

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD HELD ON
JULY 27, 2022

The Town Board of the Town of Ramapo convened in on Wednesday, July 27, 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	Present	
Yehuda Weissmandl	Councilman	Present	
Alyssa Slater	First Deputy Town Attorney	Present	
Sharon M. Osherovitz	Town Clerk	Present	

Life Saving Award Presentation

Supervisor Specht and the Town Board presented **CARLOS RAMIRO YAQUE** and **EDWIN A. SANTA CRUZ** with a **Life Saving Award** in recognition of their heroism, and quick actions, in rescuing a drowning person from a backyard pool, and administering lifesaving measures until emergency services were on the scene.

Public Participation:

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

Stanley Iskowitz- Fairway Oval, New Hempstead, NY - submitted written comments from the Neighbors of Fairway Park who are concerned with the sale of surplus property known as Fairway Park and who request the Board rescind the resolution approving same.

Robert Romanowski- 183 Maple Avenue, Monsey, NY - asked for explanation of traffic work on the agenda; stated turf at ballpark is a bad idea

Howard Matza- 67 Campbell Avenue, Airmont, NY - lives adjacent to the Clark Park Dog Park, frustrated with noise of dogs barking all day long every day of the week; suggested "fair/reasonable" control measures to help lessen the noise e.g. change hours from 9A.M.-10 P.M. to 10A .M.-6 P.M.; attendant present to not allow incessant barking, "to be paid by those using park"

Deborah Munitz - 5 Rose Hill Road, Montebello, NY - Re: NE Plan and Watchtower expressed desire to work with Town to approve local laws; stated residents should be provided a forum regarding these projects in-order-to work together

Rachel Matza- 67 Campbell Avenue, Airmont, NY - lives adjacent to the Clark Park Dog Park, advised dogs are barking all the time; stated residents were not informed about the park; cars pull up to the entrance and let the dogs out

Close Open Period For Public Participation

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-311

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Open Period For Public Participation held this evening, July 27, 2022, be hereby closed at 712 P.M.

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

Public Hearing:

GEORGE LITHCO, Town outside counsel, addressed two (2) amendments to the Rockland County Planning Board.

ASHLEY LEY, AKRF, on behalf of Watchtower, gave synopsis of proposed changes.

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

Deborah Munitz -6 Rose Hill Road, Montebello, NY - queried expectation of workshops with the public and the answering of comments; stated the need for “good” documentation as to Watchtower’s future; Town should take responsibility for the applicant to give real statistics on the project and their past projects.

Close Public Hearing: Petition of Watchtower

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-312

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the continued Public Hearing held this evening, July 27, 2022, to solicit public comments on the PETITION OF WATCHTOWER: DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN & ZONING AMENDMENTS be hereby closed at 7:31 P.M., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED written comments may be submitted to Sharon Osherovitz, Town Clerk, at <<<mailto:Osherovitzs@ramapo.org>>> or hand delivered to the Town Clerk’s Office, Town Hall, 237 Route 59, Suffern, NY 10901 no later than 4:00 P.M., August 10, 2022.

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

Reschedule Regular Town Board Meeting: August 10, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-313

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby reschedules the REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING of August 10, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. at Ramapo Town Hall, 237 Route 59, Suffern, New York.

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

Town Attorney:

Agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension Rockland County: Community-Wide Education - Storm Water Regulations 2022-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-314

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2020-211 and Resolution No. 2021-295, entered into an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension Rockland County, 10 Patriot Hills Drive, Stony Point, New York 10980, to provide community-wide education with respect to Phase II Storm Water Regulations, and

WHEREAS, Michael Sadowski, Deputy Director of Public Works, has recommended that the Town enter into a new agreement for the period retroactive to April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023, at a fee of \$7,300.00,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it does hereby accept the above proposal of *CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION* to provide the above community-wide education service at a fee of \$7,300.00 for the period retroactive to April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Supervisor Michael B. Specht is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 8160B.3407S

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

Waive Rules of Order:

Waiver of Rules of Order: 24hr. Rule

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-315

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

New Business:

Settlement of Claim: Town of Ramapo v. David Columbia

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-316

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2022, a vehicle owned by Linda Columbia and driven by David Columbia struck a Town of Ramapo Police vehicle, causing damage in the amount of \$4,982.82, and,

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a check from Progressive Insurance in the amount of \$4,982.82 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 Progressive Insurance 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 \$4,982.82 from *PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE* 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.

Account: A22680 (Insurance Recovery)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Yehuda Weissmandl, Councilman
SECONDER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou
NAYS:	Weissmandl

Personnel:

Nominate Police Officers

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-317

WHEREAS, there are vacancies in the position of Police Officer within the Town of Ramapo Police Department, and

WHEREAS, Chief of Police, Martin Reilly, has made the following recommendations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby nominate the following candidates from Civil Service List #21033 (OC) as **Police Officer**:

PHILIP CAMPBELL
SAMANTHA GABRIEL
VINCENT OBOJKOVITS

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

Appointment of Temporary Police Officers

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-318

WHEREAS, there are vacancies in the position of Police Officer at the Town of Ramapo Police Department, and

WHEREAS, Chief of Police 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 appoint the following nominees from Civil Service List #21033 as **Temporary Police Officer Grade 5 (non-certified)**, effective August 23, 2022 at an annual salary of \$54,552, for the purpose of attending the Police Academy, pending final approval from the Rockland County Department of Personnel:

SAMANTHA GABRIEL
VINCENT OBOJKOVITS

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 3120AB.3100

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

Establish Litigation Assistant Position

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-319

WHEREAS, the classification of a full-time Litigation Assistant position in the Town Attorney's Office 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 Litigation Assistant,

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 **LITIGATION ASSISTANT** in the Town Attorney's Office.

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

Appoint Litigation Assistant

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-320

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Litigation Assistant within the Town of Ramapo Town Attorney's Office, and

WHEREAS, 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 **DORI KAPLAN**, as probationary **LITIGATION ASSISTANT**, from Civil Service List #21177, effective August 1, 2022, at the annual salary of \$74,116, in accordance with the current CSEA contract.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1420A.3100

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

Purchasing:

Acceptance of Bid: Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-321

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department solicited bids for the Town of Ramapo Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project, and

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Town Clerk and opened on March 3, 2022, in accordance with provisions of the law, and

WHEREAS, said project is a Federal Aid Project receiving partial project funding, and

WHEREAS, Town engineering consultants MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C.has recommended that the lowest responsible bid of Paladino Concrete Creations, Corp., 315 N. Mac Questen Pkwy, Mount Vernon, NY 10550, be accepted in the amount of \$1,196,353.00, 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 bid of *PALADINO CONCRETE CREATIONS, CORP.*, as the lowest responsible bid

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Supervisor Michael B. Specht is authorized to execute an agreement with Paladino Concrete Creations, Corp., 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

General Matters:

Acceptance of Justice Court Audit for Year Ending December 31, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-322

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, 2021.

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

Adjournment:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-323

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Regular Meeting of the Ramapo Town Board held this evening, July 27, 2022, be hereby **adjourned at 8:00 P.M.**

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