

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD HELD ON
DECEMBER 13, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Ramapo convened in on Wednesday, December 13, 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	Absent	
Yehuda Weissmandl	Councilman	Absent	
Alyssa Slater	First Assistant Town Attorney	Present	
Sharon M. Osherovitz	Town Clerk	Present	

Public Participation:

The following person wished to address the Town Board this evening:

Devorah Munitz - 5 Rosehill Road, Montebello, NY - RE: 24 Grosser Lane -requested the Board hold off, questioned noticing, public hearing, and impacts of site plan being left to the Village of Kaser

Robert Romanowski - 183 Maple Avenue, Monsey, NY - questioned the Fire District elections resulted submitted to Town Clerk; questioned why not selling rather than transferring 24 Grosser Lane property

Close Open Period for Public Participation

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-503

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Open Period for Public Participation held this evening, December 13, 2023, be hereby **closed at 7:08 P.M.**

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

Public Hearing:

The Town Board held a Public Hearing this evening, December 13, 2023, at 7:00 P.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 FOR THE 2024 PROGRAM YEAR.**

1. The Public Hearing was held before a quorum of the full legislative body.

2. Town provided a minimum fourteen (14) day period between publication of Hearing Notice and tonight's Hearing
3. Public Hearing is held at Ramapo Town Hall which is accessible to persons with disabilities.
4. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Minutes dated October 10, 2023 and October 12, 2023 were distributed to the Town Board and made available to the public

TOWN ATTORNEY, ALYSSA SLATER, submitted the following exhibits into the record:

1. Affidavit of Posting: Town Clerk
2. Affidavit of Publishing: Journal News

CHIEF OF STAFF, CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER, and ROCKLAND COUNTY CONSORTIUM CDBG COMMITTEE MEMBER, MONA MONTAL, spoke on the Town's past successful projects using CDBG grant funding and spoke on the creative ideas for future Town projects discussed by the CAC at their meetings dated October 10th and October 12th, 2023. Proposed projects discussed were sidewalks, smart walk, pocket parks, decorative guard-rails (West Maple & Monsey Blvd), underground crossing for safety (Route 59/West Maple/Monsey Blvd), and partnering with local not-for-profit agencies to design a transportation system to expand access to public transportation.

The following Persons wished to address the Town Board this evening:

Robert Romanowski - 183 Maple Avenue, Monsey, NY - spoke on condition of sidewalks on Herrick, Decatur, and Stephens

Close Public Hearing: Community Development Block Grants Program- 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-504

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Public Hearing held this evening, 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** be hereby closed at 7:13 P.M.

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

Acceptance of Minutes:

Special Meeting of November 20, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-505

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 20, 2023 - SPECIAL

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

Town Attorney:

Extension of Agreement for Ambulance Billing Services: Upstate Billing, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-506

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2022-99, approved an agreement with Upstate Billing, Inc., 48 Bakertown Road, Suite 407, Monroe, New York 10950, for ambulance billing services for the Town of Ramapo’s Volunteer Ambulance Corps, and

WHEREAS, Mona Montal, Director of Purchasing, has recommended that the above agreement be extended for the year 2024 at the same terms,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby agrees to extend the agreement for ambulance billing services with *UPSTATE BILLING, INC.* for the year 2024, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Upstate Billing, Inc. 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
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Settlement of Tax Certiorari: Pascack WL Holdings Group

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-507

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

PASCACK WL HOLDINGS GROUP

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Section/Lot</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Corrected Assessment</u>
2021/22	68.09-2-15	\$175,000	\$175,000
2022/23	68.09-2-15	\$175,000	\$175,0000
2023/24	68.09-2-15	\$175,000	\$140,000, 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 East Ramapo 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:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
SECONDER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Settlement of Claim: GEICO General Insurance Company a/s/o Jacob Goldstein

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-508

WHEREAS, GEICO General Insurance Company, as subrogee of Jacob Goldstein, filed a Notice of Claim dated November 9, 2023, against the Town of Ramapo for damage to its insured’s vehicle as a result of it being struck by a Town Police vehicle while being driven by Usher Goldstein, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office has reviewed the above claim and recommends it be settled in the amount of \$4,729.21,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the claim of *GEICO GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, as subrogee of Jacob Goldstein*, is hereby settled in the amount of \$4,729.21, said settlement to be charged to CSL1931, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said settlement is subject to receipt of a general release executed by GEICO General Insurance Company.

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

Acceptance of Easement: 8 Sherman Drive

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-509

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo Planning Board has granted certain approvals for 8 Sherman Drive, and

WHEREAS, said approvals required the granting of two Shade Tree Easements to the Town, and

WHEREAS, MJ Engineering and the Town Attorney’s Office have reviewed the above easements and recommend its 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
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Amendment of Resolution No. 2023-491

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-510

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2023, the Town Board passed Resolution No. 2023-491 authorizing the surplus of certain town-owned vacant land designated on the Town of Ramapo tax Map as 49.15-2-29; and

WHEREAS, upon reconsideration, the Town does not wish to surplus the entire parcel, but only a portion of said parcel, along with a small strip of adjoining property, as indicated on the attached map; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo on a **Roll Call Vote** that Resolution No. 2023-491 be hereby amended to read as follows:

"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 **a portion** of certain vacant land designated on the Town of Ramapo tax map as 49.15-2-29 (the **“the Surplus 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 **Surplus Property, a map of which is attached as Schedule "A"** 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:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Transfer of Surplus Land: 24 Grosser Lane

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-511

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, the Town has not identified a need for the Property, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Kaser has expressed a desire to locate a municipal building on the Property, and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2023, the Town entered into an Amended Stipulation of Settlement which provided that the Village of Kaser may utilize the Property for municipal offices, which Stipulation was approved by this Board by Resolution No. 2023-204, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2023-491, as amended by Resolution 2023-510 the Town authorized the surplus of a portion of the Property ("the Surplus Property"), and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to transfer the Surplus Property to the Village of Kaser to be used for municipal offices,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo on a **Roll Call Vote** that it hereby authorizes the transfer of the Surplus Property to the Village of Kaser for no consideration pursuant to General Municipal Law §72-h, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board has determined that: a) the transfer of the Surplus Property, in and of itself, will have no significant adverse impact on the environment thus requiring no further review pursuant to the N.Y. State Environmental Review Act ("SEQRA"); and b) the planned construction of municipal offices by the transferee will be subjected to the required environmental review by the Village of Kaser; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said transfer shall be subject to permissive referendum.

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

Personnel:

Appointment of Two Police Radio Dispatchers (CAD)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-512

WHEREAS, there are vacancies in the position of Police Radio Dispatcher (CAD) within 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 *VANESSA MIRCH and ERIN WEIDEL* from Civil Service List #23031 (OC), as Probationary Police Radio Dispatchers (CAD), effective January 2, 2024, at an annual salary to be determined by the CSEA contract.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 3125AB.3100

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

Nominate Police Radio Dispatcher (CAD) - Spanish Speaking

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-513

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Police Radio Dispatcher (CAD) - Spanish Speaking 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 *EVA DOMINGUEZ* from Civil Service List #23032 (OC) as Police Radio Dispatcher (CAD) - Spanish Speaking.

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

Purchasing:

Authorization for Funding: Additional Emergency Medical Services

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-514

WHEREAS, Town Board Resolution No. 2022-57 and Agreement for the provision of Emergency Medical Services with Rockland Paramedic Services, Inc, 540 Chestnut Ridge Road, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977, expired on December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Town continued to fund Rockland Paramedic Services for 2023 at the same rate as the 2022 agreement, and

WHEREAS, Ramapo Paramedic Services has informed the Town of Ramapo that the costs of operation to provide an increased level of service required by the Town have increased significantly, and

WHEREAS, the Ramapo Paramedic Services has requested additional funding in the amount of \$120,751.01 for the year 2023,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby agrees to provide additional funding in the amount of \$120,751.01 to *ROCKLAND PARAMEDIC SERVICES, INC.*, for the provision of Emergency Medical Services in 2023 subject to the terms set forth above, and

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

SOURCE OF FUNDS: SMEMS1.345406

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

Approval of Agreement: Emergency and Related Ambulance Services (2024)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-515

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2023-102, approved agreements for the provision of emergency and related ambulance services with the following organizations:

- Hatzolah
- Spring Hill Ambulance
- Faist Ambulance
- New Square Ambulance

WHEREAS, pursuant to said agreements, the yearly fees paid to the above organizations for the services are established in the Town Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the above organizations requested the following amounts, which were approved by the 2024 Town Budget:

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| • Hatzolah | \$3,200,000.00 |
| • Spring Hill Ambulance | \$3,000,000.00 |
| • Faist Ambulance | \$1,500,000.00 |
| • New Square Ambulance | \$960,000.00, and |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute agreements with the above organizations 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
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Acceptance of Bid: Printing of 2024 Summer Activities and Facilities Brochures

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-516

WHEREAS, Michelle Antosca, Director of Parks and Recreation, has solicited bids for 2024 Printing of Summer Activities and Facilities Brochure, and

WHEREAS, said bids were received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Ramapo and opened on November 15th, 2023, in accordance with the provisions of the law, and

WHEREAS Michelle Antosca has recommended that the bid of Graphic Image, 561 Boston Post Road, Milford, Connecticut 06460, be accepted, 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 bid from **GRAPHIC IMAGE**, for 2024 Printing of Summer Activities and Facilities Brochure be accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with KB Offset Printing, Inc., in a form approved by the Town Attorney's Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Operating 7020/3498

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

Acceptance of Proposal: Excess Workers' Compensation 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-517

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a proposal from Safety National Casualty Corporation through LeBaum Company, Inc., 17 Monsey Boulevard, Monsey, New York 10952, for renewal of the Town’s Specific Excess Workers Compensation by Safety National Casualty Corporation as follows:

SPECIFIC EXCESS WORKERS COMPENSATION

W.C. Limit Each Accident.....	Statutory
E.L. Limit Each Accident.....	\$2,000,000.00
Retention Each Accident (Non-Police).....	\$600,000.00
Retention Each Accident (Police).....	\$900,000.00
Rate Per \$100 Payroll.....	0.6825
Minimum Premium.....	Not to exceed \$256,970.00
Deposit Premium.....	Not to exceed \$285,522.00
Term.....	January 1, 2024 - January 1, 2025

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the proposal of *LEBAUM COMPANY, INC.* with respect to the Specific Excess Workers Compensation as set forth above is hereby approved and accepted.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1710CSW 341710

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

Extension of Agreement: Advanced Auto Parts: Purchase of Motor Oil, Anti Freeze, Hydraulic Oil & Transmission Fluids

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-518

WHEREAS, the Town, by Resolution No. 2022-418, entered into an agreement with Advanced Auto Parts, 4200 Six Forks Drive, Raleigh, NC, 27609 for Purchase of Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Hydraulic Oil and Transmission Fluid, and

WHEREAS, the agreement with Advanced Auto Parts provided for an extension of said agreement for an additional one (1) year period, and

WHEREAS, Michael Sadowski, Deputy Director of DPW, recommends that the above agreement be extended, and

WHEREAS, Mona Montal, Director of Purchasing, concurs with said commendation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby extends the above agreement with *ADVANCED AUTO PARTS*, for an additional one (1) year period, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Advanced Auto Parts 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
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Extension of Agreement: Joseph Lombardo Plumbing & Heating: HVAC Maintence at JTS Center

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-519

WHEREAS, the Town, by Resolution No. 2023-63, entered into an agreement with Joseph Lombardo Plumbing and Heating, 320 Spook Rock Road, Suffern, NY 10901, for HVAC Maintenance at the JTS Center, and

WHEREAS, the agreement with Joseph Lombardo Plumbing and Heating provided for an extension of said agreement for an additional one (1) year period, and

WHEREAS, Michelle Antosca, Director of Parks and Recreation, 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 it hereby extends the above agreement with ***JOSEPH LOMBARDO PLUMBING and HEATING*** for HVAC Maintenance at the JTS Center, for an additional one (1) year period, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Joseph Lombardo Plumbing and Heating 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
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

General Matters:

Update Schedule of Fees: Floodplain Development Permit

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-520

WHEREAS, the Town Board by Resolution No. 2014-136 adopted a new Floodplain Protection Law known as Local Law No. 1-2014, and

WHEREAS, §149-10A established a floodplain development permit for all construction and other development to be undertaken in areas of special flood hazard, and

WHEREAS, § 149-10B established all applications for a floodplain development permit shall be accompanied by the required fee in accordance with the Standard Schedule of Fees of the Town of Ramapo, and in addition the applicant shall be responsible for reimbursing the Town for any additional costs necessary for review, inspection and approval of the construction and development project, whereby a deposit of no more than \$500 may be required to cover additional costs, and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to enact a specific application fee for a floodplain development permit, and

WHEREAS, Building Inspector Ian Smith recommends an application fee of \$500 in addition to a \$500 deposit to cover additional costs

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby update the **STANDARD SCHEDULE OF FEES** to include a **Floodplain Development Permit Application fee of \$500.**

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

Authorization to Purchase Department Issued Firearm: Retired Police Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-521

CORRECTED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a retired Police Officer has requested to purchase their department issued firearm, a Sig Sauer P-320, Serial #58C370146, and

WHEREAS, said firearm can be sold to a licensed firearms dealer who in turn can transfer the firearm to the retired Police Officer, and

WHEREAS, the retired Police Officer has the necessary pistol permit, and the Police Department has no objection to the above sale and transfer, and

WHEREAS, said sale and transfer will be facilitated by Ramapo Police Department Lead Firearms Instructor Officer Sgt. Robert Bassett through Rockland Indoor Shooting & Education Gun Shop, located at 1 Wayne Avenue, Suffern, NY

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby declares the above firearm previously issued to the Police Officer as surplus, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Ramapo Police Department Firearms Officer Sgt. Robert Bassett is hereby authorized to facilitate said sale and transfer through said licensed firearms dealer.

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

Authorization for 4 Officers to attend LEAP Training

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-522

WHEREAS, Police Chief Martin Reilly has requested authorization for four (4) Police Officers to attend the New York Law Enforcement Assistance Program (LEAP) - International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, Inc. (ICISF) Assisting Individuals in Crisis (Advanced) Training to be held in Saratoga County, New York, December 18th through December 19th, 2023, and

WHEREAS, arrangements for attendance at the Training call for hotel accommodations of \$726.00, Fuel \$200.00 and per diem meal reimbursement of \$640.00, and \$200.00 for incidental charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that authorization be hereby granted for *LT. BLAINE HOWELL, SGT. ANDRES SANCHEZ, PO VALERIE MENDEZ, and PO LUIS MALDONADO* to attend the New York Law Enforcement Assistance Program (LEAP) - International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, Inc. (ICISF) Assisting Individuals in Crisis (Advanced) Training to be held in Saratoga County, New York , December 18th through December 19th, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.00, 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
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Authorization for Police Officer to Deliver Scales for Calibration

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-523

WHEREAS, Police Chief Martin Reilly, has requested authorization for a Police Officer to deliver three sets of commercial vehicle enforcement scales to the NYS Bureau of Weights & Measures for testing in Syracuse, New York, January 7th - January 8th, 2024, and

WHEREAS, cost incurred for testing is as follows: hotel \$189.00; fuel/tolls not to exceed \$100.00, and meal reimbursement \$96.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that permission be hereby granted for a POLICE OFFICER to deliver three sets of commercial vehicle enforcement scales to the NYS Bureau of Weights & Measures for testing in Syracuse, New York, January 7th - January 8th, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$450.00, 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
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Changes to Town Board Meeting Schedule

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-524

WHEREAS, the Town Board would like to make the following changes to the Town Board Meeting Schedule:

CANCEL

Workshop Monday December 25, 2023 5:30 P.M.

SCHEDULE

Workshop Wednesday December 27, 2023 6:30 P.M.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the date and time of the Regular Town Board Meeting be changed as stated above.

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

New Business:

Waive Rules of Order: 24hr. Rule

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-525

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
ABSENT:	Wanounou, Weissmandl

Change to Town Board Meeting Schedule: Special Town Board Meeting: December 20, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-526

WHEREAS, the Town Board would like to make the following change to the Town Board Meeting Schedule:

SCHEDULE

Special Meeting Wednesday December 20, 2023 6:00 P.M.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby schedules a Special Town Board Meeting as stated above.

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

General Matters:

Public Comments on Memorializing Resolution

Jennifer Green - spoke on the Memorializing Resolution and the need for other Towns to do same.

Memorializing Resolution Calling On Town of Ramapo, Residents And Business Owners To Adopt The DAC Initiative To Assist Individuals With Special Needs And Their Families

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-527

WHEREAS, the "Disability Advisory Council" Initiative is about promoting awareness and acceptance of all people, and advocating for the inclusion of all neurodiverse individuals and anyone with special needs; and

WHEREAS, we know and believe our state and communities are stronger when they are diverse and inclusive of everyone and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) over 61 million people, or one in four American adults, have a type of disability or special need; and

WHEREAS, for some people with special needs, their disability marginalizes them, preventing them from fully accessing resources, recreational opportunities, and full community integration; and

WHEREAS, it is important to educate and provide guidance to those with special needs and their families and advocates on how to access publicly supported services available to them in their community; and

WHEREAS, it is important to encourage and educate the community and businesses on ways they can make facilities and services more accessible and on how to train staff to welcome and support special needs customers and co-workers; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this initiative is to provide a supportive and inclusive environment for individuals of all abilities by supporting community events that expand family friendly opportunities for people with special needs and their families; and

WHEREAS, adopting the DAC Initiative is an important statement that our Town officials, business owners and residents can make to show their support for the differently-abled children and adults with special needs, and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Ramapo adopts and urges residents and business owners to adopt the DAC Initiative so that all are better prepared to communicate with, provide for, and support the neurodiverse and anyone with special needs.

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

Waiver of Balance of Administrative Fees Owed to the Town: Spring Hill Community Ambulance Corp.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-528

WHEREAS, by Town Board Resolution No. 2022-474 the Town entered into a fueling agreement with Spring Hill Community Ambulance Corp. for the utilization of the Town’s fueling facilities for the year 2023, and

WHEREAS, said Resolution provided provisions for administrative fees for the purchase of gasoline above the cost of the fuel, and

WHEREAS, Spring Hill Community Ambulance Corp. rendered additional services to the Town in year 2023, and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the additional services rendered, the Town proposes to waive the balance of administrative fees for the purchase of gasoline owed to the Town to date, and for the remainder of 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby agrees to waive the balance of administrative fees ***SPRING HILL AMBULANCE CORP.*** owes to the Town to date, and for the remainder of 2023.

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

Adjournment:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2023-529

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Regular Meeting of the Ramapo Town Board held this evening, December 13, 2023, be hereby **adjourned at 7:38 P.M.**

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