

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD HELD ON
AUGUST 27, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Ramapo convened in on Friday, August 27, 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 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 Assistant Town Attorney	Present	
Maureen Pehush	Deputy Town Clerk	Present	

Moment of Silence

The Town Board held a ***MOMENT OF SILENCE*** this evening for the eleven Marines, one Navy corpsman and one Army soldier who were killed Thursday, August 26, 2021 as the result of an enemy attack outside the Hamid Karzai International Airport Kabul, Afghanistan, while supporting non-combatant evacuation operations. They were:

- Sgt. Johanny Rosario Pichardo**, 25, of Lawrence, Massachusetts
- Sgt. Nicole L. Gee**, 23, of Sacramento, California
- Staff Sgt. Darin T. Hoover**, 31, of Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Cpl. Hunter Lopez**, 22, of Indio, California
- Cpl. Daegan W. Page**, 23, of Omaha, Nebraska
- Cpl. Humberto A. Sanchez**, 22, of Logansport, Indiana
- Lance Cpl. David L. Espinoza**, 20, of Rio Bravo, Texas
- Lance Cpl. Jared M. Schmitz**, 20, of St. Charles, Missouri
- Lance Cpl. Rylee J. McCollum**, 20, of Jackson, Wyoming
- Lance Cpl. Dylan R. Merola**, 20, of Rancho Cucamonga, California
- Lance Cpl. Kareem M. Nikoui**, 20, of Norco, California.
- Navy Corpsman Maxton W. Soviak**, 22, of Berlin Heights, Ohio
- Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Knauss**, 23, of Corryton, Tennessee

Public Participation

The following persons wished to address the Town Board this morning.

Deborah Munitz - 5 Rose Hill Road, Montebello- submitted written comments dated August 26, 2021

Close Open Period For Public Participation

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-355

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Open Period for Public Participation held this morning, August 27, 2021 be hereby closed at 8:04 A.M.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Town Board held a Public Hearing this morning, August 27, 2021, at 8:00 A.M. to solicit public comment on the TOWN OF RAMAPO’S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS, AND TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE SUBMISSION OF ONE OR MORE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATIONS UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT FOR THE 2020 PROGRAM YEAR.

TOWN ATTORNEY JANICE GITTELMAN submitted the following exhibits into the record:

- 1. Legal Notice
- 2. Affidavit of Posting: Town Clerk
- 3. Affidavit of Publishing: Journal News
- 4. Joel Weiss written comment dated August 6, 2021

CHIEF OF STAFF, MONA MONTAL stated the New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) proposes to utilize up to \$60 Million in CDBG funds under the CARES Act to help communities throughout the state to safely reopen and restart their local economies in the wake of COVID-19. She further addressed the Public Hearing Pre-Application requirements as follows:

- 1. Public Hearing is being held before a quorum of the full legislative body.
- 2. Town provided a minimum seven (7) day period between publication of Hearing Notice, and tonight’s Hearing.
- 3. Hearing Notice posted on Town Clerk Bulletin Board, Town website, and published in the Journal News.
- 4. Public Hearing is being held at Town Hall which is accessible to persons with disabilities.

Ms. Montal advised all proposed activities must meet critical thresholds, with all projects having a connection to preventing, preparing or responding to COVID-19 and COVID-19 type events, with all projects being completed within 12 months of award.

Ms. Montal stated the Town of Ramapo is seeking \$2,000,000.00 for the CDBG Cares funding, and provided a summary of Ramapo’s proposed eligible projects, as follows:

- 1. Welder Park All Accessible/Inclusive Playground \$550,000.00
- 2. Community Outreach Center- Purchase of Land to expand Senior Program \$300,000.00
- 3. Community Outreach Center- Purchase of Senior Transport Van \$100,000.00
- 4. Tomche Shabbos- Food Distribution \$100,000.00
- 5. Kupath Ezra- Funds to Families \$100,000
- 6. Good Samaritan Hospital - Healthcare/Birthing Center \$1,100.000

Written comments may be submitted to Sharon Osherovitz, Town Clerk at Osherovitzs@ramapo.org <<mailto:Osherovitzs@ramapo.org>> or mailed to 237 Route 59, Suffern, NY 10901 up to 5:00 P.M., August 31, 2021.

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

Robert Romanowski- 183 Maple Avenue, Monsey, NY - requested grant money be used for improving sidewalks in Monsey

Joel Weiss - address unknown- written comments read into the record by Supervisor Specht

Ms. Montal reiterated all proposed use must meet critical thresholds that include but are not limited to

- 1. Compliance with HUD’s National objectives
- 2. Explicitly prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus
- 3. Can be completed within 12 months of the award

Close Public Hearing: CDBG

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-356

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Pubic Hearing held this morning, August 27, 2021 at 8:00 A.M., at Ramapo Town Hall, to solicit public comment on the **TOWN OF RAMAPO’S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS, AND TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE SUBMISSION OF ONE OR MORE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2020 PROGRAM YEAR** be hereby closed at 8:24 A.M., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED written comments may be submitted to Sharon Osherovitz, Town Clerk, a Osherovitzs@ramapo.org <<mailto:Osherovitzs@ramapo.org>>, or 237 Route 59, Suffern, NY 10901 to up 5:00 P.M. , August 31, 2021.

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

Supervisor's Comments

SUPERVISOR MICHAEL B. SPECHT announced the Town received the State of New York Department of State statement of population showing total population change from 2010 - 2020 based on the 2020 Census. He stated the Town’s total population in 2010 was 126,595 and in 2020 the total population is recorded as 148,919, an increase of 17.6%.

Adjournment:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-357

RESOLVED by the Town of Ramapo that the Special Meeting of the Ramapo Town Board held this morning, August 27, 2021 be hereby **adjourned at 8:25 A.M.**

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