

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD HELD ON
JUNE 11, 2025

The Town Board of the Town of Ramapo convened in on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 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, Jeffrey Posner** 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	
Amy Mele	Assistant Town Attorney	Present	
Jeffrey Posner	Town Clerk	Present	

Proclamation: Juneteenth-JAMCCAR Day

SUPERVISOR SPECHT welcomed the members and leadership of the Jamaican Civic and Cultural Association of Rockland (JAMCCAR) as they celebrate thirty-five years of service to the Jamaican and larger Rockland County community, and the Town of Ramapo.

Sonia Claire Tracey addressed the Board and community leaders, highlighting the Associations significant contributions to the continued growth of the community through scholarships and cultural and outreach programs. Ms. Tracey thanked the Board for their continued relationship which was established with Ramapo Town Supervisor Herb Reissman.

Supervisor Specht acknowledged County Legislator Anni Paul, retired Ramapo Clerk Christian Sampson, Ashton Coleman representing Congressman Mike Lawler, and the Next Gen Foundation, all in attendance this evening.

Supervisor Specht read the following Proclamation in celebration of Juneteenth and the 35th Anniversary of JAMCCAR:

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
"Individuals, Corporations and Community Leaders"
JUNE 11, 2025
On the Occasion of Celebrating Juneteenth
and the 35th Anniversary of JAMCCAR

WHEREAS, the Jamaican Civic and Cultural Association of Rockland, Inc. (JAMCCAR), has embarked upon the mission of: Fostering good relations and closer association with Jamaicans and friends in Rockland County and its environs; developing and promoting throughout the community at large, the civic, cultural, economic, and social aspects of the Jamaican, Caribbean, and Pan African cultures; and

WHEREAS, JAMCCAR is celebrating thirty-five years of service to the community and Jamaica's 63rd year of Independence; and

WHEREAS, during the period of this celebration, cultural events will include a reception in honor of our youth; and

WHEREAS, the highlight of the year will be JAMCCAR's Passion, Progress, Purpose, Independence Gala Meet and Greet session with the Jamaican Diaspora on Saturday August 2, 2025 at the Hilton Pearl River Hotel in Pearl River, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Gala will be held under the Distinguished Patronage of the Honorable Alston Wilson, Consul General of Jamaica to New York; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds from the Gala will enable JAMCCAR to continue the valuable work that it started thirty-five years ago including scholarships to deserving college bound students, youth steel band and other cultural programs, and outreach programs to the community and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, these programs and services contribute to the continued growth of the community; and

WHEREAS, in reflecting on thirty-five years of significant contributions to the community, JAMCCAR hereby recommits to serving the community through civic, cultural, social, and economic activities,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael B. Specht, Supervisor of the Town of Ramapo, do hereby acknowledge the contributions of JAMCCAR to the Rockland community and hereby **PROCLAIM JUNE 11, 2025, AS JUNETEENTH-JAMCCAR DAY IN THE TOWN OF RAMAPO.**

JAMCCAR's youth steel band entertained the audience this evening, followed by the presentation of JAMCCAR tee-shirts to Supervisor Specht and Deputy Supervisor Charles.

Recess:

Supervisor Specht announced the Board would take a five minute recess.

Public Participation:

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

Robert Romanowski - 183 Maple Avenue, Monsey, NY - experienced website issues prior to Town Board Meeting; Flag Day, June 14th, and memorial service for Frank Hagen, past Suffern Village Trustee/Deputy Mayor.

Close Open Period for Public Participation

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-264

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Open Period for Public Participation held this evening, June 11, 2025 be hereby **closed at 7:30 P.M.**

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

Acceptance of Minutes:

Special Meeting of May 21, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-265

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 21, 2025 - SPECIAL

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

Regular Meeting of May 28, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-266

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 28, 2025 - REGULAR

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

Town Attorney:

Reimbursement for Installation of Check Valve: Matthew Rosen

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-267

WHEREAS, Matthew Rosen filed a Notice of Claim against the Town of Ramapo for damage sustained from a sewer backup at 4 Keri Lane, Spring Valley, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office and the Town's third party claims administrator has recommended the reimbursement of the installation of a check valve in the amount of \$5,000.00,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby reimburses Matthew Rosen in the amount of \$5,000.00, to be charged to 8130SS.341931.

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

Settlement of Claim: Town of Ramapo v. MC Morochoguaman

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-268

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2024, a vehicle owned and driven by M C Morochoguaman a/k/a Morochoguaman Morales Atupana struck a Town of Ramapo Police vehicle, causing damage in the amount of \$2,016.42, and,

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a Property Damage Release from Maya Assurance Company for the amount of \$2,016.42 for the cost of repair of the above Police vehicle, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office has recommended that the Town accept the Property Damage Release from Maya Assurance 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 \$2,016.42 from *MAYA ASSURANCE COMPANY* 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:	David Wanounou, Councilman
SECONDER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Acceptance of Environmental Easement: Torne Valley Road and Bridge Street

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-269

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo, a municipal corporation existing under the laws of the State of New York ("Town") owns property with an address of 233 Torne Valley Road, 2 Bridge Street and 34 Bridge Street, Town of Ramapo, New York having Tax Map Numbers 39.19-1-7.2, 47.07-1-4 and 47.11-1-1.4 (collectively, "Premises"); and

WHEREAS, the Ford Motor Company ("Ford") entered into an Order on Consent and Administrative Settlement, Index Number A3-0536-1205 (Site Code: 344064)("Order"), concerning the Premises; and

WHEREAS, the Order provided that Ford would grant an Environmental Easement to the People of the State of New York acting through their Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation, pursuant to Article 71, Title 36 of the Environmental Conservation Law (“Environmental Easement”); and

WHEREAS, the Town now wishes to grant the Environmental Easement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town be and it hereby is authorized to grant the Environmental Easement in, over, under and upon the Premises; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor, Michael B. Specht, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to execute and deliver the Environmental Easement and related documentation on behalf of the Town with such modifications as he, in his sole and absolute discretion may deem advisable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Michael B. Specht be and he hereby is authorized, empowered and directed in the name and on behalf of the Town to do or cause to be done all such acts and things and to negotiate, execute and deliver all such agreements, certificates, instruments or other documents as may be necessary or, in the sole opinion of Michael B. Specht be desirable or proper to effectuate the purposes and intent of the foregoing resolution.

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

New Business:

Waiver of Rules of Order: 24hr. Rule

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-270

WHEREAS the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2018-83, adopted Rules of Order for the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Rules, to the extent practicable, no resolution may be brought for a vote unless printed or digital copies are presented to each Board member 24 hours prior to the opening of the meeting, and

WHEREAS, said rule can be waived by a majority consent of the Board members present,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby waives the **RULES OF ORDER** with regard to the 24 hour rule.

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

Home Rule Request - School Speed Zone Demonstration Program

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-271

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to adopt a local law imposing a school speed zone demonstration program in Ramapo, and

WHEREAS, New York State Municipal Home Rule Law §10 requires state legislation to authorize towns to impose a school speed zone demonstration program, and

WHEREAS, Senator Bill Weber introduced Senate Bill S8329-WEBER, pursuant to the Town Board’s request for said Home Rule legislation to give the Town of Ramapo the authority to establish a school speed zone demonstration program in Ramapo; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Bill will be introduced in the Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo hereby supports the Home Rule legislation introduced by Senator Weber as Senate Bill S8329-WEBER, and supports the introduction of the Bill in the Assembly, intended to authorize and empower the Town of Ramapo to adopt and amend local laws establishing a school speed zone demonstration program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute a Home Rule Request concerning Senate Bill S8329-WEBER

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon introduction in the Assembly, the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute a Home Rule Request concerning same.

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

Personnel:

Appoint Administrative Assistant

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-272

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Administrative Assistant within the Town of Ramapo, and

WHEREAS, 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 **SANDRA HOWELLS**, as probationary **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**, from Civil Service List #86949, effective June 21, 2025, at the annual salary of \$119,658, in accordance with the current CSEA contract.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1410A.3100

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

Purchasing

Approval of Agreement: Provisions of Emergency Medical Services: Rockland Paramedic Services, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-273

WHEREAS, the Town’s agreement for the provision of Emergency Medical Services with Rockland Paramedic Services, Inc., 540 Chestnut Ridge Road, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977, expired on June 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Town and Rockland Paramedic Services, Inc. wish to enter into a new agreement subject to the following terms:

- 1) Term: six (6) months - July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025;
- 2) Fee: \$208,247, to be paid on a monthly basis, not to exceed 1.25 million;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby agrees to enter into an agreement with **ROCKLAND PARAMEDIC SERVICES, INC.**, for the provision of Emergency Medical Services subject to the terms set forth above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Rockland Paramedics Services will be compensated for any additional necessary services above the current provided services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Rockland Paramedic Services, Inc. in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s office.

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

Approval of Agreement with 2020 Security Services Inc.: Police Firing Range 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-274

WHEREAS, 2020 Security Services Inc. has requested the use of the Police Firing Range for training in the year 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby agrees to enter into an agreement for use of the **POLICE FIRING RANGE** for training with **2020 SECURITY SERVICES INC.**, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said agreement is subject to the following terms:

- 1. Compliance with Police Department General Order Number 105;
- 2. Name the Town as an additional insured;

3. Hold the Town harmless with respect to the use of the Police Firing Range, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with 2020 Security Services Inc. 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: Colliers Engineering and Design - Lenore Avenue Brook Resiliency Planning Project

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-275

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a proposal dated April 3, 2025 from Colliers Engineering and Design, to provide engineering services for drainage improvements to the Lenore Avenue Brook Resiliency Planning Project, and

WHEREAS, the scope of work will include data collection and review, field investigation and testing, comprehensive drainage analysis, project design, surveys, cost benefit analysis, as well as meetings and coordination,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the proposal of ***COLLIERS ENGINEERING AND DESIGN*** for the above services, at the terms set forth in the proposal, a copy of which is available at the Office of the Town Clerk of Ramapo, and

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

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 5197H36.34460

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

Acceptance of Proposal: Tilcon New York Inc. - Resurfacing of Greenridge Way

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-276

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a proposal dated April 21, 2025 from Tilcon New York Inc., for the resurfacing of Greenridge Way, and

WHEREAS, the work outlined in the proposal will include permits, fees, engineering stakeout, topsoiling, seeding and mulching, permanent pavement markings, utility adjustments, clearing and grubbing, sediment and erosion control, sweeping, sawcutting, and maintenance of traffic, and

WHEREAS, the funds to pay for the resurfacing of Greenridge Way were obtained by FEMA as part of a major drainage improvement project on the street,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the proposal of ***TILCON NEW YORK INC.*** for the above services, at the terms set forth in the proposal, a copy of which is available at the Office of the Town Clerk of Ramapo, and

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

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

Finance:

Amendment to 2025 Budget: Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Grant

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-277

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of Mental Health Grant funds in the amount of \$97,328, and

WHEREAS, receipt of said funds is not reflected in the 2025 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 2025 TOWN BUDGET* as follows:

- Increase Revenue: AB.24390 (COPS Grant) - \$97,328
- Increase Expenditure: 3120AB.3465 (Training Seminar & Travel) - \$29,330
- Increase Expenditure: 3120AB.3430 (Equipment Lease/rent) - \$3,500
- Increase Expenditure: 3120AB.310 (Overtime) - \$64,498

to reflect receipt of the above funds for 2025.

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

Boards & Commissions:

Appointment Alternate Member to Zoning Board of Appeals - Moshe Seidenfeld

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-278

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo, that *MOSHE SEIDENFELD*, of Spring Valley, NY, be hereby appointed as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire December 31, 2027.

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

Miscellaneous:

Authorization for Fire Inspector to Attend ICC Annual Conference

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-279

WHEREAS, Ian Smith, Director of Building & Zoning, has requested authorization for Adam Peltz, Fire Inspector for the Town of Ramapo, to attend the National Conference of Building and Fire Officials of the International Code Council (ICC) Annual Conference to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, October 20th thru October 24th , 2025, and

WHEREAS, as the current Treasurer and State Delegate of the New York Building Officials Conference Rockland Chapter (NYSBOC), registration will be complimentary; 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 National Conference of Building and Fire Officials of the International Code Council (ICC) Annual Conference to be held in held in Cleveland, Ohio, October 20th thru October 24th , 2025, at no cost to the Town.

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

Adjournment:

Adjournment

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-280

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Regular Meeting of the Ramapo Town Board held this evening, June 11, 2025, be hereby **adjourned at 7:46 P.M.**

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