

MINUTES
TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 23, 2023
6:00 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Town of East Fishkill's Town Board Meeting on March 23, 2023, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor D'Alessandro with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor's Announcements

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he had a presentation for a fire district member but it would have to be held over until next month.

The month started with the Dutchess County Supervisor and Mayor Association meeting. There was a pre-meeting discussion regarding short-term rentals, or Airbnb Law. New York State is proposing a short-term rental law, which many municipalities in Dutchess County are against. They put together a letter to go to the Governor voicing their concerns. It has been controversial in the Town as there are 42 short-term rentals in East Fishkill. A county representative came to the meeting with all the specifications of this.

There were a few parades the Supervisor attended including Pawling's St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Dutchess County St. Patrick's Day Parade in Wappingers Falls. Both were well organized and fun.

There was a meeting with the Homeowners Association for Four Corners to get a handle on the water situation.

The Dutchess County CDAC Committee approves and reviews all the grants in Dutchess County. All grants get discussed and reviewed. They did give recommendations for the CDBG to the County Executive and it will be announced soon. East Fishkill did have an application for a drainage project in Worley Homes. He did have to recuse himself from that application, but he will keep everyone informed as to whether or not they receive the grant.

Supervisor D'Alessandro had a call with the Housing Action Council, and he thanked the Housing Council and Gina Grippo for all their hard work.

There've been several meetings with owners from the former dome site on Route 52. It was sold and has been approved by the Planning Board to build a new 530,000 sq. ft. logistics center. The owners have signed a nondisclosure agreement so the name of the company is not known yet. They are in the automotive field, and it is a Fortune 100 company. He just wanted to remind everyone that the Town Board is not deciding what companies are moving into these buildings. All jobs are good jobs. He thanked all his staff for all their work. He attended the Dutchess County Economic Development Advisory Council meeting. He is the chairman of the Local Government Committee, which is made up of many industry leaders and government leaders. The goal for this committee is to bring economic development to Dutchess County. The new president of Vassar Brothers Medical Center came to give an overview of their new building

and the new president and CEO of Central Hudson gave an overview of some of their issues. Central Hudson will hopefully be coming back to meet with the Board at a public meeting in the future.

There was a Dutchess County Regional Chamber Of Commerce Annual Gala and the Orange County Chamber Of Commerce Annual Gala, both of which Supervisor D'Alessandro attended. An East Fishkill business, Sabellico Greenhouse and Florist was awarded the Next Generation Award.

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended a meeting with the Dutchess County Transportation Council. This council administers money given to them through the government for the Transportation Improvement Program and a few other programs. They discussed the New Bridge New York Program. They have helped with the Carol Drive Bridge Project.

Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked the Highway Superintendent and the Highway Department for a job well done on last weeks long storm. There were Central Hudson outages that were dealt with promptly. There were a few conference calls with both Central Hudson and the County Executive during this 24-hour period. Supervisor D'Alessandro met with Dave Fuhrman, president of the Hopewell Depot, Michael O'Brien, Patrick Manning, and David Whalen, Deputy Commissioner of Dutchess County Public Works to discuss the Hopewell Depot and the grant for the self-guided tour. They also received a 1916 caboose that they are restoring. In June it will be celebrating their 150th year anniversary and do a ribbon-cutting for that as well.

Roll Call: Supervisor D'Alessandro asked Town Clerk Cassidy to call the rolls.

Board Members in attendance were:

Craig	Thomas	Emanuele	Nicolas
Arco	Franco	Marinero	D'Alessandro

Also in attendance were:

Tom Wood, Attorney; George Cronk Engineer; and Mark Pozniak, Comptroller.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they were going to change the order of the Public Hearings for the night so the first one would be for the tax exemption.

Public Hearings:

1. Open Public Hearing to Consider Increasing Senior & Volunteer Fire Fighters Exemption

Motion to open the Public Hearing to consider increasing Senior & Volunteer Fire Fighter Exemption: Board member Marinero. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated New York State changed the legislation to allow an increase to the exemption for seniors and volunteer firefighters.

Attorney Wood stated with respect to senior exemptions there are two that are currently affecting the Town. One is for being a senior and the other is for lower income seniors. This exemption they are talking about applied to the lower income seniors. Right now, the income cap is \$36,000 a year. The law allows the Town Board to raise that to \$54,000 a year. Both exemptions would not be effective until the 2024 assessment roll. With respect to the volunteer firefighters, there is currently a very inadequate exemption, and the State Legislature has now authorized towns to grant an exemption that is equal to up to 10% of the assessed value of the residence of a volunteer fireman or ambulance squad worker. It allows the phase-in minimum qualification be at least three or up to five years experience before it kicks in. It also has an option that would allow a service member who has served between 20 to 25 years to continue that in retirement. This evening the Town Board will hear public comment and would adjourn this. The assessor is waiting for some additional information. Every district that uses our assessment roll must act upon this assessment on their own. Recently the County just did it, the Wappinger's School District has done it, but the Town is served by several school districts, so they are waiting for the additional information. If they can make the application process uniform, it is a much simpler process for everyone.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there was anyone from the public to speak for or against this.

Fire Commissioner Chris Jodlowski read a statement regarding the work the volunteers do and the number of calls that there were last year, which amounted to an average of 1 call every three hours during 2022. He spoke to the amount of training hours, the change in the makeup of the Town, and the fact that there are always volunteers who respond, 24 hours a day and ask for nothing in return. He stated that in New York volunteer firefighters save taxpayers approximately \$3 billion a year. Offering this 10% exemption to firefighters and ambulance workers does not in any way affect the budget of the Town. He estimates that roughly 100 households will receive this actual exemption. It does shift the burden to the taxpayers, but this amounts to what we estimate to be an additional six dollars per year for the other households in the district. Every year it becomes more difficult to recruit volunteers. If this fire district had to be a paid district, those same taxpayers would see an increase of as much as seven times what they currently pay in fire tax. They could go from a few hundred dollars a year to possibly close to \$2000 or more per year. A yes vote on this tax exemption is tangible support as well as an important message to future prospective members that what they do will be valued. He asked on behalf of the fire district board of commissioners that the Town Board follow suit with the Wappinger School District and the Fire District to vote in favor of this tax exemption for our first responders.

Ed Slosower, a Wappingers Central School District Board member stated that the School Board voted unanimously in favor of this tax exemption. He wanted to thank all the members present for all that they do. He said on a personal level, he also believes this is something that the Town Board should approve.

John Paraskeva stated that during the last snowstorm the volunteers responded

to 18 calls. The Highway Department and the Police Department helped along the way to clear the road. It is a good thing to recognize them for what they do and it is appreciated.

First Assistant chief John Jackson encouraged the Town Board to support this change. He feels it will be very beneficial to the members. He stated the fire department works very well with the Highway Department and the Police Department, which is very good. He is in charge of district training and a lot of people go above and beyond the minimum requirements. This exemption would show appreciation for their hard work.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if anyone from the board had any questions or comments.

Board Member Marinaro stated he got involved with the East Fishkill Fire Department as a volunteer in the community. These members are so dedicated, and their professionalism compared to any paid service is incredible. The training is exactly the same in the paid departments. Their dedication to their job is taken very seriously. When everyone else goes to bed these people respond if they need to. They are bonded like family. He would like to see a little more done than this small token.

Board Member Arco stated he has been the liaison to Highway and the Fire Department for three months now. When there are storms or incidents they all seem to work together seamlessly. He is learning a lot from everybody, and he is very proud to have them all supporting the town. They are the first ones that get called when someone needs help, and they always show up.

Board Member Franco thanked the Fire Department for all that they do. It is tremendous. Everyone that responded to an incident next to his house was tremendous and they cannot be thanked enough.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they would be adjourning this hearing until April 27th as the assessor is waiting for more information. It does not take effect until next year's tax rolls. He does not see a problem with it passing. He thanked everyone for all that they do.

a. Adjourn Public Hearing Until April 27, 2023

Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing until April 27, 2023: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Open Public Hearing to Set Employment Qualifications for Department Heads and Deputies

Motion to open the Public Hearing to Set Employment Qualifications for Department Heads and Deputies: Board member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Attorney Wood stated this is housekeeping required by Civil Service. Chapter 27 of the code requires some updating. There are some requirements in State Law with respect to certain jobs being filled by town residents. That is the Town's preference. There is also a Civil Service requirement to hire from amongst the three highest scores on the list and sometimes that conflicts. Civil Service has indicated that the Town needs to adopt the law to resolve that issue. Additionally, the Board has chosen to put in for any licensed professionals that work for the Town have at least a five-year experience requirement. Once it is in the law it can be enforced.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if anyone in the audience wish to speak for or against the updating of the qualifications. There was no one.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there were any Town Board members with any questions or comments. There were none.

a. Close Public Hearing

Motion to close the Public Hearing to Set Employment Qualifications for Department Heads and Deputies: Board member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

b. Adopt Negative Declaration and Local Law

**NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Notice of Determination of Non-Significance**

Date: March 23, 2023

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulation pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

The Town of East Fishkill Town Board has determined that the proposed action described below will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

**Name of Action: A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING UPDATED QUALIFICATIONS
FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DEPUTIES**

Description of Action: The Town of East Fishkill is proposing a local law updating the qualifications for Department Heads and Deputies. The local law will add the following new provisions to Chapter 27: Officer and Employees:

All department heads and deputies shall meet the following qualifications:

The proposed action would not be expected to result in any significant adverse impacts for the following reasons:

1. It will not generate a significant amount of additional vehicles, noise or emission levels.
2. It will not affect rare or endangered species of animal or plant, or habitat of such species.
3. It will not result in any impacts to historic or archeological resources.
4. It will not result in any impacts related to hazardous materials.
5. It will not result in a significant effect on air, water quality or ambient noise levels for adjoining areas.
6. It will not be subjected to unacceptable risk of flooding or major geological hazards.
7. It will not involve adversely affect any surface water or groundwater.
8. It will not allow for improper uses within specified zoning districts.
9. It will not result in adverse cumulative impacts.
10. It will not result in adverse growth-inducing impacts.
11. It will not conflict with the Town’s Comprehensive Plan.

In conclusion, no significant potential impacts were identified as a result of the Proposed Action.

Based on a review of 6NYCRR 617.7, there appear to be no significant adverse environmental impacts.

THIS NEGATIVE DECLARATION WAS AUTHORIZED AT A MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL HELD ON MARCH 23, 2023.

Chairperson/Designee	Date
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For Type I Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a Copy of this Notice Sent to:

- Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12233-0001
- Appropriate Regional Office of the Department of Environmental Conservation.
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located.
- Applicant (if any)
- Other involved agencies (if any)

Local Law No. 1 of 2023
(A Local Law Providing Updated Qualifications for Department Heads and Deputies)
Section 1: Legislative Intent

The Supervisor and Town Board have been pleased with the dedication and performance of the Town’s staff. Like any business would, the Town must make sure all of its departments are appropriately staffed, and that should staff members retire or find alternative employment, that the Town has other employees ready to fill these voids.

Section 2: Addition of New Provisions to Chapter 27: Officers and Employees

New Provisions shall be added to Chapter 27: Officers and Employees as Article III: “Department Heads and Deputies”, as follows:

All Department Heads and Deputies shall meet the following qualifications:

1. **All licensed professionals shall have at least five (5) years of relevant experience. Any Department Head or Deputy whose position does not require a licensed professional shall have experience satisfactory to the Town Board.**
2. **Be a resident of the State of New York.**
3. **Be appointed by the Town Board.**

Section 3. Severability

If any section or subdivision, paragraph, clause, or phrase of this local law shall be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, any judgment made thereby shall not affect the validity of this law as a whole or any part thereof other than the part or provision so adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 4. State Provisions

Pursuant to the authority of the Town Board under the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law, this chapter supersedes and replaces §§ 20 and 23 of the Town Law and Public Officers Law § 3, including, but not limited to, residency requirements, as they are applicable to the Town of East Fishkill.

Section 5. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL
PETER CASSIDY, TOWN CLERK**

**Adopted on the 23rd day of
March, 2023**

VOTE	VOTING
COUNCILMAN FRANCO	AYE
COUNCILMAN MARINARO	AYE
COUNCILMAN ARCO	AYE

SUPERVISOR D’ALESSANDRO AYE

Motion to adopt the Negative Declaration and Local Law: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes:

February 9, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes for the February 9th, 2023, meeting: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Announcement of Additions to the Agenda:

Supervisor D’Alessandro said there are no additions to the agenda.

Courtesy of the Floor:

Supervisor D’Alessandro asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak about any general town issues. There was no one.

Receive and File:

Supervisor D’Alessandro stated there are letters from the Beekman Town Clerk amending Town of Beekman Code, a Notice from the Town of Fishkill regarding their Comprehensive Plan that they are planning, and a request to purchase a portion of Greene Rd (paper road) to the Highway Department. The Town Clerk has all the copies in the office if anyone wants to read them.

Resolutions:

1. Appoint New Councilperson to Fill Vacancy on Town Board

Supervisor D’Alessandro stated this was being tabled.

2. Authorize Two Police Officers to Attend the NYS 2023 Child Passenger Safety Technical Conference May 2 – May 4, 2023

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE TO A TRAINING PROGRAM)

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has indicated his desire to send two (2) Police Officers to attend the New York State Child Passenger Safety Technical Conference in Lake Placid, New York from May 2-4, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the expenses to the Town will be for tolls and meals; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Police Chief to send two (2) Police Officers to attend the New York State Child Passenger Safety Technical Conference in Lake Placed, New York with expenses for tolls and meals from May 2-4, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in addition to the cost of tolls and meals they shall be paid their normal salary during said period.

Motion to authorize two Police Officers to attend the NYS 2023 Child Passenger Safety Technical Conference May 2 – May 4, 2023: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Consider Bid Carol Drive Bridge Replacement

RESOLUTION **(AWARD BID FOR CAROL DRIVE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT)**

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer and H.V.E.A. are in receipt of bids for the Carol Drive Bridge Replacement project; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that OCS Industries, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder for Contract NO. ED2023-01 with a bid sum of \$2,781,005.36; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid be and hereby is awarded to OCS Industries, Inc. contingent on the NYSDOT approval to award the project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute the contract in regards hereto.

Motion to consider the Bid for Carol Drive Bridge Replacement: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. Board Member Marinaro abstained. All others voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Appoint Part-Time Dispatcher in the Police Department to Fill a Vacancy

RESOLUTION **(APPOINTING A PART-TIME POLICE ASSISTANT)**

WHEREAS, there is need for a part-time Police Assistant in the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Chief has recommended that Nicholas McSorley be employed part-time; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Nicholas McSorley is appointed as a part-time Police Assistant at the rate of \$19.75 per hour effective March 24, 2023.

Motion to appoint a part-time dispatcher in the Police Department to fill a vacancy: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Authorize Dog Control Officer to attend 11th Annual DCO/ACO Conference April 19 – April 20, 2023

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZE DOG WARDEN TO ATTEND CONFERENCE)

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has sent a request to the Town Board asking for the Town’s Dog Warden, Matthew Chan to attend the 11th Annual DCO/ACO Conference in Guilderland, NY to be held April 19, 2023 through April 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the expenses to the Town will be for lodging, tolls and meals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Police Chief to send Matthew Chan to attend the 11th Annual DCO/ACO Conference in Guilderland, NY to be held April 19, 2023 through April 20, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in addition to the cost of lodging, tolls and meals Matthew Chan shall be paid their normal salary during said period.

Motion to authorize Dog Control Officer to attend 11th Annual DCO/ACO Conference April 19 – April 20, 2023: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

6. Authorize hiring in Recreation Department

RESOLUTION
(APPOINT PERSONNEL FOR RECREATION)

WHEREAS, since Christine Selback is now the Acting Recreation Director and Recreation is going into its busy season, Christine is requesting to hire Loretta Rosa; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Rosa will be hired as a Full-time Record Clerk with an hourly salary of \$19.75; and be hired provisionally until it is verified that she is reachable on the Record Clerk Civil Service list; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby appoint Loretta Rosa as Full-time Record Clerk. Loretta will be hired under the CSEA agreement at Level 4 paid \$19.75 per hour; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Appointment shall take effect April 10, 2023.

Motion to authorize a hiring in the Recreation Department: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

7. Authorize Sons of Italy Fireworks Permit and Grant Permission to Use Hopewell Recreation Field May 25 – May 28, 2023

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE FIREWORKS PERMIT AND GRANT PERMISSION TO USE HOPEWELL RECREATION FIELD MAY 25-28, 2023)

WHEREAS, the Sons of Italy conduct their annual event to provide entertainment and fireworks to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town has traditionally allowed them the use of the Hopewell Recreation Field for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of Italy is requesting the Town Board approve the use of the Hopewell Recreation Field from Thursday, May 25, 2023 through Sunday, May 28, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the Sons of Italy is requesting the Town Board approve the fireworks display for Sunday, May 28, 2023; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sons of Italy is authorized to use the Recreation Field and have the fireworks display on the date requested; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Police, Town Recreation Department and all other agencies of the Town are authorized and directed to allow the use of the Hopewell Recreation Field by the Sons of Italy for the firework display; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this consent is subject to the receipt of a Certificate of Insurance from the Sons of Italy indemnifying the Town for any liability arising out of their use of the fields.

Motion to authorize the Sons of Italy Fireworks Permit and grant permission to use the Hopewell Recreation Field May 25 – May 28, 2023: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. Award Four Corners Water District Well #5 Bid

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE AWARD FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR CORNERS WELL #5)

WHEREAS, The Four Corners Water District operates under a State of Emergency, where there is an insufficient quantity of water source; and

WHEREAS, the Town has sought NYSDEC and Dutchess County Health Department project review and approvals for Well #5; and

WHEREAS, Well #5, once constructed and certified, can provide approximately 86,400 gallons per day to the Water District; and

WHEREAS, the Town sought contractor services that were publicly advertised and received on March 17, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the lowest qualified bid is from Legacy Supply, Inc.; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby declares and Authorizes Nicholas D'Alessandro, Town Supervisor, be provided the authority to authorize a contract with Legacy Supply, Inc. for the services described in WS2023.02 FOUR CORNERS WATER DISTRICT WELL 5.

Motion to award Four Corners Water District Well #5 Bid: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

9. Award Fishkill Plains Water District Well #1 and Well #2 Rehabilitation

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE AWARD FOR REHABILIATION OF FISHKILL PLAINS WELLS)

WHEREAS, The Fishkill Plains Water District has two wells in operation. The two wells are experiencing a decline in water production due to ongoing use; and

WHEREAS, this type of action is classified as a Type II action and requires no further action as described by 6NYCRR PART 617, Section 617.5; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill previously authorized seeking bids for the rehabilitation of the two wells, with an estimated budget of \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town publicly advertised and received bid return on March 16, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the lowest, qualified bid is from Weston & Sampson CMR, Inc. dba SB Church; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby declares and Authorizes Nicholas D'Alessandro, Town Supervisor, be provided the authority to authorize a contract with Weston and Sampson CMR, Inc dba SB Church for the services described in WS2023.03 FISHKILL PLAINS WATER DISTRICT WELL 1 & WELL 2 REHABILITATION.

Motion to award Fishkill Plains Water District Well #1 and Well #2 Rehabilitation Bid: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

10. Acknowledge 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 2023.

Motion to acknowledge April as Parkinson’s Awareness Month: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

11. Acknowledge National Child Abuse Prevention Month

RESOLUTION
(DESIGNATE APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH)

WHEREAS, National Child Abuse Prevention Month is an annual observance in the United States dedicated to raising awareness and preventing child abuse and neglect. April has been designated National Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States dating back to 1983; and

WHEREAS, statistics have shown that 1 in 10 children will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday. Five children die a day in the US. In Dutchess County, over 1000 cases of child abuse are reported each year and about 5 times as many go unreported; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill is committed to preventing and stopping the abuse, neglect, and maltreatment of children, and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill recognizes the importance in increasing awareness on the warning signs to recognize and report the abuse of children; and

WHEREAS, National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to strengthen families to prevent child abuse and neglect; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of East Fishkill declares April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Motion to acknowledge National Child Abuse Prevention Month: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**12. Authorize Town Clerk to Attend Town Clerk’s Association
Conference April 23 – 26, 2023**

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE AT THE NYS TOWN CLERKS ASSOCIATION)

WHEREAS, the New York State Town Clerks Association Conference conducts their annual meeting and training sessions in Syracuse April 23, 2023 to April 26, 2023; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Clerk, approved by the Town Supervisor, to attend the

New York State Clerks Association Conference held in Syracuse April 23, 2023 to April 26, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the expenses to the Town will be for tuition, lodging, meals and tolls.

Motion to authorize the Town Clerk to attend the Town Clerk’s Association Conference April 23 – 26, 2023: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

13. Award Hometown Hero Banner/American Flag Hanging and Removing Bid

Supervisor D’Alessandro stated this resolution has been removed.

14. Authorize Removal of Traffic Light at Route 52 and Roethal Drive and Gate 5 at Route 52 (former IBM entrance)

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE NYS DOT TO REMOVE TRAFFIC SIGNALS)

WHEREAS, the Town Board has had inquiries with respect to the existing traffic signals at Route 52 & Roethal Drive Route 52 and North Drive (Gate 5); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board had HVEA Engineers do an Analysis on need of these lights. With the current development changes in area and traffic improvements in area with respect to the existing traffic signals at Route 52 & Roethal Drive Route 52 and North Drive (Gate 5); and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to give consent to the NYS Department of Transportation to remove the traffic signals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and hereby is authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution as well as a letter of consent to the NYS DOT to remove these traffic signals at the above mentioned intersections

Motion to authorize the removal of the traffic light at Route 52 and Roethal Drive and Gate 5 at Route 52 (former IBM entrance): Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

15. Acknowledge Hiring Seasonal Laborers for Highway

RESOLUTION

(ACKNOWLEDGE HIRING OF SEASONAL LABORERS FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT)

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has interviewed and hired 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, the Town Board hereby acknowledges rehiring Dylan Magnotta, Lucas Franzen, Kevin Heckert, and Nicholas Casablanca as Seasonal Laborers at the hourly rate of \$18.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby acknowledges rehiring Jeffrey Vincent as Seasonal Laborer at the hourly rate of \$19.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby acknowledges the appointment date is effective April 3, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon completion of their seasonal tasks, they shall be removed from the payroll.

Motion to acknowledge hiring Seasonal Laborers for Highway: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

16. Declare Certain Property Surplus and Authorize the Auction of Same

RESOLUTION
(DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS)

WHEREAS, the Assistant Town Engineer has provided the Town Board with a listing of equipment which he deems to be of no further use to the Town and thus, should be considered surplus; and

WHEREAS, there is a Kohler Fast Response II Indoor Generator, a Generac LP Indoor Generator, Generac KW Diesel Outdoor Generator, and a Dell Server Cabinet that the Assistant Town Engineer has requested be declared surplus material and sold; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed said list and concurs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the three generators and the server cabinet hereby are declared to be surplus and are to be disposed of by participating in an auction process held by Absolute Auctions & Realty without cost to the Town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sale of said vehicle shall be further approved by this Board.

Motion to declare certain property as surplus and authorize the auction of same: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

17. Appoint Members to the Board of Assessment Review
RESOLUTION-057/2023

(APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW)

WHEREAS, under the NYS Real Property Tax Law, the Town Board designates and appoints all members of the Board of Review; and

WHEREAS, said Board of Review meets during the month of May and June to review assessment complaints filed with the board; and

WHEREAS, due to numerous retirements on the Board of Assessment the Town Assessor has recommended Lisa Argyle as the Chair for the Board of Assessment replacing Thomas Toub, John Shishkowsky to be appointed to replace Jay Pantaleo with a term of (5) five years, Nicole Scaramuzzo to be appointed to replace Ayed Aqeel with a term of (5) five years, and Kim Simms to be appointed to replace Andrew Donovan and will serve the rest of the term expiring on September 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to appoint said members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Lisa Argyle be and hereby is appointed as the Chair of the Board of Assessment, John Shishkowsky, and Nicole Scaramuzzo will be appointed to a (5) five year term, and Kim Simms to be appointed with an expiration of September 30, 2024 as members of the Board of Assessment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Lisa Argyle's term as chair will expire on December 31, 2023 and term as member will expire on September 30, 2025. John Shishkowsky, and Nicole Scaramuzzo will expire on September 30, 2028, and Kim Simms will expire on September 30, 2024.

Motion to appoint members to the Board of Assessment Review: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

18. Appoint Members to the Planning and Zoning Boards

Motion to appoint members to the Planning and Zoning Boards: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. Supervisor D'Alessandro called for a roll vote. Board Member Marinaro and Supervisor D'Alessandro voted aye. Board Member Arco and Board Member Franco voted nay. Motion failed.

19. Declare Lead Agency with Respect to Phillips Road Realignment at Route 216

RESOLUTION

(DECLARING LEAD AGENCY FOR THEREALIGNMENT OF PHILLIPS ROAD AND ROUTE 216)

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of making safety improvements at the intersection of Route 216 and Phillips Road; and

WHEREAS, the project is in the design stage and must be reviewed under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board declared their intent to be lead agency on January 19, 2023; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board declares Lead Agency for the realignment of Phillips Road and Route 216.

Motion to declare Lead Agency with respect to Phillips Road Realignment at Route 216: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

20. Accept Grant for Sidewalk on Route 52

RESOLUTION

(Authorizing the implementation, and funding in the first instance 100% of the federal-aid eligible costs, of a transportation federal-aid project, and appropriating funds therefore)

WHEREAS, a Project for the Route 52 Sidewalk Connections, John Jay High School, Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, NY, PIN 8762.85 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of preliminary engineering and right-of-way incidentals.

NOW, THEREFORE, the East Fishkill Town Board, duly convened does hereby:

RESOLVE, that the East Fishkill Town Board hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the East Fishkill Town Board hereby authorizes the Town of East Fishkill to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of the preliminary engineering and right-of-way incidentals work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$510,000 is hereby appropriated from Fund Balance and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the East Fishkill Town Board shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the East Fishkill Town Board thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of East Fishkill be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or applicable Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the Town of East Fishkill with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and it is further

RESOLVED, that in addition to the Town Supervisor the following municipal titles: Town Engineer and Town Comptroller are also hereby authorized to execute any necessary Agreements or certifications on behalf of the Municipality/Sponsor, with NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the project identified in the State/Local Agreement;

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion to accept a grant for a sidewalk on Route 52: Board Member Arco.
Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

21. Set Public Hearing for July 27, 2023 for Short Term Rentals

RESOLUTION

(SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 27, 2023 TO CONSIDER ADOPTING NEW RESTRICTIONS WITH RESPECT TO SHORT-TERM

RENTALS)

WHEREAS, residents have voiced concerns pertaining to short-term rentals in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor and Town Board seek to ensure that its residents are able to live in safe and peaceful neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor and Town Board have directed staff to research potential regulations pertaining to short-term rentals; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor and Town Board wish to schedule a public hearing to solicit feedback from the public on short-term rentals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board will schedule a Public Hearing for a local law concerning short-term rental regulations for July 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall located at 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, New York 12533.

Motion to set a Public Hearing for July 27, 2023 for short term rentals as amended to 6 PM: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

22. Refer Proposed Zoning Map to Planning & Zoning and Revised Schedule for Permitted Uses

RESOLUTION

(REFERRAL OF DRAFT ZONING BOARD MAP AND DRAFT REVISED SCHEDULE OF PERMITTED USES TO THE PLANNING BOARD)

WHEREAS, per Section § 194-5 Zoning Map, the Town Board is amending the Zoning Map to reflect recent zoning amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is also amending the Schedule of Permitted Uses to reflect recent zoning amendments and to reformat the table to make it easier to read and understand; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby refers the Draft Zoning Map and the Draft Schedule of Permitted Uses to the Planning Board for review.

Motion to refer proposed Zoning Map to Planning and Zoning and Revised Schedule for Permitted Uses: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor D'Alessandro changed the order of the resolutions to move to Resolution 29, as the Town Engineer had to leave and the Supervisor wanted to be sure if there were any questions on Resolution 29, the Engineer was present to answer them.

29. Authorize ARPA Funds Transfer

RESOLUTION
(TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL ARPA FUND TRANSFER)

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill previously received funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and identified approximately \$2.5M in project infrastructure needs that will be distributed to thirteen special districts for infrastructure upgrades as identified in the attached distribution schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill allocated the funds to various infrastructure needs in October 23, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town need to utilize these funds by the end of 2024 year and has identified the Four Corners Well #5 project as an immediate priority that is eligible to utilize approximately \$500,000 of the ARPA funds; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby declares and authorizes the transfer of funds as listed below.

MARCH 2023 TRANSFER SCHEDULE

Description	Original Allocation	Modifications 3/23/23	Revised Allocation
Water Meter Replacements	\$175,000.00	(\$25,000.00)	\$150,000.00
Rt 52 EQ Tank	\$175,000.00	(\$175,000.00)	\$0.00
Revere/Worley Cost Escalation	\$175,000.00		\$175,000.00
Hopewell Hamlet PFOA Mitigation	\$250,000.00		\$250,000.00
Fishkill Plains GWUDI Filters	\$250,000.00		\$250,000.00
Beekman Water Supply Study	\$250,000.00		\$250,000.00
Four Corners Storage Tank	\$125,000.00		\$125,000.00
Cannon Well #5	\$125,000.00		\$125,000.00
Pinewood Knolls PFOA	\$100,000.00		\$100,000.00
Taconic/Shenandoah, Little Switzerland Repairs	\$150,000.00		\$150,000.00
Sagamore UV Treatment	\$125,000.00	(\$75,000.00)	\$50,000.00

Beekman Sewer Upgrades	\$125,000.00		\$125,000.00
Four Corners Sewer Upgrades	\$125,000.00	(\$125,000.00)	\$0.00
Hamlet Sewer Upgrades	\$250,000.00		\$250,000.00
Four Corners Well #5	\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
TBD	\$100,000.00	(\$100,000.00)	\$0.00
TBD Part 2	\$28,401.00		\$28,401.00
TOTAL	\$2,528,401.00	\$0.00	\$2,528,401.00

Motion to authorize ARPA Funds Transfer: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

23. Adopt Zoning Verification Statement Form and Update Fee Schedule

RESOLUTION
(ADOPT ZONING VERIFICATION STATEMENT FORM AND UPDATE FEE SCHEDULE)

WHEREAS, due to East Fishkill’s strong economy, the Building Department has received an increase in inquiries for zoning verifications for properties; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor and Town Board wish to formalize the process to obtain a zoning verification; and

WHEREAS, this new process is intended to facilitate communications with the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board adopts a Zoning Verification Statement Form for inquiries to the building department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the fee schedule shall be amended as follows: (i) \$99 for a residential Zoning Verification Statement; (ii) \$250 for a commercial Zoning Verification Statement; and (iii) \$1,000 for an industrial Zoning Verification Statement.

Motion to adopt Zoning Verification Statement form and update Fee Schedule: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

24. Acknowledge Arbor Day Proclamation

RESOLUTION
(ACKNOWLEDGE ARBOR DAY)

WHEREAS, the first Arbor Day was celebrated in 1872 in Nebraska as a special day for planting trees and has grown to thousands of celebrations in communities across our nation each year; and

WHEREAS, community partners, families and friends will be joined together at local Arbor Day ceremonies to recognize the benefits of trees and urban forests; and

WHEREAS, trees will be planted in the town creating a lasting legacy for future generations; and

WHEREAS, trees improve water quality and quantity, reduce the erosion of precious topsoil, increase property values and economic vitality in business areas, provide shade, cleanse the air, create habitat for wildlife, and add beauty to our community; and

WHEREAS, trees promote outdoor recreation which improves human health and well-being and reduces “Nature-Deficit Disorder” in children by encouraging more activity and connection to the natural world; and

WHEREAS, all of East Fishkill benefits from forestry, which contributes thousands of dollars annually to our Town’s economy and provides employment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we the Town Board of East Fishkill acknowledge and celebrate Arbor Day each and every year in East Fishkill and encourage our citizens to plant trees thus leaving a legacy for present and future generations.

Motion to acknowledge Arbor Day Proclamation: Board Member Franco.
Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

25. Authorize Advertisement for RFQ for Records Management Consultants

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR RFQ FOR RECORDS MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT)

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk’s Office is requesting Town Board authorization for advertisement of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Records Management Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the RFQ will seek professional Records Management consultant services for review and organization of Town Records; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to advertise for responses; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor and the Town Clerk be and hereby are authorized to advertise for responses for the RFQ of a Records Management Consultant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said responses shall be received and evaluated by the Supervisor and Town Comptroller so that a recommendation be provided to the Town Board for authorization.

Motion to authorize advertisement for RFQ for Records Management Consultants: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

26. Establish Capital Reserve Fund for Paving

RESOLUTION (ESTABLISH CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR PAVING)

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, as amended, there is hereby established a capital reserve fund to be known as the “Highway Paving Reserve Fund” (hereinafter “Reserve Fund”). The purpose of this Reserve Fund is to accumulate moneys to finance the cost of a type of capital improvement. The type of capital improvement to be financed from the Reserve Fund is the construction, reconstruction, and resurfacing of town roads. The chief fiscal officer is hereby directed to deposit and secure the moneys of this Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 10 of the General Municipal Law. The Comptroller may invest the moneys in the Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 11 of the General Municipal Law, and consistent with the investment policy of the Town of East Fishkill. Any interest earned or capital gains realized on the moneys so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of the Reserve Fund. The Comptroller shall account for the Reserve Fund in a manner which maintains the separate identity of the Reserve Fund and shows the date and amount of each sum paid into the fund, interest earned by the fund, capital gains or losses resulting from the sale of investments of the fund, the amount and date of each withdrawal from the fund and the total assets of the fund, showing cash balance and a schedule of investments, and shall, at the end of each fiscal year, render to the Board a detailed report of the operation and condition of the Reserve Fund. Except as otherwise provided by law, expenditures from this Reserve Fund shall be made only for the purpose for which the Reserve Fund is established. No expenditure shall be made from this Reserve Fund without the approval of this governing board and such additional actions or proceedings as may be required by

Section 6-c [6-g] of the General Municipal Law or any other law, including a permissive referendum if required by subdivision 4 of Section 6-c.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appropriates two million dollars of General Fund – Fund Balance to be transferred into the Reserve Fund.

Motion to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for Paving: Board Member Arco.
Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

27. Adopt Personal Grooming Policy for Police Department

RESOLUTION

(ESTABLISHING A FACIAL HAIR POLICY FOR POLICE OFFICERS)

WHEREAS, many Police Officers have requested that the Town Board consider amending the department’s grooming policy as to facial hair; and

WHEREAS, after a trial period the Board is willing to allow limited facial hair;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief of Police is hereby directed to prepare appropriate amendments to the Police Departments Policies and Procedures and allow facial hair; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following policy shall be implemented:

Facial Hair: Employees will be permitted to wear goatees or beards that are maintained at a length and pattern so as not to detract from the officer’s professional appearance.

1. Beards must be edged and trimmed above and below and shall not be permitted below the Adam’s apple or on the neck. The bulk of the beard (distance that the mass of facial hair protrudes from the skin of the face) shall not exceed one half (1/2) inch. The mustache will be trimmed in a manner as not to conceal any portion of the top lip.
2. Full and partial beards are authorized; but patchy, spotty clumps of facial hair are not considered beards and, as such, are not permitted. The immediate supervisor will have the authority to deem an employee’s facial hair appropriate.
3. If only a mustache is worn, the lowest point of the mustache will be no lower than the lowest point of the top lip and it will be trimmed in a manner as not to conceal any portion of the top lip.

4. Sworn personnel working in undercover assignments, or specialized assignments requiring facial hair not otherwise authorized by this policy, shall be exempt from these restrictions at the discretion of the Chief of Police.

5. Sworn members will not be permitted to wear a beard or goatee during their employment probationary period. The probationary period will be completed at the end of one service year from the sworn member's hire date.

Motion to adopt Personal Grooming Policy for the Police Department: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

28. Award Concession Stand Bids for Red Wing Park and Main Park and Soccer Field

(GRANTING CONCESSION FACILITY USE PRIVILEGES)

WHEREAS, on various recreational sites owned and operated by the Town, there are concession facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed request for proposals for various vendors to utilize the concession facilities on these sites to serve the users of the facilities over the summer months; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the references, the menus and other issues pertaining to the vendors; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to authorize the use of the concessions;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rt. 376 Hopewell Recreation Concession Facility may be utilized from April 1, 2023 through November 1, 2023 by Amani's Kitchen upon payment to the Town of the sum of **\$1,100.00** and upon agreement of the vendor to be open during all activities and events at the site as set forth in the annexed proposal and report what the net actually was; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rt. 52 Complex Concession Facility may be utilized from April 1, 2023 through November 1, 2023 by East Fishkill Soccer Club upon payment to the Town of the sum of **\$750.00** and upon agreement of the vendor to be open during all activities and events at the site as set forth in the annexed proposal and report what the net actually was; and

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Red Wing Park Concession Facility may be utilized from April 1, 2023 through November 1, 2023 by Amani's Kitchen upon payment to the Town of the sum of **\$550.00** and upon agreement of the vendor to be open during all activities and events at the site as set forth in the annexed proposal and report what the net actually was; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all of the vendors shall sign a letter agreement as prepared by the Town Attorney and provide to the Town Attorney for approval, Certificates of Insurance prior to entering upon the use of the concession facilities. Renovations and/or improvements proposed in said bids shall be agreed upon after inspection from the Recreation/Highway Department.

Motion to award concession stand bids for Red Wing Park and Main Park and Soccer Field: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

30. Authorize hiring Seasonal Laborer in Water Sewer Department

RESOLUTION
(HIRING OF SEASONAL LABORER FOR THE WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT)

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor has identified the need to hire a Seasonal Laborer in the Water & Sewer Department; and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor has recommended a candidate to the Town Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints Kenneth Williams Jr. to Seasonal Laborer at the hourly rate of \$18.00 effective April 3, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon completion of seasonal tasks, he shall be removed from payroll.

Motion to authorize hiring Seasonal Laborer in Water Sewer Department: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

31. Appoint New Hire in the Building Department

RESOLUTION
(APPOINTING FULL-TIME TYPIST)

WHEREAS, the Building Department is requesting the Town Board authorize the Full-time hiring of Heidi Wyskida; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Typist List has been received by the Town and the current candidate is reachable for appointment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the hiring of Heidi Wyskida, as a Full-time Typist in the Building Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salary to be paid is an hourly rate of \$19.75 in accordance with the CSEA Union Contract and the effective date will be 04/12/2023.

Motion to appoint a new hire in the Building Department: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

32. Award Highway Materials Bids

RESOLUTION **(AWARDING CERTAIN HIGHWAY BIDS)**

WHEREAS, the Town Board previously authorized the advertisement of bids for various materials and supplies utilized by the Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, the bids have been received by the Town Clerk and a summary has been prepared; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to award said bids to the lowest responsible bidders first; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bids for materials and goods for the Highway Department as set forth in the attached schedule are accepted and the Highway Department will utilize the lowest responsible bidder in each category first; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall notify all bidders of said award.

Motion to award Highway Materials Bids: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Additions to the Agenda by Majority Vote:

None.

Budget Transfer:

None.

Comments from Town Board Members:

Highway Superintendent Williams stated the paving motion made him very happy. He thanked everybody in his department and the Fire Department and the Police Department for working together during that 24-hour snowstorm. He thanked all the Board members and Town Supervisor for reaching out to him throughout the storm. The Supervisor stopped by the garage numerous times throughout the

event. Everything went well. They have spent over a week doing tree cleanup from the storm. They been cutting limbs that were broken and picking up the branches. There are still probably a few more days of that to do. They are continuing to work on the potholes. The blacktop plants will be opening soon. The pipe crews have been working with underground piping that has been collapsing. They have been replacing parts over by Long Hill, Seaman Road, and some shoulder work, when it is decent weather, on Rushmore Road. They are getting ready for Spring.

Police Chief Bellino thanked the Board for their continuing support. He also thanked the Highway Department and the Fire Department for all working together. He stated that Nicholas McSorley, the young man hired for the Police Department today is also a volunteer EMT and fire fighter with East Fishkill. He could not be here tonight because he's doing training at the 911 center. They have done a little over 2000 calls for service since the last meeting. They had 32 arrests. They took an illegal handgun off the streets. There were two burglaries since the last meeting. The detectives and the patrol officers solved one and recovered the property right away and the other is under investigation. They are continuing to work on their project with Dutchess County Office of Information Services. There have been four training sessions with this new software. Officer Bertolli, Detective Doughty, and Detective Nichols all participated with an instructor at the police Academy for self-defense spray firearms training. The Chief attended several meetings with the Mid-Hudson Association of Chief of Police for training in regard to First Responder Wellness, Suicide Prevention for our First Responders and Veterans, banking fraud and aviation protocol. The SROs have been very busy. They have attended several safety team meetings with the school districts and conducted several lockdown drills throughout the school district. They attended a threat assessment active shooter training specifically related to schools. There was some degrading training. Every year they do Article 35 training. It is their ability to justify use of force. The next phase is defensive tactics. That training will start next week. On March 9 the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Accreditation Council voted to approve East Fishkill agency to be certified as an accredited agency for the next five years. A lot of this work was done by Detective Sean Phillips and Lieutenant Derek Cuccia. They are scheduled to go on Monday to obtain approximately 2 dozen car seats that they use for inspection installation. Officers Montagna and Vollmer were able to get these for free.

Town Clerk Cassidy stated April 21st will be the 27th Town Cleanup Day. Registration will be at the Town Hall between 8:00 AM and 8:30 AM. Lunch will be provided by East Fishkill Provisions for the 26th or 27th year in a row. There is a new design for the shirts this year.

Board Member Arco stated he has been working with the Highway Department. He is still working with the Superintendent on equipment and labor needs. They are also working on a future pro-active plan for equipment replacement. They are researching available grants to offset future equipment needs but it is a long and tedious process. Superintendent Williams stated it has been a pleasure working with Mr. Arco. Board Member Arco stated the guys out during the storm did an

awesome job. There were not many complaints on social media and there were a lot of compliments. As far as the fire and rescue, the calls have been very busy this month. On March 6 they had 14 calls in total with one being a major structure fire and one minor fire. At the same time the Police Department was supporting any fire department needs as they were also dealing with multiple calls. He is very proud of all of the first responders and feels very fortunate and lucky that the Town has them as part of the community. This month they introduced two new seats for the Planning Board Members by adding a Fire District Commissioner and a Fire Advisory Board member. Having this presence at the meeting gives the ability to ensure that all fire department related questions can be asked and addressed. This should also hopefully reduce the time from application to permit issuance as well. He thanked everyone involved in helping to set this up.

Board Member Marinaro stated he has been working with the Police Department. They have had a couple of meetings with the Supervisor to make sure that all their needs are being addressed. He did stop at the Police Station at different times to say hello and he also stopped in during a snowstorm. He also stopped in at the Highway Department to check on them as well. Everything is going well, and he wanted to thank everyone for all the work they do on a daily basis. If anyone out there has time to volunteer, no matter your age, please contact the fire department to join their department to help our community.

Board Member Franco stated April 1 starts registration for Adult Pickleball Clinics. It is being held at the Lime Kiln Recreation Facility. The volleyball clinic's still have a few spots open. That also starts in May. You can call the Recreation Department or register online for both of those. April 8 is the annual Easter egg hunt which is hosted by the Recreation Department and the East Fishkill PBA from 11 AM to 1 PM at the Community Center. Residents can register at eastfishkillrecreation.com. There will be music by DJ Bob Martin, snacks, a petting zoo, touch a truck from the Highway Department, glitter tattoos, balloon animals, goody bags, and pictures with the Easter Bunny and Paw Patrol. The summer camp registration is still open for those interested. March 27 starts registration for Catskills Casino trip, which will be May 21 at \$40 a person which includes a \$15 for food voucher and \$25 for free slots. To register call the Recreation Department or go on the website. Opening day is right around the corner and they're looking forward to another great year seeing the kids get out there and play ball. He thanked Butch and his crew for all the hard work they have been doing to get the fields ready. He also thanked Christine Selback for all her hard work.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated the East Fishkill Summer Camp has been nominated for best of the Hudson Valley in Hudson Valley Magazine. Voting is on now so please go to HudsonValleyMagazine.com to vote for East Fishkill summer camp. There are only three nominees for this. One resident, Ramesh Mirchandani is on the Economic Development Committee, and he is also trying to engage more about the culture and the arts in Town. In September they did an artist showcase featuring mostly graphic arts. Now they are trying to do a performing arts free classical music concert on June 11 at 4 PM by the Howland Chamber Music Circle at the Hopewell Reform Church. That venue has very good acoustics and other logistics they can provide. He thanked Mr. Mirchandani for

trying to push culture and the arts in our town. He thanked Mr. Arco for putting forward the two additional seats to the Planning Board. A letter was received from the Chairman of the Planning Board thanking the Town Board for that. Supervisor D'Alessandro wanted to wish his wife very Happy 22nd Wedding Anniversary and tell her he loves her.

Motion for Adjournment: **Time:** Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:51 PM: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Town Board Meetings:

Workshop Meeting:

April 13, 2023

Regular Meeting:

April 27, 2023

Respectfully submitted by Julie J. Beyer on behalf of Town Clerk Peter Cassidy –
March 27, 2023