

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 26, 2023**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The Town of East Fishkill's Town Board Meeting on October 26, 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**

The month started with the Dutchess County Supervisor and Mayor Association meeting. This month they were in Millbrook and Senator Rob Rolinson was present and discussed what is going on in Albany. New York State has a \$9 billion deficit they are looking at for next year. They also discussed the bail reform laws. There was a meeting on site with the Highway Superintendent at the Rail Trail crossings. There have been some issues with those, but the Town does not have any purview over these. There are issues between the MTA and Dutchess County in regard to the Rail Trails. The Highway Superintendent did paint some stop lines in hopes of increased visibility.

There are now two part-time grant writers on staff. They are working on a Fast New York Grant. This has to do with the water line around iPark. It is a \$6 million project, and a grant has been received from Senator Schumer's office for \$2 million. They are applying for the remainder from the Fast New York Grant. They are also looking for planning grants for the Master Plan. They are also looking for a grant for the Depot Park water fountain. The water fountain does not fit the CDBG grant they were hoping to get. They also resubmitted for the DRI grant for Downtown Revitalization Initiative. It is a \$10 million grant given out by New York State. Last year East Fishkill was one of the finalists. This would be a wonderful grant to get. He thanked the grant writers and all the staff for their hard work on these projects.

On Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> there was a ribbon cutting at Dutchess Community College for the new Mechatronics Lab in Fishkill. First Lady Jill Biden was the guest speaker. This is the first lab of its type in Dutchess County.

Community Day was Sunday, October 8. It was a very successful day, and many people took part in the parade and the activities during the day. He thanked everyone who worked on this. It was a lot of work and went very well.

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended a meeting for the Dutchess County Economic Development Advisory Council for the Local Government Committee. They reviewed all the training and other goals they have accomplished for the year.

Councilman Marinaro and Supervisor D'Alessandro met with the Wappinger Central School District Superintendent to discuss different issues and how the

Town can assist with any issues at the afterschool events. Supervisor D'Alessandro also attended the quarterly municipalities meeting held by the school district.

There was a Dutchess County Transportation Council meeting this week. They are very helpful regarding traffic improvement projects.

There was an emergency at Taconic Estates Water District, and they had to have a meeting with all the residents. There was a huge water main break in the middle of a swamp that cannot be repaired. He thanked Bill Mainiero, George Cronk and VRI for all the work that was done to do a temporary fix with the Board of Health approval. They do have to investigate a final fix, which is why they had a meeting with the residents. He thanked all the Town Board members for being present at that meeting as well.

Supervisor D'Alessandro has been working with the Wappinger Supervisor regarding his new project called Hudson Valley Fast Fab. It is a new self-sustaining research development prototyping and manufacturing hub for microelectronic manufacturing. The primary hub would be at iPark with spokes going out to neighboring and further out towns. This would be tremendous for this region. He thanked Supervisor Thurston for his work on this.

Supervisor D'Alessandro visited the Regional Chamber of Commerce contact breakfast. This month was the County Executive debate.

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

Board Members in attendance were:

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

Also in attendance were:

Tom Wood, Attorney; George Cronk, Deputy Engineer; Highway Superintendent Ken Williams, and Mark Pozniak, Comptroller.

### **Public Hearings:**

1. Open Public Hearing with respect to the Preliminary 2024 Town Budget

Motion to open the Public Hearing with respect to the Preliminary 2024 Town Budget: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated two weeks ago they had a budget workshop. The Comptroller and Supervisor presented the budget to the Town Board for their review. It has a 2.2% increase with the typical increase for a home being \$24 a year. He is very proud of the budget, and it is very fiscally responsible. This is the Town Board's priority. The total Town budget is almost \$31 million, of which \$14.6

million is the tax levy. The rest of the revenue comes from sales tax, mortgage tax, and other revenues. All the services have been kept the same. All of this is done without breaking the New York State tax cap. East Fishkill has never broken this tax cap and he does not believe they ever will. They do have sharp economic development plans which help them maintain that. Amazon's pilot will begin this year and the Comptroller will show how those taxes will provide income for the Town. That tax income comes with no children produced in the school district, no roads to be found as it's private property and an increase in jobs in the area.

Comptroller Pozniak stated the Town taxes represent approximately 11% of the homeowners' taxes. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that 11% is all that the Town is in control of. That runs all the Town, the Police Department, and the Highway Department. He does believe they are one of the most efficient towns in the county as they have the lowest tax rate in the county with a full-time Police Department. It is due to strong economic development plans. They are utilizing a small amount of fund balance to share. The fund balance is currently at record highs, so some is being spent and some was transferred to road improvements.

Comptroller Pozniak presented a graph showing the fund balance of the last 13 years. It is important to have that fund balance when there are unexpected increases in expenditures. He presented a summary of the 2024 budget which included special districts. There are several line items for the special districts shown on the tax bills. On average a property assessed at \$380,000 in 2023 would have paid approximately \$1094 in Town taxes. In 2024 there were assessment increases so that house is now valued at \$426,700. Based on those new projected assessments of 2.62, down from 2.88, they estimate the house will pay approximately \$1118 per year. There was a comparison chart with the surrounding towns in Dutchess and Putnam County representing property tax rates with and without full-time police departments. East Fishkill is at 100% valuation. It does have a low property tax compared to comparable municipalities. He reviewed the projected Amazon PILOT revenue broken down in the five-year periods for each of the participating municipalities. There are some variables that are included in this projected income. At the end of the PILOT, they will have paid a total of approximately \$11,225,415. Starting in year 16 there are no longer PILOT payments, and they are at full value. These are totals based on current knowledge but as the projections go out it is harder to estimate.

Supervisor D'Alessandro reiterated how important economic growth with these types of projects are and the income they generate. The fire district and library are not included in the PILOT payments, so they are getting their full value of taxes. The fire district is very happy with the income that will be produced from this project and the ones to come. This is proof that residents' taxes get offset by these incomes. If anyone wants further explanation, please call anyone on the Board and they will be more than happy to take the time to explain it to you. He did thank the Board for their work.

Comptroller Pozniak stated there are four different school districts that get tax money as well as the county, town, fire district, and library. The school district is approximately 75%. The bulk of the town taxes go towards the Highway Department for one third, the Police Department for one third, and a third to recreation and Town Hall operations. The New York State inflation calculation for 2024 tax cap is 6.26%. The allowable increase is the lesser of actual inflation or 2%. The 2024 levy will be under the tax cap. Mortgage tax revenue has declined steeply in 2023 and they expect the numbers to remain low for the foreseeable future. They are exploring the possibility of changing the health insurance plans which could save the town as much as \$400,000 per year. The PBA contract expires 12/31/23. The terms are currently being negotiated. The CSEA contract expires 12/31/24 and negotiations will begin next year.

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

Resident #1 asked what Dutchess County does for tax breaks for retirees. Comptroller Pozniak stated there is the Star Program and the Enhanced Star Program. There is an income criterion with those. Resident #1 asked if there were any school taxes or public taxes. Attorney Wood stated there is just the Star program. Any exemptions for senior citizens have limits with respect to income levels. Resident #1 stated taxes in the Legends are \$16,000 to \$17,000 a year. He asked how a retiree is supposed to be able to afford that. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated the Town Board only has a say over 11% of that.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there were any Town Board members with any questions or comments.

**a. Close Public Hearing**

Motion to close the Public Hearing with respect to the Preliminary 2024 Town Budget: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**b. Adopt 2024 Budget & Benefit Assessment Roll for Town Districts**

Motion to adopt the 2024 Budget & Benefit Assessment Roll for Town Districts: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**2. Open Public Hearing for Consideration of Final Senior Citizen and Volunteer Fireman Tax Exemptions**

Motion to open the Public Hearing for Consideration of Final Senior Citizen and Volunteer Fireman Tax Exemptions: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board

Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Attorney Wood stated they did have a Public Hearing on this previously. This will increase the maximum exemption for a volunteer firefighter or EMT resident in the town to the state law maximum of 10%. For a senior citizen this is driven on income so you are raising limits to the maximum allowable by law, which will be in line with the County and the schools. The Town is limited to what they can do by state law. By adopting these two local laws you are allowing the maximum limits to be applicable here in the Town.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated all volunteer EMTs and firefighters need to look into this.

Board Member Marinaro asked if there were any numbers, they could specify for the income amounts. Attorney Wood stated that now the maximum limit is \$54,000. The state has a formula in place what is included in net income and the Town Assessor has copies of it. Board Member Marinaro asked if there was a time schedule for this and Attorney Wood stated it has to be done at the beginning of the year and prior to March 1.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there were any Town Board members with any questions or comments.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there were any questions or comments from the Public. There were none.

**a. Close Public Hearing**

Motion to close the Public Hearing for Consideration of Final Senior Citizen and Volunteer Fireman Tax Exemptions: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**b. Adopt a Negative Declaration and Local Law**

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

Date: October 26, 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:** AMEND TOWN CODE PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO TAX EXEMPTION LIMITS FOR QUALIFIED SENIOR CITIZENS AND VOLUNTEER FIREMATIC AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL

**Description of Action:**

The proposed action would result in amendments to Town Code **Section 168-17 Exemption for Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Workers.**

The Town Code currently contains provisions related to exemptions for certain groups. These exemptions are based on limits allowed by the State pursuant to the Real Property Tax Law (“RPTL”). From time to time, the State increases exemption limits for certain groups. Based on these increases, the Supervisor and Town Board now wish to update the Town Code to reflect these updated exemption limits.

The Town code will be amended to provide exemptions for real property owned by qualified senior citizens and an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service or such enrolled member and spouse residing in the Town of East Fishkill to the extent of 10% of the assessed value of such property for Town, part Town or special district purposes, exclusive of special assessments, subject to the applicant being certified as an enrolled member of the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service for a minimum of two years prior to receiving this exemption.

SEQR Status: Type I  Conditioned Negative Declaration?  Yes  
Unlisted  X  
No

Location of Action: Town of East Fishkill, County of Dutchess

The following documentation was analyzed in making this negative declaration:

- Short Form EAF
- Supplemental Part III Information
- Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (Describe)

Name of Action: **AMEND TOWN CODE PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO TAX EXEMPTION LIMITS FOR QUALIFIED SENIOR CITIZENS AND VOLUNTEER FIREMATIC AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL**

For Further Information:

Contact Person: Peter J. Cassidy, Town Clerk  
Town Hall, 330 Route 376  
Hopewell Junction, New York 12533  
(845) 221-4303

**REASONS SUPPORTING THIS DETERMINATION:**

(See 617.7(c) for requirements of this determination; see 617.7(d) for conditioned Negative Declaration)

The proposed action would result in amendments to Town Code **Section 168-17 Exemption for qualified senior citizens and Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Workers**. The Town code will be amended to provide exemptions for real property owned by a qualified senior citizen and/or a qualified enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service or such enrolled member and spouse residing in the Town of East Fishkill to the extent of 10% of the assessed value of such property for Town, part Town or special district purposes, exclusive of special assessments, subject to the applicant being certified as an enrolled member of the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service for a minimum of two years prior to receiving this exemption. The proposed action would not result in any significant adverse impacts for the following reasons:

1. It will not result in any significant fiscal impacts.
2. It will not generate a significant amount of additional vehicles, noise or emission levels.
3. It will not affect rare or endangered species of animal or plant, or habitat of such species.
4. It will not result in any impacts to historic or archeological resources.
5. It will not result in any impacts related to hazardous materials.
6. It will not result in a significant effect on air, water quality or ambient noise levels for adjoining areas.
7. It will not be subjected to unacceptable risk of flooding or major geological hazards.
8. It will not have a substantial aesthetic affect.
9. It will not involve adversely affect any surface water or groundwater.

- 10. It will not allow for improper uses within specified zoning districts.
- 11. It will not result in adverse cumulative impacts.
- 12. It will not result in adverse growth-inducing impacts.
- 13. 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.

If Conditioned Negative Declaration, provide on attachment the specific mitigation measures imposed.

THIS NEGATIVE DECLARATION WAS AUTHORIZED AT A MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 2023.

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Chairperson/Designee \_\_\_\_\_ Date

- 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. 5 of 2023**

**(A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND TOWN CODE PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO TAX EXEMPTION LIMITS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS & VOLUNTEER FIREMATIC AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL)**

**Section 1. Legislative Intent**

The Town Code currently contains provisions related to exemptions for certain groups. These exemptions are based on limits allowed by the State pursuant to the Real Property Tax Law (“RPTL”). From time to time, the State increases exemption limits for certain groups. Based on these increases, the Supervisor and Town Board now wish to update the Town Code to reflect these updated exemption limits.

**Section 2. Amendments to the Town Code for Section 168-17 Exemption for Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Workers**

Section 168-17 of the Town Code shall be amended to read as follows:



**The Town of East Fishkill hereby grants the exemption authorized pursuant to § 466-c of the Real Property Tax Law. Real property owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service or such enrolled member and spouse residing in the Town of East Fishkill shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of 10% of the assessed value of such property for Town, part Town, or special district purposes, exclusive of special assessments, subject to the applicant being certified as an enrolled member of the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or ambulance service for a minimum of two years prior to receiving this exemption.**

**The exemption shall also apply to the following qualifying individuals who meet the criteria of one of the options below:**

- a. The exemption shall apply to the un-remarried spouse of a member of a volunteer fire company or volunteer ambulance service killed in the line of duty who had been a member of the volunteer fire company or volunteer ambulance service for at least five years, and who also had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death; or**
- b. The exemption shall apply to the un-remarried spouse of a deceased member of a volunteer fire company or voluntary ambulance service who had been a member of the volunteer fire company or volunteer ambulance service for at least twenty years, and who also had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death; or**
- c. A lifetime exemption shall include applicants who have been certified as enrolled members of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or ambulance service for at least twenty years, as long as the member's primary residence is located within Dutchess County.**

### **Section 3. Amendments to the Town Code Section 168-2 for Tax Exemption for Senior Citizens**

Section 168-2(B) of the Town Code shall be amended to read as follows:

**The income of the owner or the combined income of the owners must not exceed \$43,399.99 for the income tax year immediately preceding the date the application was filed. "Income tax year" shall mean the twelve-month period for which the owner or owners filed a federal personal income tax return, or if no such return is filed, the calendar year. Where title is vested in either the husband or the wife, their combined income may not exceed such sum. Such income shall include social security and retirement benefits, interest, dividends, total gain from the sale or exchange of the capital assets which may be offset by a loss from the sale or exchange of a capital asset, in the same income tax year, net income from rental, salary or earnings, and net income from self-employment, but shall not include a return of capital, gifts or inheritances. In computing net rental income and net income from self-employment,**

**no depreciation deduction shall be allowed for the exhaustion, wear and tear of real or personal property held for the production of income. However, if the income of an eligible property owner or the combined income of the owners of the property is not greater than \$43,399.99, then said owner shall be entitled to a partial exemption pursuant to the following schedule:**

| Annual Income    | Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt from Taxation |
|------------------|---|
| \$35,000 or less | 50%   |
| \$35,000-35,999  | 45%   |
| \$36,000-36,999  | 40%   |
| \$37,000-37,999  | 35%   |
| \$38,000-38,899  | 30%   |
| \$38,900-39,799  | 25%   |
| \$39,800-40,699  | 20%   |
| \$40,700-41,599  | 15%   |
| \$41,600-42,499  | 10%   |
| \$42,500-43,399  | 5%  |
| \$43,400 or more | 0%  |

**Section 4. Severability**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

**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 October 26, 2023  
At a Regular Meeting  
Held at Town Hall**

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

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| COUNCILPERSON TOM FRANCO        | VOTING AYE |
| COUNCILPERSON EMANUELE MARINARO | VOTING AYE |
| COUNCILPERSON CRAIG ARCO        | VOTING AYE |

COUNCILPERSON MARIANNE FLORES            VOTING   AYE  
SUPERVISOR NICHOLAS D’ALESSANDRO    VOTING   AYE

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

**3. Open Public Hearing to Consider Issuing a Bond to Finance Improvements to Hopewell West, Revere Park, and Fishkill Plains**

Motion to open the Public Hearing to Consider Issuing a Bond to Finance Improvements to Hopewell West, Revere Park, and Fishkill Plains: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Engineer Cronk stated this is a follow-up from the previous resolution from approximately a year ago. The State is looking for a certain procedural process to be followed to the bonding process. This has been discussed in the past. The project itself is funding the interconnection project as well as the work at the Whorley water district. From the status of the project, they are about halfway through at this point. They've done the interconnections already and are doing waterline replacement work next summer. They did re-bond this project to go from a \$1.3 million grant to a \$3.05 million grant to take advantage of some opportunities that were available at that time. They are trying to recapture some of this from a procedural point of view with bond counsel.

Attorney Wood stated they are authorizing \$5,145,000 of which \$3.5 million will be coming back from grants. The million-dollar base is what was discussed when they formed the Hopewell West Water System. In order to get the grant, you have to have this bonding available. At the time these applications were adopted the Town had adopted a resolution agreeing to a willingness to bond. They waited until the word of the grants and now through bond counsel, they are formalizing the borrowing authority. They are required to do the work prior to receipt of the grants award and then they are reimbursed at a later date after they sign off on it. The contractors don't want to wait for those payment times so the bonding is done to pay the contractors until the grant money is received.

Supervisor D'Alessandro reminded everybody that this bonding is only for those residents who live in these water districts that are affected.

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

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there were any questions or comments from the public regarding this Public hearing. There were none.

**a. Close Public Hearing**

Motion to close the Public Hearing to Consider Issuing a Bond to Finance Improvements to Hopewell West, Revere Park, and Fishkill Plains: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**b. Adopt Public Interest Order & Bond Resolution**

RESOLUTION

42459-2-704

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, held at the Town Hall, in Hopewell Junction, New York on October 26, 2023, at 6:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time.

PRESENT:

Nicholas D'Alessandro  
Supervisor

Tom Franco  
Councilperson

Emanuele Marinaro  
Councilperson

Craig Arco  
Councilperson

Marianne Flores  
Councilperson

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| <p style="text-align: center;">In the Matter<br/>of</p> <p>The Increase and Improvement of the Facilities of Revere Park Water District, Fishkill Plains Water District and Hopewell West Water District, in the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">PUBLIC<br/>INTEREST<br/>ORDER</p> |
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WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, has caused to be prepared a map, plan and report, including an estimate of cost, pursuant to Section 202-b of the Town Law, relating to the joint increase and improvement of the facilities of Revere Park Water District, Fishkill Plains Water District and Hopewell West Water District, in the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York (the “Water Districts”), being the construction of interconnection and related facilities, in East Fishkill, New York, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,145,635; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of said Town Board duly called and held on September 28, 2023, an Order was adopted by it and entered in the minutes specifying the said Town Board would meet to consider said increase and improvement of the Water Districts, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same at the Town Hall, in Hopewell Junction, New York, in said Town, on October 26, 2023 at 6:00 o’clock P.M., Prevailing Time; and

WHEREAS, said Order duly certified by the Town Clerk was duly published and posted as required by law; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held at the time and place set forth in said notice, at which all persons desiring to be heard were duly heard;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, by the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Upon the evidence given at the aforesaid public hearing, it is hereby found and determined that it is in the public interest to make joint improvements to Revere Park Water District, Fishkill Plains Water District and Hopewell West Water District in the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, consisting of the construction of interconnection and related facilities, in East Fishkill, New York, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,145,635. Said maximum estimated cost shall be apportioned as follows:

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| Revere Park Water District:     | \$1,285,145 |
| Fishkill Plains Water District: | 723,102     |
| Hopewell West Water District:   | 3,137,388   |

|                                | Allocation of Maximum Estimated Cost | Bonds to be Authorized* | Grants to be Allocated | Anticipated Bonds to be Issued* |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Revere Park Water District     | \$1,285,145                          | \$1,285,145             | \$ 771,087             | \$ 514,058                      |
| Fishkill Plains Water District | 723,102                              | 723,102                 | 402,441                | 320,661                         |
| Hopewell West Water District   | 3,137,388                            | 3,137,388               | 1,882,433              | 1,254,955                       |

\* Bonds authorized at maximum estimated cost, including grant portion to permit borrowing in anticipation of receipt of grants.

Section 2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

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

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| Councilperson Tom Franco         | VOTING AYE |
| Councilperson Emanuele Marinaro  | VOTING AYE |
| Councilperson Craig Arco         | VOTING AYE |
| Councilperson Marianne Flores    | VOTING AYE |
| Supervisor Nicholas D’Alessandro | VOTING AYE |

The order was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

**DATED: OCTOBER 26, 2023  
EAST FISHKILL, NY**

Motion to adopt the Public Interest Order & Bond Resolution: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Approve Minutes:**

August 17, 2023  
September 28, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes for the August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and the September 28, 2023, meeting minutes: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Announcement of Additions to the Agenda:**

Supervisor D’Alessandro said there are three additions to the agenda. One is to authorize the Town Attorney to seek an injunction regarding the legal use of two properties. One is to appoint a seasonal employee to the Highway Department. The last one is to extend the Shed and Fence Amnesty Law.

**Courtesy of the Floor:**

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak about any general town issues.

Robert Grasso asked about the stop sign at Hillside Lake. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he has not had time to look into that yet.

**Receive and File:**

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there was nothing.

**Resolutions:**

**1. Hire Full Time Laborer in Highway Department**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(ACKNOWLEDGE HIRING AT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT)**

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent and Councilman Craig Arco have interviewed Joseph Norris; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent has hired Joseph Norris to fill the Full-Time Laborer vacancy; 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 Joseph Norris as Full-Time Laborer in the Highway Department; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Full-Time Laborer will be paid in accordance with the CSEA contract, effective October 29, 2023.

Motion to hire a full-time laborer in the Highway Department: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**2. Schedule Town Board Meeting Dates for 2024**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(SCHEDULING TOWN BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2024)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has determined to review and schedule meetings for 2024; and



**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Town Board to have regularly scheduled meetings;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board shall conduct their monthly workshop and regular meetings per the following schedule; and

January 18– Regular Meeting  
February 8 – Workshop/Regular Meeting  
March 14 – Workshop  
March 28- Regular Meeting  
April 11 Workshop  
April 25 - Regular Meeting  
May 9 - Workshop  
May 23 - Regular Meeting  
June 27 - Regular Meeting/Workshop  
July 25- Regular Meeting/Workshop  
August 22- Regular Meeting/Workshop  
September 12 - Workshop  
September 26 - Regular Meeting  
October 10 – Workshop/Budget Discussion  
October 24 – Regular Meeting  
November 14– Regular Meeting  
December 12- Regular Meeting

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the said meetings shall be held at the Town Hall and shall commence at **6:00 PM**.

Motion to schedule the Town Board meeting dates for 2024: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### **3. Set Snowplow Rates for 2024**

#### **RESOLUTION (ESTABLISHING SNOW REMOVAL RATES WINTER)**

**WHEREAS**, NYS Highway Law §143 allows the Highway Superintendent to hire vehicles and operators to remove snow from Town Roads; and

**WHEREAS**, the hourly rates for the equipment and operators must be approved by the Town Board, and

**WHEREAS**, the owner of any equipment hired will sign a form agreement and provide a Certificate of Insurance naming the Town as an Insured, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Highway Superintendent may hire equipment with operators herein at the following rates; and

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| 1) Min. 9’ with 4 YD Sander, 4 WD, with Driver                 | \$180.00 |
| 2) F250 or Equal: 8’ Plow with 2-4 YD Sander, 4WD with Driver  | \$170.00 |
| 3) F450 or Equal: 9’ Plow with 2-4 YD Sander, 4 WD with Driver | \$170.00 |
| 4) Min. 10’ Plow 11’ Wing 4 YD Sander with Driver and Wing     | \$305.00 |
| 5) 4 x 2 - 11’ Plow 11’ Wing 6-8 YD Sander                     | \$245.00 |
| 6) 4 x 4 - 11’ Plow 11’ Wing 8 YD Sander                       | \$265.00 |
| 7) Min. 10’ Plow with 5 YD Sander, 4WD with Driver             | \$235.00 |
| 8) Min. 10’ Plow with 8 YD Sander with Driver                  | \$280.00 |
| 9) Min. 10’ Plow with 4 YD Sander with Driver                  | \$215.00 |
| 10) Min. 10’ Plow 11’ Wing 9 YD Sander with Driver and Wing    | \$350.00 |
| 11) Min. 10’ Plow 11’ Wing 9 YD Sander with Driver and No Wing | \$285.00 |

Motion to set snowplow rates for 2024: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**4. a) To Declare an Emergency for Repairs for Taconic Estates Water District**

**RESOLUTION**

**(DECLARE TACONIC ESTATES WATER DISTRICT EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZE AWARD FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES)**

**WHEREAS**, The Taconic Estates Water District experienced a distribution system watermain break on October 5, 2023.; and

**WHEREAS**, this was an unexpected water main break under a water body effecting the supply to all homes in the District needing a major repair before winter; 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 estimates that the total construction services needed immediately will be approximately \$500,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of East Fishkill solicited Contractors to provide bids for the emergency repair of the system; and

**WHEREAS**, the lowest qualified bid is Roehrs Construction; and

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Executive Law this is hereby declared an emergency requiring immediate action; and

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that an additional amount of \$160,000.00 be appropriated for additional work or change orders as approved by the Town Supervisor; and

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby awards a contract to Roehrs Construction in the initial amount of \$336,830.00.

**b) To Reallocate ARPA Funding for Taconic Estates Water District**

**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 made additional modifications in March, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town need to utilize these funds by the end of 2026 year and has identified the Taconic Homes Repair Project as an immediate priority that is eligible to utilize up to \$400,000 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                                   | Current Allocation | Revised Allocation |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Revere/Worley Cost Escalation                 | \$175,000          | \$175,000          |
| Hopewell Hamlet PFOA Mitigation               | \$250,000          | \$250,000          |
| Fishkill Plains GWUDI Filters                 | \$250,000          | \$250,000          |
| Beekman Water Supply Study                    | \$250,000          | \$250,000          |
| Four Corners Storage Tank                     | \$125,000          | \$25,000           |
| Cannon Well #5                                | \$125,000          | \$125,000          |
| Pinewood Knolls PFOA                          | \$100,000          | \$100,000          |
| Little Switzerland/Taconic/Shenandoah Repairs | \$150,000          | \$150,000          |
| Beeman Sewer Upgrades                         | \$125,000          | \$25,000           |
| Hamlet Sewer Upgrades                         | \$250,000          | \$50,000           |
| Four Corners Well #5                          | \$500,000          | \$500,000          |

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|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Meter Replacements        | \$150,000          | \$150,000          |
| Sagamor UV Treatment      | \$50,000           | \$50,000           |
| Taconic Emergency Repairs | \$0                | \$400,000          |
| Miscellaneous/TBD         | \$28,401           | \$28,401           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>\$2,528,401</b> | <b>\$2,528,401</b> |

**c) Set Public Hearing for November 9, 2023, to Consider Issuing a Bond to Finance Improvements to Taconic Estates Water District**

**RESOLUTION**

4161-5695-8028.01

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At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, held at the Town Hall, in Hopewell Junction, New York on October 26, 2023, at 6:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time.

PRESENT:

Nicholas D’Alessandro  
Supervisor

Tom Franco  
Councilperson

Emanuele Marinaro  
Councilperson

Craig Arco  
Councilperson

Marianne Flores  
Councilperson

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| <p>In the Matter<br/>of<br/>The Increase and Improvement of the<br/>Facilities of Taconic Estates Water District,<br/>in the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess</p> | <p>ORDER<br/>CALLING<br/>PUBLIC<br/>HEARING</p> |
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| County, New York |  |
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WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, has caused to be prepared a map, plan and report, including an estimate of cost, pursuant to Section 202-b of the Town Law, relating to the increase and improvement of the facilities of Taconic Estates Water District, in the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York (the “Water District”), being emergency reconstruction of water mains, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, said capital project, 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 any significant adverse impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to call a public hearing on the question of the increase and improvement of the facilities of said Water District, in the matter described above, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same, in accordance with the provisions of Section 202-b of the Town Law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, by the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing will be held in the Town Hall, in Hopewell Junction, New York, in said Town, on November 9, 2023, at 6:00 o’clock P.M., Prevailing Time, on the question of the increase and improvement of the facilities of Taconic Estates

Water District, in the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, in the manner described in the preambles hereof, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same, and to take such action thereon as is required or authorized by law.

Section 2. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing hereinafter provided to be published once in the official newspaper, and also to cause a copy thereof to be posted on the sign board of the Town, such publication and posting to be made not less than ten, nor more than twenty, days before the date designated for the hearing. The Town Board hereby ratifies the provision of said Notice of Public Hearing to the official newspaper prior to the date hereof.

Section 3. The notice of public hearing shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof.

Section 4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

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

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| COUNCILPERSON TOM FRANCO         | VOTING AYE |
| COUNCILPERSON EMANUELE MARINARO  | VOTING AYE |
| COUNCILPERSON CRAIG ARCO         | VOTING AYE |
| COUNCILPERSON MARIANNE FLORES    | VOTING AYE |
| SUPERVISOR NICHOLAS D’ALESSANDRO | VOTING AYE |

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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Motion to declare an emergency for repairs for Taconic Estates Water District, reallocate ARPA Funding and set a Public Hearing for November 9, 2023, to consider issuing a bond to finance improvements for Taconic Estates Water District: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**5. Authorize the Installation of a Shed at the Recreation Facility**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF A SHED AT THE RECREATION FACILITY)**

**WHEREAS**, the Lacrosse League have approached the Town with a plan to erect a shed at the top of the McGrath Field; and

**WHEREAS**, said building will be purchased by the league. This will be no cost to the town; and

**WHEREAS**, the structure will be given to the Town for recreation usage;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board hereby approves the installation of said structure near the McGrath Field. The Highway Department will oversee the project for proper installation and location; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute an agreement for the town's ownership of such property.

Motion to authorize the installation of a shed at the Recreation Facility: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Appoint New Member to Fire Advisory Board**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE FIRE ADVISORY BOARD)**

**WHEREAS**, The Fire Advisory Board, a volunteer board, has a vacancy thereon; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Town Board to fill said vacancy;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Robert Odell Jr. of Hopewell Junction, NY be and hereby is appointed as a member of the Fire Advisory Board for a term of 1 year.

Motion to appoint a new member to the Fire Advisory Board: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Seek Lead Agency with Respect to iPark Waterline and Water Tank Construction**

**RESOLUTION**

**(DECLARING INTENT FOR LEAD AGENCY FOR WATERLINE AND STORAGE TANK)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of East Fishkill has been requested by Natural Resources and ON Semiconductor for the installation of a new waterline and storage tank that will serve the Rt 52 Commercial Water Improvement Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of East Fishkill has sought Engineering Consulting Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of East Fishkill previously established the Water Improvement Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town will utilize water source delivered by Dutchess County Water and Waste Water Authority (DCWWA); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town will receive easements for the eventual location of waterline and storage tank; and

**WHEREAS**, an Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) has been filed with the Town Board as required by 6 NYCRR §617.6(a)(2) to initiate the mandatory environmental review prescribed by the State Environmental Review Act (SEQRA) for the proposed project; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution will initiate the SEQRA process for the Action contemplated by the Town as set forth above and the Town Board has undertaken an initial review of the Action as required by 6 NYCRR §617.6 of the SEQRA. The Town Board has reviewed the SEQRA list actions and is of the opinion the project is an Unlisted Action and desires to act as Lead Agency for the purpose of conducting the SEQR review; and

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby makes a preliminary classification of the Action as an "Unlisted Action" as



such term is defined in 6 NYCRR §617.2. The Town Board hereby declares its intention to be Lead Agency for the purpose of conducting the SEQR review of the Action and that the Town's consultants and employees are hereby authorized to forward appropriate notifications, and any other documents for listings, or other needs identified by various involved agencies; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes and directs the prompt transmission of the EAF with a Lead Agency Intent Notice for the purpose of conducting a coordinated SEQR review. Involved agencies must be agreed upon within 30 calendar days of the date the EAF is transmitted to them; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor of the Town is authorized to execute such documents and take such lawful actions as either such officer may deem convenient, necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the foregoing resolutions, which actions may include without limitation seeking consents from other involved agencies to the designation of the Town as lead agency with respect to the Action.

Motion to seek Lead Agency with respect to iPark waterline and water tank construction: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### **8. Appoint Town Hall Temporary Part-Time Typist**

##### **RESOLUTION** **(APPOINT TOWN HALL TEMPORARY PART-TIME TYPIST)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town is in need from time to time of temporary employees commonly referred to as Floaters to assist in the clerical functions necessary to operate Town Departments; and

**WHEREAS**, Alyssa Barone has been interviewed and is recommended to be hired as a Temporary Typist; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the applicant is hereby appointed as a Temporary Part-time Typist in the Town, being paid at the hourly rate of \$16.28; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said typist shall work at the pleasure of the Town Supervisor in accordance with all the previously established rules and regulations.

Motion to appoint a Town Hall temporary part-time typist: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**9. Authorization of Change Order of Term Contract for Additional Hydrant and Valve**

**RESOLUTION**  
**TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL**  
**WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT**  
**HYDRANT/VALVE REPLACEMENTS CONTRACT EXTENSION**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of East Fishkill oversees maintenance and operations for the various water special districts and is seeking hydrant and valve replacements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town previously awarded Legacy Supply, Inc. a contract to perform hydrant and valve replacement projects, based upon lowest qualified bid results; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town completed hydrant and valve replacements for the 2022 & 2023 years and the Town has identified additional valve and hydrant replacement locations needed at the Rt 52 Commercial Water Improvement Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town can extend the contract with Legacy Supply, Inc. to complete the replacement of the additional hydrants and valves;

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED**, that the additional hydrants and valves be replaced by Legacy Supply, Inc for the amount not to exceed \$250,000.00; and

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby declares and authorizes Nicholas D’Alessandro, Town Supervisor, be provided the authority to authorize a contract change order with Legacy Supply, Inc.

Motion to authorize a Change Order of Term Contract for additional hydrant and valve: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**10. Authorize the Attorney to Seek an Injunction to Stop Illegal use on Two Properties within the Town Borders**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO SEEK INJUNCTION TO STOP THE ILLEGAL USE OF TWO PROPERTIES)**

**WHEREAS**, as property located on Rte 52 known as 2109 Rte 52 and the adjoining property owned by IKRAM is allegedly being used to store tractor trailers and other equipment not permitted in the zone; and

**WHEREAS**, property owned by Mt Storm LLC also on Rte 52 on Stormville Mountain is the site of illegal excavation and soil mining; and

**WHEREAS**, despite repeated attempts to have the owners bring the properties into compliance they have failed to do so; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Attorney is authorized to commence actions in the appropriate court to obtain a court order forcing the above property owner to cease and desist and bring their properties into compliance.

Motion to authorize the Attorney to seek an injunction to stop illegal use on two properties within the Town borders: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### **11. Appoint a seasonal employee at the Highway Department**

##### **RESOLUTION** **(APPOINT SEASONAL EMPLOYEE IN HIGHWAY)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town has interviewed Thomas Minet; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is requesting the acknowledgment of hiring of Thomas Minet as Seasonal Laborer for the Highway Department; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby acknowledge the hiring of Thomas Minet; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Thomas Minet will be paid an hourly rate of \$17.00, effective October 27, 2023; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, upon completion of seasonal tasks, and no later than December 31, 2023, they shall be removed from the payroll.

Motion to appoint a seasonal employee at the Highway Department: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

## **12. Extend the Shed and Fence Amnesty Law**

### **RESOLUTION** **(EXTENDING TIME PERIODS FOR SHED & FENCE AMNESTY)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board previously enacted a Shed & Fence Amnesty Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board wishes to extend the deadline to file has expired; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the filing date under the Shed & Fence Amnesty Law be and hereby is extended up to and including January 31, 2025, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all other timelines in the law remain in full force and affect.

Motion to extend the Shed and Fence Amnesty Law: Supervisor D'Alessandro. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. 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 they have been doing pipe work at Kensington Park, Bonnie Lane, Mountain Pass, and Tamarack Drive. Twin Ponds was a pipe repair and there was drainage work at Verplank and Potter. Paving is scheduled for that area on 11/2 & 11/3. They have been doing in-house paving, tree work, and leveling work on Old Lime Kiln, Shenandoah, Old State, Circle Drive, and Oak Ridge. Probst Terrace is completed with milling and paving. Tree work has been done on Long Hill, Appalachian East, and Crown Hill. The Grade-all has been on Stormville Mountain, East Hook, Kent Rd, Pine Brook, Orbit Lane, and Ridge View. They have done some line painting on Leetown Road, Covered Bridge, and Shenandoah. They will continue to do that and head to Miller Hill. They did receive the new Jet-Vac and Peterbilt and had the plow installed on it.

The mechanics are busy. He is hoping the Jet-Vac will be registered and on the road next week.

Clerk Cassidy said a special thanks to the Recreation workers and crew and the Fire Police for their help during Community Day.

Board Member Arco stated the Jet-Vac has been received and Highway crews will be getting full training in the next week. He thanked the Board for their support in getting this piece of machinery. It will be used a lot. He will be working with the Highway Superintendent on future staffing needs. He would like to make sure when there are repetitive things, such as hanging the banners, they can make sure there is enough staff. The crews have been working hard to get ready for winter and he thanked the staff for that. He met with a grant writer and the Highway Superintendent to discuss a grant for a new replacement salt shed. He coordinated a meeting with the Fire District and John Metzger and Steve Caswell to discuss ongoing issues with future EMS services and mutual aid with neighboring towns. It is a large area of concern. They will be meeting again in November to continue these talks. He thanked Comptroller Pozniak for his additional time going over the budget.

Board Member Marinaro stated there have been no major issues within the Police Department. There have been several issues with juveniles, especially at John Jay High School. There was a good meeting with Wappingers Central School District Superintendent Bonk. Board Member Marinaro is concerned about the large groups that meet at the school and the Police Department's ability to deal with a major issue. These discussions will continue as well. November is the month to be especially careful dealing with deer on the roads. The Dutchess County Task Force has been working with our Police Department in regards to a marijuana distribution issue. An arrest was made for underage sales. There is an ECHO program in place to assist with mental health issues in the community. There will be a firearm trade-in conducted within the next month. The PBA did a great job on Community Day. Officer Michael Carmosino volunteered to be in the dunk tank that day. The EF Police will also be involved in Trunk or Treat this weekend at Mill Creek. There is a need to reform the Bail Reform Law. He has mentioned it before.

Board Member Franco thanked everyone for coming out for Community Day, especially Clerk Peter Cassidy, Bill Green, Loretta Rosa, and Christine Selback. All the feedback has been wonderful. The adult Halloween Costume Party and buffet is tomorrow and Mill Creek Caterers from 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm \$30.00 each. The Family Halloween Costume Party will be Sunday from 3:00 pm – 5:00pm. You must register to attend. November 12 is a casino trip and November 18 is Radio City Christmas Spectacular. There is adult volleyball on Tuesdays and Sundays in the evening and adult basketball on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, just call Recreation. Halloween is coming up, so please drive carefully

and watch out for the little ones. The Great Giveback, to benefit the food pantry, is this Sunday. It's a 5K on the rail trail starting at the Railroad Depot.

Board Member Flores stated they had the first meeting of the Community Representative Committee for the Master Plan Committee. They met with the consultant, Saratoga. It was great dialog and many viewpoints. They discussed the process, target date of 2/2/2025, and community engagement. They do have a website on the Town website. Their email address is listed there as well. They plan on having an online survey in January and will be scheduling in-person meetings as well. They did discuss how fortunate we are in this town to have the balance of the quality of living that is in this town. At the next meeting they will discuss finalizing that statement and things they like or dislike about other areas.

Supervisor D'Alessandro wished everyone a happy Halloween. He asked that everyone be careful that night. There will be Town Trick or Treat at the Town Hall on October 31<sup>st</sup> 8 AM to 4 PM. Please bring your little people.

**Motion for Adjournment: Time:** Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:34 PM: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Town Board Meetings:**      **Regular Meeting:**      **November 9, 2023**

Respectfully submitted by Julie J. Beyer on behalf of Town Clerk Peter Cassidy –  
November 3, 2023