

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

The Town Board of the Town of Ramapo convened in on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 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	
Amy Mele	Assistant Town Attorney	Present	
Sharon M. Osherovitz	Town Clerk	Present	

Moment of Silence:

A MOMENT OF SILENCE was held this evening to commemorate the 23rd anniversary of the attacks on 9/11

Public Participation:

No one wished to address the Town Board this evening.

Close Open Period For Public Participation

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-335

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Open Period for Public Participation held this evening September 11, 2024, be hereby **closed at 7:01 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 August 28, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-336

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 Book:

AUGUST 28, 2024 - REGULAR

RESULT:	ADOPTED [3 TO 0]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSTAIN:	Weissmandl
ABSENT:	Wanounou

Town Attorney:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-337

WHEREAS, the New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee has awarded a grant in the amount of \$16,379.00 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 \$16,379.00 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

Personnel:

Appointment of Police Officers

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-338

WHEREAS, there are vacancies in the position of Police Officer (Spanish-Speaking) within the Town of Ramapo Police Department, and

WHEREAS, Police Chief, Daniel Hyman, has made the following recommendations,

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 #67-589 to the position of probationary **POLICE OFFICER (SPANISH-SPEAKING) - GRADE 5**, effective September 26, 2024. According to the current PBA contract, the annual salary is \$56,923 for Non-Certified Officers and \$60,775 for Certified Officers.

JOSH MARTINEZ - NON-CERTIFIED
GODFREY OSORIO - CERTIFIED

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 3120AB.3100

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

General Matters:

Employment Agreement: Police Chief

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-339

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2024-244, appointed Daniel Hyman to the position of Police Chief within the Town of Ramapo Police Department effective June 15, 2024, subject to execution of a contract of employment, and authorized the Supervisor to execute said contract, and

WHEREAS, the Town has negotiated an employment agreement with Chief Hyman, a copy of which is available in the Town Clerk’s Office,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby agrees to enter into an employment agreement with DANIEL HYMAN containing the terms and conditions of his employment as Police Chief for the Town of Ramapo Police Department for the period retroactive to July 15, 2024 through December 31, 2029, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute said agreement with Chief Daniel Hyman on behalf of the Town, in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office.

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

Approval of Agreement: Ramapo Police Superior Officers Association

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-340

WHEREAS, the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Ramapo and the Town of Ramapo Police Superior Officers Association, Inc. (“RPSOA”) has expired, and

WHEREAS, the negotiating team for the Ramapo RPSOA and the negotiating team for the Town have agreed to the terms of a new contract for the period retroactive to January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2028, and

WHEREAS, the Ramapo RPSOA membership has ratified or will ratify the new contract,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby ratifies the new contract with respect to a new collective bargaining agreement with the Ramapo RPSOA for the period retroactive to January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2028, subject to ratification by Ramapo RPSOA, and

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

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

New Business:

Wavier of Rules of Order: 24hr Rule

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-341

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

Permission to Use Town Hall Lawn: Boy Scouts

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-342

WHEREAS, Boy Scouts of America Suffern Troop 21 has requested permission to use the lawn in front of Town Hall for a homeless camping project on September 21, 2024, commencing at 4:00 P.M. through noon on September 22, 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby authorizes **BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICAN SUFFERN TROOP 21** to utilize the lawn for a homeless camping project on September 21st and September 22nd , 2024, subject to the Town being named as an additional insured.

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. 2024-343

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Regular Meeting of the Ramapo Town Board held this evening, September 11, 2024, be hereby **adjourned at 7:11 P.M.**

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