

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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The Town of East Fishkill's Town Board Meeting on November 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 stated the calendar for this month and next month is changed due to the holidays.

He congratulated Town Clerk Peter Cassidy, Councilwoman Flores, Councilman Arco, and Tax Receiver Ann Goldsmith on their successful elections. He also congratulated Steve Caswell and John Metzger on their legislative re-elections and to the new County Executive Sue Serino.

There was a meeting with the Dutchess County Planning and Development Office for the CDAC. They were reviewing the APC grants, which are grants for not-for-profit agencies.

The Recreation Department did a great job with all the Halloween parties. Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked Bill Green, Christine Selback, the staff, and Mill Creek for all they did.

There was a 5K that started at the Rail Trail for the Fishkill Food Panty that was well attended.

There was a forum created by State Assemblyman Beephan on rural equity. It was very well attended. There were many different agencies represented. There was a lot of discussion about state mandates, and they will meet again when there is more to discuss.

Last Wednesday was the Dutchess County Tourism Awards for Excellence program. It was a great event and nice to see all the different businesses throughout the County.

There was a Department head meeting at the Town Hall. He thanked all the employees and department heads for all their hard work. They try to hold these meetings quarterly.

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended Think Dutchess 2023 Business Excellence Award. This was very well attended, there were six award recipients this year. The Business Award of the Year went to East Fishkill's OnSemi Conductor. This business continues to grow, which is great for our Town.

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

Board Members in attendance were:

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

Also in attendance were:

Tom Wood, Attorney; Scott Bryant, Engineer; Highway Superintendent Ken Williams, and Mark Pozniak, Comptroller.

**Public Hearings:**

1. Open Public Hearing to Consider Issuing a Bond to Finance Improvements to Taconic Estates Water District

Motion to open the Public Hearing to consider issuing a bond to finance improvements to Taconic Estates Water District: Board Member Marinero. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated several weeks ago there was a meeting here to discuss the emergency at Taconic Estates Water District. It is a small district and it is problematic when there is an issue because it costs the residents a lot. Town resources cannot be used for water and sewer districts. The cost is borne by the residents of the district only. They have come up with a plan to borrow some funds on their behalf and influx some of the CARES money. They will also get their fair share of the ARPA funds.

Engineer Bryant stated the borrowing meeting is the worst-case if the CARES funds don't work out. They do believe it will go through. They believe the cost of the residents will be much less than \$1 million but they are planning for worst-case scenario.

Attorney Wood stated the bond resolution was prepared by Bond Counsel. The authorization that the Town Board gives tonight does not mean that the Supervisor goes to the bank and borrows \$1 million. It is like setting up a line of credit. They will be able to control the draw of that money as the bills come in. At the end of the project the actual cost is determined, that will then be converted into a bond for 30 years for the district. Tonight, the law requires a Public Hearing before the Town Board can authorize and delegate the Supervisor to borrow up to \$1 million.

Engineer Bryant stated the bids did come in and the work is underway. They have almost 1000 feet of the 2100 feet of 8-inch pipe installed. They have received three bids. The lowest is \$336,000, the second was \$545,000 and third bid was \$736,000. The Town's original estimate was \$594,000. They have hit rock so there will be some additional costs, but they should be well below their original

estimate.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they will be using the ARPA funds that were received from the federal government for \$400,000. With the reduction of costs from the estimate, it will also cause a reduction in the cost to the residents.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there were any residents to speak for or against this.

Resident #1 stated that the Town had mentioned painting all the roads over and Taconic Estates. He asked if that was put off because of the construction. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated it was put off due to the paving schedule. The resident asked if paving could be done by the Town to save the residents some money and Supervisor D'Alessandro stated paving is not part of this bid. It will be done in the spring and come out of the Town's paving budget.

Highway Superintendent Williams stated the drainage will all be done prior to paving in that area.

Resident #2 stated they have discussed using a Bond Anticipation Note. He believes there are several reasons why that should be done. A bond can be refinanced at any time. One of the initial reasons for a BAN was to wait for interest rates to come back down but if the bonds can be refinanced it should be the same. Comptroller Pozniak stated a bond cannot be refinanced at any time. There are specific times allotted that you can do that, but it is not anytime they want. Resident #2 stated the original reason for the BAN was to ease them into the cost. Comptroller Pozniak stated with a BAN they may receive an amount larger than they need and they are not committed to that long-term. In order to pay the bills, they need to borrow money. When they know of the final cost, they can do a permanent bond at the correct number. The other reason to start with the BAN is that the principal amount initially due is significantly less each year. It is primarily interest they are paying on the BAN. With a bond you're paying a more significant portion of the principal upfront. With the BAN, it allows the residents to slowly absorb the cost. The BAN is an annual renewable for up to five years. If it is clear that rates are going down, it may make sense to do it for one or two additional years. If they do get stuck with a bond rate they are not happy with there are points in time they can refinance it, but there are costs associated with that as well. He stated they can also choose to pay principal on the BAN as well. Resident #2 asked if it gets presented to the residents or if the Board makes that decision solely. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated the Board makes that decision. Attorney Wood stated it would be part of the annual budget process.

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 to consider issuing a bond to finance improvements to Taconic Estates Water District: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**b. Adopt Public Interest and Bond Resolution**

**RESOLUTION**

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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 in said Town, on November 9, 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  
Councilman

<p style="text-align: center;">In the Matter of The Increase and Improvement of Facilities of Taconic Estates Water District in the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PUBLIC INTEREST ORDER</p>
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WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, has duly 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 proposed increase and improvement of the facilities of Taconic Estates Water District, in the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, consisting of 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, at a meeting of said Town Board duly called and held on October 26, 2023, an Order was duly adopted by it and entered in the minutes specifying the said Town Board would meet to consider the increase and improvement of facilities of Taconic Estates Water District in said Town at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,000,000, 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 November 9, 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 the increase and improvement of the facilities of Taconic Estates Water District, in the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, consisting of 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.

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:

Councilperson Franco	VOTING AYE
Councilperson Marinaro	VOTING AYE
Councilperson Arco	VOTING AYE
Councilperson Flores	VOTING AYE
Supervisor D’Alessandro	VOTING AYE

The Order was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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RESOLUTION

BOND RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 9, 2023.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE FACILITIES OF THE TACONIC ESTATES WATER DISTRICT, IN THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions heretofore duly had and taken in accordance with the provisions of Section 202-b of the Town Law, and more particularly an Order dated the date hereof, said Town Board has determined it to be in the public interest to improve the facilities of Taconic Estates Water District, in the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,000,000; and

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 any significant adverse impact on the environment; and

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. For the specific object of purpose of paying the cost of the increase and improvement of the facilities of the Taconic Estates Water District, in the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, consisting of emergency reconstruction of water mains, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, there

are hereby authorized to be issued \$1,000,000 bonds of said Town pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid specific object of purpose is \$1,000,000, which specific object of purpose is hereby authorized at said maximum estimated cost, and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the \$1,000,000 bonds of said Town authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond resolution.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object of purpose is forty years pursuant to subdivision 1 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the serial 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. To the extent not paid from monies raised from said Taconic Estates Water District as applicable in the manner provided by law, 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 serial 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. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Supervisor, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as he shall deem best for the interests of said Town, including, but not limited to, the power to sell said bonds to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, the Supervisor shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the Supervisor shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 7. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue serial bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer of such Town. 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 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Supervisor shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 8. The Supervisor is hereby further authorized, at the Supervisor's sole discretion, to execute a project finance and/or loan agreement, and any other agreements with the New York State Department of Health and/or the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, including amendments thereto, and including any instruments (or amendments thereto) in the effectuation thereof, in order to effect the financing or refinancing of the specific object of purpose described in Section 1 hereof, or a portion thereof, by a bond, and/or note issue of said Town in the event of the sale of same to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 9. The power to issue and sell notes to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation pursuant to Section 169.00 of the Local Finance Law is hereby delegated to the Supervisor. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be prescribed by said Supervisor consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 10. 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 11. 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 12. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

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

COUNCILPERSON FRANCO	VOTING AYE
COUNCILPERSON MARINARO	VOTING AYE
COUNCILPERSON ARCO	VOTING AYE
COUNCILPERSON FLORES	VOTING AYE
SUPERVISOR D’ALESSANDRO	VOTING AYE

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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Motion to adopt the Public Interest and Bond Resolution: Board Member Franco.  
Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Approve Minutes:**

October 26, 2023, Public Hearing Minutes  
October 26, 2023, Town Board Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes for the October 26, 2023, Public Hearing and Town Board meeting minutes: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Announcement of Additions to the Agenda:**

Supervisor D'Alessandro said there is an addition to the agenda. It is to authorize payment of application fees in three installments.

**Courtesy of the Floor:**

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

**Receive and File:**

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated the 2021 Annual Audit Report from Sickler, Torchia, Allen and Churchill CPAs has been received.

**Resolutions:**

**1. Appoint Police Officer**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(APPOINTING POLICE OFFICER)**

**WHEREAS**, Lieutenant (OIC) Cuccia 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 candidates recommended by the Town Police Chief; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Brandon Gonzalez is hereby appointed to the position of Police Officer with a salary and benefits to be in accordance with the PBA contract. His start date will be January 8, 2024; 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 Lieutenant (OIC) Cuccia.

Motion to appoint a Police Officer: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**2. Acknowledge Hiring of Seasonal Wingmen**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(ACKNOWLEDGE THE HIRING OF SEASONAL WINGMEN)**

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Department needs Seasonal Wingmen; and

**WHEREAS**, it is determined that the Seasonal Wingmen positions are limited and seasonal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent is requesting to hire Carol Lee (Step 5), Amanda Booth (Step 5), Danielle Lee (Step 4), Cassandra Knapp (Step 5), Thomas Knapp Jr. (Step 4), William Quick (Step 1), Hunter Ferris (Step 4), and Eric Bernabe (Step 4). They will be hired with the payroll referenced below; and

<b>WINGMEN</b>		
<u>Step</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
1	14.20	15.00
2	14.55	15.35
3	14.80	15.60
4	15.05	15.85
5	15.55	16.35

**WHEREAS**, all applicants have been interviewed and recommended to the Town Board by the Highway Superintendent for the Highway Wingmen positions; and

**WHEREAS**, that it may be necessary for the Highway Superintendent to hire additional Seasonal Wingmen and will notify the Town Board of such hiring; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Comptroller be and hereby is authorized to place them on Town payroll as Seasonal Wingmen; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said Highway Wingmen shall be Seasonal employment and that upon completion of their task, they shall be removed from the payroll, unless further ordered by the Town Board.

Motion to acknowledge hiring of seasonal wingmen: Board Member Arco.  
Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**3. Authorize Grant Application to the Office of Court Administration**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO  
THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Justices have advised the Town Supervisor that the Office of Court Administration is making available grants for Justice Courts during the 2023-2024 cycle for a range of activities; and

**WHEREAS**, it will be the desire of the Town Justices to apply on behalf of the Town of East Fishkill Justice Court for said grants to provide improvements to the Courtroom (multi-use) including audience seating and removable security equipment; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of the Town of East Fishkill authorizes the East Fishkill Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2023-24 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00

Motion to authorize a grant application to the Office of Court Administration:  
Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor.  
Motion carried.

**4. Authorize Additional State Reverse Betterment for Additional Paving on Route 52**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(AUTHORIZING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ROUNDABOUT AND DRAINAGE ON  
ROUTE 52/AUDITORIUM DRIVE ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, THE PERFORMANCE AND  
FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE COSTS OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OR  
RECONSTRUCTION THEREOF, TO BE REIMBURSED BY THE STATE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREOF.)**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New York has requested the Town of East Fishkill to incorporate improvements (the State Reverse Betterment) to Paving & Drainage on Route 52/Auditorium Drive in the Town of East Fishkill, PIN 8021.76 combined with a Town improvements project to adjacent Town highways;

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 176-2022 adopted by the Town of East Fishkill on September 22, 2022 approved and agreed to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the costs of the Project or portions thereof.

**WHEREAS**, it was subsequently found necessary to undertake additional work not contemplated in the original agreement authorized by the previous Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been found necessary to increase the non-federal share of costs for the additional work for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of East Fishkill desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of the work for the Project or portions thereof.

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

**RESOLVE**, that the East Fishkill Town Board hereby approves such project inclusive of the State Betterment (collectively the “Project”); and it is hereby further

**RESOLVED**, that the East Fishkill Town Board hereby authorizes the Town of East Fishkill to pay in the first instance 100% of the costs of the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the sum of \$188,953 (\$688,953 minus the previous \$500,000) is hereby appropriated and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the East Fishkill Town Supervisor be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests on behalf of the Town with NYSDOT in connection with the implementation of the Project, and reimbursement of the approved costs associated with the State Betterment, and it is further

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

**RESOLVED**, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion to authorize additional State Reverse Betterment for additional paving on Route 52: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**5. Set Public Hearing for December 14, 2023, to Update Disabled Person Tax Exemptions**

**RESOLUTION**

**(SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR DECEMBER 14, 2023 TO CONSIDER INCREASING TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES)**

**WHEREAS**, periodically, the State updates permissible tax exemption limits for

various groups; and

**WHEREAS**, to effectuate these changes, a local law must be passed by the Town Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Supervisor and Town Board wish to schedule a public hearing to solicit feedback from the public on increasing exemptions for those with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board recently approved a Local Law increasing the exemptions for Seniors & Volunteer Fire and Emergency Personnel;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board schedules a Public Hearing for a Local Law concerning increasing exemptions for qualifying residents with disabilities for December 14, 2023 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall located at 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, New York 12533.

Motion to set a Public Hearing for December 14, 2023, to update the Disabled Person Tax Exemptions: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Authorize a Water Purchase Agreement with DCWWA for 8500 gpd for West Campus Water District**

**RESOLUTION**

**(AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DCWWA FOR 7500gpd OF WATER FOR THE WEST CAMPUS WATER IMPROVEMENT AREA)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board previously established two water improvement areas to service the Hudson Valley Research Park; and

**WHEREAS**, additional water supply must be obtained; and

**WHEREAS**, the DCWWA has sufficient capacity to provide the needed 8500gpd of water; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost will be borne by the users; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign the standard agreement with DCWWA for 7500gpd of water.



Motion to authorize a Water Purchase Agreement with DCWWA for 8500 gpd for the West Campus Water District: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Declare Surplus Property**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(DECLARING PIANO AS SURPLUS)**

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation Department has issued a memo to the Town Board that one of the Town’s pianos is of no further use to the Town and thus, should be considered surplus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has reviewed said memo and concurs; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the piano is hereby declared to be surplus and is to be disposed of in a proper manner; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said equipment may be purchased by the Hudson Valley Council BSA Community Band at a depreciated market price

Motion to declare surplus property: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**8. Authorize Application for Greenway Compact Grant**

**RESOLUTION**

**(AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SUBMIT A HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 TO PARTIALLY FUND AN UPDATE TO THE TOWN’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UNDER THE HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of East Fishkill is applying to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Program for a project entitled Town of East Fishkill 2024 Comprehensive Plan to be located in the Town of East Fishkill; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the East Fishkill Town Board hereby does approve and endorse the application for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Program, for a project known as Town of East Fishkill 2024 Comprehensive Plan and located within the Town of East Fishkill.

Motion to authorize an application for a Greenway Compact Grant: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**9. Authorize a Payment for an Application Fee in Three Installments**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF APPLICATION FEES IN THREE  
INSTALLMENTS)**

**WHEREAS**, Lidl US is planning to build a major warehouse/cold storage facility at iPark creating 200+ jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the full application fee is \$495,000; and

**WHEREAS**, there are issues to be resolved with the DEC about certain prior site issues; and

**WHEREAS**, it is expected that this DEC approval will ultimately be resolved; and

**WHEREAS**, Lidl would like to commence the application process while this other issue is pending; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the application fee for the Lidl application will be paid:

- 1) 1/3 on application
- 2) 1/3 upon SEQRA Neg Dec
- 3) 1/3 upon approval

Motion to authorize the payment for application fee in three installments: Supervisor D'Alessandro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Additions to the Agenda by Majority Vote:**

None.

**Budget Transfer:**

None.

**Comments from Town Board Members:**

Highway Superintendent Williams stated he did meet with FEMA on some of the storm damage. They did start doing some site visits. There are a lot of residents on the far side of Wicopee in the Buroak area that were concerned with when that section would be paved back in. They did the paving and got a small section of road done there. They did their final paving at Jess Court, Patricia Court, Potter Place, Verplank, Cherry Lane, and Hosner Mountain. They did install a dry well on Elk Road. They did start curb repair in Dane Estates and Hammer Drive. The JetVAC is registered and in use. They also have done some ramp work at the Davis house. The truck is working very well. They also started doing the parking lot at the Davis house this week. They have done line painting at the Town Hall and started at the Community Center. They have been doing crack filling on Phillips Road, Old Sylvan Lake, and Noah's Way. They did receive the recreation dump truck and they are putting the plow and sand on it in-house. They are filling up the salt shed and sand shed. They are continuing to work on potholes as they find them. They are noticing a lot of garbage on the sides of the road as well. Supervisor D'Alessandro asked everyone to please pick up the garbage and not throw it on the side of the roads. This cost the town money to have the town employees pick it up and discard it. If you see someone throwing stuff on the side of the road, please call the police.

Clerk Cassidy thanked everyone who came out to vote. He will do his best. They have been working on a few projects. They are going after a grant for records management and when the Davis house is done, they can move on to the next phase of their project. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Board Member Arco thanked everyone who voted and supported the East Fishkill candidates. There are many amazing people who work for the town and most of them are residents. He does look forward to continuing to work with everyone. Anyone who has questions, comments or suggestions is free to contact him. He has been compiling historical lists on the many tasks that the Highway Department performs. This data will be matched up with budget hours and this will help to see if they are utilizing their labor hours efficiently. He will be working with this with the Supervisor in the coming weeks, weather permitting. He thinks it is important that everyone understands the volume of work the volunteer fire department does in any given month. They drop everything they are doing, get to the firehouse to get to scene, do what they need to do, then clean up and get back to what they were doing. That time that they devote is very much appreciated. In October, they responded to 238 calls, of which 80% are EMS calls. Calls to date are 2442 calls, total calls in 2022 were 2840. After last month's meeting with the County legislators and fire district commissioners, they will be coordinating the meeting to continue talks about EMS services and the needs specifically in East Fishkill. We currently have the volunteer ambulance with EMTs and pay for a full-time paramedic service. The issue is how the County handles mutual aid calls with the paid ambulances. The County is aware of this and is trying to work on these issues.

Board Member Marinaro stated there have been no major issues with the local police department. Tonight was the hiring of a new officer. He believes this individual will perform well in our community. He wishes him the best of luck in his new job. There was a situation out on Route 52. There have been some Amazon trucks that have used their local GPS to get to the sites and they have been sent down Route 52, which is not supposed to happen. They did notify Amazon and it seems like the problem has been resolved. He congratulated the two council people on their election to the positions as well as the Town Clerk and Tax Collector and new County Executive. He wishes them all luck in their positions. He spoke about the issue regarding the redistricting of polling places. Polling places were closed that have always been in use and people were showing up not knowing that they were no longer voting in those locations. This made voting very difficult for a lot of people and was not done properly. He did apologize to the residents this affected. Board Member Franco stated that they did send out notifications, but not all of them were correct and some people did not receive them at all. Attorney Wood stated this is a County issue, not a Town issue. Board Member Flores stated she did receive the notice to vote but missed the fact that her voting location was changed as well. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that he was only informed two weeks prior to election that the Town Hall would no longer be a polling place. Board Member Marinaro stated he hopes that this gets corrected because it was not done correctly.

Board Member Franco congratulated everyone who was elected and reelected. The community food drive is November 13 to December 15 for local food pantries. Drop off locations are Town Hall, Highway Department, and at the Recreation Department. The menorah and tree lighting will be Sunday, December 3 from 5 to 7 PM. There will be music, Santa, and some surprise guests. Please register on the East Fishkill website to attend. They are also taking donations of decorations to be incorporated into this. November 18 is the trip to Radio City Christmas Spectacular, which is sold out. Please check the website for new trips as they get added. Lessons are being sold for Thunder Ridge skiing and snowboarding through the Recreation Department.

Board Member Flores thanked everyone who voted on Tuesday, and she congratulated all the candidates. She was honored when she was appointed to this Board six months ago and is now much more humble now that she has been elected by the community. She will continue to serve and fulfill her responsibilities with everyone's best interests in mind. She asked everyone to be patient as they go around and pick up all their signs. Regarding the conference of master plan, they have had a great initial meeting with the committee and are meeting to finalize the vision statement. They are building on the verbiage of commerce, community, and country. They had a great meeting with iPark management to discuss future plans and collaborate ideas. At the next meeting, they will work on

continuing the vision statement, which will then be shared with the Board. They will have the Chief Engineer present to discuss infrastructure, as that is the foundation of any future plans. They are working on defining the chapters, or focus areas, of the plan and developing a timeline to ensure they stay on schedule. They plan on having the community survey available in January and the first public workshop sometime after that. She wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and thanked the Board for all their support as well.

Supervisor D'Alessandro wished everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

**Motion for Adjournment: Time:** Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:58 PM: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

<b><u>Town Board Meetings:</u></b>	<b>Regular Meeting:</b>	<b>December 14, 2023</b>
	<b>Regular Meeting:</b>	<b>January 18, 2024</b>

Respectfully submitted by Julie J. Beyer on behalf of Town Clerk Peter Cassidy – November 20, 2023