

MINUTES
TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2023
6:00 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Town of East Fishkill's Town Board Meeting on February 9, 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 started the month with the Dutchess County Supervisors and Mayors Association meeting. The guest speaker was the new Congressman, Pat Ryan, from the 19th Congressional District and his Chief of Staff. Michael Lawler is the Congressman for East Fishkill and Supervisor D'Alessandro did have a conversation with him as well right after the new year. These congressmen want to know each town's individual concerns and what they need help with. Supervisor D'Alessandro attended the Dutchess County EDAC last month at Marist College. They discussed plans for future development in Dutchess County. There was also a meeting of the local government committee which Supervisor D'Alessandro chairs. They discussed their plans for the upcoming year. They plan on having a lot of education this year for communities wanting to further their development. They also need help from the Dutchess County Department of Health for future development as well. They are also working on self-certification within the Town Engineering Department. It would be a huge savings for both the Town and the Department of Health.

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended the Dutchess County Citizens Naturalization Ceremony. It was a wonderful ceremony. Supervisor D'Alessandro is trying to get that ceremony to be held in East Fishkill to help celebrate this.

There was a meeting with the Town Clerk and the Grants Director for a grant for Records Retention. Currently Iron Mountain holds the records, but it is very costly. It is an annual grant that they are hoping to apply for next year.

2022 was a good year financially for the Town. The revenues exceeded the expenditures for the sixth straight year and the fund balance was increased as well. The Town Board, department heads, and employees are all very helpful in this.

There will be a workshop in March to discuss AIR BNBS. They will be discussing whether or not to regulate this. There have been some problems in the past.

The Town Supervisor and Assessor have been interviewing several residents who have applied for the Board of Assessment Review. Tonight there is a resolution to appoint several residents to the board. He thanked all the residents who stepped forward to volunteer for this board and all the other boards as well. They have

also received a few applications for the Zoning Board and the Planning Board as well. If anyone is interested please continue to send resumes to the Supervisor. He would like to have the resumes reviewed by the Town Board and interviews done this month so appointments can be made in the March meeting. There is also a vacancy on the Town Board as well.

There was a meeting here with the Town Attorney, Chief of Police, and Lieutenant Cuccia with Mental Health America of Dutchess County to discuss their Echo Program. There are funds in the Police Budget for a position for this program. To all of the Seniors, cards have been mailed from Dutchess County regarding the senior exemption. This is a reminder that is mandated from New York State to be sent every year to the seniors to make sure they come in and take their full amount of exemption possible. There will be a Public Hearing next month to increase our exemption for seniors and volunteer firefighters to the maximum level that the state just increased it to. Please watch out for those cards and come in to speak to the Assessor's.

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.

Public Hearings:

None.

Approve Minutes:

January 19, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes for the January 19th meeting: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinero. 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.

Deborah Hall and Ann Colbert were present. Ms. Hall asked if anything changed regarding the vapor barriers that were spoken about at last month's meeting and the Town Code. Attorney Wood stated last month the Town Engineer was not present. Attorney Wood stated he indicated that it was just a barrier, and that was incorrect. There is a 30 to 40 page guideline from the EPA that lists the type of systems that will be required. Mr. Cronk stated it is called a Vapor Intrusion System or an Active Vapor Intrusion System and is very similar to a rebound system. They will have a small fan or vent to circulate the air. Ms. Hall thanked Attorney Wood for the clarification. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated both of these residents were very instrumental in getting the water system into that area so he thanked them for that. Ms. Colbert stated they still need to do the vapor intrusion because they still have the extent of the TCE damage. Recent research from England shows that TCE can cause genetic disorders in pregnant women.

Receive and File:

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

Resolutions:

1. Authorize Hiring Police Officer

RESOLUTION
(APPOINTING POLICE OFFICERS)

WHEREAS, the Town Police Chief has interviewed candidates eligible from the Civil Service list for appointment as a Police Officer in The Town of East Fishkill; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board has interviewed the candidate recommended by the Town Police Chief; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Michael Carmosino is hereby appointed to the position of Police Officer with his salary and benefits to be in accordance with the PBA contract. The start date will be March 20, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said Officer is authorized to attend the Police Officer Training Program sponsored by the Bureau of Municipal Police or such other program at the direction of the Police Chief.

Motion to authorize the hiring of a Police Officer: Board Member Marinaro.
Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Police Chief Bellino issued the officer his new badge.

2. Authorize Close Out Legacy Water Contract

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE CLOSEOUT OF LEGACY SUPPLY, INC. WATER CONTRACT)

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Department is requesting Town Board authorization to close out Contract 20-001 with Legacy Supply, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Legacy Supply, Inc. has satisfactorily completed the scope of work described for the Contract 20-001, which included constructing three water system interconnections; and

WHEREAS, several additional documents will be circulated with NYSEFC to satisfy bonding and grant award requirements.; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the close out and termination of Contract 20-001 with Legacy Supply, Inc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor, Nicholas D'Alessandro, is authorized to represent and provide authorization and further documents on behalf of the Town, as needed for funding and regulatory agencies.

Motion to authorize the close out of the Legacy Water Contract: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Designate Private Road as “Chester Way” off Route 52 for E911 Purposes

RESOLUTION

(NAMING A PRIVATE ROAD "CHESTER WAY")

WHEREAS, an application has been made to Dutchess County 911 to approve renaming North Drive at the former IBM East Campus to Chester Way; and

WHEREAS, the index of names of the Town has been checked and there are no duplicates; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby concur with Dutchess County 911 and authorizes the private road to be renamed as Chester Way.

Motion to designate a private road as “Chester Way” off Route 52 for E911 Purposes: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Refer “Arcadia Farms Blvd” name for South Drive to E911 for Review

RESOLUTION

(NAMING A PRIVATE ROAD "ARCADIA FARMS BOULEVARD")

WHEREAS, an application has been made to Dutchess County E911 to approve renaming South Drive at the former IBM East Campus to Arcadia Farms Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Director and the Town Historian are requesting South Drive to be renamed as Arcadia Farms Boulevard in honor of the rich agricultural history in the Town of East Fishkill; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to submit a request to Dutchess County E911 for review.

Motion to refer “Arcadia Farms Blvd” name for South Drive to E911 for review: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Authorize Revised Police Department’s Selection Process Policy

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE THE REVISED POLICE DEPARTMENT’S SELECTION PROCESS POLICY)

WHEREAS, the Town Police Chief has submitted a revised Police Department Selection Process Policy to the Town Board for their consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has submitted the attached documents to be recognized as part of the East Fishkill Police Department Policies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board has reviewed the attached policy and authorizes the adoption thereof.

Motion to authorize the revised Police Department’s Selection Process Policy: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

6. Set Building Department, Engineering and Planning & Zoning Department Fees for 2023

RESOLUTION
(SETTING FEES FOR 2023)

WHEREAS, the Town Board from time to time reviews all fees charged by the various departments of the Town; and

WHEREAS, a current fee schedule has been requested for the Building Department, Engineering Department and the Planning and Zoning Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the annexed list of fees shall be established for the calendar year 2023 as the fees to be charged for the such named departments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board approves the attached list of fees for 2023.

Motion to set the Building Department, Engineering, and Planning & Zoning Department Fees for 2023 as amended: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

7. Authorize CPL Engineering Consultant Rate Change

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZING CONSULTING ENGINEER SERVICES)

WHEREAS, CPL has been the consulting engineers for the Town of East Fishkill; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of continuing their services; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has met with the principal of said organization and has received a contract proposal for calendar year 2023; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to continue the services of CPL through 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute a professional service agreement with CPL for calendar year 2023 as set forth in the proposal previously submitted to the Town Board.

Motion to authorize CPL Engineering Consultant Rate Change: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. Authorize Carol Drive Bridge Bond for \$4,500,000 Pending Reimbursement from Grant Award

RESOLUTION

BOND RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 9, 2023.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, THE CONSTRUCTION OF A REPLACEMENT BRIDGE ON CAROL DRIVE OVER THE FISHKILL CREEK, IN AND FOR THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$4,500,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,500,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described, as proposed, has been determined to be a Type II Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, which regulations state that Type II Actions will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such capital project; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of **not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength** of the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The construction of a replacement bridge on Carol Drive over the Fishkill Creek, in and for the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, including incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$4,500,000.

Section 2. The plan for the financing of the aforesaid maximum estimated cost is by the issuance of \$4,500,000 bonds of said Town, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law; **PROVIDED, HOWEVER,** that to the extent that any grants-in-aid are received for such purposes, the amount of bonds to be issued pursuant to this resolution shall be reduced dollar for dollar.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is 20 years, pursuant to subdivision 10 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the bonds herein authorized will exceed five years.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said Town, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby

delegated to the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Supervisor, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the Town by the facsimile signature of the Supervisor, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the Town), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the Supervisor. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Supervisor shall determine.

Section 7. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 - 2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 8. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested

only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 9. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said Town for such purpose, together with a notice of the Town

Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 10. **THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.**

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

COUNCILMAN FRANCO	VOTING AYE
COUNCILMAN MARINARO	VOTING ABSTAIN
COUNCILMAN ARCO	VOTING AYE
SUPERVISOR D’ALESSANDRO	VOTING AYE

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
PETER J. CASSIDY, TOWN CLERK

DATED: FEBRUARY 9, 2023
EAST FISHKILL, NY

Motion to authorize Carol Drive Bridge Bond for \$4,500,000 pending reimbursement from Grant Award: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. Board Member Marinaro abstained. All others voted in favor. Motion carried.

9. Authorize Hiring of Seasonal Red Wing Summer Directors

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZE SEASONAL DIRECTORS)

WHEREAS, the Recreation Department has seasonal staff to run the Summer Camp and Red Wing Park, and;

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director is requesting to reappoint Lissette Torres Perez as the Health Director for the Summer Camp at an hourly rate of \$23.00, hire Eric Pugliese as the Red Wing Director with a seasonal salary of \$9,500.00, and Daniel Schmidt as the Red Wing Assistant Director at an hourly rate of \$19.00; and

WHEREAS, Lissette Torres Perez has been the Camp Nurse for the past three years, Eric Pugliese has been working for the past three years as a lifeguard and swim team coach, and Daniel Schmidt has worked as a lifeguard and the swim team coach for the past three years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby reappoint Lissette Torres Perez as the seasonal Health Director for the Summer Camp, hire Eric Pugliese as the Red Wing Park Director, and Daniel Schmidt as the Red Wing Park Assistant Director; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all Recreation Seasonal Employees will be evaluated on their job performance before they will be subsequently considered for a seasonal position for the following year.

Motion to authorize hiring of Seasonal Red Wing Summer Directors: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

10. Authorize Clothing Drop Box at Community Center

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING A LICENSE AGREEMENT BY COMMUNITY CENTER)

WHEREAS, the East Fishkill Rotary Club supports charitable causes in the Town that greatly benefits our residents; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary has requested to place a 8' x 12' prefabricated wood frame shed by the Community Center to allow for the collection of clothes for charitable purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary will supervise the operations and keep the area neat and clean; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board will review this operation every six (6) months;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute a one-year License Agreement with the Rotary as prepared by the Town Attorney to effectuate the intent hereof.

Motion to authorize a clothing drop box at the Community Center: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

11. Authorize IMA for Establishment of a Joint Ethics Board

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT ETHICS BOARD)

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill and surrounding communities have many civically-minded members who participate in local activities; and

WHEREAS, participation in various organizations could lead to potential conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor and Town Board demand the highest ethical standards for members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor has helped to spearhead the formation of Joint Ethics Board with neighboring municipalities so that an objective hearing can be held on ethical questions for residents in different communities in the Southern Dutchess region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) with the Towns of Beekman and the Village of Pawling.

Motion to authorize an IMA for the establishment of a Joint Ethics Board: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

12. Reject LED Signs Bid

RESOLUTION (AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF ELECTRONIC SIGNAGE BIDS)

WHEREAS, the Town Board previously advertised for bids with respect to Electronic Signage in front of Town Hall and in front of the main Recreation Park; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk received said bids and opened the same; and

WHEREAS, upon a review of said bids, the Town Board is rejecting all bids at this time for cost reasons; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and hereby is authorized to notify all bidders that said bids have been rejected.

Motion to reject LED Signs Bid: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

13. Authorize Acting Recreation Director to Attend 2023 Training Program

RESOLUTION (AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE TO A CONFERENCE)

WHEREAS, the Acting Recreation Director, Christine Selback, has indicated her desire to attend the 2023 New York State Recreation and Park Society Conference being held in Monticello, New York from April 22, 2023 through April 25, 2023; and

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

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to authorize the Supervisor to approve said travel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Christine Selback to attend the 2023 New York State Recreation and Park Society Conference held in Monticello, New York to include the overnight stay and expenses for tolls and meals from April 22, 2023 through April 25, 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 acting Recreation Director to attend 2023 training program: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

14. Establish Capital Reserve Fund for Top Coat Paving of South Drive

RESOLUTION
**(ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL FUND FOR
TOP COAT PAVING OF SOUTH DRIVE)**

WHEREAS, the Town Board has previously accepted the community benefits agreement from Blue Water Property Group; and

WHEREAS, as part of said agreement with Blue Water Property Group a capital project fund in the amount of \$250,000.00 is to be established for the top coat paving of South Drive; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to authorize a capital fund to be created for this Capital Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby create a capital fund for this Capital Project for the top coat paving of South Drive.

Motion to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for Top Coat Paving of South Drive as amended: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

15. Authorize Town Engineer to Seek Bids for Demolition of 40 Warren Drive

**RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZE ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR DEMOLITION AT
40 WARREN DRIVE)**

WHEREAS, the Town Board has previously been advised by the Building Inspector and Town Engineer that a certain structure located at 40 Warren Drive has been approved by FEMA for removal; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recently acquired 40 Warren Drive with money from FEMA and approved the removal due to its location in the Flood Plain, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Clerk is duly authorized to advertise for bids for demolition of such building.

Motion to authorize the Town Engineer to seek bids for the demolition of 40 Warren Drive: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arci. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

16. Authorize RFQ for Planning Services for Large Scale Projects

**RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR RFQ FOR PROFESSIONAL
PLANNING SERVICES)**

WHEREAS, the Planning Department is requesting Town Board authorization for advertisement of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Professional Services; and

WHEREAS, the RFQ will seek professional planning consultant services for large scale projects.

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 Professional Planning Services; and

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

Motion to authorize RFQ for Planning Services for Large Scale Projects: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

17. Appoint Members to Board of Assessment Review

RESOLUTION

(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, the Town Assessor has recommended John Shishkowsky, Nicole Scaramuzzo, and Kim Simms for appointment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that John Shishkowsky, Nicole Scaramuzzo, and Kim Simms, be and hereby, are designated and appointed as Board of Assessment Review Members for a term of (5) five years.

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

Additions to the Agenda by Majority Vote:

None.

Budget Transfer:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there was a budget transfer. The Comptroller sent copies out for the Board to review. These are the end of year transfers. Comptroller Pozniak stated this is primarily movements within budget lines. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated it was a very good year and they stayed within budget. The fund balance is the savings account for the Town. He asked if there were any questions from Board members regarding these transfers. There were none.

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

Comments from Town Board Members:

Police Chief Bellino thanked the Board for the new hire. They are now operating at full capacity. Since the last meeting they have had 1250 calls for services. They have been in civil court for 10 different hearings. They lose an officer for a whole day every time they have to do this. For the year they are at 35 arrests. Last year they had a drag racing incident on Lime Kiln Road. The young man was hit by a car and severely injured. This week the starter and the two drivers were all arrested. He stated if anyone participates in any way with these drag racers, the police will use their resources to put an end to it. It puts a lot of people at risk. There were two search warrants issued that resulted in the recovery of some drugs and illegal handguns. They have also done a lot of training. One of their officers has gone to the FBI for firearms training and he has been trained to inspect, repair, and deep clean the weapons used by the Police Department. The three top DWI producers have attended an Advanced DWI Investigation Course. There has been social media training. The speed enforcement equipment and DWI enforcement equipment has been sent out to the DCJS for inspection, certification and calibration. The new policy is part of a hiring compliance application which was completed and submitted to New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services and it was approved. That means they are in full compliance with hiring of all the new officers. They have also completed the United States Department of Justice census that is required. The Juvenile Detention Report to New York State has been completed. They received grant money for body armor. They are working on the New World Public Safety Software. They are working on the body worn cameras project. Their policies are being updated and they are working on a threat assessment group.

Town Clerk Cassidy stated his office has been very busy over the last month. They are working on the grant for archiving and will hopefully have a meeting within the next two weeks with people who can assist.

Board Member Arco stated he has been spending some time with the Highway Department and the Fire District. He is still trying to get up to speed. He is working with Highway with some grants for equipment. He is on the agenda with the Fire District for the meeting at the end of this month. He has met with them once already. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated the Highway Superintendent was unable to attend tonight so Board Member Arco has his report. He did apologize for not being available. His report stated they have only had a few weather events in January. They have been able to catch up on tree work. They have been working in Hillside Lake, Warren Farm, Clearview Circle and Old Route 52 as well as the Recreation Park. There were some road washouts that needed remediation. The grade-all went out to repair those. They have been out doing patch work weekly. If you find any potholes that need attention, please call the Highway Department office. With the fair weather they have been able to do catch alls and basin repairs on Rainbow Crest, Bradley Dr., Carol Drive, Adam Court, Blueberry Lane, Creekside Road, Phillips Road, Friendly Way, Presidential Way, and East Hook Rd. There have been several incidents of illegal dumping of garbage on

roadways. Those areas are being monitored. People are asked to dispose of their garbage properly.

Board Member Marinaro has met with the Police Chief and Lieutenants to discuss the state of the department and their needs. They are working on ideas of how to deal with new mandates. These mandates are costly, and these will be ongoing discussions. He congratulated the Police Department on their new hire. He stated that a lot of these new mandates for the Police Department and the courts are not healthy for the citizens and the community. The Governor is not listening to concerns being sent to her and more mandates keep coming. He urged everyone to work together.

Board Member Franco stated he had a meeting with the Veterans Committee and Supervisor D'Alessandro to discuss their standing with the new Veterans Park. They are working on getting an architect and they have a \$15,000 grant for a monument. There was a meeting scheduled with the Recreation Department. Summer Camp registration starts March 6 for residents. There is also a new basketball league called East Fishkill Peewee Dribbler's for first and second graders only. It will be at Fishkill Plains Elementary School. For those interested you can call 845-226-8395. Volleyball clinics will be starting. Grades two through six is Learn to Play on Saturdays 11 AM to Noon, and Play to Learn for grades seven through 12 Friday 6 PM to 8 PM. All information and registration is online at www.eastfishkillrecreation.com.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated April 1st is Cleanup Day. Information will be sent out to the residents and on social media. If anyone in the community has questions or concerns please call any Board member.

Motion for Adjournment: Time: Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:37 PM: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

<u>Town Board Meetings:</u>	Meeting/Workshop	March 9, 2023
	Regular Meeting:	March 23, 2023

Respectfully submitted by Julie J. Beyer on behalf of Town Clerk Peter Cassidy – February 17, 2023