

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD HELD ON
MAY 25, 2022

The Town Board of the Town of Ramapo convened in on Wednesday, May 25, 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	Absent	
Yehuda Weissmandl	Councilman	Present	
Itamar Yeger	Town Attorney	Present	
Sharon M. Osherovitz	Town Clerk	Present	

Moment of Silence

A MOMENT OF SILENCE was held this evening in memory of the victims of a mass shooting at a grocery store in Buffalo, NY, on Saturday, May 14, 2022 and the victims of a mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, on Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

Public Participation:

No one wished to address the Town Board this evening.

Close Open Period For Public Participation

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-248

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Open Period For Public Participation held this evening, May 25, 2022, be hereby **closed at 7:06 P.M.**

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

Acceptance of Minutes:

Regular Meeting of May 11, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-249

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

MAY 11, 2022 - REGULAR

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

Statement

Councilwoman Charles arrived and was present at 7:07 P.M.

Town Attorney:

Settlement of Tax Certiorari: Valleyside Gardens LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-250

VALLEYSIDE GARDENS 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	57.46-2-3	\$785,800	\$707,200

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 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:	Yehuda Weissmandl, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman, Weissmandl
ABSENT:	Wanounou

Settlement of Tax Certiorari: Two-Sixty-Seven Cherry Lane Realty

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-251

TWO-SIXTY-SEVEN CHERRY LANE REALTY

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>
2018/19	56.13-1-49	\$149,000	\$117,000
2019/20	56.13-1-49	\$149,000	\$117,000
2020/21	56.13-1-49	\$149,000	\$117,000
2021/22	56.13-1-49	\$149,000	\$108,800

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, Weissmandl
ABSENT:	Wanounou

Authorization to Accept New York State Legislature Authority to Accept Retroactive Application for Real Property Tax Exemptions

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-252

WHEREAS, legislation will be introduced in the New York State Legislature that would grant authority for the Town to accept retroactive application by the following organization for real property tax exemptions as follows:

- a) **SPRING VALLEY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**
Spring Valley, NY 10977
SBL: 05/57.39-2-35
11 Church Street
2018, 2019 and 2020 Assessment Rolls, and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature requires the Town Board to state that it will grant the retroactive tax exemptions once appropriate State authority is granted

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it has no objection to the passage of the above legislation and it hereby agrees that it will grant tax exemptions for the above property for the tax years in question if legislation is passed and signed by the Governor.

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

Amend Local Law Designation: Reimbursement of Consultant Fees

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-253

WHEREAS, the Town Board by Resolution No. 2022-220 adopted a Local Law entitled “**REIMBURSEMENT OF CONSULTANT FEES**”, and

WHEREAS, at the time of adoption said Local Law was designated as Local Law No. 4-2022, and forwarded to the New York State Records Office, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney has advised that the assigned Local Law number was out of sequence and needs to be assigned a new number

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Local Law entitled “**REIMBURSEMENT OF CONSULTANT FEES**”, which Local Law was previously ***DESIGNATED AS LOCAL LAW NO. 4-2022 IS HEREBY AMENDED TO BE KNOWN AS LOCAL LAW NO. 3-2022.***

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

Personnel:

Establish Assistant Building Maintenance Mechanic Position

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-254

WHEREAS, the classification of a Assistant Building Maintenance Mechanic position in the Buildings and Grounds Department within the Town of Ramapo has been recommended by the Town Supervisor, Michael B. Specht, and

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Personnel Office has classified the position of Assistant Building Maintenance Mechanic,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board authorizes the establishment of the position of Assistant Building Maintenance Mechanic in the Ramapo Buildings and Grounds Department, retroactively to May 16, 2022.

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

Appoint Assistant Building Maintenance Mechanic

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-255

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Assistant Building Maintenance Mechanic in the Buildings & Grounds Department within the Town of Ramapo, and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor, Michael B. Specht, has made the following recommendation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby appoint CARLOS ESTRADA, as probationary Assistant Building Maintenance Mechanic retroactively effective May 16, 2022. The annual salary will remain the same.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1620A.3100

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

Building, Planning & Zoning

Authorization for Fire Inspector to Attend ICC Annual Conference

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-256

WHEREAS, Director of Building & Zoning Ian Smith, has requested authorization for Adam Peltz, Fire Inspector for the Town of Ramapo, to attend the International Code Council (ICC) Annual Conference to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, September 12th thru September 16th, 2022, and

WHEREAS, as Treasurer and State Delegate of the New York Building Officials Conference Rockland Chapter (NYSBOC), registration will be complimentary, and travel and lodging expenses will be paid by NYSBOC Rockland Chapter,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that authorization be hereby granted for *ADAM PELTZ, FIRE INSPECTOR* for the Town of Ramapo, to attend the International Code Council (ICC) Annual Conference to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, September 12th thru September 16th, 2022, at no cost to the Town.

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

Authorization to Commence Injunction Action: 10 Cedar Lane LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-257

WHEREAS, Ian Smith, Building Inspector for the Town of Ramapo, has advised the Town Board that the premises located at 10 Cedar Lane, Monsey, New York present an imminent threat to the safety and welfare of the residents of the Town and is in violation of the New York State Property Maintenance Code, New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, and the Revised Code of the Town of Ramapo, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby authorizes the Town Attorney’s Office to commence a proceeding in the Supreme Court, Rockland County, New York, against *10 CEDAR LANE LLC*, owner of the above property, to enjoin use of the above property in violation of the New York State Property Maintenance Code, New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, and the Revised Code of the Town of Ramapo.

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

General Matters:

Authorization to accept \$200 donation

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-258

WHEREAS, Chief Martin Reilly requests authorization to accept a donation in the amount of \$200.00 from Fredi and Frank Alessio of Suffern, New York, and

WHEREAS, the Chief requests the 2022 Town Budget be amended as follows:

- Increase Revenue: AB.22705 (Gifts & Donations) - \$200.00
- Increase Expenditures: 3120AB.3465 (Training & Seminars) - \$200.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby authorizes Chief Reilly to accept the donation from Fredi and Frank Alessio in the amount of \$200.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Finance Department is hereby authorized to **amend the 2022 Town Budget** as stated above to reflect receipt of said donation.

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

Authorization to Award Scholarship to Attend Camp Scuffy

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-259

WHEREAS, the previous owners of Camp Scuffy established a scholarship fund for those that wish to attend the camp, and

WHEREAS, said scholarship fund has a balance of \$2,025.00, and

WHEREAS, Michelle Antosca, Director of Parks & Recreation, is in receipt of a request from a Montebello Elementary School Social Worker asking the Board to consider awarding a scholarship to one of the school’s needy students, and

WHEREAS, Michelle Antosca recommends a scholarship in the amount of \$1,600.00 be awarded to said student as they would greatly benefit from the opportunity to attend Camp Scuffy

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that a Camp Scuffy Scholarship in the amount of \$1,600.00 be hereby awarded to said student of Montebello Elementary School to attend Camp Scuffy this summer.

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

Adjournment:

Adjournment

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-260

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Regular Meeting of the Ramapo Town Board held this evening, May 25, 2022, be hereby **adjourned at 7:22 P.M. IN MEMORY** of the victims of a gunman’s racist attack at a supermarket in Buffalo NY. on Saturday, May 14, 2022, which killed 10 people and injured 3 others, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Regular Meeting of the Ramapo Town Board held this evening, May 25, 2022, be hereby **adjourned at 7:22 P.M. IN MEMORY** of the 19 children and two teachers that were killed in a shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, on Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

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