

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD HELD ON
NOVEMBER 20, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Ramapo convened in **Regular Meeting** on Monday, November 20, 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	Present	
Yehuda Weissmandl	Councilman	Absent	
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:

Deborah Munitz- 5 Rose Hill Road, Montebello, NY - re: agenda item V.Q. Surplus of Property: spoke on transparency and lack thereof, land is not vacant stating it is park land and used as such by neighbors, requested a proper process moving forward with thoughtful decision making.

Robert Romanowski - 183 Maple Avenue, Monsey, NY - stated the newly installed lights on Sunrise Drive are not operating.

Chief of Staff Mona Montal advised O&R has not turned on the power for these lights and the Town will be following up with O&R.

Close Public Participation

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-471

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Open Period for Public Participation held this evening, November 20, 2023, be hereby **closed at 7:08 P.M.**

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

Acceptance of Minutes

Regular Meeting of November 8, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-472

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:
NOVEMBER 8, 2023 - REGULAR

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

Adoption of Town of Ramapo Budget for Year 2024

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RESOLUTION NO. 2023-473

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Ramapo for year 2024 was filed in the Town Clerk’s office, and
WHEREAS, the Town Board reviewed said Preliminary Budget at a duly noticed Public Hearing, held on November 8, 2023, and
WHEREAS, the Town Board has amended the 2024 Preliminary Budget as presented at said public Hearing, pursuant to “Schedule A”, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the *PRELIMINARY BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF RAMAPO FOR THE YEAR 2024*, as amended, be hereby approved and adopted for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024.

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

Public Hearing:

Reschedule Public Hearing: Community Development Block Grants Program- 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-474

WHEREAS, the Town Board by Resolution No. 2023-351 set a Public Hearing for November 22, 2023, at 7:00 P.M for the purpose of soliciting public comments 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 2024 Program year, and
WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to reschedule said Public Hearing to a future date.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby schedules a Public Hearing be held on December 13, 2023 at 7:00 P.M., at Ramapo Town Hall, 237 Route 59, Suffern, NY, 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 for the purpose of soliciting public comments 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 2024 PROGRAM YEAR**, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Clerk is directed to publish a Notice of said Public Hearing at least 14 days before said Public Hearing is held.

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

Town Attorney:

Acceptance of Easements: 211-217 N. Pascack Road

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-475

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo Planning Board has granted Subdivision approval for 211-217 N. Pascack Road, and

WHEREAS, said approval required the developer to grant a storm water maintenance agreement and access easement to the Town, and

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

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

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

Acceptance of Easements: Bais Yaakov

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-476

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo Planning Board has granted certain approval(s) for “Bais Yaakov” located at 984 Haverstraw 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 to recording.

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

Acceptance of Easement: 50 Park Lane

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-477

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo Planning Board has granted certain approval(s) for 50 Park Lane, and

WHEREAS, said approvals required the granting of a Shade Tree Easement to the Town, and

WHEREAS, MJ Engineering 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:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou
ABSENT:	Weissmandl

Hold Harmless Agreement: 4 Joan Lane

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-478

WHEREAS, Cheskel Friedman, owner of 4 Joan Lane, is seeking certain approvals from the Town regarding property at 4 Joan Lane, New York, and

WHEREAS, as part of granting any such approval, the Town requires a Hold Harmless Agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office has no legal objection to a Hold Harmless agreement that is in acceptable form as approved by the Town Attorney’s Office,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a Hold Harmless Agreement with **CHESKEL FRIEDMAN**, in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s Office, regarding a hotbox abutting Joan Lane.

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

Agreement with the Village of Spring Valley - Park Crest Fire Protection District

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-479

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo has duly established a Fire Protection District known as the Park Crest Fire Protection District, and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that a contract be entered into with the Village of Spring Valley for the year 2024 for the furnishing of fire protection to such district at the following compensation:

2024 - \$5,950.00, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 8, 2023 with respect to the proposed agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby agree to enter into an agreement with the Village of Spring Valley for fire protection services for the **PARK CREST FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT** for the year **2024** at the terms set forth above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Village of Spring Valley 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, Wanounou
ABSENT:	Weissmandl

Agreement with the Village of Sloatsburg - Johnsontown Road Fire Protection District

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-480

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo has duly established a Fire Protection District known as the Johnsontown Road Fire Protection District, and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that a contract be entered into with the Village of Sloatsburg for the year 2024 for the furnishing of fire protection to such district at the following compensation:

2024 - \$8,000.00, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 8, 2023 with respect to the proposed agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby agree to enter into an agreement with Village of Sloatsburg for fire protection services for the *JOHNSONTOWN ROAD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT* for the year 2024 at the terms set forth above, and

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

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

Agreement with the Village of Hillburn - Fire Protection District No. 1

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-481

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo has duly established a Fire Protection District known as Ramapo Fire Protection District No. 1, and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that a contract be entered into with the Village of Hillburn for the year 2024 for the furnishing of fire protection to such district at the following compensation:

2024 - \$120,525.00, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 8, 2023 with respect to the proposed agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby agree to enter into an agreement with the Village of Hillburn for fire protection services for *RAMAPO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1* for the year 2024 at the terms set forth above, and

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

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

Agreement with the Village of Sloatsburg - Fire Protection District No. 2

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-482

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo has duly established a Fire Protection District known as Ramapo Fire Protection District No. 2, and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that a contract be entered into with Village of Sloatsburg for the year 2024 for the furnishing of fire protection to such district at the following compensation:

2024 - \$198,500.00, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 8, 2023 with respect to the proposed agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby agree to enter into an agreement with Village of Sloatsburg for fire protection services for ***RAMAPO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2*** for the **year 2024** at the terms set forth above, and

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

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

Agreement with the Village of Sloatsburg - Fire Protection District No. 3

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-483

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo has duly established a Fire Protection District known as Ramapo Fire Protection District No. 3, and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that a contract be entered into with the Village of Sloatsburg for the year 2024 for the furnishing of fire protection to such district at the following compensation:

2024 - \$103,500.00, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 8, 2023 with respect to the proposed agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby agree to enter into an agreement with the Village of Sloatsburg for fire protection services for ***RAMAPO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3*** for the **year 2024** at the terms set forth above, and

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

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

Agreement with the Moleston Fire District - Fire Protection District No. 4

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-484

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo has duly established a Fire Protection District known as Ramapo Fire Protection District No. 4, and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that a contract be entered into with the Moleston Fire District for the year 2024 for the furnishing of fire protection to such district at the following compensation:

2024 - \$25,000.00, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 8, 2023 with respect to the proposed agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby agree to enter into an agreement with Moleston Fire District for fire protection services for ***RAMAPO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4*** for the **year 2024** at the terms set forth above, and

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

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

Agreement with the Village of Hillburn - Fire Protection District No. 5

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-485

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo has duly established a Fire Protection District known as Ramapo Fire Protection District No. 5, and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that a contract be entered into with the Village of Hillburn for the year 2024 for the furnishing of fire protection to such district at the following compensation:

2024 - \$70,000.00, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 8, 2023 with respect to the proposed agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby agree to enter into an agreement with the Village of Hillburn for fire protection services for ***RAMAPO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5*** for the **year 2024** at the terms set forth above, and

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

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

Settlement of Claim: Town of Ramapo v. Ricardo Olmino

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-486

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2023, a vehicle driven by Ricardo Olmino and owned by Moises Olmino struck a Town of Ramapo Police vehicle, causing damage in the amount of \$6,992.07, and,

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a check from Allstate Insurance in the amount of \$6,992.07 for the cost of repair of the above Police vehicle, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office has recommended that the Town accept the payment from Allstate Insurance in full settlement of the above claim,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts payment of \$6,992.07 from ***ALLSTATE INSURANCE*** in full settlement of the above claim, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign all Release documents in a form recommended by the Town Attorney’s Office.

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

Settlement of Claim: Town of Ramapo v. James Hornberger

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-487

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2023, a vehicle owned and driven by James Hornberger struck a Town of Ramapo Police vehicle, causing damage in the amount of \$3,499.45, and,

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a check from Progressive Insurance in the amount of \$3,499.45 for the cost of repair of the above Police vehicle, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office has recommended that the Town accept the payment from Progressive Insurance in full settlement of the above claim,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts payment of \$3,499.45 from *PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE* in full settlement of the above claim, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign all Release documents in a form recommended by the Town Attorney’s Office.

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

Settlement of Tax Certiorari: Avon Capital Corp.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-488

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

AVON CAPITAL CORP.

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Section/Lot</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Corrected Assessment</u>
2023/24	54.36-1-6	\$6,463,800	\$4,255,000, and

WHEREAS, Scott Shedler, the Town Assessor, concurs with the above recommendation,

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 settlement is subject to approval by the Suffern Central School District, and

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

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

Settlement of Tax Certiorari: Berns Irvin Revocable Trust

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-489

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

BERNS IRVIN REVOCABLE TRUST

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Section/Lot</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Corrected Assessment</u>
2023/24	55.11-1-25	\$209,300	\$198,835, and

WHEREAS, Scott Shedler, the Town Assessor, concurs with the above recommendation,
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 settlement is subject to approval by the Suffern Central School District, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that refunds can only be made when the Petitioner is current on all tax liability.

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

Inter-Municipal Agreement: Ice and Snow Remediation - Village of Montebello

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-490

WHEREAS, the Village of Montebello has requested that the Town of Ramapo provide snow and ice remediation to certain Village-owned properties,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby agree to enter into an *INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT* with the Village of Montebello for the above services beginning December 1, 2023 and continuing through November 30, 2024, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Village of Montebello 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, Wanounou
ABSENT:	Weissmandl

Surplus of Property- 24 Grosser Lane

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-491

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2021, the Town entered into a Stipulation of Settlement in connection with litigation entitled Goldfarb v. Town of Ramapo, et. al., whereby the Town agreed to restrict the use of certain vacant land designated on the Town of Ramapo tax map as 49.15-2-29 (the “Property”) to certain municipal uses; and
WHEREAS, on September 28, 2023, the Town entered into an Amended Stipulation of Settlement which provided that the Village of Kaser may utilize a portion of the Property for municipal offices, which Stipulation was approved by this Board by Resolution No. 2021- 245; and
WHEREAS, the Director of Parks and Recreation, Michelle Antosca, and the Director of Purchasing, Mona Montal, have advised the Town Board that the above property is not required by the Town and can be declared surplus; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo on a roll call vote that it hereby declares the above **property surplus**.

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

Personnel:

Nomination of Three Police Officers

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-492

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 nominate the following from Civil Service List #67-540/21033 as **Police Officer Grade 5**:

KEVIN LEONARD
JAKE TAMBURRO
JOSEPH WASSNER

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

Agreement with ESI Group Inc: Employee Assistance Program - Non-Police 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-493

WHEREAS, ESI Group Inc. (hereinafter, “ESI”) conducts an employee assistance program, (hereinafter “EAP,”) which provides professional and confidential assistance to help employees and their families resolve personal problems which may affect their home life, their health, and possibly their employment, and

WHEREAS, ESI has submitted a proposal to continue to provide to the Town of Ramapo (Non-Police) employees and their families the services hereinabove described for the one-year time period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 for a fee of \$5,545.28, and

WHEREAS, there is no cost to the individual employee or their family members for these EAP services, and

WHEREAS, Chief of Staff, Mona Montal, recommends accepting the proposal from ESI,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with *ESI GROUP INC.*, to provide professional and confidential assistance to help Town employees and their families at a fee of \$5,545.28 for the time period of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

Source of Funds: Various.389060

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

Agreement with ESI Group Inc: Employee Assistance Program - Police 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-494

WHEREAS, ESI Group Inc. (hereinafter, “ESI”) conducts an employee assistance program, (hereinafter “EAP,”) which provides professional and confidential assistance to help public safety employees and their families resolve personal problems which may affect their home life, their health, and possibly their employment, and

WHEREAS, ESI has submitted a proposal to provide to the Town of Ramapo Police Department and their families the services hereinabove described for the calendar year 2024 at the fee of \$3,297.81, and

WHEREAS, there is no cost to the individual police officers or their family members for these EAP services, and

WHEREAS, Chief of Staff, Mona Montal, recommends accepting the proposal from ESI,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with *ESI GROUP INC.*, to provide professional and confidential assistance to help police officers and their families at a fee of \$3,297.81 for the time period of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 3120AB.389060

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

Finance:

Authorization for Funding: Additional Emergency & Related Ambulance Services

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-495

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2023-102, approved an agreement with William Paul Faist Volunteer Ambulance Corp for the provision of emergency and related ambulance services for year 2023, and

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

WHEREAS, William Paul Faist Volunteer Ambulance Corp has 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 CORP* in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the remainder of 2023, and

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

SOURCE OF FUNDS: SMEMS1.345405

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

Authorization for Additional Funding: Konbit Neg Lakay

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-496

WHEREAS, Konbit Neg Lakay has requested additional funding in an amount of up to \$40,000.00 for immediate emergency relief requirements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby agrees to provide funding to *KONBIT NEG LAKAY* in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 for immediate emergency relief, and

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

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 6310A.34847

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

Purchasing:

Extension of Agreement: Submersible Grinder Pump Stations and Accessories

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-497

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo, by Resolution No. 2023-110, approved an agreement with Siewert Equipment, 10 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203, for Submersible Grinder Pump Stations and Accessories, and

WHEREAS, the agreement with Siewert Equipment provided for an extension of said agreement for an additional one (1) year period, and

WHEREAS, Michael Sadowski, PE, 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 **SIEWERT EQUIPMENT** for Submersible Grinder Pump Stations and Accessories, be extended for an additional one (1) year period, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Siewert Equipment, in a form approved by the Town Attorney’s office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: (OPERATING 8130SS/3448)

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

General Matters:

Authorization for Three Police Officers to attend Wellness Program

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-498

WHEREAS, Police Chief Martin Reilly has requested authorization for three (3) Police officers to attend the Wellness Presentation & Forum to be held at the Indiana Police Department in Fishers, Indiana, December 10th through December 12th, 2023, and

WHEREAS, arrangements for attendance at said Forum call for no registration fees, hotel accommodations of \$990.00, Airfare & Luggage fees \$1,400.00, airport parking charge \$120.00, rental car fee \$175.00, and per diem meal reimbursement allowance of \$517.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that authorization be hereby granted for **THREE (3) POLICE OFFICERS** to attend the Wellness Presentation & Forum to be held at the Indiana Police Department in Fishers, Indiana, December 10th through December 12th, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$3,600.00, which has been budgeted for in 2023, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said 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, Seminars and Travel

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

Appointment of Delegate and Alternate: Association of Towns Conference 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-499

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo, that the following named person shall be designated "DELEGATE", and shall attend the Annual Business Sessions for the **Association of Towns Seminar** of the State of New York, to be held in New York City, February 18th through February 21st, 2024, and shall be hereby authorized to cast the vote for the Town of Ramapo, pursuant to Section 6 of Article III of the Constitution and By-Laws of said Association:

SUPERVISOR MICHAEL B. SPECHT

, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the absence of the person so designated above, the following named person shall be designated "ALTERNATE", and shall be authorized to cast the vote of said Town:

BRENDEL CHARLES

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

Waiver of Rules of Order:

Waiver of Rules of Order: 24hr Rule

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-500

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:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
SECONDER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou
ABSENT:	Weissmandl

New Business:

Extension of Comment Period on Draft Scoping Outline: Harriman Meadows

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-501

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2023-396, adopted on September 20, 2023, the Town Board issued a SEQR Positive Declaration for the proposed Harriman Meadows residential project and established a comment period on the project’s draft Scoping Outline until 4:00 PM on October 27, 2023, and

WHEREAS, some of the project materials had not been posted to the Town’s website at the beginning of the comment period, therefore, the Town Supervisor consented to extend the comment period to 4:00 PM on November 13, 2023, which decision was ratified by the Town Board by Resolution No. 2023-425, adopted on October 10, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board subsequently received comments from the public regarding publication in the Environmental Notice Bulletin of the notice of the draft Scoping Outline and comment period. Therefore, the Board wishes to extend the comment period to 4:00 PM on December 11, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby extends the comment period on the Harriman Meadows Draft Scoping Outline to December 11, 2023, written comments to be submitted to Sharon M. Osherovitz, Town Clerk, at <<<mailto:osherovitzs@ramapo.org>>> or hand delivered to the Town Clerk’s Office, Town Hall, 237 Route 59, Suffern, NY 10901 no later than 4:00 P.M.

Dated: November 20, 2023

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

Supervisor's Remarks

Supervisor Specht wishes all residents of the Town of Ramapo a Happy Thanksgiving.

Adjournment:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2023-502

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Special Meeting of the Ramapo Town Board held this evening, November 20, 2023, be hereby **adjourned at 7:29 P.M.** *In Memory of (Eleanor) ROSALYN CARTER* who served as the first lady of the United States from 1977 to 1981, as the wife of President Jimmy Carter, who passed away November 19, 2023.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael B. Specht, Brendel Charles, Michael Rossman, David Wanounou
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou
ABSENT:	Weissmandl