Community Development Funds

RESULT:	ADOPTED [3 TO 1]
MOVER:	Michael B. Specht, Supervisor
SECONDER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
NAYS:	Weissmandl
ABSTAIN:	Wanounou

Boards and Commissions:

Acceptance of Resignation: Board of Assessment Review Member

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-185

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2020-77, re- appointed Fred Sauberman to serve as a member of the Town of Ramapo Board of Assessment Review (BOAR), said term to expire September 30, 2024, and

WHEREAS, Fred Sauberman has submitted a letter of resignation from his position as a Member of the BOAR, effective immediately

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

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

General Matters:

Authorization to Apply For and Receive Funding: CDBG 2023 Program Year

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-186

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Office of Community Development administers the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), and will make funding available to eligible local governments for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, for the 2023 program year, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo Citizen's Advisory Committee for Community Development met on December 28, 2022, and January 3, 2023, and reviewed various projects, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on March 13, 2023, pursuant to section 570.486, subpart 1 of the CFR and in compliance with the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, with respect to the Town’s Community Development needs, priorities, and possible submission of one or more CDBG applications for the 2023 program year

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Town of Ramapo with the *ROCKLAND COUNTY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR CDBG FUNDS* with respect to the following project:

1) CARLTON ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT

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

Agreement with ESI Group Inc: Employee Assistance Program - Non-Police 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-187

WHEREAS, ESI Group Inc. (hereinafter, “ESI”) conducts an employee assistance program, (hereinafter “EAP,”) which provides professional and confidential assistance to help employees and their families resolve personal problems which may affect their home life, their health, and possibly their employment, and

WHEREAS, ESI has submitted a proposal to continue to provide to the Town of Ramapo (Non-Police) employees and their families the services hereinabove described for the nine-month time period of April 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 for a pro-rated fee of \$3,764.95, and

WHEREAS, there is no cost to the individual employee or their family members for these EAP services, and

WHEREAS, Chief of Staff, Mona Montal, recommends accepting the proposal from ESI,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with *ESI GROUP INC.*, to provide professional and confidential assistance to help Town employees and their families at a fee of \$3,764.95 for the time period of April 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

Source of Funds: Various.389060

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

Adjournment:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2023-188

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Regular Meeting of the Ramapo Town Board held this evening, March 22, 2023, be hereby adjourned at __: __ P.M.

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