

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**MAY 23, 2024**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The Town of East Fishkill's Town Board Meeting on May 23, 2024, 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 he attended the East Fishkill Historical Society annual Civil War re-enactment at the Brinckerhoff Palin House. They had a good attendance. The HV Council Band was there as well. Everyone did a great job. The DC Supervisors and Mayors Association meeting was held in Rhinebeck. The speaker was the VP of the Association of Towns who reviewed what the Governor's budget was proposing that will affect municipalities.

There was a meeting with the DC Realtor's Association. They have a Government Affairs Committee, and they were interested in the happenings of the Town.

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended the DC Annual Prayer Breakfast at the Grandview. There were over 420 attendees. Joe Kennedy, a football coach, was the speaker and he was very inspirational.

The Second Annual Supervisor's Spring Fling was at the Senior Center. It is a wonderful event that the seniors really enjoy.

The annual Arbor Day Celebration was at the Davis House and they planted trees. He thanked everyone who attended and helped out.

The annual Police Officer's Memorial was held by the DC Sheriff's office. He attended with the EF Chief of Police. It was a very nice ceremony.

Tonight is the start of the Sons of Italy Festival. They donate all their proceeds.

The Dutchess County Transportation Safety Council will have a booth looking for input on the newly proposed rail trail.

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended the East Fishkill Fire District Inspection Dinner. It was a very nice evening and so nice to see so many volunteers that help the community. If you can help out, please get involved.

The DCC golf outing was held at the McCann Golf Course. This goes to offset the cost for students. Please help them if there are events you can participate in.

This past Tuesday was a Planning Board meeting and there was a hot topic called Twin Creeks. This project came before the Town in 1980 and then it was abandoned. This is for 468 units. The Town Attorney has reviewed the 1980 approval to see what they are entitled to after 44 years of doing nothing. The Town will continue to investigate this, and the applicant will have to do all the required studies for environmental, school, and any other impacts and mitigate them. In the Supervisor's opinion this project is too big. There is a lot that has

changed since 1980. Please do not listen to social media. Please call the elected officials with any questions as there is so much false information on social media.

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

Board Members in attendance were:

Tom	Craig	Marianne	Nicolas
Franco	Arco	Flores	D'Alessandro

Also, in attendance were:

Michael Cunningham, Attorney; Scott Bryant, Engineer; Ken Williams, Highway Superintendent; Derrick Cuccia, Police Chief; and Mark Pozniak, Comptroller.

**Public Hearings:**

None.

**Approve Minutes:**

April 25, 2024, Town Board Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for the April 25, 2024, Town Board meeting minutes: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. 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.

Debra Hall expressed concerns with Hopewell Precision's assessment. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he will look into this.

Bob Grasso spoke about the NYS Burn Ban and the confusion regarding what is allowed. Attorney Cunningham stated that as a town of over 30,000 people, there is no burning allowed except small campfires. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they will review the DEC regulations and the Town Law.

**Announcement of Additions to the Agenda:**

Supervisor D'Alessandro said there are no additions to the agenda.

**Receive and File:**

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated the Board is acknowledging May as ALS

Awareness Month. There is also an acknowledgement for the 2024 Valid Election Recognition Results.

**Resolutions:**

**1. Appoint Lieutenant Promotion in the Police Department**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(AUTHORIZE POLICE LIEUTENANT PROMOTION)**

**WHEREAS**, there is a vacant Police Lieutenant position in the Town of East Fishkill.

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police is asking the East Fishkill Town Board to appoint a Police Lieutenant to the position; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has reviewed the Dutchess County Civil Service lists; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board appoints Sergeant Kenneth Knapp to the position of East Fishkill Police Lieutenant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the salary and benefits for the above position will be in accordance with the PBA contract. The start date will be May 26, 2024.

Motion to appoint a lieutenant promotion in the Police Department: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**2. Appoint Sergeant Promotion in the Police Department**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(AUTHORIZE POLICE SERGEANT PROMOTION)**

**WHEREAS**, there is a vacant Police Sergeant position in the Town of East Fishkill.

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police is asking the East Fishkill Town Board to appoint a Police Sergeant to the position; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has reviewed the Dutchess County Civil Service lists; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board appoints Detective Sean Phillips to the position of East Fishkill Police Sergeant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the salary and benefits for the above position will be in accordance with the PBA contract. The start date will be May 26, 2024.

Motion to appoint a sergeant promotion in the Police Department: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Sergeant Phillips was sworn in and presented his badge.

### **3. Designate a Lead Police Assistant Per CSEA Contract**

#### **RESOLUTION**

#### **(APPOINTING A LEAD POLICE ASSISTANT)**

**WHEREAS**, a Lead Police Assistant position has been created in the Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, said position will take on more duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Town Police Chief; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Police Chief has recommended an employee to fill the position; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board hereby appoints Jaime Marzotto to Lead Police Assistant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, such person will be paid pursuant to the CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement effective May 27, 2024.

Motion to designate a Lead Police Assistant per CSEA Contract: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**4. Appoint Full-Time Dispatcher to Fill Vacancy**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(APPOINTING POLICE DISPATCHER (HELP))**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of East Fishkill Police Department is requesting the Town Board authorize the appointment of Angelina Santiago as full-time Police Dispatcher (HELP); and

**WHEREAS**, Angelina Santiago currently holds the position of part-time Police Dispatcher (HELP); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby appoint Angelina Santiago as full-time Police Dispatcher (HELP) at Step 2, to be paid in accordance with the CSEA Union Contract; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this appointment shall be made effective May 26, 2024.

Motion to appoint a full-time dispatcher to fill a vacancy: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**5. Appoint Part-Time Dispatchers in the Police Department**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(APPOINTING A PART-TIME POLICE DISPATCHERS)**

**WHEREAS**, there is need for two part-time Police Dispatchers in the Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Police Chief Cuccia has recommended that Ryan Fells and Madison Divitto be employed part-time as Police Dispatchers; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Ryan Fells and Madison Divitto are appointed as a part-time Police Dispatchers at the rate of \$20.24 per hour, effective May 24, 2023.

Motion to appoint part-time dispatchers in the Police Department: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Authorize Hiring Interns for Various Departments**

**RESOLUTION**

**(AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF INTERNS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has previously authorized Interns to assist in clerical functions for Town Departments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town, at the discretion of the Town Supervisor, may hire Student Workers (Interns) for the 2024 summer season; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby acknowledges the hiring of Matthew Mahoney, Salena Gafur, Alexandra Webb, Danielle Angyal, Sophia Prianti, Jayden Reynolds, Daniel Alba, Andres Melendez, Joshua McClean, Sarah Azeez, Andrew O’Bryan; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the interns are hereby appointed as Student Workers in the Town, first year interns will be paid an hourly rate of \$15.00 and returning interns will be paid an hourly rate of \$16.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said Interns shall work at the pleasure of the Town Supervisor in accordance with all the previously established rules and regulations and will be removed from the payroll upon completion of their tasks.

Motion to authorize hiring inters for various departments: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Authorize Town Supervisor to Sign Agreement for Use of Red Wing Facility by the Bear Mountain Newfoundland Club**

**RESOLUTION**

**(AUTHORIZING USE OF RED WING PARK)**

**WHEREAS**, Bear Mountain Newfoundland Club has made their request to utilize Red Wing Park; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Town Board to allow Bear Mountain Newfoundland Club to utilize Red Wing Park for such activity for

September 2024 dates and times to be approved by the Town Supervisor;  
and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that permission is hereby granted to Bear Mountain Newfoundland Club to utilize Red Wing Park;  
and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said party will follow Town & Park policies and the program will not interfere with Town Programs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute and sign an agreement with the Bear Mountain Newfoundland Club to use the Red Wing facility.

Motion to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement for use of Red Wing Facility by the Bear Mountain Newfoundland Club: Board Member Franco.  
Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### **8. Declare Property Surplus and Authorize the Auction of Same**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town has certain property that is requested to be declared surplus; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the property listed hereto are hereby declared surplus and are to be disposed of by participating in an auction process held by Absolute Auctions & Realty without cost to the Town; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the sale of the listed items shall be further approved by this Board.

Motion to declare property surplus and authorize the auction of same: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### **9. Appoint Recreation Director as Per Civil Service**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(APPOINTING RECREATION DIRECTOR)**

**WHEREAS**, Christine Selback was previously appointed provisional Recreation Director; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dutchess County Civil Service has since administered the Recreation Director test; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town requested and reviewed the Dutchess County Civil Service list; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has verified that Christine Selback is reachable on the Recreation Director Civil Service list; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board appoints Christine Selback as the full-time East Fishkill Recreation Director, effective May 24, 2024; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the salary will be set at \$68,291.

Motion to appoint Recreation Director as per Civil Service: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**10. Authorize Hiring of Seasonal Employees for Camp**

**RESOLUTION**

**(CLARIFYING RESOLUTION 33/2024)**

**WHEREAS**, on February 8, 2024 by Resolution 33/2024 this Board accepted South Drive as a Town Road; and

**WHEREAS**, some confusion resulted from the language in said resolution as to the name designation; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Board to clarify the same; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that South Drive will continue to be South Drive as a public road; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the historical road designation as “Arcadia Farms Boulevard” will be added to the signage recommended by the Historical Society, since the original site was Arcadia Farm.



Motion to authorize hiring of seasonal employees for camp: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**11. Approve Honorary Naming of a Road as Arcadia Farms Boulevard**

**RESOLUTION**

**(AUTHORIZING HIRING OF SEASONAL EMPLOYEES FOR SUMMER CAMP)**

**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 workers for the summer season to assist in various programs; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Comptroller is hereby authorized to place temporary summer employees on the Town payroll as approved by the Town Supervisor for the Recreation Camp 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 the Director of Recreation is hereby authorized to hire additional temporary employees, beyond the initial list that is provided, as needed throughout the season; 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.

**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 approve the honorary naming of a road as Arcadia Farms Boulevard: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**12. Authorize the Signing of an Inter-municipal Agreement with WCSD with Respect to SRO's**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WAPPINGER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH RESPECT TO THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS)**

**WHEREAS**, over the years the Town has been assigning police officers to perform the duties of a School Resource Officer at John Jay High School and Van Wyck Junior High School in the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, it is readily acknowledged that the Wappinger Central School District does not include all of the properties within the Town and that many of the Town residents are served by the Arlington and Carmel School Districts; and

**WHEREAS**, discussions were held with the Superintendent of schools and it was determined that it would be appropriate for the School District to reimburse the Town for the costs incurred for placing a School Resource Officer in John Jay High School and Van Wyck Junior High School; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Superintendent has agreed;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute an agreement with the Wappinger Central School District to provide School Resource Officers for the 2024/2025 school year; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Wappinger Central School District shall pay to the Town the sum of \$272,728.00 to defray some of the cost of said officers assignment to the schools; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is authorized to take all other steps necessary to effectuate the intent of this understanding.

Motion to authorize the signing of an inter-municipal agreement with WCSD with respect to SRO's: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**13. Establish Capital Reserve Fund for Woodmont FEMA Project**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(ESTABLISH FUNDING FOR ENGINEERING ASSESSMENT OF THE WOODMONT CULVERT PROJECT)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town is coordinating with FEMA the repair and/or replacement of the Woodmont Culvert, damaged during the July 2023 storm event; and

**WHEREAS**, the maximum project funding is roughly \$840,711.50 where FEMA provides 75% of the project costs and the Town will be responsible for 25% of the project costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the project goal is to replace in kind or repair the culvert which is classified as a SEQR Type II Action of the 6 NYCRR Part 617 codes and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town needs to evaluate various engineering solutions, prior to advancing a full engineering design and permitting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Engineering Department will need to assess the engineering alternatives and prepare cost estimates prior to identifying a preferred solution. As such, assistance from Consulting Engineers may be warranted; and

**WHEREAS**, professional services, if needed, will require funding in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. These funds qualify for 75% reimbursement from FEMA; and

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes the establishment of a preliminary capital budget of \$50,000 to be used to further evaluation of the Woodmont Culvert Project and will received a 75% reimbursement from FEMA; 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 with a Professional Consultant in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Motion to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for Woodmont FEMA Project: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### **14. Declare Lead Agency for Veterans Memorial Park**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(DECLARING LEAD AGENCY AND ADOPTING A NEGATIVE  
DECLARATION FOR THE EAST FISHKILL VETERANS MEMORIAL  
PARK)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of East Fishkill is developing the East Fishkill Veterans Memorial Park on 5.5 acres of an approximately 105-acre Town-owned property on Route 376; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board declared its intent to become Lead Agency under SEQRA for the proposed project on April 25, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town notified all interested and involved agencies of the Town Board's intent to become Lead Agency under SEQRA; and

**WHEREAS**, an environmental assessment form and Project Summary for the proposed project was circulated to all interested and involved agencies; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board declares its intent to be Lead Agency under SEQR and for the project known as "EAST FISHKILL VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK"; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board has prepared and hereby adopts the SEQRA Negative Declaration for the project known as "EAST FISHKILL VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK".

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

**15. Acknowledge Hiring Seasonal Laborer for Highway Department**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town has interviewed Darrin Richards; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has hired Darrin Richards as a Seasonal Laborer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent has submitted a memo to the Town Board; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby acknowledge the hiring of Darrin Richards as a Seasonal Laborer in Highway; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Darrin Richards will be paid at an hourly rate of \$17.00 effective May 13, 2024; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon completion of seasonal tasks, Darrin Richards shall be removed from the payroll.

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

**16. Approve “Farm View Lane” as Road Name**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(ACCEPTING FARM VIEW SUBDIVISION ROAD NAME)**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board previously had approved the Farm View Subdivision within the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the contractor has made a request to name the road Farm View Lane; and

**WHEREAS**, Dutchess County 911 has approved the name; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approves the name Farm View Lane in the Farm View Subdivision; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Town Clerk will notify Dutchess County 911 of approval for the naming of the road.

Motion to approve Farm View Lane as a road name: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**17. Authorize Change of September Workshop Meeting Date**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(AUTHORIZE CHANGE OF SEPTEMBER TOWN BOARD MEETING)**

**WHEREAS**, due to conflicting schedules the Supervisor is requesting to change the September 12 Workshop meeting at 6:00pm to September 5 at 6:00pm; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board shall set September 5, 2024 at 6:00PM as its regularly scheduled Workshop meeting; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk shall duly advertise said meeting date change.

Motion to authorize the change of the September Workshop meeting date: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**18. Set Building Permit Fees for Outdoor Dining**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(AMENDING THE PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT  
FEES FOR OUTDOOR DINING)**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Building Department has requested that the fee schedule be amended to add Outdoor Dining permit fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has reviewed the requested attached fees; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the proposed amended fee schedule for the Planning and Building Department be and hereby is adopted effective immediately.

Motion to set Building Permit Fees for outdoor dining: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**19. Authorize NEPA Review for Pinewood and Route 52**

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated this would be tabled.

**20. Authorize Highway Superintendent and Deputy Highway Superintendent to Attend Conference**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICIALS TO ATTEND THE ASSOCIATION OF  
HIGHWAY)**

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent is requesting to go to the Association of Highways in Orange County along with his Deputy Highway Superintendent. The training will be held at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York from June 2, 2024 to June 5, 2024; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board does hereby authorize the Highway Superintendent and the Deputy Highway Superintendent to attend the Association of Highway held at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York on June 2, 2024 to June 5, 2024; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred may be approved by the Supervisor for reimbursement by the Town.

Motion to authorize the Highway Superintendent and Deputy Highway Superintendent to attend a conference: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

## **21. Authorize the Installation of a Shed at the Recreation Facility**

### **RESOLUTION**

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

**WHEREAS**, the East Fishkill Baseball League have approached the Town with a plan to erect a shed at Leetown Field; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there were none.

#### **Budget Transfer:**

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there are budget transfers as presented by Comptroller Pozniak. He gave a brief explanation of them. One is for the Mental

Health American employee; one is for playground equipment, and one is for the vehicle for the MS4 employee. The Chief of Police and Board Member Flores both spoke about the benefits of the MHA employee.

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

### **Comments from Town Board Members:**

Highway Superintendent Williams stated the DC Highway Superintendents Association had the annual vote and he has been voted in as the Vice-President of the Association. They have been doing in-house paving on Lisa Lane, Fletcher Road, Cashman Drive, and Evie Circle. The jetvac has completed all of the watershed areas. The new vac-truck has been out almost every single day, which has been great. They have done a lot of catch basin repair throughout the Town to include Stephen Drive, Sprout Creek Road, and Devon Farms Road. The sweepers have completed all Town roads and Town parking lots. They are working on various blacktop jobs throughout the Town and curb repairs on Laura Lane, Ridge Road, Brandy Lane, Sandy Pines, Deer Lane, St. Andrews, Pierce Arrow, and McKeown Terrace. They have been doing easement work in Brettview, Pells Road, and Country Club Road. They have also done pipe work and another easement with the help of the Town Engineer on Judith Drive. The Wonderland pipe is almost complete. He has spoken with Clove Excavators regarding the paving bid and they will sit down with them for a meeting with the Town Engineer. Red Wing Park is ready to open this weekend. Everything has been power washed and painted. The parking lot has been striped, and the walkway has been seal coated. The skate park in Town has been paved. Supervisor D'Alessandro asked about some paving at the Town Hall and Engineer Bryant stated it is part of the contract. They have to do some repairs prior to that. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they would rather spend money paving roads than on the Town Hall parking lot, but the insurance company came and stated that the parking lot was hazardous especially with so many different groups using the building for meetings and being open to the public.

Chief Cuccia thanked the Town Board for the new hires. He stated that the Dutchess County SPCA is basically no longer in existence. Animal control is a hard to tackle issue. He thanked the Town Clerk, Peter Cassidy, for his help and innovative ideas. He stated it is nice how different departments help and come together and can work together with positive ideas and solutions. The senior group has invited the police officers for Coffee with a Cop. It was nice. They also asked for the police to come back in June and extended the invitation to the Town Board. Officer Bertolli will be doing a canine demonstration and then there will be refreshments. If you go and watch the demo you will be amazed at how well trained that K-9 is. The Police Department just did firearms training. They also did a new combat training. They try to do this three times a year. He reminded parents not to just drop off their children at Red Wing or the Town recreation



parks because the community are not babysitters. They will have a police presence at the Memorial Day Soccer Tournament. Please be careful driving through that area because there will be a lot of pedestrian traffic on Route 52. There will also be a lot of traffic in Town due to the carnival. Board Member Franco stated on Sunday they will have limited parking across the street as that one building has a church service. The Police Department was awarded a large sum for a technology grant. They are just waiting for the final notice of approval and the documentation for the spending. They are looking forward to using those funds to get some state-of-the-art equipment.

Board Member Arco stated he has received a few phone calls regarding the workshop and how the commercial residents really liked the open dialogue. He did sit in on one of the Highway interviews this past week. The setup for the new software is an enormous undertaking because every piece of equipment has to get entered into it with a lot of detail. He did sit in on all of the promotion interviews. All of the applicants were amazing. He is amazed to see the level of dedication all of the officers have. He is working with the Police Chief on various projects. He is trying to locate a secure location for the defensive tactics training and will review it with Officer White. He has confirmed the training seat for a BLS trainer for Officer Frou. They are just trying to confirm the date. He made arrangements to have eight of the in-house staff trained for BLS and AED training. It took place this past Monday and he believes all eight have passed. Hopefully, they will be able to do this in-house next year. He wished everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day. He hopes to see everyone at the festival this weekend.

Board Member Franco thanked Heritage Financial Credit Union and the Hudson Valley Renegades and all who participated for the Baseball Betterment Grant for the Leetown fields. Hopewell Recreation Skate Park has had a lot of work done on it and even the skaters were there helping. Christine Selback asked to have the Highway Department thanked for all of their hard work there. He also thanked them for putting up the Hometown Hero Banners in time for Memorial Day. There is a new community project at the Hopewell Recreation Park called Roscoe the Rock Snake. This project encourages families to paint rocks and add them to Roscoe to see how long he grows. The Recreation Department has been monitoring his growth and they post weekly updates on Facebook. As of Friday, the 17th there are over 370 rocks added. The Recreation Office has extended its office hours on Wednesdays through June from 8 AM to 6:30 PM. The rest of the days it is still 8 AM to 4 PM. Red Wing Park opens this weekend. The Sons of Italy Festival starts tonight. Fireworks are on Sunday. Red Wing Lake passes are for sale at the Recreation Office only. There are no online sales. Registration is still being accepted for many programs and can be reviewed online. Sales for Town trips are online and at the office. He wished everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day and asked that everyone remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice so everyone else can have the things that they have.

Board Member Flores stated they had the May Master Plan meeting and had Matt Sabellico as a speaker as well as Jennifer Fimble from the Cornell Cooperative on

agriculture. The upcoming month is terribly busy with activities, and they are still on target to get their draft to the Town by the end of the year. There is a special meeting scheduled for May 30 for the committee. They will be breaking into subcommittees to dig deeper into specific topics. The June 6 meeting will have the Highway Superintendent and the Police Chief presenting as well as a Fire Commissioner and the Library Director. They will be working with some focus groups. Specifically, they will be meeting with the seniors on June 7 and there will be a focus group specifically for local artists and young professionals. There will also be a special farm tour given by Delbert Lee on Saturday, June 6 as well. She knows the question as to why these committee meetings are not televised has been asked. The community has to play a key role in developing this plan. They have a website with all of the agendas, with meeting notes, and all of the presentations. The public is welcome to attend the committee meetings. They have had surveys and community outreach meetings and another outreach meeting for the end of August. The committee is made up of volunteers. They did not sign up to be in the public eye or to be on television. That is the only reason why these meetings are not being televised. This is all a very open process. She wished everyone a safe, happy, and healthy Memorial Day. Never forget those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked her for all of the hard work on the Master Plan as it is a large task to tackle.

Clerk Cassidy stated they have received all of their records back in house and have terminated the contract with Iron Mountain. They are working on grants to move into the next phase. They are also starting the next project with the records down in the dungeon. They hope to have that done within the next month or so. Comptroller Pozniak stated when the Clerk is done with these projects, they will be saving approximately \$30,000 a year. He hopes everyone enjoys the Sons of Italy carnival and if you do not make a Memorial service on Monday, take a minute to think about someone who gave their life for the country.

Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked the Peekskill Police Department. They have named their new K-9 officer after East Fishkill's fallen officer Sargeant Dan Didato. He wanted to mention he attended a Memorial Day service at John Jay High School. It is put on every year by the Manny Bacon post of the American Legion. It was a wonderful service with all of the students and many public officials. The American Legion is a true treasure in this Town. They will be leading the service on Monday at the memorial at Beekman Road and Route 82 at 10 AM.

**Motion for Adjournment: Time:** Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:18 PM: Board Member Arco Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Town Board Meetings:**      **Workshop/Voting Meeting:**      **June 27, 2024**

Respectfully submitted by Julie J. Beyer on behalf of Town Clerk Peter Cassidy –  
May 28, 2023