

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL**  
**SPECIAL JOINT PUBLIC HEARING WITH THE PLANNING BOARD**  
**FOLLOWED BY THE**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**APRIL 25, 2024**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**SPECIAL JOINT PUBLIC HEARING WITH THE PLANNING BOARD**

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they were supposed to have a joint Public Hearing with the Planning Board, but the applicant has been pursuing approval from New York State DEC. They are not quite ready to do their Public Hearing at this point. They will open this Public Hearing and then adjournment for 60 days.

**Public Hearings:**

Open Public Hearing to Consider a Re-Use Special Permit for L.I.D.L.

Motion to open the Public Hearing to consider a Re-Use Special Permit for L.I.D.L.: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

a. Close Public Hearing

Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing to consider a Re-Use Special Permit for L.I.D.L. until June 27, 2024: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The Town of East Fishkill's Town Board Meeting on April 25, 2024, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor D'Alessandro with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Supervisor's Presentation**

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that the Chairman of the CAC, Brent Feldweg, was present to give a brief presentation.

Mr. Feldweg stated that the CAC is a volunteer organization in Town that specializes on conservation issues. He invited everyone to the Arbor Day celebration this Saturday at the facility on Nancy Drive known as the Davis House. They will be planting trees and doing some crafts beginning at 9 AM. He is here to speak to the Fishkill Creek Watershed Alliance. The core purpose of the organization is to promote the conservation measures in the Fishkill Creek Water

Shed. The watershed includes 11 towns and villages in two counties. They are asking each town the watershed is in to designate the Fishkill Creek as an official in land waterway. That is a program run by the Department of State in New York and enrolls the Fishkill Creek onto the official registry and makes them more eligible for grant money. There are no mandates from enrolling on the list. Keeping creeks healthy has an indirect impact on keeping groundwater healthy as well.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated this is important and will affect grant applications for Fishkill Creek. Mr. Feldweg stated they are trying to get involvement along the whole creek. DEC is doing water samplings which will provide the data both chemically and biologically on the creek.

### **Supervisor's Announcements**

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he attended the Dutchess County Supervisors and Mayors Association meeting. They were in Lagrange. A lieutenant from Troop K Police barracks came and spoke to them about a variety of items. New York Class also came and gave a financial presentation. They're looking to see the feasibility for having Putnam County supervisors and mayors join Dutchess County's organization since Putnam County does not have one.

The Master Plan Committee has been putting in a lot of time. Last Thursday the Economic Development Committee held an outreach meeting for all of the business owners in East Fishkill to give them an update to the Comprehensive Master Plan. It was a terrific turnout. He thanked everyone who is participating in this huge project.

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce monthly contact breakfast in Poughkeepsie. The guest speaker was County Executive Sue Serino. She gave an overview of her State of the County Address.

The New York State Department of Transportation had a meeting with Dutchess County parks, Metro-North, and the town engineers and Supervisor D'Alessandro to discuss a revised plan for the Route 82 bridge removal. They revised the plan after input from the last meeting. The State would like an at grade crossing for the rail trail and the County and Town would like to see a culvert tunnel on Route 376. There is also a proposal for relocation of Route 376 at the spot where the bridge is now. The number one hurdle for this is funding. This would fix a lot of the big traffic problems in the Hamlet. This takes a lot of coordination with many professionals.

He thanked Christine Selback, Bill Green, and Ramesh Mirchandani for the new classical music concert series at the library. Over 100 people attended. There will be another one on May 10 at the library.

Supervisor D'Alessandro met with several members of the Hopewell Depot committee and Dutchess County Parks Director, Suzanne O'Neal. They are looking for some signage changes and additions as well as the possibility of a water fountain on the trail. This will be a very expensive venture. They will be applying for several grants.

There was a meeting with the residents of the Four Corners Water District to discuss some potential issues with their water system. Tonight there is a public hearing to discuss interconnection of six different water districts. The long-term goal is to interconnect all of water systems run by the Town.

There was a meeting at the iPark main offices, led by past Supervisor of the Town of Wappingers, Dr. Richard Thurston. He is trying to put together a large project in iPark. This will be a fast fab facility. It will also have a Canadian packaging company and an Italian sensor company. They are applying for the Federal Chip Act for approximately 2 billion dollars.

Supervisor D'Alessandro had a meeting today with Dutchess County Transportation Council. They usually meet every two months. This month was an overview of traffic mitigation plan for the City Poughkeepsie arterial. They also discussed the rail trail potential for connection between East Fishkill and Beacon. They are in the midst of doing a feasibility study at this point.

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

Board Members in attendance were:

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

Also in attendance were:

Tom Wood, Attorney; Scott Bryant, Engineer; George Cronk, Engineer; Ken Williams, Highway Superintendent; Derrick Cuccia, Police Chief; and Mark Pozniak, Comptroller.

**Approve Minutes:**

March 28, 2024, Town Board Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for the March 28, 2024, Town Board meeting minutes: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Announcement of Additions to the Agenda:**

Supervisor D'Alessandro said there were two additions to the agenda. They will be addressed last. One is to appoint a seasonal laborer for the Highway Department and the other is to appoint members to the Recreation Advisory Board.

**Public Hearings:**

1. Open Public Hearing to Consider the Joint Increase and Improvement of

## the Facilities of Various Water Districts

## a. Open the Public Hearing

Motion to open the Public Hearing to consider the joint increase and improvement of the facilities of various water districts: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they are applying for several grants. This is to interconnect six different water districts in the Town of East Fishkill. The goal is to interconnect all the different systems in the Town for redundancy. That would be a tremendous resource to have. This is the first step by interconnecting the six systems.

Engineer Cronk stated that this is specifically for the Beekman Water District, the Four Corners Water District, the Hopewell Hamlet Water District, the Hopewell North Water District the Little Switzerland Water District, and the Pinewood Knolls Water District. Each one of those has a public supply amount associated with them. They did prepare a map plan report which has been available to the public. They did go through their scheduling an advertisement process. Tonight is the Public Hearing to meet the requirements of Article 12 Section 202 of the State Law for Special Districts. On July 20, 2023 the Town completed the SEQRA determination. That was done when they were applying for grant funds for different parts of this project. The way the Public Hearing is set up, they will be seeking the maximum bond amount. It is not their intention to utilize all of those bond funds with the grants that they have received. The maximum they are seeking is \$16,728,197. When you have a special district only the special district can receive the funds that are generated from this bond and only those districts that receive the funds can pay those back. If you are in one of those districts you are not responsible for paying back funds borrowed for these projects. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that by law they have to bond the full amount even though it will not cost that with the grant money and the Congressional earmarked funds. Engineer Cronk stated the objectives of these projects is to resolve several outstanding Department of Health violations that are with some of these districts. It's also to ensure that they have drinking water that remains safe and available. As they do these interconnections they want to make sure they are not drawing too much water from the existing districts to help support other districts. Part of the purpose of this project is to restore water from wells that had to be turned off due to contamination. One of the Town objectives is to create a resilient or redundancy in the existing system. He is required to give a brief history on each one of the districts.

The Hopewell Hamlet is the first water district that was operated by the Town. There are approximately 90 users. In 2021 - 2022 they shut down the four original wells that were part of that system. They were switched over to the Cannon Wells which were brought online prior to that so they did not see a loss of usability of water. They do want to bring those wells back online.

The Four Corners Water District was originally a privately owned system. The developer, WCI, went bankrupt and the Town now owns that system. There is a bond that that water district is paying off right now. When the system was approved by the Department of Health, they had three wells. Well 1A which had 145 gallons per minute flow rate had to come offline in 2014. They have re-drilled the well, added the casing, and with the different treatment options to bring that well back up, but they are not able to use that well as it doesn't meet New York State Department of Health standards for drinking water. Well five was drilled over the last few years. It is a lengthy process to get a well drilled and approved to the State's standards. That well brought in 64 gallons per minute, so they are still short in the water required for that district. So they are in violation, as they do not have an adequate source that was approved when the development was originally approved and constructed. They will present an option tonight that they believe will be a solution. That district has 266 users, mostly residential. There are 18 homes in the Town Of Beekman that are part of the water supply system. All of those homes in the Town of Beekman pay their fair share of water usage each month. They actually pay a premium because they get charged as an out of district user.

Hopewell North is a district that was funded and built by the EPA and handed over to the Town. It was installed to address a groundwater contamination issue on Ryan Drive. It has approximately 303 users right now. Most of this is residential users.

Beekman Water District was originally a privately owned water system that the town purchased approximately 10 to 15 years ago. The district has two wells that are in the Beekman Well Field. East Fishkill shares that well field with the Beekman Golf Course. The wells are completely owned separately and the Town has two wells in that location.

For a point of information all water in New York State is regulated by the State, so all the rights of who can and can't have water is determined by the DEC and they issue permits for the water that is used. That is across the entire state.

Little Switzerland is another district that is being looked at to interconnect. This district was taken over ownership by the Town in approximately 1995. There are 136 users and it is one of the older systems in the district.

Pinewood Knolls is a district the Town has owned for a long time, since 1982. There are two wells in that district and both wells have shown PFAS, or merging contaminants and the Town has received health department violations because of it. According to New York State the MCL, or maximum containment level of 10 ppt. Both of those wells exceed that at various times throughout the year. This will be the first phase because they do want to rectify the situation as quickly as possible.

In 2023 the Department of Health and the Town had multiple meetings to talk about how to resolve the contamination issues and they are going to present what they feel is the best option moving forward.

In Hopewell Hamlet they're going to resolve the outstanding Department of Health violations. They're looking to restore the water loss at the four Hamlet wells. They are currently performing a pilot test at these locations for a treatment practice called ion exchange. This is a practice that is used very heavily throughout the

United States as well as overseas. It is a proven technology to use. They will need to construct a small building to put these filters and canisters in. They will need to do the filtering system for these wells. It will be set up to filter the four wells that are existing there.

At Four Corners they are going to be establishing a new water source off-site. They are going to be drilling a well at the Beekman well field. There is an adequate supply there to supply not only the Beekman Water District and the golf course needs, but also provide some water for the Four Corners Water District. Once the wells are constructed, they will then extend a water line down Beekman Road, most likely, that would interconnect into the Four Corners Water District to make up the shortage of water that is there. They will continue to operate with what would be considered a reasonable amount of irrigation, which would be 3 to 5 times per week to irrigate their properties, but not what some people would consider an unlimited amount of water which could be hundreds of thousands of gallons. There will still be some boundaries with this new water source.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated this line will be passing Sagamor where they have sewer but not water. He asked if it would be easier to interconnect them after this and Engineer Cronk said yes. He stated part of the plan in this interconnection is to leave a location for connection in the future so Sagamor could interconnect in. In the event that the Town takes over that district it would become part of the project from the start. He does not recommend taking on any districts where they did not supply from the start. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated sometimes they don't have a choice. Engineer Cronk stated there are other options and possibly adding an extra well which is a requirement they added to the laws last year. That helps the redundancy component.

Engineer Cronk stated as far as Hopewell North and Little Switzerland, both of these districts will basically be looking to be interconnected. They shared the same piece of property where the wells and storage tanks are located and are literally 50 to 100 feet apart from each other. This seems like a very straightforward option to connect, Hopewell North, Little Switzerland, and Beekman together. They are about to start the engineering analysis of that to make sure that it is feasible with the pressures. The purpose is not to replace any existing districts' water supply or current water source. This is in the event that there is an emergency or a long-term repair that needs to happen, they would be able to share water between the districts.

They will be installing a new well at Beekman Water District to support the Four Corners as well as to support the Beekman Water District. That water district was originally designed for approximately 100,000 to 120,000 gallons per day. The community is built out almost 100% at this point. He believes it has expanded a little beyond what was the original design when they did the water system so they will be making sure there is a sufficient amount of water moving forward. That project will include updating the water treatment building that is there. The generator will be replaced, and they will look into improving the water storage tank.

Pinewood Knolls will have wells one and two abandoned. This is a relatively small

district and they will be interconnected on Route 82 to the Hopewell North Water District. The supply will come from the Cannon Wells. That was part of the purpose of installing those wells. They will be extending water line to the Clove Branch apartments to deal with an unsatisfactory water quality issue at that location as well. The Town is working with the property owner and the Department of Health to come to a solution that will help. They will have grant funds to assist with that as well.

The project is broken up into four different phases. There is the Pinewood Knolls interconnection that is the highest priority. That has the most immediate need and the most risk of health concerns for the residents. Phase 2 will include finishing the ion exchange treatment program for the Hamlet wells and then installing a permanent treatment system there. Phase 3 is the improvements to the Beekman site that will include drilling a well and upgrading the generator and the treatment building. Phase 4 is the interconnection between Beekman Road and Four Corners as well as the interconnection between Hopewell North, Little Switzerland, and the Beekman Water District. There is a schedule. The plan is to start in 2024. If they get all of the approvals, they will be hoping to be nearing the end of construction in 2026. They hope to have Phase 1 completed by the end of this year.

They have broken down each phase with an estimated cost. Phase 1 has a \$2,809,297 cost. Phase 2 has a \$2,242,977 cost. Phase 3 has a \$3,741,285 cost. Phase 4 has a \$7,934,638 cost. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$16,728,197. These costs include all design, construction, inspections, and certifications. There is also a breakdown of the main components for each district for anyone who's interested. The cost of each of these projects is divided into each districts' responsibilities. He also showed a summary of each districts' estimated costs. The highest cost will be Four Corners at \$8.4 million and the lowest cost is Little Switzerland at \$272,000.

They have spent a lot of effort looking at ways to finance that \$16 million price tag. Congressman Lawlor secured a \$2 million-dollar congressional allocation for the Pinewood Knolls project. What helped secure that is the fact that this is a public water district as well as a private district. The Town also applied to New York State through the WIIA Grant, which provided \$5 million, which is the maximum you can receive for this type of program. They also worked with the Comptroller, Engineering Department, and the Legal Department to look at ways to manage costs in-house. In-house staff will be performing some of the construction inspections, securing the financing bonds and some administrative aspects. They do believe that will be between a \$1 million and \$2.5 million savings. They took the total of the WIIA grant and broke it out to give each district a 30% allocation of their project. The Lawlor funds have to be applied specifically to the Pinewood Knolls project. He provided a table to show the maximum cost per district's responsibility. These are what they estimated that reductions could be. If, for some reason, the federal government changes their appropriations to it and it will have an impact on these numbers.

When they calculate what the actual cost per benefit user will be, it is based upon a 13,500 gallon usage per quarter and approximately 54,000 gallons per year. This is a typical amount for an average family. If they irrigate their yards more

often or take longer showers those numbers will go up. The user cost is the cost of the operations and maintenance plus the cost of any existing debt, which several of these districts do have, as well as the addition of the new debt. Every single home have a single benefit unit assigned to it. The existing debt and new debt will vary by district. They are estimating this will be a 30 year bond at 5% term that will not be formed until the project is at or near its end. The estimates he's providing will change some. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated whenever interest drops, the Town looks to refinance a district as quickly as possible to gain the best rate for the users. Engineer Cronk stated the average use is approximately 300 gallons per day and there is a breakdown of how many benefit users are in each district. The estimated operation maintenance or usage charges, which is based upon the estimated water usage varies from approximately \$318 per benefit unit to \$675 per benefit unit. He reviewed the existing debt in the four districts that have it. He provided a table that would show the maximum project cost and the total cost for the benefit unit per district. It does get expensive for some of these districts, but they did try to find and apply for as many grants as possible.

Engineer Cronk reviewed what the next steps for this procedure would be.

Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked engineer Cronk for a detailed presentation. He asked if there were any comments or questions from the public. There was no one.

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

Board Member Franco thanked the town professionals for all of the hard work and for helping to find all the grants to help reduce the costs for the communities.

Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked Congressman Lawlor for his \$2 million earmarked funds as well.

#### b. Close Public Hearing

Motion to close the Public Hearing to consider the joint increase and improvement of the facilities of various water districts: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### c. Adopt Public Interest and Bond Resolution

##### RESOLUTION

42459-2-707

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, held at the Town Hall, 330 Route 376, in Hopewell Junction, New York in said



Town, on April 25, 2024, 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 Proposed Joint Increase and Improvement of the Facilities of Various Water Districts 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 joint increase and improvement of the facilities of six water districts as hereinafter described (together, the “Water Districts”; each a “Water District” or “District”), in the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, consisting of the construction of various system improvements to the water supply, treatment and distribution facilities to establish an interconnected water supply, treatment and distribution system, including original furnishings, equipment,

machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of said Town Board duly called and held on March 28, 2024, an Order was duly adopted by it and entered in the minutes specifying that said Town Board will meet on April 25, 2024 to consider the proposed joint improvement of the facilities of various Water Districts in said Town, with the cost allocable to each Water District as therein described, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same at the Town Hall, in East Fishkill, New York, in said Town; and

WHEREAS, the apportionment of such cost between the following Water Districts shall be as follows: Beckman Water District (\$1,480,553.35), Four Corners Water District (\$8,442,199.80), Hopewell Hamlet Water District (\$3,178,298.30), Hopewell North Water District (\$545,232.05), Little Switzerland Water District (\$272,616.03), and Pinewood Knolls Water District (\$2,809,296) and the project cost components allocated to each Water District is as follows:

Beckman Water District:	Construction of new well and improvements to water treatment plant and interconnection improvements
Four Corners Water District:	Interconnection improvements
Hopewell Hamlet Water District:	Wells mitigation and ion exchange improvements
Hopewell North Water District:	Interconnection improvements
Little Switzerland Water District:	Interconnection improvements
Pinewood Knolls Water District:	Interconnection improvements

Which in each case includes original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses, and water main and water meter buildings as interconnection improvements, as applicable; and

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

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

WHEREAS, said capital project has been determined to be an Unlisted Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, which, it has been determined, the implementation of such capital project, as proposed, will not result in any significant environmental impact; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

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

Section 1. It is hereby found and determined that it is in the public interest to make the joint increase and improvement of the facilities of various Water Districts as described above, in the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, consisting of the construction of construction of various system improvements to the water supply, treatment and distribution facilities to establish an interconnected water supply, treatment and distribution system, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$16,700,000, allocated amongst said Water Districts as have been described at said public hearing and as hereinabove provided.

Section 2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD**

**PETER J. CASSIDY, TOWN CLERK**

**DATED: APRIL 25, 2024  
EAST FISHKILL, NY**

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

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

The order was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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**RESOLUTION**

**BOND RESOLUTION DATED APRIL 25, 2024.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$16,700,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE JOINT INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE FACILITIES OF VARIOUS WATER DISTRICTS, IN THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK.**

WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described, as proposed, has been determined to be an Unlisted Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, which, it has been determined, the implementation of such capital project, as proposed, will not result in any significant environmental impact; and

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 jointly improve the facilities of various Water Districts, in the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, at a maximum estimated cost of \$16,700,000; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

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

Section 1. The joint increase and improvement of the Water Districts as described in the Public Interest Order of even date herewith, in the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, consisting of the construction of various system improvements to the water supply, treatment and distribution facilities to establish an interconnected water supply, treatment and distribution system, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$16,700,000, said cost to be allocated amongst said Water Districts as described in the Public Interest Order of even date herewith.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the plan for the financing of such class of objects or purposes is by the issuance of \$16,700,000 serial bonds hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is forty years pursuant to subdivision 1 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, calculated from the date of the first bond anticipation note issued therefor. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the serial bonds herein authorized will exceed five years.

Section 4. 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 5. The faith and credit of said Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations 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 obligations becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from monies raised from said joint Water Districts by assessments upon the properties therein benefitted thereby and as otherwise 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 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the Supervisor and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted or impressed thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Town Clerk.

Section 7. 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 Town 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 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the Town by the facsimile signature of its Supervisor, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the Town), the date,

denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the Supervisor.

Section 9. The Supervisor is hereby further authorized, at the Supervisor's sole discretion, to execute a project financing 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 or purpose described in Section 1 hereof, or a portion thereof, by a serial bond issue of said Town in the event of the sale of same to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 10. 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 11. 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 12. 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 13. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full or summary form in the official newspaper, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81 of the Local Finance Law.

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

**DATED: APRIL 25, 2024  
EAST FISHKILL, NY**

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

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

The order was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

**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 there is a \$500.00 Hometown Heroes Donation from the East Fishkill Rotary. He thanked them for that donation. Supervisor D'Alessandro wanted to acknowledge May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

**Resolutions:**

**1. Appoint a Police Officer**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Police Chief has identified a Police Officer vacancy in the Town of East Fishkill Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Police Chief has interviewed transfer candidates for Police Officer in The Town of East Fishkill; and

**WHEREAS**, Councilman Craig Arco has interviewed the transfer candidate recommended to the Town Board by the Town Police Chief; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that John Rispoli 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 April 29, 2024; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, such person shall serve the required probationary period set forth in the Rules for the Classified Civil Service of Dutchess County.

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

Officer Rispoli was sworn in and issued his badge.

**2. Authorize Support for Amendment to the Designated Inland Waterways Act**

**RESOLUTION**

**(EAST FISHKILL SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENT TO THE DESIGNATED INLAND WATERWAYS ACT)**

**WHEREAS**, water exists in watersheds that extend beyond municipal borders, and Dutchess County’s municipalities are working together to protect water resources; and

**WHEREAS**, communities in Fishkill Creek watershed have demonstrated a strong interest in comprehensive watershed management; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government through the Environmental Protection Funds and the New York State (N.Y.S.D.O.S) Division of Coastal Resources has provided monies to assist communities in protecting the designated waterbody and revitalizing the community; and

**WHEREAS**, N.Y.S Assembly person Jonathan Jacobson has agreed to sponsor an amendment to the Designated Inland Waterways Act to include Fishkill Creek in the list of designated waterways; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, therefore be it resolved that the Town of East Fishkill supports said amendment to the Designated Inland Waterways Act and is hopeful for passage of this bill in the N.Y. State Legislature.

Motion to authorize support for the Amendment to the Designated Inland Waterways Act: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**3. Declare Intent to be Lead Agency for Veterans Memorial Park**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(SEEKING LEAD AGENCY UNDER SEQRA FOR THE  
VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board is planning to construct a Veterans Memorial Park on Route 376 across from the Town hall; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Planner be and hereby is directed to circulate notice of the Town’s intent to be lead agency for this project to all the necessary parties.

Motion to declare intent to be the Lead Agency for the Veterans Memorial Park: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**4. Authorize Hiring Seasonal Red Wing Lifeguards**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(AUTHORIZING HIRING OF SEASONAL RED WING PARK EMPLOYEES)**

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

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Comptroller is hereby authorized to place temporary summer employees on the Town payroll as approved by the Town Supervisor for Red Wing Park that are

required to meet the needs necessary to run the summer programs not to exceed the budgeted amount; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to hire additional Lifeguards as requested by the Recreation Director to fill vacancies, and will notify the Town Board of such hiring; and

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

Motion to authorize hiring seasonal Red Wing Lifeguards: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

## **5. Hire Microcomputer System Specialist**

### **RESOLUTION**

#### **(APPOINT MICROCOMPUTER SYSTEM SPECIALIST)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Comptroller has interviewed James Canepa and submitted a memo to the Town Board; and

**WHEREAS**, James Canepa has been recommended to the Town Board to be hired as Full-Time Microcomputer System Specialist, effective May 13, 2024; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the hiring of James Canepa as Full-Time Microcomputer System Specialist, with an annual salary of \$120,000; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that James Canepa will be hired provisionally until it is verified that he is reachable on the Microcomputer System Specialist Civil Service list.

Motion to hire Microcomputer System Specialist: Board Member Arco.  
Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Authorize Supervisor to Execute Out of District Usage Agreements for Water**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(AUTHORIZE OUT OF DISTRICT WATER USERS)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town has received water use requests from four out of district water users (6358-02-796546, 6458-04-701142, 6458-04-702115, 6458-04-714134, 6458-04-720105, 6458-04-861170, 6458-04-887068) for an average daily demand of 16,590 GPD; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Engineer and Water and Sewer Department have confirmed the requested domestic water usage quantities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Water and Sewer Department has confirmed adequate available domestic water capacity to be supplied from the Cannon Wells; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town will need to enter into an Out-of-District Agreement that will authorize the domestic use for a quantity of water as well as a water source fee (\$11,050/BU), connection fee, out-of-district user fee adjustment (125%), and ongoing water use fees; and

**WHEREAS**, this is a Type II SEQR Classification and no further SEQR action is needed; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes the following parcels, with the water demand and water source fees to be Out Of District Users; and

User	Water Demand	Water Source Fee
6358-02-796546	970 GPD	4 BU x \$11,050 = \$44,200
6458-04-701142, 6458-04-702115,	300 GPD	1 BU x \$11,050 = \$11,050

6458-04-714134, 6458-04-720105,		
6458-04-861170	11,360 GPD	44 BU x \$11,050 = \$486,200
6458-04-887068	3,960 GPD	14.4 BU x \$11,050 = \$159,120

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Attorney is authorized to prepare an out of district agreement with each user and the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into agreement with each request.

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to execute Out of District Usage Agreements for water: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Authorize Payment of the Town’s Share of the Fishkill/East Fishkill Landfill Testing**

**RESOLUTION**

**(WITH RESPECT TO THE FISHKILL/EAST FISHKILL JOINT LANDFILL)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town has previously entered into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Fishkill with respect to the maintenance and closure of the Fishkill/East Fishkill Landfill in Wicoppee; and

**WHEREAS**, there are reoccurring costs and expenses associated with said facility which need to be paid jointly by both Towns; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has previously authorized \$24,000 annually to be paid in advance in semi-annual installments to fund such expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, a component of the renewed SPDES permit has changed and now 2 new tests are required for effluent toxicity and for emerging contaminants several times a year at a cost of \$26,000.00 per year; and

**WHEREAS**, administratively it would be easier for the Town to authorize a semi-annual payment to the Town of Fishkill of funds, which would then be utilized by the Town of Fishkill to pay the bills of the landfill and said funds would be reconciled on an annual basis; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to pay an additional \$13,000.00 annually in advance to the Town of Fishkill for the regular operating expenses of the Fishkill/East Fishkill Joint Landfill and shall obtain a reconciliation of the use of said funds at the end of each fiscal year from the Comptroller of the Town of Fishkill who operates as the fiscal officer of this Intermunicipal venture.

Motion to authorize payment of the Town's Share of the Fishkill/East Fishkill Landfill Testing: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**8. Authorize Tax Receiver to Attend New York State Association of Tax Receivers and Collectors Conference**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE TO A CONFERENCE)**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Receiver, Ann Goldsmith, has indicated her desire to attend the New York State Association of Tax Receivers and Collectors Conference being held in Lake George, New York from June 9, 2024 through June 12, 2024; and

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Ann Goldsmith to attend the New York State Association of Tax Receivers and Collectors Conference held in Lake George, New York to include the overnight stay and expenses for tolls and meals from June 9, 2024 through June 12, 2024; and

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

Motion to authorize the Tax Receiver to attend the New York State Association of Tax Receivers and Collectors Conference: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**9. Authorize Hopewell Hamlet WD Pilot Study & Engineering Services**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(AUTHORIZE HOPEWELL HAMLET WD PILOT STUDY & ENGINEERING SERVICES)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town recently received and confirmed acceptance of a WIIA grant award that includes project scope to provide Emerging Contaminant treatment of Hopewell Hamlet Wells; and

**WHEREAS**, the project funding is roughly 35% WIIA grant and 65% Bond; and



**WHEREAS**, the Town previously qualified multiple professional engineering firms to perform professional services of this nature and authorized WSP USA, Inc, in the amount of \$9,500, to develop a pilot study program acceptable to the Department of Health; and

**WHEREAS**, the next steps of the project include the completion the Emerging Contaminants Pilot Study, then provide an engineering design, followed by construction services; and

**WHEREAS**, at the request of the Town, WSP USA, Inc. has provided a proposal of services to support the Pilot Study as well the Engineering Services for the design and construction oversight for the Emerging Contaminants treatment project; and

**WHEREAS**, the selected consulting firm will need to meet the requirements of the funding source, including, but not limited to MWBE thresholds; and

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes WSP, USA, Inc. to complete the Pilot Study and provide engineering & construction consulting services; and.

**BE IT IS FURHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby declares and Authorizes Nicholas D'Alessandro, Town Supervisor, be provided the authority to authorize a contract WSP USA, INC in the amount of \$191,000 as well as additional allowance for operations during the Pilot Study and Design of \$25,000 for a total sum not to exceed \$216,000.

Motion to authorize Hopewell Hamlet WD Pilot Study & Engineering Services: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

## **10. Appoint Temporary Typist**

### **RESOLUTION (APPOINT PERMANENT PART-TIME TYPIST)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Engineer has requested to hire a part-time Typist for the Building and Planning Departments; and

**WHEREAS**, Amy Martin has been interviewed and is recommended to be hired as a Permanent Part-Time Typist; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Amy Martin is hereby appointed as a Permanent Part-Time Typist for the Building and Planning Departments; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said typist shall be paid at an hourly rate of \$20.24 in accordance with the CSEA Union Contract effective April 26, 2024.

Motion to appoint a temporary typist: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### **11. Award Town Wide Paving Bid 2024**

#### **RESOLUTION** **(AWARD TOWN WIDE PAVING BID)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Engineer and Highway Superintendent are in receipt of bids for the resurfacing of several town roads; and

**WHEREAS**, it was determined that Clove Excavators, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder for Contract No. ED2024.12 with a bid sum of \$1,495,772.80; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the bid be and hereby is awarded to Clove Excavators, Inc.; and

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

Motion to award the Town Wide Paving Bid for 2024: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### **12. Set Rates for New Water Districts**

#### **RESOLUTION** **(AUTHORIZE NEW WATER DISTRICTS QUARTERLY RATES AND FEES)**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Town Board to authorize the quarterly rates for the new water districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has received and reviewed the water rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the rates will be effective for the 2024 year, including minimums; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board does hereby authorize the new water districts rates for 2024

Motion to set rates for new water districts: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**13. Post Birch Dr, Roethal Dr, Lake Dr at 5 Ton Weight Limit**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(POST A WEIGHT RESTRICTION ON BIRCH DR, ROETHAL DR AND LAKE DR)**

**WHEREAS**, Birch Drive, Roethal Drive and Lake Drive are Town Roads within the Town of East Fishkill Town line; and

**WHEREAS**, recently many large and heavy trucks have been regularly traversing this road; and

**WHEREAS**, the truck traffic passes thru the area and does not deliver materials to any property along the road; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Highway Superintendent and Engineer have expressed safety concerns as well as concerns for the infrastructure of the road;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board imposes a weight limit of 5 tons, local delivery excluded on Birch Drive, Roethal Drive and Lake Drive; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Highway Superintendent will post said roads

Motion to post Birch Dr, Roethal Dr, and Lake Dr at 5 Ton Weight Limit: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**14. Adopt Negative Declaration for Phillips Road and Route 216 Improvements**

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

Date: April 25, 2024

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:** Phillips Road at Route 216 Roadway Realignment

**Description of Action:**

The Proposed Action is the realignment of Route 216 and Phillips Road to improve safety and function of the roadways and the creation of four new lots (the buildable lots).

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

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

Street Address:  
Tax Map Parcel(s) No.: **132800-6657-01-013591-0000**  
Attach location map.

The following documentation was analyzed in making this negative declaration:

- X EAF
- \_ Supplemental Part III Information
- \_ Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)
- \_ Other (Describe)

Name of Action: Phillips Road at Route 216 Roadway Realignment

For Further Information:

Contact Person: Peter Cassidy, Town Clerk  
Town Hall, 330 Route 376  
Hopewell Junction, New York 12533  
(845) 221-2428

REASONS SUPPORTING THIS DETERMINATION:

The proposed action would result in the realignment of Phillips Road and Route 216 to improve safety and function of the roadway. In addition, the proposed new road would result in the creation of an approximately 7.0 acre parcel which will be subdivided into four new residential lots. Three of the proposed lots would be buildable. The proposed new road would require a permit from NYSDEC for a 0.075 acre amount of disturbance to the adjacent area of wetland HJ-32. To avoid the potential for significant adverse impacts, the proposed project will comply with all NYSDEC permit requirements.

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

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

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

THIS NEGATIVE DECLARATION WAS AUTHORIZED AT A MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL HELD ON APRIL 25, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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)

Motion to adopt the Negative Declaration for Phillips Road and Route 216 improvements: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there were two additions to the agenda.

**15. Appoint a Seasonal Laborer for the Highway Department**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(APPOINT SEASONAL LABORER)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town has interviewed Anthony Rapa; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is requesting the rehiring of Anthony Rapa as a Seasonal Laborer; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the rehiring of Anthony Rapa as a Seasonal Laborer in Highway; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Anthony Rapa will be paid at an hourly rate of \$17.50; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the effective date will be April 26, 2024, and that upon completion of his seasonal tasks, he shall be removed from the payroll.

Motion to appoint a seasonal laborer for the Highway Department: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**16. Appoint Members to the Recreation Advisory Board and Appoint a Chairperson**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD)**

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation Advisory Board (RAB) has a vacancy; and

**WHEREAS**, due to this vacancy on the board, it is necessary for the Town Board to appoint a new Chairperson and appoint a new member to the Recreation Advisory Board; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Rich Iuele be and hereby is appointed as Chairperson for a term of 1 year to the RAB and that Rich Iuele and Jordan Bledsoe be appointed as a permanent members to the RAB for a 5 year term.

Motion to appoint two members to the Recreation Advisory Board and appoint a chairperson: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Budget Transfer:**

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there is a budget transfer at this time. The Town Supervisor made a change to one of the lines after a discussion with the Highway Superintendent and Town Engineer. The vehicle for the MS4 officer will not be adequate so that number needs to change from \$30,000-\$42,000 to revise the budget transfer.

All voted in favor.

**Comments from Town Board Members:**

Highway Superintendent Williams stated the sweepers are out throughout the Town. They have been doing pipe work on Wonderland and Blueberry getting ready to do paving. The Jetvac has been out in the watershed area. They have completed all of the catch basin cleanouts on every road off of Hillside Lake Road. They have been taking care of problem areas on Alexander Road, Devon Farms, and White Pond. They have been out with the grade all on ditch line work. They did a collaboration with the State on Old Route 52 and Route 52. They also paved the barrier in-house. They been cleaning out easements on Brandy Lane and working their way towards Dogwood Knolls Golf Course to correct the water flow. They been doing tree work on White Pond Road and Birch Drive and Frost Road. The Beautification Department has been planting trees in the Hopewell Recreation area as well as at Red Wing Park. The recreation crew has been starting to cut the grass and mow all of the fields and getting them all ready. They are looking for more seasonal help in this department. Employees need to be 18 years old with a drivers' license. The new MS4 Officer started recently and the Highway Superintendent met with him and the Town Engineer. He is also working with the Jetvac crew and the sweepers to keep all of those records up to date.

Chief Cuccia thanked the Town Board's efforts with the new hire. Local agencies including East Fishkill are starting to do their traffic details including aggressive driving and seatbelts. They will all be out enforcing. The body cameras rolled out last month and have been very effective. They are deterring and debunking some

bogus complaints from people who don't like getting traffic tickets or being arrested. They have passed the latest New York State accreditation for the site inspection. The State goes through the records, property room in the building to make sure that everything is up to date and sufficient and they passed with flying colors. The Police Department does take great pride in the training at a jail and the State was impressed with the amount of hours that are spent training. They're looking forward to doing a liaison ride along. He thanked the PBA for their help with the Easter Egg Hunt and for paying for the petting zoo. This month they will be doing firearms training at the Whortlekill Gun Club the second or third week in May. They are losing their longtime police assistant, Jessica Frederick. They wish her well on her journey. She will be missed.

Board Member Arco stated today he spoke with crews on the vacuum truck. It is nice to hear the productivity they are getting out of the new truck versus the old truck. They are running almost a full day at a time now. They are ahead of the amount of basins cleaned out by the same time last year. This new truck prevents them from having to go back with the second truck to finish the cleanup process of the basins. He drove around with the Supervisor today looking at storm damaged road shoulders that need to be repacked. With approval through the police chief board member Arco has been working on various projects with other officers. He did confirm that Officer Frowd is registered and endorsed by an outreach program so he can become a trainer for all of the police officers for the BLS. Police Chief Cuccia thanked Board Member Arco for getting this done so quickly. He stated that last year he worked on getting outreach programs for nine employees that will be BLS trained and AED trained in various offices throughout the Town.

Board Member Marinaro stated he attended an April 8 Fire Commissioner meeting. Their main discussion on that night was how to retain volunteers. There is some push from the union in the City to make the local fire departments non-volunteer. He stated he does not have the dollar amount saved by having volunteers in the community but he will have that number for the next meeting. However the savings to the community by having a volunteer district is unbelievable and the benefit is phenomenal. Their training is just as good as New York City Fire Department and EMS does an excellent job. They cover the whole community with no issue. He stated it is extremely important for people to participate in the local fire department no matter your age because there is something for everyone to do. He stated it did not seem like it was a very busy month except there were 193 EMS calls. Total calls for the month was 235. He thanked them for their dedication to the community. Yesterday he met with the East Fishkill Chief of Police to discuss how to better utilize the law enforcement locally and how to connect with the local business community. They do a great job but they will see if there are new ways to improve that. He stated there are some small crimes and most times they are people from outside of our community committing them. They need to find a way to deter that. Chief Cuccia stated even if it is a small crime business owners should report it so they can keep an eye on it.



Board Member Franco congratulated East Fishkill baseball. At the request of the Recreation Director, Christine Selback, they put in for a Betterment Grant through the Hudson Valley Renegades and Heritage Bank. They won a \$10,000 grant and that will go towards Leetown Field. They will be starting that renovation sometime between May 1 and May 13. The Renegades bring all of their Field Crew in and take care of all the issues that the field faces. To accommodate working residents with registrations and late afternoons, the recreation office will extend their hours on Wednesdays, starting on May 8. On Wednesdays their hours will be from 8 AM to 6:30 PM. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday are 8 AM to 4 PM. Monday, May 6 starts registration for most summer recreation programs. You can only get Red Wing Lake passes from the Recreation Office. Red Wing swim lessons and swim team, summer camp trips, basketball camp, fish and camp, and youth golf lessons are available programs. Early registration for camp is still open. This year there is a women's basketball program for ages 18 and older. The games are at Hopewell recreation on Monday evenings. There is coed sand volleyball registration open and men's basketball registration starts May 6. There are a few town trips with tickets available. There is a City Field trip to see the Mets against the Red Sox on September 4. The cost is \$100 for the seats and they are section 129, rows 18 to 22. Tickets are also on sale May 6 for Yankee Stadium to see New York's varsity baseball team, the Yankees, against the Angels on August 7. Those tickets are also \$100 on the third-base foul line sections 132, rows three through five. There is a Saratoga trip August 15. To register you can call the recreation office or go on the website and register there.

Board Member Flores stated the committee continues to work very hard on the Comprehensive Master Plan. During the month they have had numerous discussions on housing and economic development. They have had the opportunity to meet with business owners last week and get valuable feedback they are able to incorporate into their timeline. The meeting next week is going to focus on open space and agriculture. They will have Matt Sabellico and Jennifer Fimble as guest speakers. They had a great response from the survey but if you did not have an opportunity to do it or have additional thoughts or ideas you can e-mail them at any time to [Eastfishkillplan@gmail.com](mailto:Eastfishkillplan@gmail.com). Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they would get that on the website and on Channel 22. Board Member Flores stated it is school budget season. School taxes make up the majority of everyone's property tax so it is very important to be informed and understand what is being proposed in your district budgets. The proposed budgets are posted on the district websites. It is very important to be involved and engaged in the vote on May 21st. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that one of the trustees from Carmel School District informed him that they passed their budget last night with a zero increase.

Town Clerk Cassidy thanked everyone for his opportunity to go for training. There are 933 town clerks in New York State. It was good to hear how other things are being done in other areas.

Supervisor D'Alessandro said the Town has been doing a food drive since the beginning of April and it ends on April 29. If you want to drop anything off there are three locations. One is at the Highway Department, one at the Town Hall and one at the Recreation Office. This benefits all of the local food pantries. This weekend the East Fishkill Historic Society, located on Kensington Drive, is hosting their Civil War weekend Saturday and Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM. On Sunday, the Hudson Valley Council Band will be performing there from 1 PM to 3 PM. Saturday morning at 9 AM is the Arbor Day Celebration that will be at the Davis House on Anne Avenue off of Church Street. Please come out to any of these events if you can.

**Motion for Adjournment: Time:** Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:45 PM: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

<b><u>Town Board Meetings:</u></b>	<b>Workshop Meeting:</b>	<b>May 9, 2024</b>
	<b>Regular Meeting:</b>	<b>May 23, 2024</b>

Respectfully submitted by Julie J. Beyer on behalf of Town Clerk Peter Cassidy –  
May 6, 2023