

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD HELD ON
AUGUST 09, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Ramapo convened in on Wednesday, August 09, 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	Present	
Alyssa Slater	First Assistant Town Attorney	Present	
Sharon M. Osherovitz	Town Clerk	Present	

Public Participation:

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

Robert Trostle- 45- 47 S. Mountain Road, New City - requested the Board table Millers Pond

Robert Romanowski - 183 Maple Avenue, Monsey - asked if anything is happening at the Cultural Arts Center

Close Open Period For Public Participation

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-339

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Open Period for Public Participation held this evening, August 9, 2023, be hereby **closed at 7:02 P.M.**

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

Acceptance of Minutes:

Regular Meeting of July 24, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-340

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 24, 2023 - REGULAR

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

Town Attorney:

Remaining Recovery of Claim: Town of Ramapo v. Przemyslaw Pokigo

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-341

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2022, a vehicle owned and driven by Przemyslaw Pokigo struck a Town of Ramapo Parks and Recreation vehicle, causing damage, and,

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2023-129, the Town accepted a partial recovery payment of \$4,820.10 from Allstate Insurance Company in partial settlement of the above claim, and

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a check from Allstate Insurance Company in the amount of \$541.56 for the remaining cost of repair of the above Parks and Recreation vehicle, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office has recommended that the Town accept the payment from Allstate Insurance Company as final recovery of the above claim,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the final recovery payment of \$541.56 from *ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY* in final settlement of the above claim.

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

Abrams Fensterman: Special Counsel - Municipal Law (2023-2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-342

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo requires the services of a law firm to serve as outside counsel to provide legal services in the area of municipal law for 2023-2024, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office has recommended retaining Abrams Fensterman, 81 Main Street, Suite 306, White Plains, New York 10601 to serve as outside counsel to provide legal services in the area of municipal law, at the following terms:

- Partner: \$350.00 per hour
- Associate Partner: \$300.00 per hour

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby retains *ABRAMS FENSTERMAN* to serve as outside counsel to provide legal services on municipal law matters for 2023-2024, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a letter agreement with Abrams Fensterman in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1420A.3450

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

Amendment of Resolution No. 2023-34: Michael Murphy-Assessment Services (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-343

WHEREAS, the Town Board by Resolution No. 2023-34 entered into an agreement with Michael Murphy for assessment services, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to amend said Resolution

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-34 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“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 MICHAEL MURPHY at the following terms:

- a) Term: 2023;
- b) Compensation - no more than \$30.00 per hour;
- c) Total fee: Not to exceed \$45,000 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 Michael Murphy 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, Weissmandl
ABSENT:	Wanounou

Storm Water Maintenance Agreement: Bais Yaakov of Ramapo

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-344

WHEREAS, the Town Planning Board approved a project entitled “Bais Yaakov of Ramapo,” located at 984 Haverstraw Road, and

WHEREAS, said approval required the granting of a Stormwater Control Facility Maintenance Agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo is in receipt of a Stormwater Control Facility Maintenance Agreement from Norman Kramer to provide for the long-term maintenance and continuation of stormwater control measures at Bais Yaakov of Ramapo,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute the above Agreement with Norman Kramer 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, Weissmandl
ABSENT:	Wanounou

Purchasing:

Acceptance of Proposal: Tele-Measurements

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-345

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a proposal from Tele-Measurements, Inc., PO Box 1078, 145 Main Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey 07014, to incorporate multiple voice-activated cameras and screen(s) for board members and the public in the Council Room, and

WHEREAS, Mona Montal, Director of Purchasing, has reviewed the above proposal and recommends its acceptance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the proposal of *TELE-MEASUREMENTS, INC.*, at a fee not to exceed \$124,144.00, subject to the terms set forth above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mona Montal, Director of Purchasing, is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Tele-Measurements, Inc., in a form approved by the Town Attorney's Office.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [3 TO 1]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
NAYS:	Weissmandl
ABSENT:	Wanounou

General Matters:

Authorization for Assessor to Attend IAAO Conference

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-346

WHEREAS, Town of Ramapo Assessor, Scott Shedler, has requested authorization to attend the 2023 IAAO Annual Conference and Exhibition to be held August 27th - August 30th, 2023, in Salt Lake City, Utah, and,

WHEREAS, the costs involved will not exceed \$5,000,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that permission be hereby granted for *ASSESSOR SCOTT SHEDLER* to attend the 2023 IAAO Annual Conference and Exhibition to be held August 27th - August 30th, 2023, in Salt Lake City, Utah, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said expense incurred by above at this 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:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman, Weissmandl
ABSENT:	Wanounou

Authorization for Sgt Carbone to attend DCJS Law Enforcement Training Course

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-347

WHEREAS, Police Chief Martin Reilly has requested authorization for Sgt. Michael Carbone to attend the DCJS Law Enforcement Training class titled "Centrifuge Vehicle CQB Instructor's Course" to be held in Wayne County, New York, August 21st through August 25th, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the cost to attend said training will not exceed \$1,300.00 which has been budgeted for in 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that permission be hereby granted for *SGT. MICHAEL CARBONE* to attend the DCJS Law Enforcement Training class titled "Centrifuge Vehicle CQB Instructor's Course" to be held in Wayne County, New York, August 21st through August 25th, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$1,300.00 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that expenses incurred by the above are to be considered a proper municipal charge under Town Law, Section 116(12) and General Municipal Law, Section 77b.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 3120AB.3465 - Schools, Training and Seminars

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

Adjournment:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2023-348

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Regular Meeting of the Ramapo Town Board held this evening, August 9, 2023, be hereby **adjourned at 7:12 P.M.**

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