

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Ramapo convened in on Wednesday, September 27, 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	Absent	
Michael Rossman	Councilman	Present	
David Wanounou	Councilman	Present	
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:

Eli Younger- Spring Hill Ambulance Corp. - advised the Board Spring Hill Ambulance Corp. achieved an “A” list agency rating and thanked the Board for their continued support.

Close Open Period For Public Participation

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-400

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Open Period for Public Participation held this evening, September 27, 2023, be hereby **closed at 7:08 P.M.**

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

Public Hearing:

The Town Board held a Public Hearing this evening, September 27, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. to solicit public comment on the **TOWN OF RAMAPO’S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS, AND TO DISCUSS THE SUBMISSION OF THE REQUEST FOR CLOSEOUT OF THE TOWN OF RAMAPO’S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FOR PROJECT NO. 3416CVPF49-22.**

Town Attorney Alyssa Slater announced the Public Hearing requirements have been met 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. Slater submitted the following exhibits into the record:

- 1. Legal Notice
- 2. Affidavit of Posting Legal Notice: Town Clerk
- 3. Affidavit of Publication of Legal Notice: Journal News
- 4. Notice of Public Hearing Town Clerk Bulletin Board
- 5. Notice of Public Hearing Evidence of Posting on Town Website

No one wished to address the Town Board this evening.

Close Public Hearing: CDBG/CARES

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-401

WHEREAS, the Town was awarded grant funding from the Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC), represented by the Office of Community Renewal (collectively the “Corporation”), for the following community development projects, collectively known as Project No. 3416CVPF49-22:

- 1) WELDLER PARK PLAYGROUND*
- 2) COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER - SENIOR TRANS. VAN*
- 3) TOMECHÉ SHABBOS - FOOD DISTRIBUTION*
- 4) GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL BIRTHING CENTER*

,and

WHEREAS the Town entered into a Community Development Block Grant Agreement (CARES) with the Corporation effective May 4, 2022, for Project No. 3416CVPF49-22, and

WHEREAS, the Town has concluded Project No. 3416CVPF49-22 and wishes to submit a request for closeout, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board held a duly noticed public hearing on September 27, 2023 at Ramapo Town Hall, before a quorum of the full legislative body, pursuant to section 570.486, subpart 1 of the CFR and in compliance with the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, at which all interested parties were heard

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Public Hearing held this evening, September 27, 2023, for the purpose of soliciting public comments on the Town of Ramapo community development needs and to discuss the submission of the request for closeout of the **TOWN OF RAMAPO’S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FOR PROJECT NO. 3416CVPF49-22**, be hereby closed at 7:10 P.M.

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

Acceptance of Minutes:

Regular Meeting of September 13, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-402

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:
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 - REGULAR

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

Special Meeting of September 20, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-403

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:
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 - SPECIAL

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

Town Attorney:

Acceptance of Easement- Avon Gardens, LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-404

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo Planning Board granted subdivision approval to Avon Gardens, LLC for a project located at 1 -12 Van Ness Road.

WHEREAS, said approval required the granting of a Stormwater Access and Maintenance Easement to the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and the Town Attorney’s Office have reviewed the above easement and recommend its acceptance,

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

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

Personnel:

Nominate Police Radio Dispatchers (CAD)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-405

WHEREAS, there are vacancies in the position of Police Radio Dispatcher (CAD) at the Town of Ramapo Police Department, and
WHEREAS, Chief of Police Martin Reilly has made the following recommendations,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby nominate the following three people from Civil Service List #23031 (OC) as **POLICE RADIO DISPATCHER (CAD)**, pending approval from Rockland County Personnel Department:

JAIME KIELY-FAILING
MICHAEL LOUGHLIN
HENRY LENNON (PART-TIME)

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

Purchasing:

Acceptance of Extension of Bid: Purchase of Auto and Truck Parts and Service

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-406

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo, by Resolution No. 2022-415, approved an agreement with **ADVANCE STORES CO., D/B/A ADVANCED AUTO PARTS, CAMPBELL FREIGHTLINER OF ORANGE COUNTY, ELLIOTT AUTO SUPPLY CO. INC, D/B/A FACTORY MOTOR PARTS, DEHARNAIS ENTERPRISES INC., D/B/A INTERSTATE BATTERY, NATIONAL GEAR AND PISTON, INC., AND RG GROUP** for Purchase of Auto and Truck Parts and Services, and
WHEREAS, **BEYER BROTHERS CORP.** the seventh vendor is no longer in business, and
WHEREAS, the agreement with provided for an extension of said agreement for an additional one (1) year period, and
WHEREAS, Michael Sadowski, Deputy Director of Public Works, recommends that the above agreement be extended, 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 agreement between the Town and **ADVANCE STORES CO., D/B/A ADVANCED AUTO PARTS, CAMPBELL FREIGHTLINER OF ORANGE COUNTY, ELLIOTT AUTO SUPPLY CO. INC. D/B/A FACTORY MOTOR PARTS, DESHARNAIS ENTERPRISES INC. D/B/A INTERSTATE BATTERY, NATIONAL GEAR AND PISTON, INC. AND RG GROUP** for Purchase of Truck and Auto Parts, be extended for an additional year.

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

Acceptance of Bid: Furnishing of Work Uniforms

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-407

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department of the Town of Ramapo solicited bids for the Furnishing and Cleaning of Work Uniforms, and

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Town Clerk's Office and opened on September 7th, 2023, in accordance with the provisions of the law, and

WHEREAS, Mona Montal, Director of Purchasing, recommends acceptance of the sole bid from American Wear, Inc., 261 North 18th Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07017,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the responsible bid submitted by *AMERICAN WEAR INC.* be hereby approved and accepted.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Various

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

General Matters:

Authorization to Apply for Justice Court Assistance Program Grant

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-408

WHEREAS, Melinda Mallia, Chief Court Clerk, requests authorization from the Town Board to apply for funding from the Justice Court Assistance Program (“JCAP”), during the upcoming grant cycle, and

WHEREAS, all Town and Village Courts may apply for a JCAP Grant for a variety of purposes including security equipment items, furniture, office equipment, courtroom and court facilities improvement, and renovations, and

WHEREAS, the maximum JCAP award is \$30,000.00 per Court,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby authorizes the Town of Ramapo Justice Court to apply for a *Justice Court Assistance Program Grant* in the 2023-24 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-409

WHEREAS, the New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee has awarded a grant in the amount of \$13,536 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 \$13,536 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:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
SECONDER:	David Wanounou, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Rossman, Wanounou, Weissmandl
ABSENT:	Charles

Authorization to Accept Grant for NY State’s Highway Safety Program for Police Traffic Service

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-410

WHEREAS, the New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee has awarded a grant in the amount of \$39,856 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 \$39,856 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:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
SECONDER:	David Wanounou, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Rossman, Wanounou, Weissmandl
ABSENT:	Charles

Authorization to Accept Grant for NY State’s Highway Safety Program for Child Passenger Safety

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-411

WHEREAS, the New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee has awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,000 to the Town of Ramapo to participate in New York State’s Program for Child Passenger Safety, and

WHEREAS, the goal of this program is to increase the proper use and installation of child safety seats in New York State,

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 \$2,000 to participate in New York State’s Program for Child Passenger Safety, 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:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
SECONDER:	Yehuda Weissmandl, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Rossman, Wanounou, Weissmandl
ABSENT:	Charles

Adjournment:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2023-412

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Regular Meeting of the Ramapo Town Board held this evening, September 27, 2023, be hereby adjourned at __: __ P.M.

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