

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD HELD ON
JULY 28, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Ramapo convened in on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 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	7:12 PM
Alyssa Slater	First Assistant Town Attorney	Present	
Sharon M. Osherovitz	Town Clerk	Present	

Comprehensive Plan Update:

OPENING REMARKS
OF SUPERVISOR MICHAEL B. SPECHT

As part of the Town Board’s periodic updates on the status of our comprehensive planning process, I would like to continue to share the progress made since the July 14, 2021 update.

The Town Board has received and is reviewing the full DGEIS and associated DGEIS Appendices. The purpose of this review is not for any Town Board approval of the DGEIS, but only to determine if the DGEIS is complete for purposes of public review and comment.

. When that determination of completeness for public review of the DGEIS is made by the Town Board, the Town Board will set a date for a Public Hearing on the DGEIS. My intention is to have that Public Hearing held in September 2021 with written public comment after the Public Hearing to be accepted as the SEQRA Regulations require.

Promptly after the Town Board determines that the DGEIS is complete for public review and comment, the DGEIS will be made available for public review on the project webpage and hard copies will be made available as the law provides.

So you all know the future sequence of events for our comprehensive planning process, following all public comment both at a Public Hearing and after the written comment period ends, the Town Board after receiving recommendations from our Town Planning Professionals will review and respond to substantive public comments in preparation of a proposed Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS). After further public review and comment on the FGEIS, ultimately a proposed Findings Statement will be prepared in accordance with SEQRA regulations for the Town Board to consider taking action on.

For myself and on behalf of the Town Board, I thank all for their interest and comments and other contributions to this comprehensive planning process. I continue to welcome all to make your questions and comments through the Town's webpage in a timely fashion.

Public Participation:

No one wished to address the Town Board this evening.

Close Open Period For Public Participation

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-290

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Open Period For Public Participation held this evening, July 28, 2021, be hereby **closed at 7:02 P.M.**

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

Acceptance of Minutes:

Regular Meeting of July 22, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-291

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:

JULY 22, 2021 - REGULAR

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

Town Attorney:

Authorization for an Independent Medical Examination - Gross v. Town of Ramapo

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-292

WHEREAS, Moishe Gross commenced an action against the Town and others for personal injuries sustained as a result of a fall on a pathway on Widman Court, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney's Office recommends that, in order to properly defend the case, an Independent Medical Examination ("IME") be performed, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office recommends that Exam Works, 70 Charles Lindbergh Boulevard, Uniondale, New York 11553, be retained to schedule the IME at a fee not to exceed \$2,500,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Town Attorney’s Office is hereby authorized to retain **EXAM WORKS** for the IME in this matter at a fee not to exceed \$2,500.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1420A.3450

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

Authorization for an Independent Medical Examination - Dov & G. Weiss v. Ramapo

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-293

WHEREAS, Dov Weiss commenced an action against the Town for personal injuries sustained by G.W., an infant, as a result of a fall at the Elm Street playground, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office recommends that, in order to properly defend the case, an Independent Medical Examination (“IME”) be performed, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office recommends that Exam Works, 70 Charles Lindbergh Boulevard, Uniondale, New York 11553, be retained to schedule the IME at a fee not to exceed \$2,500,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Town Attorney’s Office is hereby authorized to retain **EXAM WORKS** for the IME in this matter at a fee not to exceed \$2,500.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1420A.3450

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

Authorization for an Independent Medical Examination – Stein v. Town of Ramapo

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-294

WHEREAS, Rechy Stein commenced an action against the Town for personal injuries sustained as a result of a fall which took place on Golar Drive in Monsey, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office recommends that, in order to properly defend the case, an Independent Medical Examination (“IME”) be performed, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office recommends that Exam Works, 70 Charles Lindbergh Boulevard, Uniondale, New York 11553, be retained to schedule the IME at a fee not to exceed \$2,500,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Town Attorney’s Office is hereby authorized to retain **EXAM WORKS** for the IME in this matter at a fee not to exceed \$2,500.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1420A.3450

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

Agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension Rockland County: Community-Wide Education - Storm Water Regulations 2021-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-295

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2020-211, 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, 2021 through March 31, 2022 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, 2021 through March 31, 2022, 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
ABSENT:	Weissmandl

Acceptance of Easements: Maple Estates Subdivision

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-296

WHEREAS, the Town Planning Board approved a subdivision entitled "Maple Estates Subdivision," and

WHEREAS, said approval required granting of the following to the Town:

- Deed for Road Widening;
- Road Widening Easement;
- Utility Access Easement, and

WHEREAS, MJ Engineering and the Town Attorney's Office have reviewed the above and recommend their acceptance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the above agreements, subject to recording.

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

Settlement of Tax Certiorari - K & F Realty USA, LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-297

K & F REALTY USA, 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	50.19-1-43.3	\$82,300	\$75,504, and

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

Purchasing:

Rejection of Bid: Installation of Dog Park Fence JTS Center

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-298

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department solicited bids for the Installation of Dog Park Fence at JTS Center, and
WHEREAS, bids were receives by the Town Clerk and opened June 10th, 2021,and
WHEREAS, Michelle Antosca, Director of Parks and Recreation, recommends the bid be rejected and re-bid at a later date, 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 bid for Installation of Dog Park Fence at JTS Center be REJECTED.

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

Personnel:

Establish Paralegal Specialist II (Municipal Law)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-299

WHEREAS, the classification of a full-time Paralegal Specialist II (Municipal Law) position in the Town Attorney's Office 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 Paralegal Specialist II (Municipal Law),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board authorizes the establishment of the full-time position of Paralegal Specialist II (Municipal Law) in the Town Attorney's Office.

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

Appoint Provisional Paralegal Specialist II (Municipal Law)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-300

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Paralegal Specialist II (Municipal Law) in the Town Attorney's Office 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 **MELINDA MALLIA**, as Paralegal Specialist II (Municipal Law), on a provisional basis, effective August 2, 2021. The annual salary will change from \$87,465 to \$91,838, according to the current CSEA contract.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1420A.3100

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

Standard Workday Resolution-Elected and Appointed Officials

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-301

WHEREAS, the Office of the New York State Comptroller has adopted revised regulations for reporting days worked by elected and appointed officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System (NYSLRS).

WHEREAS, the Town Board is required to establish a standard work day for all elected and appointed officials after August 12, 2009 who participate in the New York State and Local Retirement System (NYSLRS)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Ramapo hereby establishes the following as standard work days for **ELECTED and APPOINTED OFFICIALS** and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these official to the clerk of this body.

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

Accept Resignation - Real Property Data Collector II**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-302**

WHEREAS, Aaron Lijoi, has submitted a letter of resignation from his position as Real Property Data Collector II in the Town of Ramapo Assessor's Office, effective August 6, 2021,

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

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

Statement

Councilman Weissmandl arrived at tonight's Town Board Meeting at 7:12 P.M.

Adjournment:

The Town Board wished Personnel Director Linda Condon all the best in her retirement.

Adjournment**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-303**

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Regular Meeting of the Ramapo Town Board held this evening, July 28, 2021, be hereby **adjourned at 7:18 P.M. in honor of PERSONNEL DIRECTOR LINDA CONDON'S retirement.**

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