

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**MARCH 23, 2017**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The Town of East Fishkill's Town Board Meeting on March 23, 2017 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor John Hickman, Jr. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Supervisor's Announcements**

Supervisor Hickman stated he and Board Member Cassidy attended a ceremony in LaGrange yesterday for recipients of Pi Day awards. It was very inspirational and impressive to see the advanced levels these children were reaching. He thanked all that were involved in this. He read the names of all of the recipients that were from Gayhead, Fishkill Plains, and Van Wyck.

He stated that the Hopewell Precision Superfund water line will be put out to bid in May. They expect the awards to be made in August and work to start soon after that in the autumn.

The Hillside Lake project bids are going out soon and the target start date will be June 1.

**Roll Call:** Supervisor Hickman asked Town Clerk Hurray to call the rolls.

Board Members in Attendance were

Peter	Nicolas	Thomas	Emanuele	John
Cassidy	D'Alessandro	Franco	Marinero	Hickman

Also in attendance were:

Tom Wood, Attorney; and Mark Pozniak, Comptroller.

**Approve Minutes:**

None.

**Receive and File:**

Supervisor Hickman stated there was nothing received.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:**

Supervisor Hickman asked if there was anyone to speak on the agenda items

only.

Keith Dimaso asked about Resolution #5. Attorney Wood stated that poll watchers are normally for a political election and the various parties appoint them. This is a special election and he is unaware of a provision allowing poll watchers. He will check into it. He stated the registration is only for those who are not already on the Dutchess County registration. Supervisor Hickman stated this registration is only for residents of Hillside Lake.

Michael Whalers spoke about Resolution #5, Hillside Lake grant, and the website. Attorney Wood stated the affidavit ballot is if you believe that you already are registered and your name is not listed on the sheets then you fill out an affidavit ballot which is separate. Then the Commissioners of Election review the outer envelope with your name and if they determine that your name had been omitted and you were properly registered they would open the envelope and count your vote. There is no way to register on the day of the vote.

Mr. Dimaso spoke about the Hillside Lake grant project and the website.

### **Public Hearing:**

Open Adjourned Public Hearing on Amending the Sign Law

Motion to open the Adjourned Public Hearing: Board Member D'Alessandro.  
Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Hickman stated they have been working on changing the sign ordinance to suit situations that have come up. They had hoped to have it further along by now. They probably will not be adopting a completed sign ordinance until May or June. There are still issues with the sign ordinance that is in existence. The biggest issue is the fact that currently there is no ability for relief if your sign does not meet the requirements of the current ordinance. There is no appeal process. He would like to create a Sign Review Committee/Board made up of three members. One would be from the Architectural Review Board and two members would be designated by the Town Board. Members shall serve until a successor is chosen. They would also establish an alternate for that board so there would always be three people for a vote. He stated they give an outline of what they would have the ability to make allowances for. They will be adopting other laws to give them the flexibility to make changes. The list of things they would have flexibility over would be: existing plazas, considering other signs, shapes and locations, shapes and style of the structure upon which it is to be placed, whether there is frontage on more than one road, and other architectural unique circumstances or features. He believes this board should be carried through to the next sign law also.

Board Member Marinaro stated he did not have a copy of the paperwork

Supervisor Hickman was referring to. After reviewing all the Board members' packets it was determined that paperwork was missing along with the Negative Declaration.

Supervisor Hickman stated that at this point he would like to give the Board time to review the information.

Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing until the April 27, 2017 meeting: Board Member Cassidy. Seconded: Board Member D'Alessandro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolutions:**

**1. Set Public Hearing for Expansion to Water and Sewer Improvement Areas for May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ROUTE 52/JOHN JAY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT EXPANSION)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Engineer is requesting an expansion for the Route 52/John Jay Water and Sewer District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board does desire to have a Public Hearing regarding this matter;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Public Hearing for the possible expansion of the Route 52/John Jay Water and Sewer District is hereby scheduled for May 25, 2017.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk be and hereby is authorized and directed to advertise and publish appropriate notices with respect hereto

Motion to set a Public Hearing for expansion to water and sewer improvement areas for May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017: Board Member Cassidy. Seconded: Board Member D'Alessandro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**2. Authorize a Fee for Mass Assembly Permits**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(AUTHORIZE MASS ASSEMBLY PERMIT FEES)**

**WHEREAS**, the East Fishkill Town Clerk issues Mass Assembly Permits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Clerk has reviewed neighboring Town fees and has requested that the Town Board set the Mass Assembly Permit Fee to \$150.00/per day; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the fee to be charged for all Mass Assembly Permits in 2017 shall be \$150.00/per day.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that these fees shall take effect March 24, 2017.

Motion to authorize a fee for Mass Assembly Permits: Board Member Franco.  
Seconded: Board Member Cassidy. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**3. Recognize Seasonal Hires for Highway Department**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(ACKNOWLEDGE HIRING OF SEASONAL LABORERS FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT)**

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent has interviewed and hired Russell Tutolo, Jeff Vincent, LoriAnne Calciano and Jesse Schewtschenko as Full-time Seasonal Laborers for the Highway Department, and

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent has submitted a memo to the Town Board; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby acknowledge the hiring of Russell Tutolo, Jeff Vincent, LoriAnne Calciano and Jesse Schewtschenko as Full-time Seasonal Laborers in the Highway Department.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, they will start the end of March and that upon completion of their task, they will be removed from payroll.

Motion to recognize seasonal hires for Highway Department: Board Member Cassidy.  
Seconded: Board Member Franco. Board Member D'Alessandro abstained. All others voted in favor. Motion carried.

**4. Authorize funding for the AED program to \$2,000**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR AED/CPR PROGRAM)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town has AED devices which are located at various locations of the Town including Town Buildings, Fields and Parks; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Town Board to provide funding to continue the AED/CPR Program training;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to fund the training to use the AED devices.

Motion to authorize funding for the AED program to \$2000: Board Member Franco.  
Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**5. Authorize voter registration for Special Hillside Lake Election**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(AUTHORIZING VOTER REGISTRATION FOR SPECIAL HILLSIDE LAKE ELECTION)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town has received and verified petition to dissolve the Hillside Lake Park District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town will be holding a special election for the residents of the Hillside Lake Park District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Clerk is requesting the Town Board’s authorization to hold a voter registration for residents that are **NOT** currently registered with the Dutchess County Board of Elections. The Registration will be held at the Town Hall Clerk’s office on April 27, 2017, 12:00noon – 7:00pm; and

**WHEREAS**, residents of the Park District must be registered to vote at the Special Election held on May 20, 2017;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Clerk to receive voter registrations from only residents of the Hillside Lake Park District.

Motion to authorize voter registration for Special Hillside Lake Election: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Cassidy. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Authorize the Highway Superintendent to attend a conference by the Association of Towns**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO ATTEND CONFERENCE)**

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent has sent a request to the Town Board asking to attend the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual School for Highway Superintendents in Ithaca, NY to be held June 11, 2017 through June 14, 2017; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the details of such conference is attached hereto and the expenses to the Town will be for registration, lodging, meals and tolls; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Highway Superintendent is hereby authorized to attend the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual School for Highway Superintendents in Ithaca, NY from June 11, 2017 through June 14, 2017.

Motion to authorize the Highway Superintendent to attend the conference by the Association of Towns: Board Member D'Alessandro. Seconded: Board Member Cassidy. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Designate April as Parkinson's Awareness Month.**

**RESOLUTION**

**(DESIGNATE APRIL AS PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH)**

**WHEREAS**, Parkinson's disease is a progressive neurological movement disorder of the central nervous system, which has a unique impact on each patient; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Parkinson's Action Network, the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, the American Parkinson's Disease Association and the National Institutes of Health, there are over one million Americans diagnosed with Parkinson's disease; and

**WHEREAS**, symptoms include slowness, tremor, difficulty with balance and speaking, rigidity, cognitive and memory problems; and

**WHEREAS**, although new medicines and therapies may enhance life for some time for people with Parkinson's, more work is needed for a cure; and

**WHEREAS**, increased education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and ultimately a cure for Parkinson's disease; and

**WHEREAS**, a multidisciplinary approach to Parkinson's disease care includes local wellness, support, and caregiver groups; and

**WHEREAS**, April has been proclaimed as World Wide Parkinson's Awareness Month for all to recognize the need for more research and help in dealing with the devastating effects of Parkinson's disease.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** we the Town Board of East Fishkill do hereby proclaim April as Parkinson's Awareness Month in 2017.

Motion to designate April as Parkinson's Awareness Month: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Cassidy. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Budget Transfers:**

Supervisor Hickman stated there were no transactions requested at this time.

**Take Public Comments on General Town Issues:**

Supervisor Hickman asked if there was anybody in the audience who would like to speak on general Town issues.

Resident #1 spoke about paving funding and term limits. Board Member Marinaro spoke about the caucus process and elections.

Robert Grasso spoke about term limits.

Keith Anderson spoke about term limits.

Michael Whalers spoke about term limits and the general Town issues.

Keith Dimaso spoke about term limits.

Resident #2 asked about Parkinson's Awareness in the schools. Supervisor Hickman stated there is a program run by someone in town. The Town would not run it, he would have to organize it with the schools. It is a program separate and apart from the Town.

John Paraskeva asked about the mass gathering threshold. Attorney Wood stated it was 1000 people. He stated the Town Clerk could issue the permit but they have to show all the provisions are being met, such as ambulance or police presence if required. It also has to be approved by the Chief of Police.

Resident #3 spoke about non-town issues. Supervisor Hickman referred him to contact his Senators and Congress people.

Highway Superintendent McClellan thanked all the Highway employees and subcontractors for their work during the last storm events and the residents for their cooperation.

**Comments from Town Board Members:**

Board Member D'Alessandro stated he, Board Member Franco and County Legislator Marge Horton met with the Dutchess County Deputy Commissioner for Special Needs to discuss a special day at Redwing Park for children with special needs. They will be planning a Day at the Beach on Saturday, July 29. The County Executive will also be attending the event. Board Member D'Alessandro hopes this is well attended by all.

Supervisor Hickman said they also talked about having something at Julie's Jungle on the same day.

Board Member Franco spoke about the Hometown Heros Project. There was a committee meeting which met with the local American Legion. Forms are in the Supervisor's office if you know anyone. Also include a photo. They are trying to find families of veterans who are deceased because they would like to get those banners up by Memorial Day. One of the banners is on display in the lobby. He thanked Ortiz Welding for fabricating the posts that will attach to the telephone poles. If anyone has a questions please contact the committee at [efhometownheros@gmail.com](mailto:efhometownheros@gmail.com).

Board Member Cassidy stated April 1 will be Town Cleanup Day. Registration is between 8:00 – 8:30 AM. A small breakfast will be supplied and one of the local businesses in town will provide lunch if you work.

**Motion for Adjournment: Time:** Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:25 PM: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member D'Alessandro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Town Board Workshop Meeting:**

**April 13, 2017**

**Town Board Regular Meeting:**

**April 27, 2017**

Respectfully Submitted by Julie J. Beyer on behalf of Town Clerk Carol A. Hurray  
– April 5, 2017