

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD HELD ON
DECEMBER 14, 2022

The Town Board of the Town of Ramapo convened in on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 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	
Dennis Lynch	Assistant Town Attorney	Present	
Maureen Pehush	Deputy Town Clerk	Present	

Moment of Silence

A ***MOMENT OF SILENCE*** was held this evening ***IN REMEMBRANCE*** of **Rabbi Josef Neumann** who succumbed to his injuries from a machete attack at a Hanukkah party in Monsey, New York on December 28, 2019, where three others sustained critical injuries, and ***IN REMEMBRANCE*** of 20 first-graders- **Charlotte Bacon, 6; Daniel Barden, 7; Olivia Engel, 6; Josephine Gay, 7; Dylan Hockley, 6; Madeleine Hsu, 6; Catherine Hubbard, 6; Chase Kowalski, 7; Jesse Lewis, 6; Ana Marquez-Greene, 6; James Mattioli, 6; Grace Audrey McDonnell, 7; Emilie Parker, 6; Jack Pinto, 6; Noah Pozner, 6; Caroline Previdi, 6; Jessica Rekos, 6; Avielle Richman, 6; Benjamin Wheeler, 6; and Allison Wyatt, 6**, and six educators- **Rachel D'Avino, 29; Dawn Lafferty Hochsprung, 47; Anne Marie Murphy, 52; Lauren Rousseau, 30; Mary Sherlach, 56; and Victoria Soto, 27**, who were gunned down in a mass shooting on Dec. 14, 2012, at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut.

Public Participation:

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

Robert Romanowski- 183 Maple Avenue, Monsey, NY - questioned the legality of holding a Town Board meeting without a Town Attorney present.

Mr. Romanowski was advised Assistant Town Attorney Dennis Lynch would be presiding over the Meeting this evening.

Rachel - 70 Dunnigan Drive, Suffern, NY - spoke on pedestrian safety ant college and Horton; requested contact person to express concerns to

Jayne Reebe - 83 E Maple Avenue, Monsey, NY - Association of Visually Impaired advocate - advised no safeway for pedestrians to cross, no sidewalks, no shoulders

Concerns and contact information were referred to Chief of Staff Mona Montal

Close Open Period for Public Participation
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-454

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Open Period for Public Participation held this evening, December 14, 2022, be hereby **closed at 7:18 P.M.**

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

Public Hearing:

A Public Hearing was held this evening, December 14, 2022 on the **APPLICATION OF WATCHTOWER** for a **CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL PERMIT (CDSP) AND CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CDP); PROPOSED ADDITIONAL HEIGHT PLAN, AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT TREE CLEARING ACTIVITIES WITHIN LIMITS OF DISTURBANCE SHOWN ON THE CDP.** The revised zoning amendments adopted by the Board on November 9, 2022 requires a CDSP for any proposed use in the MU-3 Zoning District

GEORGE LITHCO, Town's outside council, gave a summary of Watcher's application and addressed concerns of consistency, the potential of increased height and environmental concerns, and addressed tree clearing. Mr. Lithco advised the Board is waiting on a report from MJ Engineering, the Town's outside engineer consultants.

IRA EMMANUEL, attorney for applicant, addressed the Board on the steps the Applicant has taken thus far, a culmination of 3yrs of work by all those involved, including the Town Board. Mr. Emmanuel discussed the application for a CDSP, as a provision of the Town Code, and the documents submitted in the support of that application. Mr. Emmanuel requested the Town Board approve the Applicant's Additional Building Height Plan, and to authorize tree clearing activities within the limits of disturbance.

ASHLEY LEY of AKRF, Applicant's planning consultant, gave a power point presentation highlighting the project overview, proposed site plan, site constraints, balancing of cut and fill, height alternatives, building elevation comparisons, MU-3 zoning district, and construction phasing.

With regard to the RC GML review dated December 12th, Mr. Emmanuel commented no overrides were needed and addressed all comments, 1 through 25. George Lithco stated all GML comments will apply.

The following persons wished to address the Board this evening:

Roger Fried - Warwick, NY - co-chair of Sterling Forest Partnership dedicated to the preservation of Sterling Forest - expressed concern with the 75ft height alternative; advocated to reduce scope of project with consideration for what is necessary

Deborah Munitz - ROSA of Rockland - complimented applicant; questioned urgency of tree clearing the entire disturbance area as most inappropriate as it usually is at end of planning process; queried existence of open space preservation plan; stated review letters are unavailable

Deborah Munitz - 5 Rose Hill Road, Montebello, NY - questioned special permit allowed use tie in; questioned ability to restrict resident population impact on school, and Town/County services and future Town residents using Town facilities; question the insurance that "volunteer" is actual volunteer and the stress on traffic and services; questioned the performance bond number; requested the Town Board "take a breath"

Kiki Nelson - Sterling Forest resident - advised 200 acres of Sterling Forest, which was purchased as open space, was clear cut for the Applicant’s World Headquarters; expressed great concern on environmental, traffic and volume issues; against clear cutting

Dorothy -Tuxedo resident- advised she is up close and personal to project site; has watched clear cutting of trees; concern two entrances on Sterling Mine Road which is only 2 lane roadway; expressed traffic concerns commenting “increased height equals increased traffic

Ira Emmanuel and Ashly Ley addressed some concerns expressed this evening, stating the applicant first appeared in-front of the Board April 8, 2020, and has submitted thousands of pages of information.

SUPERVISOR SPECHT expressed concern that due to unseen circumstances, the Board has not received a report from MJ Engineering, the Town’s a consultant; the Board has not had time to review the RC GML Review as it was received late afternoon today; the Board lacks details regarding the restoration bond, and the resolution in front of the Board this evening is not in final form. The Supervisor suggested tabling the item to the meeting of December 28, 2022.

Close Public Hearing: Watchtower Conceptual Development Special Permit (CDSP) and
Conceptual Development Plan (CDP); Proposed Additional Height Plan,
Authorization to Conduct Tree Clearing Activities Within Limits of Disturbance
Shown on the CDP

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-455

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Public Hearing held this evening, December 14, 2022, to solicit public comment on the **APPLICATION OF WATCHTOWER FOR APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL PERMIT (CDSP) AND CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CDP); PROPOSED ADDITIONAL HEIGHT PLAN, AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT TREE CLEARING ACTIVITIES WITHIN LIMITS OF DISTURBANCE SHOWN ON THE CDP** be hereby closed at 8:07 P.M.

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

Conceptual Development Special Permit: Watchtower

Conceptual Development Special Permit Application: Watchtower

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-456

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc. Watchtower Audio/Video Production Center Conceptual Development Special Permit Application is hereby **TABLED** to the December 28, 2022 Town Board Meeting.

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

Set Public Hearings

Set Public Hearing: Introductory Local Law Establishing Filming Rights & Requirements in the Town of Ramapo

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-457

BE IT RESOLVED that an Introductory Local Law, entitled “ESTABLISHING FILMING RIGHTS & REQUIREMENTS IN THE TOWN OF RAMAPO” be, and it hereby is, introduced by Supervisor Specht before the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo in the County of Rockland and State of New York at a duly noticed meeting of the Town Board held December 14, 2022, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law be laid upon the desk of each member of the Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed local law shall thereafter be duly considered by the Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Public Hearing be hereby held on January 25, 2023 at 7:00 P.M., at Ramapo Town Hall, 237 Route 59, Suffern, New York, for the purpose of soliciting public comment on said Introductory Local Law entitled “Establishing Filming Rights & Requirements in The Town Of Ramapo”.

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

Set Public Hearing: Proposed Revisions to Article VI of Chapter 37 of the Town Code- Police Officer Residency

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-458

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo (“Town Board”) hereby desires to set a Public Hearing to consider A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 37, ARTICLE VI OF THE TOWN CODE REGARDING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR POLICE OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY THE TOWN OF RAMAPO; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to solicit public comment prior to the adoption of the proposed amendment that would modify requirements for residency for police officers employed by the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo as follows:

- Section 1. The above “WHEREAS” clauses are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.
- Section 2. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish a Notice of Public Hearing for the proposed adoption of a Local Law Regarding Residency Requirements for police officers. The Town Clerk is authorized to publish notification for the Public Hearing to be held on January 25, 2023 at 7:15 P.M. at Ramapo Town Hall, and, the Town Clerk is directed to proceed with all appropriate notifications and required publications of the Notice of Public Hearing and proposed Local Law as required by law and as recommended by Special Counsel for the Town.
- Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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

Acceptance of Minutes;

Special Meeting of November 16, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-459

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 16, 2022- SPECIAL

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

Town Attorney:

Settlement of Claim: Yoseph Meth

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-460

WHEREAS, Yoseph Meth of 12 Parker Street, Spring Valley, New York, has filed a Notice of Claim against the Town for damages caused by a sewer backup, and
WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office has reviewed the claim for damages and recommends that it be settled in the amount of \$6,203.80,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby settles the claim of YOSEPH METH in an amount not to exceed \$6,203.80, said settlement to be charged to Account 8130SS.341931, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said settlement is subject to receipt of a General Release from Yoseph Meth.

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

Settlement of Claim: James Tambini

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-461

WHEREAS, James Tambini filed a Notice of Claim against the Town for damage to his vehicle which was struck by a Town of Ramapo vehicle, and
WHEREAS, the claim was settled by Resolution 2022-409 in the amount of \$2,425.86, and
WHEREAS, an amount of \$312.97, for a vehicle rental, was not included in the original payout of \$2,425.86, and
WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office has reviewed the rental receipt and recommends it be reimbursed in the amount of \$312.97, as part of the full and final settlement of the claim.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby reimburses JAMES TAMBINI in the amount of \$312.97, said reimbursement to be charged to 1930A.341931.

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

Settlement of Tax Certiorari: 475 Beacon Partners, LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-462
475 BEACON PARTNERS, LLC

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office and the Office of the Assessor have recommended that the following certiorari matter be settled:

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Section/Lot</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Corrected Assessment</u>
2021/22	54-35-1-16	\$110,000	\$63,000
2022/23	54-35-1-16	\$110,000	\$63,000, 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 be 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, Weissmandl

Settlement of Tax Certiorari: Sima Halpern

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-463
SIMA HALPERN

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney’s Office and the Office of the Assessor have recommended that the following certiorari matter be settled:

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Section/Lot</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Corrected Assessment</u>
2021/22	56.06-2-66.1	\$175,000	\$137,280
2022/23	56.06-2-66.1	\$175,000	\$133,900, 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 be 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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Retention of Special Counsel: Morris Duffy Alonso & Faley

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-464

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo requires the services of a special counsel to represent the Town with respect to general legal matters as requested by the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a proposal, dated September 27, 2022, from Morris Duffy Alonso & Faley, 101 Greenwich Avenue, 22nd Floor, New York, New York 10006, to serve as special counsel at a fee not to exceed \$250.00 per hour, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney's Office has reviewed the proposal and recommends its acceptance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby retains **MORRIS DUFFY ALONSO & FALEY** to serve as special counsel to the Town of Ramapo with respect to general legal matters as requested by the Town, at a fee not to exceed \$250.00 per hour, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a Letter Agreement with Morris Duffy Alonso & Faley in a form approved by the Town Attorney's Office, subject to the terms set forth above.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1420A.3452 (Consultant)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-465

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 2023 for the furnishing of fire protection to such district at the following compensation:
2023 - \$8,000.00, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on October 26, 2022 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 2023 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, Weissmandl

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-466

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 2023 for the furnishing of fire protection to such district at the following compensation:

2023 - \$5,950.00, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on October 26, 2022 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 2023 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:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
SECONDER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou, Weissmandl

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-467

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 2023 for the furnishing of fire protection to such district at the following compensation:

2023 - \$70,000.00, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on October 26, 2022 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 2023 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, Weissmandl

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-468

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 2023 for the furnishing of fire protection to such district at the following compensation:

2023 - \$25,000.00, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on October 26, 2022 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 2023 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, Weissmandl

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-469

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 2023 for the furnishing of fire protection to such district at the following compensation:

2023 - \$103,500.00, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on October 26, 2022 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 2023** 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:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou, Weissmandl

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-470

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 2023 for the furnishing of fire protection to such district at the following compensation:

2023 - \$198,500.00, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on October 26, 2022 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 2023** 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:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou, Weissmandl

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-471

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 2023 for the furnishing of fire protection to such district at the following compensation:

2023 - \$120,525.00, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on October 26, 2022 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 2023 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, Weissmandl

Approval of Agreement: Not for Profit Agencies (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-472

WHEREAS, the New York State Comptroller’s Office has advised the Town of Ramapo that no funds should be provided to outside agencies by the Town without execution of a formal contract, and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Town Budget provides for allocation of funds to various outside agencies, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby agree to enter into contracts with the following agencies for the following amounts for the year 2023:

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT	TYPE OF SERVICE
Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Rockland County, Inc	\$3,000	Youth Services
Bikur Cholim, Inc.	\$20,000	Health Services
Bikur Cholim, Inc.	\$10,000	Children at Risk
C.A.N.D.L.E.	\$1,000	Community Services
Camp Venture, Inc.	\$8,000	Services for the Handicapped

Chaverim	\$20,000	Community Services
Areivim	\$10,000	Community Services
Catholic Charities of Rockland County Inc.	\$3,000	Community Services
Community Improvement Council, Inc.	\$35,000	Youth Services
Community Outreach Center	\$35,000	Community Services
Falling Angels	\$600	Community Services
First Timothy Christian Church	\$10,000	Community Services
Good Samaritan Foundation	\$25,000	Community Services
Haitian American Cultural and Social Organization (HACSO)	\$4,000	Community Services
Head Start of Rockland	\$6,000	Youth Services
Helping Hands	\$6,000	Community Services
Historical Society of Rockland County	\$600	Community Services
Jamaican Civic and Cultural Association of Rockland, Inc.	\$1,800	Youth Services
J.O.W.M.A.	\$3,000	Community Services
Keep Rockland Beautiful	\$3,500	Great American Clean Up
Konbit Neg Lakay	\$14,000	Community Services
Kupath Ezra	\$15,000	Community Services
Ladies' Ancient Order of Hibernians	\$5,000	Community Services
Legal Aid Society	\$3,000	Community Services
Lighthouse	\$3,000	Community Services
M.A.D.E. Transitional Services	\$12,000	Community Services
Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center, Inc.	\$15,000	Community Services
NAACP - Spring Valley	\$2,000	Community Services
New Square Emergency Services	\$20,000	Community Services
Ramapo Police Athletic League	\$10,000	Youth Services
Rockland Community College Senior Citizens Club	\$1,500	Senior Citizens
Rockland Community Development Center, Inc. - Senior Citizen Program	\$15,000	Senior Citizens

Rockland Holocaust Museum and Study Center	\$5,000	Community Services
Rockland Opportunity Development Association - Kaser (Youth)	\$50,000	Youth Services
Rockland Opportunity Development Association - Kaser (Seniors)	\$55,000	Senior Services
Rockland 21C	\$3,600	Family Services
Suffern American Legion Post 859	\$1000	Community Services
Temicha Support Line, Inc.	\$3,000	Community Services
Touching Bases	\$3,000	Community Services
Village of Kaser Emergency Services	\$15,000	Community Services
West Street Day Care, Inc.	\$9,000	Daycare Services
Yedei Chesed	\$4,000	Services for the Handicapped
Ray of Hope	\$10,000	Community Services

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 6310A (Community Action)

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

Approval of Agreement: Police Firing Range (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-473

WHEREAS, the Town had previously entered into agreements with various municipalities for use of the Police Firing Range at the former Town landfill, and

WHEREAS, all of the agreements will expire on December 31, 2022,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby agrees to enter into agreements for use of the *POLICE FIRING RANGE* for the year 2023 with the following agencies:

1.

County of Rockland Sheriff's Department
2.

Town of Haverstraw
3.

Town of Orangetown
4.

Village of Piermont
5.

Village of Spring Valley
6.

Town of Stony Point
7.

Village of Suffern
8.

United States Marshals Service
9.

Borough of Paramus, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said agreements are subject to the following terms:

1.

Compliance with Police Department General Order Number 105

2. Name the Town as an additional insured
3. Hold the Town harmless with respect to the use of the Police Firing Range, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute agreements with the above municipalities 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, Weissmandl

Fueling Agreements (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-474

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo and the following not-for-profit organizations and municipal corporations within the Town of Ramapo have, on an annual basis, entered into agreements permitting such not-for-profit organizations to utilize the fueling facilities of the Town of Ramapo:

- Bikur Cholim, Inc.
- East Ramapo School District
- Hamaspik of Rockland County
- Hatzolah EMS, Inc. and Chevrah Hatzoloh of Rockland County, Inc.
- Monsey Fire District
- Ramapo Housing Authority
- Rockland Paramedic Services, Inc.
- Spring Hill Community Ambulance Corps, Inc.
- Tallman Fire District
- Village of Chestnut Ridge
- Village of Kaser
- Village of Montebello
- William Paul Faist Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc.
- Yedei Chesed
- Chaverim of Rockland; and
- Good Samaritan Hospital, and

WHEREAS, the not-for-profit organizations have requested a continuance of the fueling arrangement for 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo is agreeable to providing such facility to the not-for-profit organizations subject to an additional twenty (20%) percent administrative fee above the cost of the fuel,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby agrees to enter into agreements for the utilization of the Town of Ramapo’s *FUELING FACILITIES* for the year **2023** with the above organizations at the terms set forth above, 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:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Intermunicipal Agreement - Village of New Hempstead - Wireless Communications Tower (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-475

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2021-524, approved an agreement with the Village of New Hempstead by which the Town divides equally with the Village all revenue received from the County of Rockland with respect to the wireless communication tower installed in the Fred Loescher Veterans Cemetery in the Village of New Hempstead, and

WHEREAS, said agreement expires on December 31, 2022,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby agrees to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the VILLAGE OF NEW HEMPSTEAD for the year 2023, by which the Town will pay the Village one-half (1/2) of any revenue received from the County of Rockland with respect to the wireless communication tower in the Veterans Cemetery in the Village of New Hempstead, and

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

SOURCE OF FUNDS: A.0631 - Due to Other Governments

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

Highway Maintenance and Snow Removal Services for Various Villages (2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-476

WHEREAS, New York State Villages have a non-delegable duty to maintain Village roads in a safe condition allowing for public travel, and

WHEREAS, various Villages within the Town of Ramapo lack the personnel and equipment to perform the above duties, and

WHEREAS, the Villages listed below have requested that the Town of Ramapo contractually provide certain Highway Maintenance and Snow Removal services for them, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo, in 2022, provided Highway Maintenance and Snow Removal Services pursuant to written agreements to the following Villages:

- 1. Chestnut Ridge
- 2. Pomona
- 3. New Hempstead
- 4. Wesley Hills
- 5. Kaser
- 6. New Square
- 7. Montebello, and

WHEREAS, the Town and Villages are desirous of entering into new agreements for the year 2023, and

WHEREAS, the cost for providing said services to the Villages is as follows:

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. Chestnut Ridge | \$648,075.96 |
| 2. Pomona | \$273,156.00 |
| 3. New Hempstead | \$350,281.92 |
| 4. Wesley Hills | \$427,408.80 |
| 5. Kaser | \$37,491.96 |

6. New Square

\$88,909.56
7. Montebello

\$385,632.00,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby agree to enter into *INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS* with the aforementioned Villages for the above services for the **year 2023**, the Town to be compensated as follows:

1. Chestnut Ridge

\$648,075.96
2. Pomona

\$273,156.00
3. New Hempstead

\$350,281.92
4. Wesley Hills

\$427,408.80
5. Kaser

\$37,491.96
6. New Square

\$88,909.56
7. Montebello

\$385,632.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute agreements with the above Villages 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, Weissmandl

Extension of Agreement: Management / Operation of Spook Rock Golf Course

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-477

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2017-464, approved an agreement with Applied Golf, 400 Rike Drive, Millstone Township, New Jersey 08535, for the management/operation of Spook Rock Golf Course, and

WHEREAS, said agreement expires on December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Town and Applied Golf wish to extend the agreement for an additional two years under the same terms and conditions as listed in the License Agreement dated September 12, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby agrees to extend its agreement with *APPLIED GOLF* for the period commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2024, with respect to the management/operation of Spook Rock Golf Course, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Applied Golf 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, Weissmandl

Extension of License Agreement: GC Baseball Club LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-478

WHEREAS, the Town, by Resolution No. 2018-397, entered into a License Agreement with GC Baseball Club LLC, 115 Birch Lane, New City, New York 10956, to utilize a portion of the Town’s maintenance building, known as the Pavilion Building at Clover Stadium for athletic training, and

WHEREAS, said License Agreement, as renewed, is set to expire on September 20, 2022, and

WHEREAS, GC Baseball Club LLC requests a further five-year extension of said License Agreement, beginning October 1, 2022 running through September 30, 2027 and proposes the following rent increases (3% per year):

<u>Year</u>	<u>Annual Rental</u>	<u>Monthly Rental</u>
1	\$40,514.47	\$3,376.21
2	\$41,729.91	\$3,477.49
3	\$42,981.82	\$3,581.82
4	\$44,271.26	\$3,689.27
5	\$45,599.10	\$3,799.95

and

WHEREAS, Michelle Antosca, Director of Parks and Recreation, recommends the granting of the five-year extension of said License Agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby grants a further five -year extension of said License Agreement, as renewed, to **GC BASEBALL CLUB LLC** for the use of a portion of the Town’s maintenance building, known as the Pavilion Building at Clover Stadium, subject to the rents as stated above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a Renewal Agreement with GC Baseball Club LLC 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, Weissmandl

Statement

Councilwoman Charles exited the Town Board Meeting held this evening at 8:46 P.M.

Rates for Town Police During Traffic Control- 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-479

WHEREAS, the Town receives requests for use of Town Police for traffic control,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the following rates will be charged for the year 2023:

Patrolman:	\$151.00 per hour
Supervisor:	\$200.00 per hour

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

Rescission of Resolution No. 2022-413 - Rejection of Dedication: Country Squire Estates

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-480

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2022-4132022-4132022-413, adopted a Rejection of Dedication with respect to Country Squire Estates, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to rescind said Resolution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that Resolution No. 2022-413 is hereby rescinded.

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

Boards and Commissions:

Appoint Community Development Program Citizens Advisory Committee Members

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-481

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the following persons be hereby appointed to serve on the *COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - ROCKLAND COUNTY CONSORTIUM* for a 2 year term, effective January 1, 2023, said term to expire December 31, 2024:

MONA MONTAL

JOSEPH MARGARETTEN

YAAKOV ROSENBERG

SHIMON SINGER

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

Personnel:

Establish Principal Registry Clerk Position

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-482

WHEREAS, the classification of a full-time Principal Registry Clerk position in the Town Clerk's Office within the Town of Ramapo has been recommended by Town Clerk Sharon Osherovitz, and,

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Personnel Office has classified the position of Principal Registry Clerk,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board authorizes the establishment of a full-time position of **PRINCIPAL REGISTRY CLERK** in the Town Clerk's Office.

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

Statement

Councilwoman Charles returned to the Town Board Meeting at 8:53 P.M.

Councilman Rossman departed the Town Board Meeting at 8:56 P.M.

The Town Board took a recess.

Appoint Dog Control Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-483

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Dog Control Officer within the Town of Ramapo Police Department, and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Michael B. Specht, 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 **DANIEL CONDON**, as provisional **DOG CONTROL OFFICER**, effective January 3, 2023, at the annual salary of \$64,467, in accordance with the current CSEA contract.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 3510A.3100

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

Agreement with ESI Group Inc: Employee Assistance Program - Police 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-484

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 2023 at the fee of \$3,119.55, 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 \$3,119.55 for the time period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 3120AB.389060

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

Statement

Councilman Rossman returned to the Town Board meeting at 9:00 P.M.

Purchasing:

Acceptance of Bid: Maintenance of Generators

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-485

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department of the Town of Ramapo has solicited bids for Maintenance of Town of Ramapo Generators, and

WHEREAS, said proposals were received by the Purchasing Department and opened November 14th, 2021, in accordance with the law, and

WHEREAS, Michael Sadowski, Deputy Director of Public Works, recommends the acceptance of the lowest responsible bid of Peak Power Systems, Inc., 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 lowest responsible bid submitted by *PEAK POWER SYSTEMS, INC.*, is hereby approved and accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Peak Power Systems, Inc. in a form approved by the Town Attorney's Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 8130SS.3448 (Sewers)
1640A.3446 (Central Garage)
1620A.3446 (Town Hall)
3120AB.3428 (Police)
7155A.3446 (Parks)

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

Acceptance of Bid:Printing of Facilities 2023 Brochures

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-486

WHEREAS, Michelle Antosca, Director of Parks and Recreation, has solicited bids for 2023 Printing of Summer Activities and Facilities Brochure, and

WHEREAS, said proposals 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, Conn 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 2023 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:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Specht, Charles, Rossman, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Acceptance of Bid: Building Materials and Supplies

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-487

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department of the Town of Ramapo has solicited bids for the Purchase of Building Materials and Supplies, and

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Town Clerk, and opened on November 29th, 2022 , in accordance with the provisions of the law, and

WHEREAS, Mona Montal, Director of Purchasing, recommends acceptance of the responsible bid for the Purchase of Building Materials and Supplies submitted by Beckerle Lumber Supply, Inc., 3 Chestnut Street, Spring Valley, New York 10977,

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

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Various Operating

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

Acceptance of Bid; Repair of Traffic Signals and Pedestrian Control Devices

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-488

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department of the Town of Ramapo has solicited bids for Repair of Traffic Signals and Control Devices, and

WHEREAS, said bids were opened November 16th, 2022, in accordance with provisions of the law, and

WHEREAS, Frederic Brinn, Superintendent of Highways, has recommended that the sole bid of Verde Electric Maintenance Corp., 89 Edison Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York, 10550, be accepted, and

WHEREAS, Mona Montal, Director of Purchasing, concurs with the above recommendation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the proposal of *VERDE ELECTRIC MAINTENANCE CORP.*, , and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Supervisor Michael B. Specht is authorized to execute an agreement with Verde Electric Maintenance Corp., in a form approved by the Town Attorney's Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 3310A.3446

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

Rejection of Bid: HVAC

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-489

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department solicited bids for HVAC, and

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Town Clerk and opened on November 21, 2022, and

WHEREAS, Michelle Antosca, Director of Parks and Recreation, recommends the bid be rejected and re-bid at a later date, 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 for HVAC be **rejected**.

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

General Matters:

Appointment of Marriage Officers - 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-490

WHEREAS, Chapter 49 of the Laws of 1988 amended the New York State Domestic Relations Law to permit the government body of a Town, commencing January 1, 1989, to appoint one (1) or more Marriage Officers, who would have the authority to solemnize marriages within the territory of the Town which makes the appointment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby appoint and designate the following named persons as **MARRIAGE OFFICERS** of the Town of Ramapo for one (1) year term, commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023.

Michael B. Specht, Supervisor

Mona Montal

Hon. Brendel Charles

Hon. Michael Rossman

Hon. David Wanounou

Hon. Yehuda Weissmandl

Sharon M. Osherovitz

Maureen Pehush

Maria Rosario

Yitzchok Ullman

Alvin Spitzer

Christian G. Sampson

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

Authorization to Attend Association of Towns 2023 Annual Meeting & Training School

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-491

WHEREAS, the **ANNUAL ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS CONFERENCE** will be held in New York City on February 19th through February 22nd, 2023

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to grant permission to individual Town Employees to attend said Conference, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any expenses incurred by the above Town employees at said seminar are to be considered a proper Municipal Charge under Town Law, Section 116(12) and General Municipal Law, Section 77B, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the maximum meal allowance for the Association of Towns’ Seminar shall be U.S. General Services Administration 2023 Per Diem Rate for New York and shall be reimbursable upon submission of receipts to the Town of Ramapo Finance Department, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that reimbursement allowable without receipts will be made up to a maximum of \$60.00 per day.

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

Appointment of Delegate and Alternate: Association of Towns February 20th - 23rd, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-492

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 19th through February 22nd, 2023, 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:

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR CHARLES

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

Finance:

Appropriation of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-493

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, guaranteeing direct relief to cities, towns and villages in the United States to respond to the COVID-19 emergency, and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide governments with a substantial infusion of resources to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable economy as the country recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo is a recipient of a second payment of fiscal recovery funds, in the amount of \$2,296,198.21, and may use these funds to support public health expenditures; support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease the spread of the virus; address negative economic impacts; replace lost revenue, and invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, within these overall categories, recipients have broad flexibility to decide how best to use this funding to meet the needs of their communities

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby appropriates local fiscal recovery funds for the following Town purposes:

- TOWN OUTSIDE HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT
 - TOWNWIDE HIGHWAY SNOWPLOW
 - PARKS & OTHER GENERAL TOWN EXPENSES
 - POLICE EQUIPMENT
 - AMBULANCE RECOVERY
 - WATER DISTRICT RECOVERY
- \$50,000.00

\$300,000.00

\$296,198.21

\$100,000.00

\$800,000.00

\$750,000.00

\$2,296,198.21

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

Amendment to 2022 Budget: DASNY Grant for Renovations at Ramapo Senior Citizens Community Center

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-494

WHEREAS, the Town is in receipt of a DASNY Grant for renovations at the Ramapo Senior Citizens Community Center in the amount of \$84,029, and

WHEREAS, receipt of said funds is not reflected in the 2022 Town Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Department of Finance is hereby authorized to amend the 2022 Town Budget as follows:

- Increase Revenue: A.23989 (DASNY Grant) - \$84,029
- Increase Expenditures: 7611A.3446 (Property Repair and Maintenance) -\$84,029

to reflect receipt of the above Grant.

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

Amendment of Resolution No. 2022-354 Fire District Tax Levy

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-495

WHEREAS, the Town Board by Resolution No. 2022-354 granted authorization to fund a shortfall in the 2022 annual budgets submitted by each of the Town Fire Districts, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to amend said resolution,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board that RESOLUTION NO. 2022- 354 BE HEREBY AMENDED to read as follows:

“WHEREAS, there are six fire districts in the Town of Ramapo (the “Town”) that provide fire protection within the Town, and

WHEREAS, such fire districts are Moleston, Spring Valley #1, Monsey, Tallman, East Spring Valley and South Spring Valley (the “Town Fire Districts”), and

WHEREAS, fire districts in New York State receive the majority of their funding from property taxes levied on properties within the fire district, and

WHEREAS, in 2021, each of the Town Fire Districts adopted their 2022 annual budgets and submitted them to the Town to be attached to the Town budget in order for property taxes to be appropriately levied on the properties within each of the respective Town Fire Districts, and

WHEREAS, due to a transcription error, the full amount of the 2022 annual budgets for each of the respective Town Fire Districts were not levied, resulting in a shortfall for each district as set forth on the attached schedule, and

WHEREAS, Monsey Fire District agrees to amend their 2022 adopted budget from \$3,526,500 to \$1,312,699.68, and

WHEREAS, in order to correct this error and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Town residents, the Town has determined that it is in the best interests of Town residents to fund the shortfall of Moleston, Spring Valley #1, Tallman, East Spring Valley and South Spring Valley (the “Town Fire Districts”)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that authorization is hereby granted to fund a shortfall in the 2022 annual budgets submitted by Moleston, Spring Valley #1, Tallman, East Spring Valley and South Spring Valley (the “Town Fire Districts”) Districts as set forth in the attached schedule.”

SOURCE OF FUNDS: General Fund

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

Police Matters:

Authorization to Purchase Department Issued Firearm: Retiring Police Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-496

WHEREAS, a Police Officer has requested to purchase their department issued firearm, a Sig Sauer P-320, Serial # 58C371441, upon their retirement, and

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

WHEREAS, the retiring 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 Firearms Officer Sgt. Robert Bassett through a licensed firearms dealer

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 a licensed firearms dealer upon the Officer’s retirement.

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

Authorization to Purchase Department Issued Firearms: Retiring Police Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-497

WHEREAS, a Police Officer has requested to purchase their department issued firearms, a Sig Sauer P-320, Serial # 58C371434, and a Sig Sauer P365, Serial # 66B780059, upon their retirement, and

WHEREAS, said firearms can be sold to a licensed firearms dealer who in turn can transfer the firearms to the retiring Police Officer upon their retirement, and

WHEREAS, the retiring 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 Firearms Officer Sgt. Robert Bassett through a licensed firearms dealer

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby declares the above firearms 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 a licensed firearms dealer upon the Officer’s retirement.

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

Authorization for PO Patrick Pegley to attend Scales Testing

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-498

WHEREAS, Police Chief Martin Reilly, has requested authorization for PO Pegley to attend the Scales Testing in Syracuse, New York, January 2nd - January 3rd ,2023, and

WHEREAS, cost for attendance will not exceed \$450.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that permission be hereby granted for **PO PEGLEY** to attend the Scales Testing in Syracuse, New York, January 2nd - January 3rd, 2023, 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, Wanounou, Weissmandl

Authorization for 2 Officers to attend NYLEAP Post Critical Incident Seminar

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-499

WHEREAS, Police Chief Martin Reilly has requested authorization for two (2) Police Officers to attend the New York Law Enforcement Assistance Program Post Critical Incident Seminar (NYLEAP PCIS) to be held in Buffalo, New York January 23rd - January 25th, 2023, and

WHEREAS, arrangements for attendance at said Seminar call for hotel accommodations of \$1050.00, Fuel \$350.00 and per diem meal reimbursement of \$483.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that authorization be hereby granted for **SGT. ANDRES SANCHEZ and PO RANDY ORTIZ** to attend the *New York Law Enforcement Assistance Program Post Critical Incident Seminar* to be held in Buffalo, New York January 23rd - January 25th, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00, 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, Weissmandl

Authorization for Reimbursement of Expenses: DRE School Interview

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-500

WHEREAS, Police Chief Martin Reilly has requested authorization for reimbursement of expenses to PO Michael Simpson and PO Robert J. Barba incurred from their attendance at a panel interview for the upcoming Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) school held in Rochester, New York November 29th - November 30th, 2022, and

WHEREAS, expenses incurred by PO Simpson are as follows: Hotel \$104.72, Fuel \$42.50, and two (2) days of meal allowances \$103.50, totaling \$250.72, and

WHEREAS, expenses incurred by PO Barba are as follows: two (2) days of meal allowances \$103.50, and

WHEREAS, said expenses have been budgeted for in 2022

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that permission be hereby granted for reimbursement of above expenses to ***PO MICHAEL SIMPSON and PO ROBERT J. BARBA*** incurred from their attendance at a panel interview for the upcoming Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) school held in Rochester, New York November 29th - November 30th, 2022 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, Training and Seminars

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

Adjournment:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-501

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Regular Meeting of the Ramapo Town Board held this evening, December 14, 2022, be hereby adjourned **at 9:18 P.M. IN MEMORY of STACIE IOVINELLI**, wife of Joel Bianchi, Town’s Engineering Consultant who passed away December 10, 2022. The Board expresses complete and sincere condolence and support to the Bianchi Family.

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