

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD HELD ON
JUNE 28, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Ramapo convened in on Wednesday, June 28, 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	Absent	
Yehuda Weissmandl	Councilman	Absent	
Dennis Lynch	Assistant Town Attorney	Present	
Sharon M. Osherovitz	Town Clerk	Present	

Public Participation:

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

Robert Romanowski - 183 Maple Avenue, Monsey, NY - pleased the Town Board will be holding Town Board Workshops; re: resignation of Town Justice- questioned would there be an appointment to vacancy

Close Open Period For Public Participation

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-291

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Open Period for Public Participation held this evening, June 28, 2023, be hereby **closed at 7:22 P.M.**

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

Public Hearing:

A Public Hearing was held this evening to solicit public comment on a **PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 267-12, PARAGRAPH A OF THE TOWN CODE REGARDING OVERNIGHT PARKING IN THE TOWN OF RAMAPO.**

TOWN ATTORNEY DENNIS LYNCH gave a brief synopsis of the proposed amendments.

The following exhibits were submitted:

- Notice of Public Hearing
- Affidavit of Posting: Town Clerk
- Affidavit of Publication: Journal News

The following persons wished to address the Town Board:

Robert Romanowski - 183 Maple Avenue, Monsey, NY - inquired whether the parking change would be on Town, County, and/or State roads

The ***SUPERVISOR*** advised the amendments would effectively change parking restrictions during winter months on all public roads in the Town of Ramapo.

Close Public Hearing: Proposed Revisions to Section 267-12 of the Town Code

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-292

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Public Hearing held this evening, June 28, 2023, to solicit public comment on a **LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 267-12, PARAGRAPH A OF THE TOWN CODE REGARDING OVERNIGHT PARKING IN THE TOWN OF RAMAPO** be hereby **closed at 7:25 P.M.**

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

Adopt Local Law Amending Section 267-12 of the Town Code of the Town of Ramapo

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-293

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo on a **ROLL CALL VOTE** that the **PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 267-12 OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF RAMAPO**, which was the subject of a Public Hearing held this evening, June 28, 2023, at 7:00 P.M., at Ramapo Town Hall, 237 Route 59, Suffern, New York, be hereby **adopted as advertised** and shall be known as **Local Law No. 6 of 2023.**

LOCAL LAW NO. 6-2023
A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 267-12 OF THE TOWN CODE
OF THE TOWN OF RAMAPO

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph A of Section 267-12, title “Prohibited Acts; Exceptions” of Chapter 267, titled “Vehicles and Traffic,” of the Code of the Town of Ramapo is amended to the following:

- A. The following acts are hereby prohibited:
- (1) The parking of unlicensed automobiles upon any part of the public street.
 - (2) Abandoning any vehicle within the Town or leaving any vehicle at any place within the Town for such time and under such circumstances as to give a reasonable appearance of abandonment.
 - (3) Leaving any partially dismantled, nonoperating, wrecked or junked vehicle on any street or highway within the Town.
 - (4) Allowing any partially dismantled, nonoperating, wrecked, junked or discarded vehicle to remain longer than 24 hours on the property of any owner, tenant, occupant, lessee or other person in charge or control thereof, and no person shall leave any such vehicle on any property within the Town for a longer time than 24 hours.
 - (5) Parking or standing of vehicles in restricted areas at the time of hazard or emergency.
 - (6) Parking on all public roads whenever snow is accumulating on the roadway and if snowfall has been forecast. Upon the commencement of snowfall, parking on all public roads is prohibited until snowfall has ceased and the street is cleared of snow to the curb or edge of pavement.

Section 2. Effective Date

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

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

Acceptance of Minutes:

Regular Meeting of June 14, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-294

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:

JUNE 14, 2023 - REGULAR

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

Town Attorney:

Acceptance of Agreement for Sanitary Sewer Improvements: Wellington LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-295

WHEREAS, Wellington LLC (“Wellington”) is the owner of certain real property located at Red Schoolhouse Road and Summit Road in the Village of Chestnut Ridge, also identified as Tax Map 68.05-1-12, 13, 4 & 221 (the “Project Site”), and

WHEREAS, Wellington is presently engaged in a development project known as the “Wellington Educational Initiative” (the “Project”) at the Project Site, and

WHEREAS, the Project includes, among other things, the design and construction of certain improvements to the Town’s sanitary sewer system downstream from the Project Site, and

WHEREAS, the Town’s sanitary sewer system is expected to have an increase in wastewater discharge from the Project Site, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a February 2023 Engineer’s Sanitary Sewer Report prepared by Paulus, Sokolowski and Sartor Engineering, P.C., it is anticipated that the Town’s sanitary sewer system will have an increase in wastewater discharge from the Project Site, as well as several other large developments being proposed in the same sanitary sewer drainage area (“Other Developments”), and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo and Wellington acknowledge that the Town’s sanitary sewer system has sufficient capacity to convey the expected additional flow from the Project Site upon Wellington’s completion of the connection from the Project Site to the sanitary sewer system, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo and Wellington further agree and understand that the sanitary sewer system’s capacity may not become inadequate until the Other Developments are introduced into the sanitary sewer system, and

WHEREAS, currently, the Wellington Project is the only proposed project to receive final site plan approval from the Village of Chestnut Ridge, and

WHEREAS, the Other Developments may receive approval in the near future and that their cumulative wastewater discharge may exceed the capacity of the existing sanitary sewer system, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo and Wellington wish to enter into an Agreement to set forth the full scope of Wellington’s obligation to provide improvements to the Town’s sanitary sewer system,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the above agreement with Wellington LLC for sanitary sewer improvements at the terms set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Office of the Town Clerk, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Wellington 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
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Personnel:

Acceptance of Resignation: Town Justice

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-296

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul has nominated David Fried as Judge of the New York State Court of Claims, and

WHEREAS, David Fried has been confirmed to said judicial office by the New York State Senate, and

WHEREAS, as required under such circumstances, David Fried has submitted a letter of resignation from the office of Town Justice of the Town of Ramapo effective 11:59 P.M., June 22, 2023

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

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

Reclassify Custodial Worker to Assistant Maintenance Mechanic

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-297

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor, Michael B. Specht, has recommended the re-classification of a Custodial Worker position to the title of Assistant Maintenance Mechanic in the Buildings & Grounds Department, and

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Personnel Office has classified the position of Assistant 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 MAINTENANCE MECHANIC** in the Buildings & Grounds Department.

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

Appoint Assistant Maintenance Mechanic

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-298

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Assistant 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 *JOSHUA ADAMS*, as probationary *Assistant Maintenance Mechanic* effective July 3, 2023 at an annual salary of \$61,397.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1620A.3100

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

Establish Maintenance Helper Position - DPW (Sewer) Department

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-299

WHEREAS, the classification of a Maintenance Helper position in the Sewer Department within the Town of Ramapo has been recommended by Supervisor Michael B. Specht, and

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Personnel Office has classified the position of Maintenance Helper,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board authorizes the establishment of a full-time position of **Maintenance Helper** in the Town of Ramapo Sewer Department.

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

Nomination & Appointment of Police Radio Dispatcher (CAD) Spanish Speaking

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-300

WHEREAS, *SYNDY CANO* was previously nominated and appointed as a provisional Police Radio Dispatcher (CAD) Spanish Speaking within the Town of Ramapo Police Department, and

WHEREAS, *SYNDY CANO* appears on Civil Service List #23032, and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Martin Reilly has made the following recommendation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby nominate and appoint *SYNDY CANO* from Civil Service List #23032, as probationary permanent Police Radio Dispatcher (CAD) Spanish Speaking, pending final clearance from Rockland County Personnel Department. Annual salary to remain the same.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 3125AB.3100

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

Finance:

Acceptance of Town Audited Financial Statements year ending 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-301

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo by Resolution No. 2022-155 retained Bonadio Group (Bonadio) to examine the financial statements of the Town for the year ending December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, Bonadio has concluded its examination of said financial statements, and the final audit was presented to the Supervisor and the Town Board for its review and acceptance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts for filing the final audit and findings of the Town of Ramapo Financial Statements, audited by Bonadio Group, for the year ending December 31, 2022.

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

Acceptance of Justice Court Audit Year Ending 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-302

WHEREAS, Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act requires that Town Justices annually provide their court records and dockets to the Town Board and that such records be audited by the Town Board and said audit be entered into the minutes of the Board, and

WHEREAS, Bonadio & Co., LLP was authorized to perform an audit of the Town Justice Court, and

WHEREAS, said audit was presented to the Town Board for its review and acceptance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts for filing the AUDIT of the TOWN JUSTICE COURT for the year ending December 31, 2022.

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

General Matters:

Appointment of Ramapo Housing Authority Member

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-303

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the following named person be hereby appointed to serve as a member of the **Town of Ramapo Housing Authority** for a five (5) year term effective June 28, 2023, said term expiring June 28, 2028:

YOSSI (ARTHUR) RUBINSTEIN
Monsey, New York

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

Authorization to Designate Handicapped Parking Spaces to Individuals

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-304

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes the need for handicapped parking spaces for individuals with severe disabilities, and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk’s office issues handicapped parking permits upon receipt of a New York State Department of Motor Vehicles application certified by a licensed medical doctor, and

WHEREAS, within the Town of Ramapo, there exists streets where no parking is permitted on either side of the street, and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes that under these circumstances there arises a need to assign a handicapped parking space to particular individuals

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo, that it hereby authorizes the designation of a handicapped parking space to an individual with disabilities, who has been issued a permanent parking permit by the Town Clerk’s office, and upon receipt of an application to, and approval by, the Traffic Safety Committee, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Highways is hereby authorized to install designated handicapped parking signs as directed by the Traffic Safety Committee.

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

Supervisor's Comments

SUPERVISOR SPECHT made the following announcements:

- The Taxi Committee held a meeting on Thursday, June 22nd, to address taxicabs and vehicles for hire licensing
- Ongoing improvements in the Town:

Sidewalk improvements on Elaine Place and Carlton Road, and tree removal

Lighting project now in phase 2

Moving forward with license plate readers

Enhancements of parks

Enforcement of garbage related issues

Holding meetings with DEC to address bear population

- **RAMAPO DAY** at Clover Stadium June 29th at 7:00 P.M. Ramapo residents are invited to a free NY Boulders game followed by fireworks display.

The Supervisor wished all residents a **HAPPY 4TH OF JULY**.

Adjournment:

Adjournment

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-305

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Regular Meeting of the Ramapo Town Board held this evening, June 28, 2023, be hereby **adjourned at 7:40 P.M. IN HONOR OF DR. EDMUND AND SUSAN GORDON.**

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