

MINUTES
TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 27, 2023
7:00 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Town of East Fishkill's Town Board Meeting on April 27, 2023, was called to order at 7:00 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 Cathy Salerno from the East Fishkill Fire District Rescue Squad. He presented her with a proclamation for her 50 years of service to the Volunteer Rescue Squad. Cathy thanked everyone present and said this Rescue Squad is the best. Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked the members who came out to support her at this meeting.

Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked all of the residents who call and send messages thanking him for his comments at the beginning of the meeting. He tries to give as much information as he can, as he feels the residents should know what the Supervisor does. There is a lot going on in this Town. He hopes everyone had a happy and joyous Easter and Passover.

The month started with the Dutchess County Supervisor and Mayor Association meeting. He sits on the committee for this and is the main contact for the Economic Development Committee. This month they discussed any assistance needed between communities.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stopped in to visit the seniors at the Community Center when they had a speaker from the Dutchess County Office of the Aging. Sue Serino was also there. Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked Sue Gardner and her staff for all that they do for the seniors.

There was a meeting with Pastor Weickel from the Vineyard Church. The church wanted to discuss possible volunteer activities.

Supervisor D'Alessandro met with Deborah McCaffrey, the chair of the Ethics Committee. There will be a joint Ethics Committee made up of five municipalities in Dutchess County. He thanked all those volunteers for their work on these committees.

April 8 was Town Cleanup Day. He thanked all the people who came out to help. It was a very nice turnout. He thanked Hopewell Provisions and Hopewell Bagels for providing food and Gina Grippo, the Highway Department, and the Recreation Department for facilitating everything.

There was a meeting at Hopewell Depot at the Rail Trail head with Dave Pfirman, members of the Dutchess County Parks Department, and members of the Depot committee to discuss ways to cleanup around the Depot area. There are a lot of

signs there. It is a main junction. The Depot will be having its 150th anniversary on Saturday, June 10 and they will be unveiling their new caboose and having a big celebration. The Arbor Day Earth celebration was held there on Saturday. The Rotary was there with refreshments and the Highway and Recreation departments were there as well. Three new trees were planted that day. At three o'clock the new Economic Development chair, Patrick Manning, did a Blessing of the Bikes. Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked all of the volunteers for setting everything up. Supervisor D'Alessandro had a meeting with New York State Department of Transportation, Metro-North, the Town Engineer, and the Town traffic consultant to discuss the CMAC Grant, which is a \$5 million grant that East Fishkill was awarded last year. It is for the two roundabouts in the Hopewell Hamlet. There were two separate applications with this grant. The Town was awarded their second choice. The two roundabouts they wanted to do first will cost approximately \$10 million. The Town is responsible for 20% of the \$5 million grant that they were awarded. They are now trying to convince DOT and New York State that they want to change the specifications of the grant and still get the funding. There will be more meetings to change the scope of the project to submit to New York State.

There was a department head meeting here last week. The Supervisor does try to have one of these each quarter. This is a very busy Town. He thanked all of the Town employees.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan was here last week and performed a mass at St. Columba Church. There was a reception at the school following the mass and Supervisor D'Alessandro had the honor to cook for the Cardinal.

There was a meeting this week with ON Semiconductor. They have purchased the East complex from GlobalFoundries. This will be their most technology advanced chip manufacturer site. They are discussing the potential for expansion with help from the US government for additional funding. The company is applying for this chip funding and if they do get it, they are potentially building two new manufacturing sites in East Fishkill. That means more jobs and more tax income for the Town.

A few weeks ago, an East Fishkill past Supervisor, Sam Patton passed away. Sam was a very accomplished man and will be missed.

Fill Town Board Vacancy:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that the first thing they need to do is fill the vacancy on the Town Board that was left when AJ Beephan was elected to the New York State Assembly. The Town Board can choose to appoint somebody or leave the spot empty until the November election. They did interview several people for the position.

RESOLUTION

(FILLING A VACANCY ON THE TOWN BOARD)

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to fill a vacancy on the Town Board pending the results of the election to fill same in November 2023; and

WHEREAS, the person appointed herein will serve till December 31, 2023 when the person chosen in November will serve the balance of the term; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Marianne Flores, of East Fishkill, NY, be and hereby is appointed to fill the vacancy on the Town Board till December 31, 2023 and shall take office immediately upon taking the Oath of Office.

Motion to appoint Marianne Flores to fill out the unexpired term until December 31, 2023: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Ms. Flores was sworn in by Judge Rudner. Ms. Flores thanked the Board and said she is eager to get to work. She has lived in East Fishkill for 35 years and worked for IBM for 40 years and she will draw on that background to make the decisions for the residents of East Fishkill to the best of her ability.

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

Board Members in attendance were:

Craig	Thomas	Emanuele	Marianne	Nicolas
Arco	Franco	Marinero	Flores	D'Alessandro

Also in attendance were:

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

Public Hearings:

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

Motion to open the Public Hearing consider increasing senior and volunteer fire fighters exemptions: Board Member Marinero. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated this Public Hearing was opened last month but they needed more information from the Town Assessor. This will not take effect until next year.

Attorney Wood stated that from time to time the State Legislature allows local communities to elect to grant exceptions for certain groups of people, which will reduce their assessed value, which will reduce their taxes. Tonight, there are two of these before the Board. This one is an enhancement to the exception for volunteer firefighters and EMTs and this exemption can be up to 10% of the assessed value of the home. If the volunteer serves for 20 years, then the exemption continues even after they are no longer providing service. There are a few other slight administrative enhancements as well. The second part is in respect to the seniors. The Town offers two senior exemptions. One is that you have attained the age of a senior and you get a slight exemption. The second is for those that have obtained that age and their income is below a second level. The Town is trying to keep this exemption as close to the County and school district as possible. That portion will be put off one more month as they are still reviewing income levels.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if anyone in the audience wish to speak for or against increasing the firefighter exemptions.

Fire Commissioner Jodlowski stated that every time you see lights or trucks and ambulances moving it is these volunteers. He stated he appreciates the support of the board in trying to get this done for these volunteers.

County Legislator Caswell wanted to lend his support to this as well. The County did take action on this in February. These people go out at all hours and serve the community so anything we can do to help them is great. The County is also looking at the senior portion of this at the County level as well.

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

Board Member Marinaro stated he is part of the Hillside Lake Fire House. This is a very dedicated group of people who are very much like a family. He wanted to thank them and hopes they continue doing what they're doing.

Board Member Franco said thank you to all the volunteers.

a. Close Public Hearing

Motion to close the Public Hearing to consider increasing volunteer fire fighters exemptions: Board member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

b. Adopt Negative Declaration and Local Law

Motion to adopt the Negative Declaration and Local Law for the Volunteer Fire Exemptions: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in

favor. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing increasing the senior exemptions until the June 22 Town Board meeting: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes:

March 23, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes for the March 23rd, 2023, meeting: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. 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.

County Legislator Caswell stated there was a ribbon cutting on April 21 for the Dutchess County Division of Veterans Services, which are now located at 1335 Route 44 in Pleasant Valley. It is a beautiful new location combining all veterans' services in one place. He will make sure that Board Member Franco gets all of this information to pass on to the local veterans committee. He also brought flyers and brochures to leave at Town Hall. All veterans are encouraged to call 845-486-2060 or stop by the Pleasant Valley location to get more information. Board Member Franco asked if there was any type of outreach program to come to a veteran's home. Legislator Caswell stated he is not sure if they will come to someone's home but they will reach out to the local municipality to get them involved. He will check into it. County Executive Bill O'Neill is continuing and finishing projects that Marcus Molinaro set in place. They are working on a master plan for Camp Nooteeming Park. There is also a Dutchess County Veterans Cemetery in the planning stages. This will be at the Wappinger's Rural Cemetery. It will be a dedicated section just for veterans. He will provide updates on that as they happen. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he will be calling for assistance in getting the Town designated as a Purple Heart Community.

Receive and File:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there was nothing for receipt and file.

Resolutions:

1. Amend Economic Redevelopment Special Permit

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT SPECIAL PERMIT GRANTED TO CANAM HUDSON VALLEY LOGISTICS OWNER, LLC)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 212/2022, the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill granted an Economic Redevelopment Special Permit to CANAM Hudson Valley Logistics Owner, LLC (“CANAM”) for a logistics center; and

WHEREAS, now that CANAM has a lease agreement in place for a majority of the square footage in the approved building, it has determined that the parking needs on site have decreased as demonstrated by the “Traffic & Parking Supplemental Assessment,” prepared by Langan; and

WHEREAS, CANAM is proposing to land bank 110 car parking spaces on the west side of the Property resulting in reduced impervious area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed change is a Type II action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds this proposed change desirable due to it increasing the aesthetic appeal of the project and providing more pervious areas for drainage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board amends the Economic Redevelopment Special Permit granted pursuant to Resolution 212/2022 for CANAM Hudson Valley Logistics Owner, LLC to allow CANAM to land bank 110 car parking spaces on the west side of the Property, as shown on Site Plan, Sheet CS101A, last revised 03/23/2023, unless and until the use of all or a portion of such off-street parking spaces becomes necessary based on the tenant operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other provisions in Resolution 212/2022 not modified by this Resolution shall remain in effect.

Motion to amend the Economic Redevelopment Special Permit: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Award Brush Drop Off Bid 2023

(AWARD BRUSH DROP LOCATION)

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill has requested proposals for a Brush Drop location for the Town; and

WHEREAS, the proposals have been received and reviewed by the Town Clerk and the Highway Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has made a recommendation to the Town Board as set forth in the attached schedule; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following be and hereby are awarded the contract for the brush drop location:

Lime Kiln Road, LLC

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Brush Drop Program will run from May 18, 2023 until June 11, 2023 and in the Fall from October 4, 2023 until October 29, 2023.

Motion to award the Brush Drop Off Bid 2023: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Award Emergency Generator Bid for Town Hall

RESOLUTION

(AWARD EMERGENCY GENERATOR BID FOR TOWN HALL)

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer is in receipt of bids for the Emergency Generator for the Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that Gentech Ltd. was the lowest responsible bidder for Contract NO. ED2023-06 with a bid sum of \$78,390.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid be and hereby is awarded to Gentech Ltd.; and

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

Motion to award the Emergency Generator Bid for the Town Hall: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Accept Dutchess Body Camera Grants

RESOLUTION
(ACCEPTING DUTCHESS COUNTY BODY CAMERA GRANT)

WHEREAS, the Town has been notified that the Police Department has been awarded a grant in the sum of \$72,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to accept the Body Worn Camera Grant and Axon Body Worn Camera Contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to accept the grant in the amount of \$72,000.00 from Dutchess County with respect to Police Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute any documents to effectuate said matter.

Motion to accept Dutchess Body Camera Grants: Board Member Marinaro.
Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Authorize Equitable Business Opportunities Access Agreement in NYSDOT

RESOLUTION
(IDENTIFYING A RESPONSIBLE LOCAL OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO ACCESS NYSDOT'S EBO SYSTEM)

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has implemented a web-based reporting system called Equitable Business Opportunities (EBO) to streamline and satisfy Title VI Civil Rights Reporting requirements for Federal-Aid locally sponsored contracts; and

WHEREAS, NYSDOT requires that each local municipality as a sub-recipient to NYSDOT of Federal funds and sponsor of Federal-Aid Contracts to identify a single primary user in order to access and use the system for Title VI compliance reporting requirements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the East Fishkill Town Board duly convened does hereby authorize Nicholas D'Alessandro, Town Supervisor, as the Town's responsible Local Official authorized to access the EBO System as the Town's EBO Administrator.

Motion to authorize Equitable Business Opportunities Access Agreement in NYSDOT: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

6. Set Public Hearing to Consider Amending LL5-2022 with Respect to Civil Penalties for Violating Water Restrictions

RESOLUTION

(SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 25, 2023 TO CONSIDER AMENDING LL5-2022 WITH RESPECT TO CIVIL PENALTIES FOR WATER RESTRICTIONS)

WHEREAS, the Town needs to have proper enforcement mechanisms to preserve the integrity of the Town’s water supply; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board passed LL5-2022 to put in place appropriate civil penalties for water usage during drought-like conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor and Town Board now wish to revisit these penalties and adjust them, if necessary, after a determination from Town Staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board schedules a Public Hearing to consider amending LL5-2022 with respect to Civil Penalties for Water Restrictions for May 25, 2023 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall located at 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, New York 12533.

Motion to set a Public Hearing to consider amending LL5-2022 with respect to civil penalties for violating water restrictions: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

7. Appoint Full-Time Clerk in Water and Sewer Department

RESOLUTION

(APPOINTING FULL-TIME CLERK IN THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT)

WHEREAS, the Assistant Town Engineer is requesting the Town Board authorize the Full-time hiring of Bethany DePalma; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant Town Engineer has interviewed and has requested that Bethany DePalma be appointed for the Full-time Clerk position in the Water and Sewer Department; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Clerk 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 Bethany DePalma, to be paid in accordance with the CSEA Union Contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bethany DePalma will be hired subject to receipt of a background check and the start date will be set by the Supervisor.

Motion to appoint a Full-Time Clerk in the Water and Sewer Department: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. Designate May as Mental Health Awareness Month

RESOLUTION

(DESIGNATE MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH)

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill takes pride in recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Mental Health Month began in 1949, to raise awareness of mental health conditions and mental wellness for all; and

WHEREAS, untreated mental illness has serious consequences; this is a serious problem because unrecognized, untreated and late treated mental illness elevates the risk of mental health crises such as suicide and self-injury, diminishes prospects for recovery and contributes to substance abuse and other damaging negative coping behaviors; and

WHEREAS, there must be greater public awareness of mental illness and suicide, and more must be done at the local, State and national levels to respond to the rise in mental health concerns during and after this crisis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of East Fishkill declares May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Motion to designate May as Mental Health Awareness Month: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

9. Authorize Hiring of Seasonal Camp and Red Wing Staff

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZING HIRING OF SEASONAL EMPLOYEES FOR CAMP AND RED WING PARK)

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill conducts extensive summertime programs for the Town; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to authorize the hiring of temporary part-time workers for the summer season to assist in various programs; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Recreation has submitted to the Town Board the names of the temporary summer employees for the Recreation Camp and Red Wing Park to be paid the hourly rate as per the attached table; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is hereby authorized to place temporary summer employees on the Town payroll as approved by the Town Supervisor for the Recreation Camp and Red Wing Park that are required to meet the needs necessary to run the summer programs not to exceed the budgeted amount; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these temporary summer employees shall be hired subject to receipt of a background check and their start date will be set by the Supervisor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said employment shall only be during the summertime employment for the amounts listed in the letter and that upon completion of their task, they shall be removed from the payroll, unless further ordered by the Town Board.

Motion to authorize hiring of seasonal camp and Red Wing staff: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

10. Hiring for Various Positions in the Highway Department

RESOLUTION

(ACKNOWLEDGE HIRING IN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT)

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has interviewed and has hired Delmar Jackson as a Full-time Motor Equipment Operator (MEO) 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 Delmar Jackson as Full-time Motor Equipment Operator (MEO) in the Highway Department. Delmar will be paid in accordance with the CSEA contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Delmar Jackson will be promoted to Motor Equipment Operator (MEO) effective April 30, 2023.

RESOLUTION

(ACKNOWLEDGE HIRINGS AT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT)

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has interviewed and hired Mason Mullaney and Mark Jackson as Part-Time Laborers, 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 Mason Mullaney and Mark Jackson as Part-Time Laborers in the Highway Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mason Mullaney and Mark Jackson will be paid in accordance with the CSEA contract, effective April 10, 2023.

RESOLUTION

(RECOGNIZE HIRING IN 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 hiring Patrick O’Shea as a 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 10, 2023; and

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

Motion to hire various positions in the Highway Department: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

11. Appoint Member to the Planning and Zoning Boards

RESOLUTION

(APPOINTING PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES)

WHEREAS, the Planning Board is made up of seven members and two alternates; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board is made up of five members and one alternate; and

WHEREAS, due to multiple retirements, it is necessary for the Town Board to appoint one member and one alternate to the Planning Board for a period of four years and one member to the Zoning Board for a period of five years in accordance with the provisions of Town law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that John Greenan as a permanent member and John Giovagnoli as an alternate to the Planning Board for four years, expiring on December 31, 2026 and Art Mahoney be and hereby is appointed as a permanent member to the Zoning Board for a period of five years, expiring on December 31, 2027.

Motion to appoint a member to the Planning and Zoning Boards: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. Member Arco – aye, Board Member Franco – aye, Board Member Marinaro – aye, Board Member Flores – abstain, Supervisor D’Alessandro – aye. Motion carried.

12. Authorize Retaining Hodges, Walsh and Burke as Excess Liability Defense Attorneys

RESOLUTION
**(AUTHORIZE RETAINING HODGES, WALSH, AND BURKE AS EXCESS
LIABILITY DEFENSE ATTORNEYS)**

WHEREAS, the Town has a strong record of claims administration and defense;
and

WHEREAS, in cases with larger exposures due to claims based in tort, it is in the
Town's best interest to have exceptional counsel engaged in these matters; and

WHEREAS, Hodges, Walsh, and Burke has a history of successfully defending
municipalities throughout the Hudson Valley with respect to tortious claims;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the
Legal Department to retain Hodges, Walsh, and Burke as Excess Liability
Defense Attorneys in tortious cases.

Motion to authorize retaining Hodges, Walsh and Burke as Excess Liability
Defense Attorneys: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco.
All voted in favor. Motion carried.

13. Appoint Full-Time Assessor Aide

RESOLUTION
(APPOINTING FULL-TIME ASSESSOR AIDE)

WHEREAS, the Assessor is requesting the Town Board authorize the Full-time
hiring of Diane Fox; and

WHEREAS, that this position is a provisional appointment pursuant to Civil
Service Law, and that said appointee shall sit at the first available Civil Service
Exam and must qualify in order to be appointed to a probationary permanent
appointment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby
authorize the hiring of Diane Fox as a Full-time Assessor Aide in the Assessor's
Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salary to be paid is an hourly rate of
\$21.65 in accordance with the CSEA Union Contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Diane Fox will be hired subject to receipt of a
background check and the start date will be set by the Supervisor.

Motion to appoint a Full-Time Assessor Aide: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

14. Designate Various Firms to Provide Professional Planning Services

RESOLUTION
(DESIGNATE VARIOUS FIRMS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES)

WHEREAS, the Town circulated a publicly available RFQ titled “**Request for Qualifications for Professional Planning Services**”; and

WHEREAS, these services include but are not limited to: Land Use Planning, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Site Design, Fiscal Analysis, Noise and Air Quality Assessments, Visual and Lighting Assessments & State Environmental Quality Review; and

WHEREAS, the Town received four (4) responses to the RFQ; and

WHEREAS, the Town performed an evaluation of the responses received;

WHEREAS, the Town scored the responses and ranked each firm;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the firms identified on the attached memo be awarded an agreement to perform professional planning services, as needed by the Town; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby declares and authorizes Town Supervisor, Nicholas D’Alessandro, be provided the authority to authorize contracts as needed.

Motion to designate various firms to provide professional planning services: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

15. Authorize East Fishkill Non-Profit Organizations to Apply for One Day Permit to Use Town Owned Property Located at 2670 Route 52

(AUTHORIZING ONE DAY PEDDLER PERMIT ON TOWN PROPERTY FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS)

WHEREAS, the Town is the owner of the parking area located at 2670 Route 52; and

WHEREAS, the Town has decided to make available this site for all Not-for-Profits within the town to sell various wares for fundraising; and

WHEREAS, all Not-for-Profits within the Town of East Fishkill will be allowed to use the site 1 day per year upon proper approval and obtaining a Peddlers Permit from the Town Clerk’s Office, at no charge;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Clerk’s Office to accept applications and approve 1 day per year permit at this site (2670 Route 52).

Motion to authorize East Fishkill Non-Profit Organizations to apply for one day permit to use Town owned property located at 2670 Route 52: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

16. Authorize Promotions in the Highway Department

RESOLUTION
(ACKNOWLEDGE PROMOTIONS AT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT)

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has promoted Joseph Pennachio and Peter Lacalamita to Construction Equipment Operator (CEO1), 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 promotions of Joseph Pennachio and Peter Lacalamita to Construction Equipment Operator (CEO1) in the Highway Department. Joseph Pennachio and Peter Lacalamita will be paid in accordance with the CSEA contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Joseph Pennachio and Peter Lacalamita will be promoted to Construction Equipment Operator (CEO1) effective April 30, 2023.

Motion to authorize promotions in the Highway Department: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

17. Authorize Additional Town Member to Ethics IMA, Designate East Fishkill Representative and Alternate

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE ETHICS IMA AND DESIGNATE EAST FISHKILL’S REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE)

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill, Town of Beekman and the Village of Pawling signed an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) to Establish a Joint Ethics Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling and Village of Millerton have expressed interest to join the Joint Ethics Board; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor is requesting an amendment to the Intermunicipal Agreement and to authorize the designation of Deborah McCaffery as the Town’s Representative and Charles Schuler as the alternate; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to amend the Intermunicipal Agreement and execute; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to designate Deborah McCaffery as the Town’s Representative and Charles Schuler as the Alternate Representative.

Motion to authorize additional Town Member to Ethics IMA, designate East Fishkill Representative and Alternate: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

18. Authorize Grant Application for Hudson River Valley Greenway

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR HOPEWELL LOOP TRAIL)

WHEREAS, the Town Board has previously indicated its determination to construct a 2 Mile pedestrian trail within the Hopewell Hamlet Loop Trail; and

WHEREAS, said trail skirts the outer rim of the hamlet and is in need of repair and improvements; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to attempt to obtain funding from Hudson River Valley Greenway (HRVG);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to apply for a grant to obtain funding for paving improvements within The East Fishkill Recreation Facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute the application pertaining to the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant.

Motion to authorize grant application for Hudson River Valley Greenway: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Arco. Board Member Marinaro opposed. Supervisor D'Alessandro asked for the Board to be polled. Board Member Arco – aye, Board Member Franco – aye, Board Member Marinaro – abstain, Board Member Flores – aye, Supervisor D'Alessandro – aye. Motion carried.

Additions to the Agenda by Majority Vote:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they are looking to purchase a highway vehicle. It is a jet VAC trucks. There are funds in the equipment line and funds left in a bond for paving equipment, and the winter was mild for snow removal.

Motion to approve the budget transfer as proposed: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Budget Transfer:

Motion to approve the budget transfers as presented: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Comments from Town Board Members:

Highway Superintendent Williams thanked the board for the purchase of the Jet Vac and for the hiring of his employees. He stated Board Member Arco has been very involved and it has been a pleasure working with them. There has been a lot of work going on in preparation for paving. The grade-all has been out fixing shoulders, mainly in the Wiccopee area. They will be getting through the whole town fixing plow damage and curbs. They will also be fixing the curbing and doing pothole repair. They are doing tree work on Creamery Road and Devon Farms as well as Stormville Mountain Road. The tennis courts and the pickleball courts are ready to be sealed. They just need it to be warmer. Board Member Marinaro spoke with him about lines on Creamery Road. Tony Messina a past foreman passed away last week and Highway Superintendent Williams sends condolences to the family.

Police Chief Bellino welcomed Board Member Flores to the board. The department has been very busy. They've had 2000 calls to service since the last meeting. There were 27 arrests, eight arrest warrants, four arrest for criminal mischief and DWI's. They have made additional drug arrests and a burglary arrest as well as helping with some mental health issues. There was a serious accident on Stormville Mountain Road. There was a burglary in Hopewell and a motor vehicle stolen. There was also an overdose in the Hillside Lake area. The Town, Fire Department, and EMS participated in a tabletop training session with St. Columba safety team. It went very well. All of the officers successfully completed

a two-hour technical training session. The canine has recertified. The school SROs participated in several training sessions with the Dutchess County Training Committee. An officer was sent to the Dutchess County Police Academy to assist as an instructor. The new software is scheduled to go online live on June 1. There'll be approximately 6 days of training and approximately a month to get comfortable. By late summer they will be starting with the body worn camera system.

Board Member Arco stated he has been driving the Highway Department crazy with getting prices for equipment. They have been great getting him all the information he needed to present to the Board for these new purchases. He tried to meet with the Fire District approximately once a month to go over any questions they have and see how we can help them as well.

Board Member Marinaro stated he met with the Director of Economic Development. He commended the Supervisor and Board for working on all of their work on the economic needs at the West Complex and helping to reduce the tax burden on the residence. They have had a lengthy discussion about the Hamlet and the positive and negative outcomes that these grants could have on the community. Traffic is becoming a big issue. He feels changes should be made but they should be gradual. They are also working on the upgrading of the Davies house. He believes that work should start soon. It will move recreation over to that area where they will be more accessible and there are already plans for their current office at the Lime Kiln facility.

Board Member Franco stated that the East Fishkill Senior Citizens Spring Party will be May 2nd, hosted by the Town Supervisor. Pack a lunch and come in joyous sing-along with Bob Martinson. Reservations will be required. Call the senior citizen office at 845-226-8318 or call the recreation Department at 845-226-8395. Newer recreation hours start May 3rd. Wednesdays only will be 8 AM to 6:30 PM. This is to accommodate working residents with registrations and passes. May 1 starts registration for most of the recreation programs, including Red Wing passes, swim lessons, summer camp trips, basketball camp, fish and camp, youth golf lessons, youth and volleyball clinics. You can register online or call the recreation office. Summer camp registration is still open. There are adult golf lessons still available for July. Adult pickleball clinics are full. Co-ed sand volleyball registration has started. April 29 is a Broadway trip to see Some Like It Hot. That trip is sold out, but tickets are still available for the Catskill casino trip on 21 May. There are tickets available for the baseball trip on June 25. May 25th ticket sales start for the second game at Yankee Stadium. He also welcomed Ms. Flores to the Board.

Board Member Flores stated she looks forward to getting to work and engaged with the community. She is not afraid of hard work and will get involved in things.

Supervisor D'Alessandro congratulated Board Member Flores. There is a Spring Fest at John Jay this Saturday from 10 AM to 3 PM with a Sunday rain date.

There are a lot of activities planned. Board Member Franco stated there will be no rain date. It is going on Saturday rain or shine. Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked the Town Board for all of their assistance. He asked for a moment of silence at the end of the meeting for Sam Patton.

Motion for Adjournment: Time: Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:35 PM: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Town Board Meetings:

Workshop Meeting:

May 11, 2023

Regular Meeting:

May 25, 2023

Respectfully submitted by Julie J. Beyer on behalf of Town Clerk Peter Cassidy –
May 1, 2023