

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN BOARD HELD  
ON DECEMBER 15, 2011**

The Town Board of the Town of Ramapo convened in **Regular Session** on Thursday, December 15, 2011 in the Edwin Wallace Auditorium of Ramapo Town Hall, 237 Route 59, Suffern, New York 10901.

**Supervisor Christopher P. St. Lawrence** called the meeting to order and **Town Clerk, Christian G. Sampson** called the roll. The following board members were present and answered to their names:

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Christopher P. St. Lawrence</b>
	<b>Councilwoman</b>	<b>Frances M. Hunter</b>
	<b>Councilman</b>	<b>Daniel Friedman</b>
	<b>Councilman</b>	<b>Patrick J. Withers</b>
	<b>Town Attorney</b>	<b>Michael L. Klein</b>
	<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>Christian G. Sampson</b>
<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Councilman</b>	<b>Yitzchok Ullman</b>

**Councilman Friedman** led the assembled group in the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

**OPEN PERIOD FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
**No one wished to address the Town Board this morning**

**CLOSE PERIOD FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
The following resolution was **moved by Councilman Withers, seconded by Councilman Friedman** and adopted by all board members present with Councilman Ullman being absent:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011 – 701**

**RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Open Period for Public Participation held this morning, December 15, 2011, be hereby **closed at 11:25 AM**.

**POLICE MATTERS**  
**See attached DISCUSSION SUMMARY**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
The Town Board moved into Executive Session at **11:58 AM** and returned to the Town Board Meeting held this morning at **1:40 PM**.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**  
The following resolution was **moved by Councilman Withers, seconded by Councilwoman Hunter** and adopted by all board members present with Councilman Ullman being absent:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011- 702**

**RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the following Minutes of the Ramapo Town Board be hereby approved, adopted and recorded in the Minute Book:

**November 21, 2011 – Regular**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICE COMMISSION**

The following resolution was **moved by Councilman Withers, seconded by Councilman Friedman** and adopted by all board members present with Councilman Ullman being absent:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011 – 703**

**WHEREAS**, the Rockland County Police Act permits a Town Board in which a police department has been established to establish by resolution a board of police commissioners who must serve without compensation at the pleasure of the Town Board, and

**WHEREAS**, the Rockland County Police Act authorizes the police commission to be comprised of one person who owns real property in the town and who is an elector of the town, and two town board members, and

**WHEREAS**, by previous Resolution, the Town Board abolished the Town police Commission, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board wishes to reestablish a Town Police Commission to administer the Town Police Department in accordance with the powers conferred by the Rockland County Police Act,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that, effective January 1, 2012, it establishes the Town of Ramapo Police Commission consisting of two Town Board members and one eligible town resident (non-Town Board member.)

**RETAINMENT OF LOBBYIST**

The following resolution was **moved by Councilman Withers, seconded by Councilman Friedman** and adopted by all board members present with Councilman Ullman being absent:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011 – 704**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2011-165 retained State Advisors, LLC, 113 State Street, Albany, New York 12207, to provide governmental relations/lobbying assistance with respect to legislation before the New York State Legislature, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town wishes to revise and extend the above agreement to include assistance with respect to New York State Agencies at the following terms:

- 1) Term: January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012
- 2) Fee: \$10,000 per month
- 3) Expenses not to exceed \$2500

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby retains State Advisors, LLC, to provide governmental lobby assistance for the Town for the year 2012 at the above terms, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a revised agreement with State Advisors, LLC, in a form approved by the Town Attorney's office.  
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1420A.3452

**SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM: TOWN V. VORCHHEIMER**

The following resolution was **moved by Councilman Withers, seconded by Councilwoman Hunter** and adopted by all board members present with Councilman Ullman being absent:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011 – 705**

**WHEREAS**, Police Vehicle 4411 was damaged in the amount of \$274.30, when struck by a vehicle owned by Elinor Vorchheimer, and

**WHEREAS**, Elinor Vorchheimer has offered to pay \$274.30, in full settlement of the Town's claim,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the payment of \$274.30 in full settlement of the Town's claim for damage to Police Vehicle 4411.

**AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT: TREE & BRUSH REMOVAL – O’SULLIVAN TREE SERVICES, INC.**

The following resolution was **moved by Councilman Withers, seconded by Councilman Friedman** and adopted by all board members present with Councilman Ullman being absent:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011 – 706**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board, by Resolution No. 2011-633, retained O’Sullivan Tree Service, Inc., 201 Western Highway, West Nyack, New York to assist the Town Highway Department in tree and brush removal caused by the October 29, 2011 winter storm at a fee not to exceed \$50,000, and

**WHEREAS**, Anthony Sharan, the Superintendent of Highways, has advised that due to the extensive volume of tree and brush removal, the cost for such removal has increased beyond the authorized amount of \$50,000,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the agreement with O’Sullivan Tree Service, Inc., is hereby amended by increasing the fee from \$50,000 to an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 5140DA.3469

**EXTENSION OF LICENSE AGREEMENT: USE OF CELL TOWER WITH AMERICAN TOWERS, INC.**

The following resolution was **moved by Councilman Withers, seconded by Councilwoman Hunter** and adopted by all board members present with Councilman Ullman being absent:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011 – 707**

**WHEREAS**, the Town currently licenses a communications tower owned by American Towers, Inc., for use by the Town Police Department, and

**WHEREAS**, said license agreement expires on December 31, 2011, and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department has requested that the license agreement be extended pursuant to the Amendment to License Agreement, a copy of which is attached,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby agrees to enter into an extension of the above license agreement with American Towers, Inc., subject to the terms conferred in a the above Amendment to License Agreement.

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

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 3120AB.3430

**APPROVAL OF RENOVATION OF SECURITY EQUIPMENT AT SPOOK ROCK & SADDLE RIVER POOLS: DYNAMIC EVENT GROUP, INC.**

The following resolution was **moved by Councilwoman Hunter, seconded by Councilman Withers** and adopted by all board members present with Councilman Ullman being absent:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011 – 708**

**WHEREAS**, the Town has previously approved Phase One of the renovations of the Spook Rock and Saddle River Pools, and

**WHEREAS**, said renovation required the removal of camera security, computer data lines and phone lines for the above pools, and

**WHEREAS**, Dynamic Event Group, 527 Route 303, Orangeburg, New York 10962, replaced the above equipment at a cost of \$5,541.96,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Finance Department is hereby authorized to pay for the above services in the amount of \$5,541.96.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: H14.34460

**AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK CITY ON FEBRUARY 19- 22, 2012**

The following resolution was **moved by Councilman Withers, seconded by Councilman Friedman** and adopted by all board members present with Councilman Ullman being absent:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011 – 709**

**RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the following Town Employees are hereby granted permission to attend the Annual Association of Towns Seminar to be held in New York City on **February 19, 2012 through February 22, 2012**:

Antosca, Michelle	Director Parks & Recreation
Condon, Linda	Director of Personnel
Derario, Lee	Director Bldg Admin & Code Enforcement
Dzurinko, Edward P.	Director Dept. of Public Works
Earl, Toney	Safety Manager
Friedman, Daniel	Town Councilman
Hunter, Frances	
Klein, Michael	Town Attorney
La Garde, Richard	Director Building & Grounds
Logan, Brendel	Town Councilwoman Elect
Mallia, Anthony	Ass't Director, Building Dept.
Montal, Mona	Director of Purchasing
Oberman, Nathan	Receiver of Taxes
Reeck, Teresa	Management Information Systems
Sampson, Christian	Town Clerk
Schoenberger, Rhoda	Town Justice
Sharan, Anthony	Superintendent of Highways
Shedler, Scott	Assessor
Simon, Alan M.	Town Justice Elect
Stein, David J.	Town Justice
St. Lawrence, Christopher	Supervisor
Travers, Helen	Justice Court Clerk
Troodler, Aaron	Ass't Town Attorney
Ullman, Yitzchock	Town Councilman
Withers, Patrick J.	Town Councilman

**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 Town's Seminar shall be \$71.00 per day 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.

**APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATE & ALTERNATE TO ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS CONFERENCE**

The following resolution was **moved by Councilman Withers, seconded by Councilman Friedman** and adopted by all board members present with Councilman Ullman being absent:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 710**

**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 on **February 19, 2012 through February 22, 2012**, 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:

**CHRISTOPHER P. ST. LAWRENCE, SUPERVISOR**

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:

**DANIEL FRIEDMAN, COUNCILPERSON**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Town Board moved into Executive Session at **1:50 PM** and returned to the Town Board Meeting held this morning at **2:13 PM**.

**SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM: ARMANDO & ANNA MARIA LUCIA V. TOWN**

The following resolution was **moved by Councilman Withers, seconded by Councilwoman Hunter** and adopted by all board members present with Councilman Ullman being absent:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011 – 711**

**WHEREAS**, Armando and Anna Marie Lucia of 12 Sumter Road, Airmont, New York 10952, filed a notice of claim against the Town of Ramapo dated September 9, 2011, for damages to their home as a result of a sewer backup, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town and the Rockland County Sewer District have agreed to pay the claim as follows:

- 1) Town - \$14,065.10
- 2) Sewer District - \$14,065.11

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby settles the claim of Armando and Anna Marie Lucia in the amount of \$14,065.10, which includes cost of installation of a check valve, said settlement to be charged to CSL1931, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said settlement is conditioned upon receipt of a general release executed by Armando and Anna Marie Lucia.

**SCHEDULE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING:**

The following resolution was **moved by Councilman Withers, seconded by Councilman Friedman** and adopted by all board members present with Councilman Ullman being absent:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011- 712**

**WHEREAS**, the Ramapo Town Board would like to schedule a Special Town Board Meeting for Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 9:30 AM,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that a Special Town Board Meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 9:30 AM.

**ACCEPTENCE OF PROPOSAL: UPGRADE FUELING SYSTEM – ORPAK, USA**

The following resolution was **moved by Councilman Withers, seconded by Councilwoman Hunter** and adopted by all board members present with Councilman Ullman being absent:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011 – 713**

**WHEREAS**, Ted Dzurinko, Deputy of the Department of Public Works, has advised the Town Board that the fueling system at the Department of Public Works and other Town facilities must be upgraded, and

**WHEREAS**, Ted Dzurinko recommends that the Town accept the proposal of ORPAK, USA, Inc. 100 First Street, Suite 700, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601, dated November 7, 2011, to upgrade the fueling facility at the Department of Public Works as well as the golf maintenance shop and the club house as follows:

- 1) Upgrade DPW: \$24,870
- 2) Install at golf maintenance shop: \$17,510
- 3) Install at clubhouse (golf carts) \$15,600

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that it hereby accepts the above proposal by ORPAK, USA, Inc. for upgrade of the Town's fueling system at the terms set forth above.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Various Fueling Accounts

**ADJOURNMENT**

The following resolution was **moved by Councilwoman Hunter, seconded by Councilman Friedman** and adopted by all board members present with Councilman Ullman being absent:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-714**

**RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Regular Meeting of the Ramapo Town Board held this morning, December 15, 2011, be hereby **adjourned at 2:16 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Christian G. Sampson  
Town Clerk

Attachment: Police Matters – Discussion summary

