

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD HELD ON
AUGUST 24, 2022

The Town Board of the Town of Ramapo convened in on Wednesday, August 24, 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	Absent	
Yehuda Weissmandl	Councilman	Present	
Alyssa Slater	Assistant Town Attorney	Present	
Sharon M. Osherovitz	Town Clerk	Present	

Public Participation:

No one wished to address the Town Board this evening.

Close Open Period for Public Participation

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-332

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Open Period for Public Participation held this evening, August 24, 2022, be hereby **adjourned at 7:01P.M.**

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

Public Hearing:

Set Public Hearing on Introductory Local Law: Amendment to Certain Real Property Tax Exemptions-Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-333

BE IT RESOLVED that an introductory Local Law, entitled “**AMENDMENT TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS**” be, and it hereby is, introduced by Councilwoman Charles before the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo in the County of Rockland and State of New York at a duly noticed meeting of the Town Board held August 24, 2022, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law be laid upon the desk of each member of the Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed local law shall thereafter be duly considered by the Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Public Hearing be hereby held on September 28, 2022, at 7:00 P.M., at Ramapo Town Hall, 237 Route 59, Suffern, New York, for the purpose of soliciting public comment on said Introductory Local Law entitled “Amendment To Certain Real Property Tax Exemptions”.

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 13, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-334

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 13, 2022 - REGULAR

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

Regular Meeting of July 27, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-335

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 27, 2022 - REGULAR

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

Regular Meeting of August 10, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-336

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 Board:

AUGUST 10, 2022- REGULAR

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

Town Attorney:

Acceptance of Easements: 4 Fern Drive and 14 Fern Drive

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-337

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo Planning Board has granted certain approval(s) for 4 Fern Drive and 14 Fern Drive, part of a project known as "Viola Mansion", and

WHEREAS, said approvals required the granting of the following easements to the Town:

- Five-Foot Shade Tree Easement, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office has reviewed the above easements and recommends their acceptance,

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

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

Acceptance of Easements: 53-55 Carlton Road

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-338

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo Planning Board has granted certain approval(s) for “53-55 Carlton Road,” and

WHEREAS, said approvals required the granting of a stormwater maintenance agreement and an access easement to the Town, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the above easements, subject Planning Board approval and subject to recording, and

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

Storm Water Maintenance Agreement: Veolia / Suez Water

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-339

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo is in receipt of a Stormwater Control Facility Maintenance Agreement from Veolia formerly known as Suez Water New York, Inc., to provide for the long-term maintenance and continuation of stormwater control measures,

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 **VEOLIA** 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

Settlement of Tax Certiorari: Beth Medrash Ohr Chaim, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-340

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office has recommended that the following certiorari matter be settled:

BETH MEDRASH OHR CHAIM, INC.

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Section/Lot</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Corrected Assessment</u>
2019/20	49.06-1-14	\$57,800	\$57,800*
2019/20	49.06-2-53	\$60,300	\$60,300*
2019/20	49.06-2-54	\$17,000	\$17,000*, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Town Attorney is hereby authorized to settle the above matter, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that refunds can only be made when the Petitioner is current on all tax liability.

*Property shall be 100% exempt

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

Police Matters:

Authorization for Three Detectives to Attend Background Investigation Course

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-341

WHEREAS, Police Chief Martin Reilly, has requested authorization for three (3) Detectives to the “Background Investigations for Police Applicants” course to be held in Fishkill, NY, October 17th - October 18th , 2022, and

WHEREAS, the cost to attend said course is \$395 per Detective will be \$250.00 per officer

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that permission be hereby granted for **DETECTIVE WAYNE MITCHELL, DETECTIVE ROBERT MCINTOSH, and DETECTIVE DANIEL SANTA** to attend the “Background Investigations for Police Applicants” course to be held in Fishkill, NY, October 17th - October 18th , 2022, at a total cost not to exceed \$1185.00, 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

Personnel:

Appoint Real Property Data Collector II

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-342

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Real Property Data Collector II in the Assessor's Office within the Town of Ramapo, and

WHEREAS, Town Assessor, Scott Shedler, 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 *MEG CAVE*, as probationary **REAL PROPERTY DATA COLLECTOR II**, from Civil Service List #21158, effective August 29, 2022 with an annual salary of \$51,491, according to the current CSEA contract.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1355A.3100

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

Amendment of Resolution No. 2022-318: Appointment of Police Officers

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-343

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that Resolution No. 2022-318 be hereby **AMENDED** to read as follows:

“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 from Civil Service List #67-540 the following nominees: *PHILLIP CAMPBELL* as **Police Officer Grade 5 (certified)**, at an annual salary of \$58,244, and *SAMANTHA GABRIEL* and *VINCENT OBOJKOVITS* as **Police Officer Grade 5 (non-certified)**, at an annual salary of \$54,552, effective August 23, 2022.”

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 3120AB.3100

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

Purchasing:

Acceptance of Proposal: John W. Neubauer - AVP Business Products - Canon
Scanner/Printer/Copier

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-344

WHEREAS, Michael Sadowski, P.E., Deputy Director of Public Works, is in receipt of a proposal dated August 9, 2022, from John W. Neubauer - AVP Business Products. 2717 Route 22, Patterson, NY 12563, for the lease-to-buy of a Canon TZ-30000 MFP Z36 2 Roll Scanner/Printer/Copier, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works 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 *JOHN W. NEUBAUER - AVP BUSINESS PRODUCTS* for the lease-to-buy of a Canon TZ-30000 MFP Z36 2 Roll Scanner/Printer/Copier, in the amount of \$20,349.09, to be paid at the rate of \$323.00 per month for 63 months, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with John W. Neubauer, AVP Business Products in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1490A-3440

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

Authorization to Accept Proposal: Hush Maintenance Corp

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-345

WHEREAS, The Ramapo Police Department is in receipt of a proposal dated July 26, 2022, from Hush Electrical Contracting, (RC Contract Number RFB-RC-2020-053) P.O. Box 189, West Haverstraw, New York 10993, in the amount of \$140,000, for electrical work for 58 sights at 76 locations to facilitate the License Plate Readers that will be installed at various locations throughout the Town, and

WHEREAS, Chief Martin Reilly 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 above proposal of *HUSH ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING* for the above electrical work.

CAPITAL BUDGET: 5197H33.3260 - Other Equipment

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

Acceptance of Proposal - Life Insurance

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-346

CORRECTED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town's current life insurance coverage with The Hartford Life Insurance Company expires on January 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a proposal from The Hartford for life insurance coverage to renew the policy with no changes to the current rates:

.274/1000 Life Rate

.036/1000 AD&D Rate, and

WHEREAS, said rates will be in effect for a two-year period, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Town does hereby accept the proposal of ***THE HARTFORD*** to provide life insurance coverage to all eligible Town employees for the period of February 1, 2023 through January 31, 2025, subject to the terms set forth above.

Source of Funds: Various.389045

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

General Matters:

Authorization to Accept Grant for New York State's Highway Safety Program for Police Traffic Services

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-347

WHEREAS, the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee has awarded a grant in the amount of \$34,884 to the Town of Ramapo Police Department to participate in New York State's Program for Police Traffic Services, and

WHEREAS, the goal of this program is to increase seat belt usage and reduce dangerous driving behaviors in an effort to reduce serious injury and death from traffic crashes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the grant from the ***NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE*** in the amount of \$34,884 to participate in New York State's Program for Police Traffic Services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement with the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee 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

Authorization to Accept Grant for New York State’s Highway Safety Program for Pedestrian Enforcement and Education

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-348

WHEREAS, the New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee has awarded a grant in the amount of \$11,424 to the Town of Ramapo Police Department to participate in New York State’s Highway Safety Program for Pedestrian Enforcement and Education, and

WHEREAS, the goal of this program is to reduce the number of crashes, injuries, and deaths on New York’s roads,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the grant from the *NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR’S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE* in the amount of \$11,424 to participate in New York State’s Highway Safety Program for Pedestrian Enforcement and Education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement with the New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee 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

Agreement for Additional Ambulance and EMS Services

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-349

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2021-532, as amended by Resolution No. 2022-80 approved an agreement with William Paul Faist Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc. and Spring Hill Community Ambulance Corps (“Ambulance Corps”) for the provision of Emergency and Related Ambulance Services, for year 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined there is a need for additional services from the Ambulance Corps, and

WHEREAS, the Ambulance Corps have agreed to provide the additional services as requested by the Town,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby authorizes funding for additional Emergency and related Ambulance Services from *WILLIAM PAUL FAIST VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS, INC.* and *SPRING HILL COMMUNITY AMBULANCE CORPS* in a combined amount not to exceed \$275,000 for a 3 month period commencing Tuesday, August 16, 2022, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute agreements with the Ambulance Corps, in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

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

Town Clerk:

Approval of Liquor License: La Parrilla Huerto Inc. d/b/a Mt. Ivy All American Diner

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-350

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of the New York State Alcoholic Beverage Control Law, an applicant for a license to sell alcoholic beverages at retail, for on-premises consumption, must notify the Town Clerk of the municipality wherein the premises are located, and

WHEREAS, this notice is given in order that the municipality, if it so desires, may express an opinion for or against the granting of said license or renewal, to the ABC Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo, that with respect to the application submitted by *LA PARRILLA HUERTO INC. d/b/a MT. IVY ALL AMERICAN DINER* for on premises consumption, the Ramapo Town Board does hereby express a **Favorable Opinion**.

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

Adjournment:

Adjournment

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-351

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Regular Meeting of the Ramapo Town Board held this evening, August 24, 2022, be hereby **adjourned at 7:38 P.M.**

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