

MINUTES
TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
JULY 25, 2024
6:00 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Town of East Fishkill's Town Board Meeting on July 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 Announcements:

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended the monthly DC Supervisors and Mayors Association meeting. The guest speaker was Melaine Rottkamp from Dutchess Tourism who spoke about some of the things they do and provide.

Board Member Arco, Police Chief Cuccia, Police Lt. Stanis, and Supervisor D'Alessandro attended graduation ceremony at Rockland County Police Academy for East Fishkill's new Police Officer Clark. It was a very nice ceremony.

Congressman Lawlor had an Open House/Town Hall meeting at John Jay High School this past weekend. This is an open forum for questions and concerns and Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked everyone who attended. The Congressman has been very helpful getting grants and funding for various things.

The Manny Bacon American Legion Post had a nice July 4th ceremony on East Hook Road. He thanked everyone who attended, especially Peter Cassidy for his help in getting a new headstone for one of the soldiers.

There was an open house for the American Legion at the Community Center two weeks ago to celebrate their 75th anniversary. It highlighted all the events and charities they have helped over the years.

There was a thank you celebration at the Hopewell Depot for the assistance the Town has given them. This is an all-volunteer group that does a great job.

Kelly Allegra, a representative for Governor Hochul, met with the Supervisor, Town Engineers, and the engineering consultants regarding the proposed new traffic pattern for the Route 376/Route 82 area. There is the potential to get rid of the two sharp turns on Route 376, but the MTA needs to get involved as well. Hopefully she can provide some assistance with MTA to move this project along.

There was a retirement party for Rosemarie Yaszko at the Community Center. She is from the Office of the Aging and will be missed.

George Cronk organized a meeting with East Fishkill, the DC Water Wastewater Authority, On Semi, Poughkeepsie Joint Water, and the Poughkeepsie water operators to discuss responses to emergencies with the water supply or increase water demands. It was a very productive meeting.

John Curzio was elected into office as a Carmel School District Trustee and Supervisor D'Alessandro did his swearing in ceremony.

The Supervisor’s office has been working on a local business directory. This will help several committees for keeping everyone in the loop. He thanked Gina Grippo for her work on this. He asked all businesses to sign up for GovDelivery to keep up with everything going on in Town.

He attended the DC Regional Chamber of Commerce Contact breakfast. There were several guest speakers who spoke about economic development. East Fishkill is already doing all of the recommended steps.

The East Fishkill Rotary is looking to install a pocket park in the Hamlet at the entrance of Acme. They are looking to put in an 80 foot flag pole with a flag donated by Bellizzi Jewelers. They are hoping to get it done by Veteran’s Day.

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

Board Members in attendance were:

Tom	Craig	Emmanuel	Marianne	Nicholas
Franco	Arco	Marinero	Flores	D’Alessandro

Also, in attendance were:

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

Public Hearings:

1. Reopen Adjourned Joint Public Hearing to Consider Re-Use Special Permit for Lidl

Supervisor D’Alessandro stated Lidl had come in several months ago and a Public Hearing had been opened. Unfortunately, at this time they have withdrawn their application. There is a resolution from the floor tonight for Natural Resources, the owner of iPark, to put in their own application for their own building there.

Motion to cancel the Public Hearing to consider a Re-use Special Permit for Lidl: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Open Public Hearing to Consider Local Law “C” of 2024 for the Merger of the Offices of Town Clerk and Receiver of Taxes

- a. Open Public Hearing

Motion to open the Public Hearing to consider Local Law “C” of 2024 for the merger of the offices of Town Clerk and Receiver of Taxes: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they have been talking about doing this for several years and they are finally at a point where they can do this. This is up to the voters and the Public Hearing is to discuss any questions or comments regarding this. Once they close this hearing tonight, they will adopt a resolution in August to put this on the ballot in November for the voters to decide. He read a prepared statement of the legislative intent for this. He stated in the past this position was a much more focal point, but now most people pay their taxes through their mortgage escrows. Ann Goldsmith, the Receiver of Taxes, is present tonight and her office is busy and she does a great job. Their hope is to get a better collective of work between the two offices. There will be a savings to the tax payers and all the clerks will be in the clerk's office. The current Receiver of Taxes will be a Deputy Clerk for the Town Clerk and they will all be able to collect tax funds when people come in.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there was anyone from the public to speak for or against this proposed local law.

Ann Goldsmith stated that it has been an honor and privilege to serve the taxpayers of the Town for the last 17 years as an employee and now as an elected official. She hopes to continue for many years to come and is here to assist in any way she can.

Laureen Abbatantuono, the Receiver of Taxes in Beekman, said that Ann is amazing to work with and she works well with other towns as well.

Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked her for coming in. He stated that many towns do have combined offices for the Receiver of Taxes and the Town Clerk because those two offices do work very well together and the duties do go hand in hand.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if any Board members had any questions or comments.

Board Member Flores stated she is a big believer in consolidating and gaining efficiencies. She did do checking with other towns to get additional perspectives. She stated this clearly makes sense to consolidate in a smaller town, but in a larger town like East Fishkill, she needs to be convinced of the savings. She would like to see a detailed resource workload and expense analysis before she supports this.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he could have the Town of Fishkill call her and let her know how they are doing because it has been very successful there.

Attorney Wood stated that this Public Hearing tonight is just to take public comments, not to vote on this. That will be at the next meeting. They have a timeline to meet to be able to get this on the ballot in November. The local law, if adopted by the Board, will go on the ballot for a vote in November and needs to

pass by a majority vote and will become effective on the expiration of the current elected official's term, which is approximately three years and six months, unless a vacancy occurs earlier in that office.

Board Member Franco thanked Ann for all that she has done. They have discussed this in the past and she has been incredibly professional. They have always said they will do what they can to save the taxpayers, but they do not want Ann to go anywhere.

Board Member Marinaro stated he has known Ann a long time and she has always been very professional and diligent. This is a savings measure, but she will continue to stay here and help the Clerk.

Board Member Arco stated he has done some preliminary look at ways to capture some cost savings. The tax office does have two peak times. He said she has been great to work with and looks forward to continue to do that.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that the Tax Receiver has done a great job. He stated that office also collects the water and sewer districts taxes.

b. Close Public Hearing

LOCAL LAW "C" OF 2024

**A LOCAL LAW CONSOLIDATING THE OFFICE OF
RECEIVER OF TAXES WITH TOWN CLERK**

SECTION ONE: LEGISLATIVE INTENT

Since the 18th Century certain local government offices have been chosen by the electorate. Over time some of these offices which were mostly ministerial have now in the 21st Century been changed not only by computerization but also by changes in the banking system and online services. With these updates have come opportunities for savings through consolidation. With these concepts in mind the Board enacts this law.

SECTION TWO: CONSOLIDATION

Upon the effective date of this law, the duties and operations of the Office of Receiver of Taxes will be merged and consolidated into the elective office of the Town Clerk.

SECTION THREE: APPOINTMENT OF RECEIVER

Upon the effective date of this law, the Receiver of Taxes will be appointed by the Town Board and shall be under the supervision and management of the Town Clerk. The Receiver will be appointed for a five (5) year term.

SECTION FOUR: VOTER APPROVAL

This law making the elected receiver appointed and the merger of the Office with the Town Clerk office is subject to voter approval at the General Election of November 5, 2024.

The ballot question to be submitted is:

“Shall the Office of the Receiver of Taxes be merged with the Office of the Town Clerk and the Receiver of Taxes be thereafter appointed by the Town Board as set forth in Local law C-2024?”

SECTION FIVE: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law, as well as the appointment of the Receiver, will be effective upon the approval of the voters and the expiration of the term of office of the current Receiver or a vacancy occurring in the Office of the Tax Receivers.

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

Adopted on the _____ day
of _____ 2024

Motion to close the Public Hearing to consider Local Law “C” of 2024 for the merger of the offices of Town Clerk and Receiver of Taxes: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried

Motion to authorize the Town Clerk to notify the County Board of Elections to reserve a slot for a ballot question should the Board adopt the Local Law “C”: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes:

June 27, 2024, Town Board Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for the June 27, 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 are two additions to the agenda. One is the authorization for the installation of the air conditioning in the Engineering Department and the second is receiving and referring the application of iPark, East Fishkill LLC for a Re-Use Special Permit and Site Plan approval for East Drive at iPark.

Courtesy of the Floor:

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

Bill Bracey from 4 Mockingbird Court stated he hopes the Rotary flag in Hopewell will be lit at night. He also spoke about the bond for the Highway Department. He asked if a list of equipment they purchase will be on the website and Attorney Wood stated this is to approve the "credit line". As purchases are made, resolutions will be made at each meeting. Mr. Bracey asked if a list of roads to be resurfaced will be published. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that the Engineering Department and the Highway Department do a Highway Bid so they get the most cost savings each year. That list can be provided by the Highway Superintendent. He reviewed how the roads were rated by the Cornell Cooperative when they did a study of all the roads in the town. Mr. Bracey expressed concerns regarding the curbing work on his road. Board Member Marinaro stated he would do a site visit tomorrow. He stated they will put the Cornell list on the website.

Tom McDonald at 6 Mockingbird Court stated he had to pay to have rocks removed and repair work done on his yard after curbing work was done in front of his home. He also feels there needs to be more communication with residents.

Receive and File:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there is nothing.

Resolutions:

1. Authorize Highway Superintendent to Attend Conference

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE TO A CONFERENCE)

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent, Ken Williams, has indicated his desire to attend the 95th Annual Conference, Education Symposium and EXPO being held in Ellicottville, New York from September 24, 2024 through September 27, 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 Ken Williams to attend the 95th Annual Conference, Education Symposium and EXPO held in Ellicottville, New York to include the overnight stay and expenses for tolls and meals from September 24, 2024 through September 27, 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 Highway Superintendent to attend a conference: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. Supervisor D'Alessandro voted nay. All others voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Authorize Field Use Agreements

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING A FIELD USE AGREEMENTS WITH SPORTS LEAGUES)

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill and the Sports Leagues wish to have formal agreements regarding the use of the Recreation Fields; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the proposed Agreements attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to enter into agreements with the Sports Leagues regarding the use of the Recreation Fields; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute the attached agreements with each of the Sports Leagues.

Motion to authorize Field Use Agreements: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Authorize Reissuance of 2 Million Dollar Bond for Highway Purposes

RESOLUTION

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JULY 25, 2024.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, THE PURCHASE OF HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FOR THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$500,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$500,000 BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

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

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize such capital project and its financing;
NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The purchase of highway equipment, each item of which costs \$30,000 or over, for the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, including incidental equipment and expenses in connection therewith, is hereby authorized, subject to permissive referendum, at a maximum estimated cost of \$500,000.

Section 2. The plan for the financing of the aforesaid maximum estimated cost is by the issuance of \$500,000 bonds of said Town, 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 fifteen years, pursuant to subdivision 28 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the bonds herein authorized will exceed five years.

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

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Supervisor of said Town, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Supervisor, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer of such Town. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Supervisor shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. 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 8. 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 9. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in full or summary form in the official newspaper(s) of said Town for such purpose, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

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

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

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

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

RESOLUTION

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JULY 25, 2024.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION AND/OR RESURFACING OF VARIOUS ROADS LOCATED THROUGHOUT AND IN AND FOR THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED

COST OF \$1,500,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,500,000 BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

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

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize such capital project and its financing;
NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The construction, reconstruction and/or resurfacing of various roads located throughout and in and for the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, including drainage, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, landscaping, grading or improving rights-of-way, as well as other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, is hereby authorized, subject to permissive referendum, at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,500,000.

Section 2. The plan for the financing of the aforesaid maximum estimated cost is by the issuance of \$1,500,000 bonds of said Town, 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 fifteen years, pursuant to subdivision 20(c) of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the bonds herein authorized will exceed five years.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year unless paid from other revenues. 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.

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

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

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

Motion to authorize the reissuance of 2 million dollar bond for Highway purposes: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Authorize Hiring Full-time MEO for Highway Department

**RESOLUTION
(HIRING MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATORS IN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT)**

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has interviewed Dominick Krivorot to fill one full-time Motor Equipment Operator (MEO) position for the Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has submitted a memo to the Town Board recommending that Dominick Krivorot be hired as a full-time MEO; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the hiring of Dominick Krivorot as a full-time MEO in the Highway Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dominick Krivorot will be paid at an hourly rate of \$24.51 in accordance with the CSEA contract, with an effective date of July 29th, 2024.

Motion to authorize hiring full-time MEO for Highway Department: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Appoint Permanent Zoning Administrator from Civil Service List

**RESOLUTION
(APPOINTING ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)**

WHEREAS, Matthew Rickett was previously appointed as a provisional Zoning Administrator; and

WHEREAS, Dutchess County Civil Service has since administered the Zoning Administrator test; and

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

WHEREAS, the Town has verified that Matthew Rickett is reachable on the Zoning Administrator Civil Service list; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board appoints Matthew Rickett as the full-time permanent East Fishkill Zoning Administrator, effective July 26th, 2024.

Motion to appoint a permanent Zoning Administrator from the Civil Service List: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

6. Authorize Change of Title to Deputy Building Inspector as per Civil Service List

RESOLUTION

(APPOINTING DEPUTY BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR BUILDING DEPARTMENT)

WHEREAS, the Building Department is in need of a full-time Deputy Building Inspector; and

WHEREAS, the Dutchess County Civil Service has administered the Deputy Building Inspector test; and

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

WHEREAS, Robert Dunstan is currently employed as a provisional Drafting Technician with the Town of East Fishkill and is reachable on the Deputy Building Inspector Civil Service list; and

WHEREAS, the Building Department is requesting that Robert Dunstan be appointed as a Deputy Building Inspector; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board appoints Robert Dunstan as a full-time permanent Deputy Building Inspector effective July 26th, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Robert Dunstan will be paid in accordance with the CSEA Contract.

Motion to authorize change of title to Deputy Building Inspector as per Civil Service List: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

7. Authorize Supervisor to Sign Various Water Main Easements

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE NECESSARY UTILITY EASEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO IMPROVEMENTS FOR WATER AND SEWER)

WHEREAS, the Town oversees many special districts including those that provide water and sewer services; and

WHEREAS, also, as part of construction, private applicants may need to place utility infrastructure in Town-owned property; and

WHEREAS, in reviewing recent applications, there are new utility easements that need to be executed by the Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, these easement agreements will be reviewed by Town staff prior to the Supervisor signing them;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute necessary utility easements with respect to improvements for water and sewer.

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign various water main easements: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. Authorize Cemetery Grant Submission

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR DAR HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT)

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill is applying to the DAR Historic Preservation to restore the American Revolution headstones and monuments in the Stout and Charlock Burial Ground located at 129 Fishkill Hook Road; and

WHEREAS, the Town will be applying for the maximum allowed \$10,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby does approve and endorse the application for a \$10,000 grant under the DAR Historic Preservation. The funds will be used to restore the American Revolution headstones and monuments located at the Stout and Charlock Burial Ground located at 129 Fishkill Hook Road.

Motion to authorize a cemetery grant submission: Board Member Arco.
Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

9. Accept Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) Grant

RESOLUTION

(ACCEPTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANT)

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has been notified that the Town has been awarded a grant in the sum of \$74,964.00; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to accept a Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) Grant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to accept the grant in the amount of \$74,964.00 from New York State Archives, a unit of the NYS Education Department (SED) with respect to records management services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute any documents to effectuate said matter.

Motion to accept Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) Grant: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

10. Authorize Travel and Training for Town Justices

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR TOWN JUSTICES)

WHEREAS, the Town Justices have requested that the Town Board authorize for them to attend the New York State Magistrates Association annual training program; and

WHEREAS, the training program is in Niagara, NY from September 22, 2024 through September 25, 2024; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized in accordance with Section 77b of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York to authorize the Town Justice to attend a training program sponsored by the New York State Magistrates Association to be held out of the area requiring an overnight stay; and

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

Motion to authorize travel and training for Town Justices: Board Member Flores.
Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

11. Declare 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, said property consists of a 2011 Ford Fusion; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board concurs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said property is hereby declared surplus and is 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 vehicle shall be further approved by this Board.

Motion declare surplus and authorize the auction of the same: 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 two.

12. Authorization for the Installation of the Air Conditioning in the Engineering Department

RESOLUTION
**(AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF AIR
CONDITIONING IN ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT)**

WHEREAS, the air conditioning unit for the Engineering office is not working;
and

WHEREAS, the town has requested and received quotes for a new air conditioning unit to be installed; and

WHEREAS, American Heating & Cooling has submitted a quote for \$27,900.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the expenditure of \$27,900.00 for the installation of air conditioning in the Engineering office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said work shall be done by American Heating & Cooling, who shall provide the Town with a Certificate of Insurance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Engineer shall monitor and review said work.

Motion to authorization for the installation of the air conditioning in the Engineering Department: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

13. Acknowledge Receiving and Referring the Application of i.Park East Fishkill LLC for a Re-Use Special Permit and Site Plan approval for East Drive at iPark and Schedule a Public Hearing for August 22, 2024.

RESOLUTION
**(RECEIVING & REFERRING THE APPLICATION OF I.PARK EAST
FISHKILL LLC FOR A RE-USE SPECIAL PERMIT AND SITE PLAN
APPROVAL FOR EAST DRIVE IPARK)**

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received the above application for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board must take certain preliminary actions; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board acknowledges receipt of the application and refers the same to the Planning Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Planning Staff is hereby directed to circulate a notice of the intent of the Town Board to be Lead Agency under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board sets a Public Hearing for a Re-Use Special Permit for i.Park East Fishkill LLC for August 22, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall; and

Motion to acknowledge receiving and referring the application of i.Park East Fishkill LLC for a Re-Use Special Permit and Site Plan approval for East Drive at iPark and schedule a Public Hearing for August 22, 2024: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Budget Transfer:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there are no budget transfers.

Comments from Town Board Members:

Highway Superintendent Williams stated they have been doing a lot of tree work in Lake City and Lomala due to the storms. They did have work all over Town and had to work with Central Hudson as well. There were wires down on Old State Road as well. It is hard to get Optimum and Frontier out to do their wire work. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated this has been an ongoing issue and he will be writing a letter to the Public Service Commission. This cannot be tolerated. It is a safety issue as well. Highway Superintendent Williams stated they have done drainage work in Worley Homes. They are doing some in house paving repairs on Cross Road due to washout. They are doing pothole repair and prepping the Town Hall parking lot for blacktop. They have done curb work on Pellbridge and some drainage, basins, blacktop, and pipework on Hillside Lake and St. Andrews, Pinewood Lane, and Wonderland Drive.

Chief Cuccia stated the summer has been busy. There have been an unusual number of DWI's and domestics as well as mental health issues. DWI's occur at all times of the day. The DC Drug Taskforce has been very busy and we are grateful that is being funded. It is going well. The mental health behavioral

specialist has been very busy helping with the MHL arrests and follow ups. They are doing fire arms qualifications this week. They will do active shooter next month at the high school. They have the PBA golf outing on August 5th. He thanked the Board for their support. The new officer is now field training. Lt. Knapp and Sargeant Phillips have been excellent in their new roles. Their leadership qualities are outstanding.

Board Member Arco asked if paving was still on schedule for August and the Highway Superintendent said yes. He has met with the Comptroller to have IT do repairs on the asset management software issues with the Highway Department. He spent some time with the dispatchers this month. The trainees seem to be doing very well. He watched the firearms training this morning and there are some very impressive marksmen. He stated there are over 100 people who work for this town and it's nice to see employees who have grown up here and work here.

Board Member Marinaro stated last week he attended a meeting at the Hillside Lake Fire Company. There were a lot of questions regarding the taxing of industrial buildings and the amount of jobs they are bringing in. A lot of times the taxes for these new entities are not dictated by the Town Board. They pay a lot of taxes towards the school, but don't use the schools so it's a win/win for everyone. Several of the younger members of the community work at those locations as well. He attended a funeral of a local retired police officer. He extended his condolences to the DiDato family. In regard to the rail trail crossing on Route 376, the pedestrians need to be careful when crossing. They don't always look before they go. He will contact the County to see if there is something more that can be done. The fire departments do need volunteers, so if you have time, please consider this. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that the buildings that have PILOTs do not pay a lessor amount for any of the special districts like the Fire District or the library. Attorney Wood stated when the current projects that are under construction are complete it will have added over one hundred million dollars of assessed value to the fire district, library, and special district rolls. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that this can make taxes go down. It may not lower your taxes right away, but they do lower your rate of taxes. Board Member Franco stated anyone can call anyone on the Board with these questions any time. He also stated that bicyclists go across the rail trail without looking as well.

Board Member Franco stated skateboard lessons start next week. August 5th starts registration for winter basketball league for kids 3rd grade to 12th grade. Sunday, August 11th from 12pm – 4pm is the annual Think Differently Day at Red Wing Park. You can register on the website. East Fishkill Community Day is Saturday, September 21st. All vendor information is on the website. Youth Basketball Camp starts at Gayhead next week. Fishing Camp is now full. East Fishkill Summer Camp wants to thank the Fire District and specifically Chief John Jackson for coming by to cool off the campers. Please keep the DiDato family in your thoughts and prayers.

Board Member Flores stated the July meeting for the Comprehensive Plan had no guest speakers. It was dedicated to reviewing and discussing the draft goals and policies they have so far. The August 1st meeting will have the Town Attorney speaking on PILOTS and assessments. The Recreation leaders will also be present to speak. They will also review the Master Plan policies and focus on land use. They will discuss the future of the hamlet and target areas for infrastructure expansion. They have a draft of 122 pages. August 29th is the Public Outreach Meeting. The main objectives are for the residences to get an update and to get input from them. Please visit the website, as all the documentation is there.

Clerk Cassidy reiterated that the Town is made up of all the workers. He thanked all of them. It wasn't until he became Town Clerk that he realized how much work gets done behind the scenes. He thanked the Town Board for the grant assistance. This will save \$35,000.00 a year from Iron Mountain. That work will start August 15th and will last probably two months. Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked the Clerk for the work on this project. Iron Mountain can be difficult to work with to get all your material out of there.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated their hearts go out to the DiDato family. They are in everyone's thoughts and prayers.

Motion for Adjournment: Time: Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:32 PM: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Town Board Meetings: **Regular Meeting/Workshop: August 22, 2024**
Regular Meeting/Workshop: September 5, 2024

Respectfully submitted by Julie J. Beyer on behalf of Town Clerk Peter Cassidy –
July 29, 2024