

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD HELD ON
JUNE 06, 2024

The Town Board of the Town of Ramapo convened in on Thursday, June 06, 2024 in the Edwin Wallace Auditorium of Ramapo Town Hall, 237 Route 59, Suffern, New York 10901.

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

Call to Order

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

Supervisor's Welcome

SUPERVISOR SPECHT welcomed everyone this evening and acknowledged the following dignitaries in attendance:

Rockland County Legislator Aran Weider

Rockland County District Attorney Tom Walsh

Rockland County Chief Assistant District Attorney Patrick Frawley

Former State Senator Elijah Reichlin-Melnik

Rockland County Legislator Jesse Malowitz

Rockland County Clerk Donna Silberman

Rockland County Legislature Office Patrick Withers

Village of Chestnut Ridge Deputy Mayor Chaim Rose

Village of Spring Valley Deputy Mayor Yisroel Eisenbach

Village of Suffern Police Chief Andrew Loughlin

Town of Haverstraw Police Chief Peter Murry

Town of Haverstraw Police Captain John Gould Jr.

Village of Suffern Police Lt. Martinez

Village of Suffern Police Dt. Samora

Rockland County District Attorney’s Chief of Detectives Deirdre Smith Withers

Honorable Alejandra Silva-Exias

Suffern School Board Superintendent Dr. Erik Gundersen

Suffern School Board Member and Village of Sloatsburg Deputy Mayor Darrell Fraiser

New York City Police Chief

Village of Kaser Mayor Allie Pinkasovits

Town of Ramapo Retire Justice David Stein

SUPERVISOR SPECHT announced today is the 80th Anniversary of the invasion of Normandy, known as “**D-DAY**”, a pivotal moment in history when 150,000 allied troops stormed the beaches of Normandy and liberated France and defeated the tyranny of Nazi Germany less than a year later. 4,414 allied troops were killed, on this day, and in the ensuing Battle of Normandy another 73,000 allied forces were killed and 153,000 wounded. Let us take a moment to remember the lives loss and honor all those who have served in our history.

Police Ceremony

CHIEF REILLY requested the Police Honor Guard present our Nation's Colors, followed by Captain Daniel Hyman’s Children *Sara, James and Dillion Hyman* leading the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**.

A **MOMENT OF SILENCE** was requested for police officers, first responders, and members of the US military who sacrificed their lives for their communities and Nation.

SGT. ANTON was charged with posting the Colors.

Chief Reilly acknowledged the outstanding work of the *Police Honor Guard* lead by **Dt. Lt. CHRISTOPHER FRANKLIN** and **Sgt. MICHAEL ANTON**, and acknowledged **PO DANIEL SULLIVAN** who played the bagpipes.

Appointment of Police Chief

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-244

WHEREAS, there is an anticipated vacancy in the position of Police Chief within the Town of Ramapo Police Department, and

WHEREAS, Captain Daniel Hyman is on Civil Service List No. 18046 (Promotional),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby appoints **DANIEL HYMAN** to the position of permanent **POLICE CHIEF**, effective June 15, 2024, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appointment is subject to execution of a contract of employment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a contract of employment with Daniel Hyman in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 3120AB:3100

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

Police Ceremony

SUPERVISOR SPECHT spoke on behalf of the entire **TOWN BOARD** and expressed how bittersweet this moment is in having to say goodbye to **Chief Reilly** who did an outstanding job as Chief of Police and in elevating the Department, to the pride in appointing **Capt. Daniel Hyman** as Chief of the finest Police Department in the United States of America. The Board congratulated Capt. Hyman and the Supervisor articulated the Board’s confidence that his experience, demeanor, temperament, wisdom, people skills and his leadership will continue to elevate the Department to new heights.

CHIEF REILLY expressed his thanks to the **Board** and **Chief of Staff Mona Montal** for their unwavering support of the Police Department and thanked the police officers for their work each and every day and for their support of him in his tenure as Chief.

The Chief welcomed the Captain's family to this evening’s celebration and gave a synopsis of the life and work of **Captain Hyman** and acknowledged him as an amazing “second in command” along with **Capt. Colbath and Capt. Lee**.

TOWN CLERK SHARON OSHEROVITZ administered the **OATH OF OFFICE**, and **Margaret Sammarone Hyman**, standing beside their children, pinned the shield on her husband.

CAPT. HYMAN thanked the Supervisor, Town Board and Chief of Staff for their support of the entire Department. He thanked his family and the Department for their support, and acknowledged **Chief Reilly** as his mentor and friend. He recognized **Renee Partridge**, the Department’s administrative secretary, thanked **Capt. Colbath and Capt. Lee**, and expressed gratitude to those in attendance this evening, and looks forward to the future.

Moshe Koff and residents of the **VILLAGE OF NEW SQUARE** presented Chief Reilly with a plaque in appreciation of his service to the Village.

Public Participation:

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

Robert Romanowski - 183 Maple Avenue, Monsey, NY - Expressed Chief Reilly was a model chief and thanked him for his 37 years of service; wished good luck to incoming chief, Daniel Hyman

Close Open Period for Public Participation

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-245

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Open Period for Public Participation held this evening, June 6, 2024, be hereby **closed at 7:17 P.M.**

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

Traffic and Safety Mitigations:

Installation of No Parking Signs: Calvert Road

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-246

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a request for the installation of No Parking signs on Calvert Road, and

WHEREAS, Joel Bianchi, P.E., the Town’s Traffic Consultant, has reviewed the above request and recommends the following:

- Installation of No Parking signs on the southerly side of Calvert Road, from the intersection of Sands Point Road to Crest Court,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby authorizes Fred Brinn, Superintendent of Highways, to install the above **NO PARKING SIGNS** on Calvert Road at the location set forth above.

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

Acceptance of Minutes:

Special Meeting of May 20, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-247

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 20, 2024 - SPECIAL

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	David Wanounou, Councilman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Rossman, Wanounou, Weissmandl
ABSTAIN:	Charles

Waiver of 24 Hour Rule:

Waiver of Rules of Order: 24hr Rule

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-248

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

Personnel:

Accept Resignation of Town Justice

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-249

WHEREAS, Djinsad Desir, has submitted a letter of resignation from his position as Town Justice in the Town of Ramapo, effective June 6, 2024,

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

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

Declaration of Vacancy- Town Justice

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-250

WHEREAS, due to the resignation of Honorable Djinsad Desir from the position of Town of Ramapo Town Justice, the Town Board hereby declares a vacancy in the aforesaid position;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that a vacancy is hereby declared in the Ramapo Justice Court.

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

Appointment to Fill Vacancy - Justice Court

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-251

CORRECTED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Ramapo Town Court Justice due to the resignation of Desir Djinsad,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby appoints ALEJANDRA SILVA-EXIAS of Suffern, New York to fill the above vacancy effective June 6, 2024, said term to expire December 31, 2024.

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

Town Attorney:

Settlement of Claim: Eloy Martinez

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-252

WHEREAS, Eloy Martinez filed a Notice of Claim against the Town for damage to his vehicle which was struck by a Town of Ramapo Parks and Recreation vehicle, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office has reviewed the claim and recommends it be settled in the amount of \$1,398.99,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby settles the claim of *ELOY MARTINEZ* in the amount of \$1,398.99, said settlement to be charged to 1930A.341931, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said settlement is conditioned upon receipt of a general release executed by Eloy Martinez.

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

Settlement of Claim: Town of Ramapo v. Rony Bonilla Vargas

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-253

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2024, a vehicle owned by Elmer Aragon Vargas and driven by Rony Bonilla Vargas struck a Town of Ramapo Police vehicle, causing damage in the amount of \$6,349.55, and,

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a check from StateFarm Insurance Company in the amount of \$6,349.55 for the cost of repair of the above Police vehicle, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office has recommended that the Town accept the payment from StateFarm Insurance Company in full settlement of the above claim,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts payment of \$6,349.55 from *STATEFARM INSURANCE GROUP* in full settlement of the above claim, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign all Release documents in a form recommended by the Town Attorney’s Office.

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

Settlement of Claim: Altagracia Henriquez

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-254

WHEREAS, Altagracia Henriquez filed a Notice of Claim against the Town for damage to her vehicle which was struck by a Town of Ramapo Highway Department vehicle, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office has reviewed the claim and recommends it be settled in the amount of \$8,750.00,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby settles the claim of *ALTAGRACIA HENRIQUEZ* in the amount of \$8,750.00, said settlement to be charged to 5110DB341931, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said settlement is conditioned upon receipt of a general release executed by Altagracia Henriquez.

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

Acceptance of Agreement: Housing Action Council

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-255

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a proposal from Housing Action Council, 55 South Broadway, Tarrytown, New York 10591, to provide assistance in making two Town-owned sites available for the development of affordable housing, and assistance in reviewing and updating the Town’s Comprehensive Plan, and related assistance to the Town as requested, and

WHEREAS, Housing Action Council has extensive experience in working with municipalities, developers, affordable housing committees, and not-for-profit organizations to effectuate the development of affordable housing on municipal and privately-owned sites, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office has recommended retaining Housing Action Council to provide professional services on an hourly basis at the following rates:

- Executive Director: \$150.00 per hour
- Program Associate: \$100.00 per hour
- Staff Consultants (Land Use Law Center): \$125.00 per hour, 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 retains *HOUSING ACTION COUNCIL* to provide the above services for the year 2024, at an amount **not to exceed \$100,000**, and

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

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

Purchasing:

Acceptance of Proposal: Armistead Mechanical, Inc. - Preventive Maintenance HVAC Equipment at Ramapo Town Hall

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-256

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a proposal from Armistead Mechanical, Inc. Services (AMI), 168 Hopper Avenue, Waldwick, NJ 07463, dated March 12, 2024, to provide on-going *Planned Mechanical Maintenance Services* for HVAC equipment at Ramapo Town Hall, as identified on Schedule A in said proposal, in the amount of \$10,840.00, for a term of one year, and

WHEREAS, emergency and repair service is available 24/7/365 and services performed shall be invoiced at AMI prevailing time and material rates per AMI labor rate schedule, and

WHEREAS, Yitzchok Ullman, Supervisor of Facilities and Risk Management, recommends acceptance of the above proposal, 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 *ARMISTEAD MECHANICAL, INC. SERVICES (AMI)*, for on-going *Planned Mechanical Maintenance Services* for HVAC equipment at Ramapo Town Hall, in the amount of \$10,840.00, for a term of one year, and emergency and repair services performed to be invoiced at the terms set forth in the above proposal, and

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

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1620A.3446

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

Extension of Agreement: Repair and Replacement of Existing Sidewalks and Curbs

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-257

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo, by Resolution No. 2023-316, approved an agreement with A-Tech Concrete, 11 Taylor Road, Edison, NJ 08817 for Repair and Replacement of Existing Sidewalks and Curbs , and

WHEREAS, the agreement with A-Tech Concrete provided for an extension of said agreement for an additional one (1) year period, and

WHEREAS, Fred Brinn, Superintendent of Highway recommends that the above agreement be extended, 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 agreement between the Town and *A-TECH CONCRETE* for Repair and Replacement of Existing Sidewalks and Curbs, be extended for an additional year.

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

Personnel:

Accept Resignation of Security Aide

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-258

WHEREAS, Michael Loughlin has submitted a letter of resignation from his position of Security Aide in the Litter Patrol, effective May 17, 2024,

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

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

Appoint Special Projects Aide - Assessor's Office

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-259

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Special Projects Aide within the Town of Ramapo, and

WHEREAS, Assessor, Scott Shedler, 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 **WILLIAM HAGGERTY**, as a provisional **SPECIAL PROJECTS AIDE**, effective June 6, 2024, at the annual salary of \$57,359, in accordance with the current CSEA contract.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1355A.3100

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

Appoint Two (2) Permanent Paralegal Specialist I (Municipal Law)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-260

WHEREAS, Kassidi Wallis and Ashley Tortora have been provisional Paralegal Specialist I (Municipal Law), within the Town of Ramapo, and

WHEREAS, Kassidi Wallis's and Ashley Tortora's names are on Civil Service List #24005,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby appoint **KASSIDI WALLIS** and **ASHLEY TORTORA** as permanent Paralegal Specialist I (Municipal Law) effective June 6, 2024. Salary is to remain the same.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1420A.3100

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

Consultant: Assessment Services- Dylan Piazza

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-261

WHEREAS, Scott Shedler, Town Assessor, has requested that the Town retain additional staff to assist with respect to assessment services, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby retains **DYLAN PIAZZA** at the following terms:

a)

Term: June 6, 2024 - June 6, 2025

b)

Compensation - no more than \$30.00 per hour;

c)

Total fee: Not to exceed \$20,000 for assessment services;

d)

Agreement can be terminated upon thirty days' written notice, and

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

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1355A.3452 (Consultant)

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

Accept Resignation of Police Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-262

WHEREAS, Nicholas Vega has submitted a letter of resignation from his position of Police Officer in the Ramapo Police Department, effective June 20, 2024,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the resignation, as submitted by NICHOLAS VEGA, is hereby accepted.

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

General Matters:

Authorization for Assessor & Two Employees to Attend Cornell Seminar on Professional Development

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-263

WHEREAS, Town of Ramapo Assessor, Scott Shedler, has requested authorization for himself and two Assessor’s Department Employees to attend the 2024 Cornell Seminar on Professional Development to be held July 14th - 19th, 2024, in Ithaca, New York, and
WHEREAS, the costs involved will not exceed \$6,500,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that permission be hereby granted for ASSESSOR, SCOTT SHEDLER, MEG CAVE, and CARSEN DEBROCK to attend the 2024 Cornell Seminar on Professional Development to be held July 14th - 19th, 2024, in Ithaca, New York, at a cost not to exceed \$6,500, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said expense incurred by above at said Seminar is to be considered a proper Municipal Charge under Town Law, Section 116(12) and General Municipal Law, Section 77B.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Assessor 1355A.3465 (Schools, Seminar & Travel)

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

Disposition of Department Issued Firearms: Retiring Police Chief

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-264

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has requested disposition of his department issued firearms, Sig P 320 9mm, serial #58C370171 and Sig P 365 9mm, serial #66F669578, in accordance with article 4.3 of his employment contract, and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby declares the above firearms as surplus, and agrees to provide the Chief with said firearms upon retirement as accorded in article 4.3 of his employment contract, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Ramapo Police Department Firearms Officer Sgt. Robert Bassett is hereby authorized to facilitate said transfer through a licensed firearms dealer.

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

Acceptance of Retroactive Application for Real Property Tax Exemption

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-265

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:

KOLEL RACHMISTRIVKA MONSEY
MONSEY, NY 10952
SBL: 89/56.07-4-38
2 HOPAL LANE
2021, 2022, and 2023 Assessment Rolls
2022, 2023, and 2024 Appropriate Tax Rolls

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 a 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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Town Clerk:

Approval of Fire Hydrant: 468-470 W Central Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-266

WHEREAS, Sharon M. Osherovitz, Town Clerk of the Town of Ramapo, is in receipt of a proposal from Veolia Water New York, Inc. for the installation of one (1) fire hydrant in the Town of Ramapo, as listed below:

- HYDRANT #TBD - VICINITY OF 468-470 WEST CENTRAL AVE.,
SPRING VALLEY, NY -250 FEET WEST OF DECATUR AVE.

WHEREAS, Adam Peltz, Fire Inspector for the Town of Ramapo, recommends that said proposal be accepted,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that Sharon M. Osherovitz, Town Clerk, is hereby authorized to accept the proposal of VEOLIA WATER NEW YORK INC. to install the above fire hydrant with respect to the above location.

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

New Business:

Retention of Special Counsel: Dichter Law LLC - Orange & Rockland Rate Proceeding

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-267

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo requires the services of a special counsel to represent the Town with respect to the pending Orange and Rockland rate proceeding before the New York Public Service Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a proposal, dated May 23, 2024, from Dichter Law LLC, 483 Cherry Street, Suite 100, Bedford Hills, New York 10507, to serve as special counsel at a flat fee of \$10,000 for Ramapo’s share, and

WHEREAS, Dichter Law LLC will be jointly representing a Coalition consisting of the Towns of Ramapo, Clarkstown, Haverstraw, Orangetown, and Stony Point, as well as Rockland County, Rockland Green, and Rockland County Sewer District No. 1, and

WHEREAS, any additional services, approved in advance, will be charged at the rate of \$325 per hour, as well as reimbursement for out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred, including travel, postage, facsimile charges, courier fees, copying costs, and court reporter fees, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney's Office has reviewed the proposal and recommends its acceptance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby retains *DICHTER LAW LLC* to serve as special counsel to the Town of Ramapo with respect to the pending Orange and Rockland rate proceeding, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a Letter Agreement with Dichter Law LLC in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office, subject to the terms set forth above.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1420A.3452 (Consultant)

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

Extension of License Agreement: Uncle Mike’s Ice Cream, LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-268

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2014-305, amended by Resolution No. 2014-339, and extended by Resolution Nos. 2018-222, 2022-290 and 2023-311, granted a license agreement to Uncle Mike’s Ice Cream, LLC, 470 Piaget Avenue, Apt. K8, Clifton, New Jersey, 07011, to operate ice cream trucks at various Town facilities, and

WHEREAS, Uncle Mike’s Ice Cream, LLC has requested extension of the above agreement, and

WHEREAS, Michelle Antosca, Director of Parks and Recreation, has recommended that said agreement be extended at the following terms:

- 1) Soft Serve and Novelty Ice Cream Trucks
- a) Ramapo Town Hall

b) Rella Fields

c) Eugene Levy Park

d) Manny Weldler Park

e) Children’s Park

f) Clark Park

g) St. Lawrence Center

- h) Spook Rock Pool
 - i) Special Events
- 2) One year term:
 - a) year 2024 at a fee of \$3,000.00

- 3) Additional Terms:
- a) All trucks will be Rockland County Board of Health certified, if required
 - b) Town to be provided with a list of drivers, drivers’ licenses and background information
 - c) All drivers will provide fingerprints and undergo background checks
 - d) Town to be named as an additional insured
 - e) All prices to be clearly marked on outside of trucks
 - f) No music or announcements at Saddle River Pool and Manny Welder Park

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby agrees to extend the License Agreement to operate ice cream trucks at various Town facilities with **UNCLE MIKE’S ICE CREAM, LLC**, at the terms set forth above, subject to licensee applying for and receiving a Town of Ramapo Peddling Permit and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Town reserves the right to revoke said license for non-adherence to all the above terms, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a license agreement with Uncle Mike’s Ice Cream, LLC, in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office.

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

Approval of Agreement: Use of Weldler Park - Camp Yachad

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-269

CORRECTED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Congregation Yachad, Inc., 295 Grandview Avenue, Suffern, New York, has requested use of a portion of Manny Weldler Park for a camp (Camp Yachad), and

WHEREAS, Michelle Antosca, Director of Parks and Recreation, has recommended that the camp be permitted to use a portion of Manny Weldler Park subject to the following terms:

- 1) Term: June 27, 2024 - August 22, 2024, Monday- Friday, 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
- 2) Facilities:
 - Access to:
 - a) Fields 1, 2 and 3,
 - b) Tents/trailers to be supplied and paid for by Camp
 - No Access to:
 - a) Public Playground
 - b) Tennis courts (separate permit will be issued if court use is desired)
- 3) Fee: \$9,240.00
- 4) Utilities: all electric installed by licensed electrician, and payable by Camp
- 5) Garbage: facilities cleaned on a daily basis,

- 6) Insurance: naming Town as additional insured, with “insurance primary to the Town of Ramapo”
- 7) Supply Town with permit to operate from Rockland County Health Department, and copy of the Camp's staff training manual, prior to opening day
- 8) Additional Dumpster - \$184.00 per week for bi-weekly pick up
- 9) Security Deposit: \$1,000.00 - to be deposited and returned if all rules were followed and camp is cleaned and vacated 1 week after closing day

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby grants a license agreement to **CAMP YACHAD, INC.** for use of Manny Weldler Park subject to the terms set forth above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a license agreement with Camp Yachad, Inc. in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office.

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

Adjournment:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-270

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Special Meeting of the Ramapo Town Board held this evening, June 6, 2024, be hereby **adjourned at 7:48 P.M.**

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