

MINUTES
TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2025
6:00 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Town of East Fishkill's Town Board Meeting on January 16, 2025, was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Supervisor D'Alessandro with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor's Announcements:

Supervisor D'Alessandro apologized for running a bit late. The workshop prior to this meeting ran a little over. He thanked everyone who attended.

He stated he hoped everyone had a happy holiday season.

The Town held a Swearing-In Ceremony on January 2, 2025 for Town Justice Brian Rudner, Assemblyman Anil Beephan, and Fire Commissioner Stephen Dixon. It was a very nice and well attended event. He thanked Gina Grippo and Christine Selbeck for their work on it. Both the East Fishkill Police honor guard and the DC Sheriff led the pledge. Tiramisu provided the refreshments. He wished all elected officials congratulations and good luck in their positions.

The last meeting in December was held at the East Fishkill Historical Society's Brinckerhoff School House. He thanked the East Fishkill Historical Society for hosting the meeting for the evening.

There was a meeting with the Hopewell/Beacon Rail Trail Committee. The discussion was regarding the planning process for the continued project. It will be very challenging as it coordinates going over Route 9 and up Route 82 at Fishkill Road. There has not been a funding source named yet and it will be very costly. The Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce had their regional holiday breakfast. There was music supplied by local school choruses. This group does a great job fighting for small businesses. He thanked everyone who has worked on the Depot and rail trail ventures.

The Dutchess County Chamber of Commerce had their annual contact breakfast with multiple school choirs performing holiday music. It was a very nice event to have business owners connect with local officials.

The monthly DC Supervisors and Mayors meeting was in Pleasant Valley this month. DC Emergency Services gave a presentation on the County Executive's plan to assist with the strained services in the county. They will have an extra ambulance posted at various locations throughout the county to assist when an agencies ambulance is pulled for a prior emergency. This has been helping ease the burden of the existing services.

Supervisor D'Alessandro will continue to be the Chair of the Supervisors and Mayors Association and a sitting member of the DC EDAC for the County

Executive.

There was a meeting with the Dutchess County Community Development Advisory Council and they are taking applications for the Community Development Block Grant Program. They had an information session to explain this program so more of the smaller towns and villages are able to apply. These are mostly designed to assist the development of projects that primarily benefit low to moderate income residents. East Fishkill usually doesn't qualify for those. They have tried to do income surveys throughout the years, but don't get a great response.

Supervisor D'Alessandro was a guest speaker at the Rotary two weeks ago. This group fights for small businesses. They have commenced a new Rotary Park next to Chase Bank on Route 82.

There was a workshop before this meeting, and they discussed the processes the Town Board and Planning Board go through. One project discussed is Woodland Estates on Route 376, which is residential. The second is for Tree Tops off of Lime Kiln Road, which is an industrial project. They are both before the Planning Board and the Town has received a lot of questions and comments on both. He was very happy to see the residents engaging in what is happening within the Town. He reminded everyone to call or contact anyone on the Board with any questions that they have.

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

Board Members in attendance were:

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

Also, in attendance were:

Thomas Wood, Attorney; Derrick Cuccia, Police Chief; Ken Williams, Highway Superintendent; Brendan Fitzgerald, Engineer; Jack Orton, Engineer; and Mark Pozniak, Comptroller.

Approve Minutes:

December 12, 2024, Town Board Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for the December 12, 2024, Town Board meeting minutes: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that there was a small presentation from the traffic consultants, Hudson Valley Engineers, regarding a sidewalk project on Route 52.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated this is a federally funded project that is part of the Transportation Alternatives Program, Tap. It is a \$1.7 million construction project with an 80/20% split on the funding. That means 80% is coming from the federal government and 20% is the local share. Route 52 has been going through a renaissance. This project is going to fill in all of the gaps. It started out with sidewalks around school and Archway Plaza. Some of the newer developments in the corridor like Orthopedic Associates and Flory's Mobil put in sidewalks and the town sponsored projects of the roundabout and the new drop off at John Jay added additional new sidewalks. Stellantis went in as one of the warehouse developments and they are putting sidewalk along their frontage as well as some up Patriot Way. The DOT also have put in sidewalks on the opposite side of the street in front of KeyBank. This is a blend of commercial and warehouse development. With the unique things about the high school being there is that some of the students are allowed to park all the way at the west end of the corridor at the soccer fields. Pedestrian safety and good, well-lit access from that side of complex and Corporate Park all the way to the school is important. This project looks to fill in all of those gaps. These are just preliminary plans to show you where we are talking about. Right now the students are extensively using the roundabout for crossing but sometimes they cross the road whenever they get the opportunity. Due to that fact, we thought it was important to put in another crossing closer or adjacent to the soccer complex for the parking that is allowed there. They are also looking to expand the lighting along the southern part of the corridor where there isn't as much light or spillover from the developments. At the end of this project there will be sidewalks on both sides of Route 52 from Corporate Park Drive all the way to and connecting to where the Stone Ridge Commons Development is. That is the development that was approved a while back. As part of that development, they will be required to put in sidewalks on their frontage. That goes up past the power lines and will connect into their property.

Mr. Orton stated this will be filling in the missing gaps from Corporate Park Drive up to Stone Ridge Development. On the western side it will start at Corporate Park Drive where they will install 5-foot-wide concrete sidewalks on the South side. This will go from Corporate Park Drive to the Stellantis Development where they have started their new sidewalk development. They are in conversations right now with the DOT to install a new block crossing in the vicinity of the soccer complex parking lot. This location has not been given final approval by the DOT yet. He does believe it is likely to happen now. They will install what is called rectangular rapid flashing beacons. It is a pedestrian activated pushbutton sign. When the pedestrian pushes the sign, you have flashing lights that alert motorists that there is someone looking to cross the road. They are the ones that are right by the Town Hall. Mr. Fitzgerald stated this is one of the most cost-effective ways for improving the safety of pedestrian crossings. Mr. Orton stated the flashing light will be helpful in the winter months when it is not yet light out. They will also be installing sidewalks and clean up the frontage of the soccer complex to funnel pedestrians into the parking lots to enhance safety. Stellantis has installed

sidewalks on the South side of the road, so this will fill in the gap from the soccer complex to Roethel Drive. Sidewalks have been installed in front of KeyBank, so they don't have to do anything there. On that side they are going to install lighting along their entire frontage for the way to the roundabout. Mr. Fitzgerald stated they are looking to install the same style and architectural lighting that is at the roundabout. Mr. Orton stated there is a missing gap of sidewalks from the roundabout to the high school on the South side of the road and that will be filled in with 5-foot-wide sidewalks. The intention is to utilize as much of the existing curve that is there. There is a small stretch in front of the school where the curve is nonexistent or noncompliant and that will be replaced with a traditional 6-inch barrier curb to help define the roadway. The sidewalk network will continue only to the school driveway and tie into their property. There is already a signalized pedestrian crossing at the school, and they will tie into that and make enhancements as needed. They are proposing to put a new center median and raised island at the school to help define crossing. A visual instruction in the road gives motorists the appearance that it is a narrow corridor and has been proven to slow vehicle speeds down. It also provides a safe refuge for pedestrians, so they only have to cross one lane at a time. Past the school they are going to construct a short segment on the North side of the road from the school driveway up to the proposed Stone Ridge Development that will allow for future expansion into those developments. There is a stream crossing under Route 52 in this vicinity and they will need to extend the culvert to carry the new sideway network and put a new guide rail in.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated in that area they have observed a number of students that live in the Stone Ridge Development that walk up the side of Route 52 and then head down some pathways on the power lines to get to their homes. This will give them to a better location for safely.

Engineer Bryant asked if they had a timeline as to when they would go out to bid. Mr. Fitzgerald stated they have sent the project proposal to the DOT. They are on their second iteration with them. The sidewalk is the primary thing they have to get approval on, and then they will get design approval. After that is just a matter of doing final design. They anticipate this job to be out into construction this year.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there were any questions or comments. Engineer Bryant stated they are really doing a great job trying to get that area pedestrian friendly. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they do try to get applicants to put in sidewalks when the projects come in because they are very expensive. They were very lucky that they were able to get federal funding for this project.

Announcement of Additions to the Agenda:

Supervisor D'Alessandro said there is an addition to the agenda. It will be to appoint a part-time police dispatcher.

Courtesy of the Floor:

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

Robert Grasso spoke about the traffic issues in Hillside Lake and requested a flashing stop sign. Board Member Franco stated the flashing sign they were discussing is a pushbutton for pedestrians. Mr. Grasso also stated cars are going the wrong way on a one-way road on a daily basis. Highway Superintendent Williams stated he did not know how well a flashing stop sign would go over in a residential area. Mr. Grasso also spoke about large branches leaning into various roadways. He asked if there was anyone at the County that could be contacted about some of their roads as well. Board Member Franco stated the County is slow to respond to issues sometimes. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he should contact John Metzger as he is on the DPW for the County. Highway Superintendent Williams stated that wintertime is when they do a lot of tree trimming and he assumes that is when the County will do it as well.

Receive and File:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there was a \$10,000 donation from Ruth Strid that is earmarked to be used for the East Fishkill Senior Program.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that this is the reorganizational meeting for the year and there are specific, requirements for certain resolutions to be made annually.

Resolutions:

1. Banking:
 - a) Designate Depositories

RESOLUTION
(DESIGNATE THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF THE TOWN)

WHEREAS, the Town Board must authorize the official depositories of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller has recommended that the Tompkins Mahopac Bank be continued as the principal depository of the Town and that other banking institutions be authorized by the Board for the deposit of money based upon competitive interest rates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby designate the Tompkins Mahopac Bank, with offices at Route 82,

Hopewell Junction, New York as the official depository for the Town of East Fishkill for all official accounts of all public offices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following banking institutions which have offices within the Town be and hereby are authorized to be depositories of the Town for funds to be deposited by the Town Supervisor based upon competitive interest rate quotes given at the time of investment, to wit: Key Bank, Route 52; Chase Bank, Route 82; Wells Fargo Bank, Route 376; M&T Bank, Route 376 and the Rhinebeck Bank, Route 52 as well as Putnam County Savings Bank. Within the limits of FDIC Insurance or third party reciprocal collateralization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following banking institutions which have offices out of town be and hereby are authorized to be depositories of the Town for funds to be deposited by the Supervisor based on competitive interest rate quotes given at the time of investment, to wit: Raymond James Financial, Ridgefield, CT within the limits of FDIC Insurance or third party reciprocal collateralization and NYCLASS Client Services, Denver, CO with no FDIC Insurance, deposits are invested in US Govt obligations and securities in accordance with NY legal restrictions on municipal investments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the deposits shall all be secured in accordance with Town Law.

b) Designate Authorized Signatures

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING THE VARIOUS SIGNATORIES ON TOWN ACCOUNTS)

WHEREAS, the Town Board has previously designated the official depositories of the Town; and

WHEREAS, under NYS Town Law, the Supervisor is the authorized signer of said accounts; and

WHEREAS, Town Law authorizes the Town Board to establish alternate signers in the absence of the Supervisor; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that all bank accounts maintained by the Town shall be subject to the control of the Town Supervisor who shall be the sole signer on said account; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Deputy Supervisor Thomas Franco be and hereby is an authorized signer on said accounts in accordance with law in the absence or inability of the Supervisor to sign said accounts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby continue the requirement that all checks in excess of \$500,000.00 be countersigned by the Town Clerk.

Motion to designate the depositories of record and designate the authorized signatures: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Re-Appoint and Designate Chairs of Various Boards

RESOLUTION
(APPOINTING ALL BOARD CHAIRPERSONS)

WHEREAS, the Town Board on an annual basis appoints a Chairperson for each Town of East Fishkill Board; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to appoint said Chairpersons for 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following will be the Chairperson for each of the listed Boards/Council for the Town of East Fishkill for calendar year 2025:

John Eickman	Planning Board
Norma Drummond	Zoning Board
Brent Feldweg	Conservation Advisory Council
Paul Pesavento	Architectural Review Board
Rich Iuele	Recreation Board
Deborah McCaffery	Ethics Board
David Palin	Fire Advisory Board

Motion re-appointing and designating Chairs of Various Boards as amended: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Confirm Supervisor’s Designation of Liaisons of Various Boards, Committees, and Departments

RESOLUTION
(CONFIRMING DESIGNATION OF LIAISONS TO BOARDS & COMMITTEES)

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor on an annual basis indicates to the members of the Town Board which committees and agencies of the Town they will be the Board Liaison to; and

WHEREAS, in the role of a liaison they regularly meet with their department or board, or committee and report back to the Town Board as a whole as to the status of any issues pertaining to those agencies or boards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby designates the following liaisons to boards and committees:

Councilman Franco – Recreation Dept., Veterans Committee, Justice Court
Councilman Marinaro – Police Dept., Economic Development Committee, Assessors Ofc.
Councilman Arco – Emergency Services, Building Safety, Zoning Board
Councilman Flores – Highway Dept., Town Clerk, School Districts

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all members of the Town Board be and hereby are authorized to attend meetings of any board or agency of the Town upon notice to the official liaison who may also be attending.

Motion to confirm the Supervisor’s Designation of Liaisons of various Boards, Committees, and Departments: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Authorize Supervisor to Sign Personal Service Agreements within Budgetary Lines

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN PERSONAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITHIN BUDGETARY LINES)

WHEREAS, there are personal service agreements that are budgeted and require the Town Supervisor’s signature; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is asked to authorize the Supervisor to sign any personal service agreements within the budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute all personal service agreements as budgeted for 2025.

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign Personal Service Agreements within budgetary lines: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Designate Insurance Brokers for 2025

RESOLUTION
(DESIGNATE INSURANCE BROKERS OF RECORD FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025)

WHEREAS, the Town Board on an annual basis needs to maintain insurance for coverage for the Town; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to designate Town brokers of record;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Brown and Brown Insurance be and hereby are designated as the Town's brokers of record for Commercial Coverage and Worker's Compensation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Dutchess County Agent be and hereby is designated as the Town's broker of record for Health Insurance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Marshall & Sterling be and hereby is designated as the Town's insurance broker of record with respect to the Town's Disability insurance.

Motion to designate Insurance Brokers for 2025: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

6. Authorize Supervisor to sign IMA's and Contracts for Services with Agencies as Budgeted for 2025

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT AND CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES WITH AGENCIES)

WHEREAS, The Supervisor signs Intermunicipal Agreements and contracts annually for services with agencies as budgeted; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is asked to authorize the Supervisor to sign all Intermunicipal Agreements and contracts that are in the 2025 budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute all Intermunicipal Agreements and contracts for services with agencies as budgeted in 2025.

Motion to authorize Supervisor to sign IMA's and contracts for services with agencies as budgeted for 2025: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

7. Authorize to Advertise Bid for Town Wide Paving

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR BLACK TOPPING)

WHEREAS, for many years, the Town of East Fishkill Highway Department has performed all repaving in house; and

WHEREAS, due to the current economic conditions, a review of the matter appears that it may be more cost effective and additional roads may be able to be paved should paving be bid out; and

WHEREAS, if the paving is done by an independent contractor, the existing highway forces can work on extensive drainage improvements that are planned by the Town Highway Superintendent which are necessary throughout the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer has met with the Highway Superintendent and they are developing bid documents and standards; and

WHEREAS, a list of the roads to be paved is being assembled by the Highway Superintendent for further review by the Town Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Engineer and Highway Superintendent are hereby authorized to prepare bid specifications with respect to obtaining a contractor for laid-in-place asphalt services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon completion of said bid specifications and documents, that the Town Clerk be and hereby is authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for these services with the advertisement for the bids taking place at least 21 days prior to the date set for the receipt of bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the receipt of the opening of the bids by the Town Clerk, the Town Engineer and Highway Superintendent shall review the bids received and make further recommendation to this Board with respect to the award of the same.

Motion to authorize to advertise for bid for town wide paving: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. Adopt Fee Schedule for the Building Department, Planning & Zoning Board, Engineering, Water and Sewer (permits) Departments for 2025

RESOLUTION
(SETTING FEES FOR 2025)

WHEREAS, the Town Board from time to time reviews all fees charged by the various departments of the Town; and

WHEREAS, a current fee schedule has been requested for the Building, Planning, Zoning and Engineering Departments, and Water and Sewer (Permits) Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the annexed list of fees shall be established for the calendar year 2025 as the fees to be charged for the such named departments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board approves the attached list of fees for 2025.

Motion to adopt a Fee Schedule for the Building Department, Planning & Zoning Boards, Engineering, Water and Sewer (permits) Departments for 2025 as amended: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

9. Authorize the Hiring of Summer Camp Director

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZING HIRING OF CAMP DIRECTOR)

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

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director has submitted a letter to the Town Board with the name of a Camp Director; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director recommends that the Town Board rehires Danielle Keenan as Camp Director; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby appoints Danielle Keenan as Camp Director at a seasonal salary of \$11,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that employment shall be for the period of time from which they are hired until the conclusion of their summertime program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon completion of their task they shall be removed from the payroll unless further ordered by the Town Board.

Motion to authorize the hiring of the Summer Camp Director: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

10. Declaring Certain Property to be Surplus and Authorize Auction of Same

RESOLUTION

(DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZE AUCTION OF SAME)

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

WHEREAS, said property consists of miscellaneous items such as Highway Equipment, modems, and a scanner; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board concurs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the modems and scanner are not in working condition and are hereby declared to be surplus and will be disposed of in a proper manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Highway equipment 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.

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

11. Approve Winter Sidewalk Snow Removal Bid for 2025-2027

RESOLUTION

**(TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL
TB 2024.02B SIDEWALK SNOW & ICE REMOVAL AWARD)**

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill includes three sidewalk areas that require snow and ice treatment during the winter season; and

WHEREAS, the previous contract has terminated and the Town publicly advertised and circulated a public bid on November 18, 2024 requesting services of sidewalk snow removal and ice treatment; and

WHEREAS, the proposed services meet the criteria of a Type II SEQR classification as defined in NYS Law 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 and requires no further action; and

WHEREAS, the Town received five (5) submissions on November 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the lowest, qualified bid is provided by Negri's Outside Remodeling Specialists, Inc. in the amount of \$37,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby declares and authorizes Nicholas D'Alessandro, Town Supervisor, be provided the authority to authorize a contract with Negri's Outside Remodeling Specialists, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$37,000.00 for the 1st winter season and will continue as outlined in the bid package for three (3) winter seasons.

Motion to approve the Winter Sidewalk Snow Removal Bid for 2025-2027: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

12. Set a Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Board regarding iPark for January 30, 2025 at 6:00 PM

RESOLUTION

(SETTING A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING WITH THE PLANNING BOARD ON AN APPLICATION FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL PERMIT FOR LOT 6 AT IPARK GRID #6656-03-127232 AND #6656-03-169074)

WHEREAS, iPark is being redeveloped by National Resources, and

WHEREAS, National Resources has filed an application with the Town Board and the Planning Board to redevelop Lot 6 Grid #6656-03-127232 and #6656-03-169074 in the iPark area, and

WHEREAS, the Law requires that the Town Board hold a Public Hearing on the application and for consistency the Planning Board will hold a Site Plan Public Hearing with the Town Board, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on the application of National Resources for an Economic Development Special Permit on January 30, 2025 at 6:00PM at the Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, New York. Any member of the Public may speak at said hearing.

Motion to set a joint Public Hearing with the Planning Board regarding iPark for January 30, 2025 at 6:00 PM: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

13. Set Dangerous Buildings Proceedings for March 27, 2025

RESOLUTION
(SETTING DANGEROUS PROPERTY OWNERS HEARING)

WHEREAS, three properties have been determined to be dangerous under NYS and Local Dangerous Buildings Law, and

WHEREAS, the properties are located at 469 & 477 Route 376 and 483 Route 376, and

WHEREAS, the property owners have the right to submit information to the Town Board before the Town Board orders demolition or other action with respect to the properties, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board will hold a hearing for the owners of the above properties to address the issues raised in the original Notice to them at the Town Board Hearing to be held on March 27, 2025 at 6:00PM, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Notice be sent to the property owners listed on the assessment records by Certified Mail and that a copy be posted on the site.

Motion to set Dangerous Buildings Proceeding for March 27, 2025: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

14. Appoint Planning Board Member

RESOLUTION
(APPOINTING PLANNING BOARD MEMBER)

WHEREAS, the Planning Board is made up of seven members and two alternates; and

WHEREAS, due to the resignation of John Greenan, it is necessary for the Town Board to appoint one member to the Planning Board for the remaining period of the current member; and

WHEREAS, Chairperson Eickman has requested that John Giovagnoli, currently an alternate, be appointed as a member of the Planning Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board appoints John Giovagnoli as a permanent member and will serve the remaining term of John Greenan which will expire on December 31, 2026.

Motion to appoint a Planning Board member as amended: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

15. Designate Official Newspapers

RESOLUTION
(DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE TOWN)

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Town Law the Town Board must designate an official newspaper to be used for the publication for all legal notices of various departments and agencies of the Town; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to make such designations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southern Dutchess, a newspaper of general circulation, published within the County be and hereby is designated as the official newspaper of the Town of East Fishkill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all legal notices of all boards within the Town shall be published in said newspaper; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that when timing does not permit proper notice by the publication, Southern Dutchess News, then upon specific consent of the Supervisor, the Poughkeepsie Journal be and hereby is designated as the alternate official newspaper.

Motion to designate the official newspapers: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

16. Acknowledge the Hiring of an Additional Seasonal Wingman

RESOLUTION
(ACKNOWLEDGE THE HIRING OF SEASONAL WINGMAN)

WHEREAS, the Highway Department needs Seasonal Wingmen; and

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

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has already hired Seasonal Wingmen; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent is hiring Joseph Vollaro as an additional Wingman; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has been interviewed and recommended to the Town Board by the Highway Superintendent for a seasonal wingman position; and

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

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

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

Motion to acknowledge the hiring of an additional seasonal Wingman: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

17. Reject Phillips Road at Route 216 Roadway Realignment Bid

RESOLUTION
**(REJECTING BIDS RECEIVED WITH RESPECT TO THE
RELOCATION OF PHILLIPS AT ROUTE 216 PROJECT)**

WHEREAS, the Town previously advertised for bids for the realignment of Phillips Road and Route 216; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk received said bids and opened the same; and

WHEREAS, the Town has encountered unexpected delays in securing the required R.O.W. for the above referenced project, the Town Engineer recommends the rejection of all bids;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and hereby is authorized to notify all bidders that said bids have been rejected and to return any bid bonds or deposits previously posted to the respective bidders.

Motion to reject the Phillips Road at Route 216 Roadway Realignment Bid: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

18. Authorize Advertising for Request for Proposals for Concession Services for the Town Parks for the Summer

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE TOWN PARKS CONCESSION)

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director has prepared a request for proposals for professional services with respect to the Town Recreation Concession; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to receive proposals for said services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Recreation Director be and hereby is authorized to circulate and advertise a request for professional services for a Concession at the Town Parks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receipt of said proposals, the Town Recreation Director shall review and evaluate the same and shall provide the representatives of the Town Board with a recommendation and all of the proposals for their independent review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board will choose the appropriate vendor at a later date.

Motion to authorize advertising for Requests for Proposals for concession services for the town parks for the summer: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

19. Authorizing Advertising for Requests for Proposals for 2025 Brush Drop Off

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE 2025-2026 BRUSH DROP OFF)

WHEREAS, the Town has maintained a brush drop off program for the convenience of the residents of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor has proposed that the Town continue with the brush drop off program as well as advertise for request for proposals to provide a brush drop off site; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to advertise for requests for proposals for same; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor and Town Clerk be and hereby are authorized to advertise for request for proposals to provide for a brush drop off point in the Town during the Spring and Fall; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said proposal shall be received and evaluated by the Supervisor and a summary report will be provided to the Town Board for authorization.

Motion to authorize advertising for Requests for Proposals for 2025 - 2026 Brush Drop Off as amended: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

20. Authorize Advertisement for Bids for Highway Department Equipment & Materials

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS)

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has submitted to the Town Clerk a list of various materials and equipment needed in the operation of the Highway Department in 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for a bid to be put out to advertise for said equipment and materials to be utilized by the Highway Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and hereby is authorized to advertise for receipt of bids for the Highway Department for materials & equipment for the year 2025.

Motion to authorize advertisement for bids for Highway Department equipment & materials: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

21. Authorize to Advertise Bid for Maintenance Building at Lime Kiln

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZE A BID FOR LIME KILN RECREATION MAINTENANCE BUILDING)

WHEREAS, the Recreation Department is in need of a maintenance building to store and maintain equipment; and

WHEREAS, a design and a bid package needs to be prepared by the Engineering Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, after receipt of bid package the Town Clerk be and hereby is authorized to advertise for a bid for labor and materials and then report such results to the Town Board for final award.

Motion to authorize to advertise for bids for maintenance building at Lime Kiln: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Additions to the Agenda (If any):

1. Appoint a Part-time Police Dispatcher

RESOLUTION
(APPOINTING A PART-TIME POLICE DISPATCHER)

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill Police Department has received a resignation from full-time Police Dispatcher Nicholas McSorley; and

WHEREAS, the Town acknowledges the resignation of Nicholas McSorley as a full-time Police Dispatcher; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Cuccia has recommended the re-hiring of Nicholas McSorley as a part-time Police Dispatcher; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Nicholas McSorley is appointed as a part-time Police Dispatcher with their pay rate & benefits in accordance with the CSEA contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointment shall be made effective January 5, 2025.

Motion to appoint a part-time Police Dispatcher: Board Member Franco.
Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated after listening to the comments made during their workshop he would like to propose the board consider modifying the current building moratorium and proposed a public hearing for this for the March public meeting.

2. Set a Public Hearing to Consider Modifying the Current Moratorium on March 27, 2025 Meeting at 6 PM

RESOLUTION
(SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO MODIFY & EXTEND LOCAL LAW 3 OF 2024)

WHEREAS, the Town Board is poised to receive a draft of the Proposed Master Plan for the Town, and

WHEREAS, the process to fully consider the Plan will not be completed by June 30, 2025 when the current Moratorium expires, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to consider extending and modifying the Moratorium through December 31, 2025, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board will conduct a Public Hearing on March 24, 2025 during their regular monthly meeting to consider extending and modifying Local Law 3 of 2024 which imposed a moratorium on certain uses in the Town pending the consideration of a new Master Plan.

Motion to set a Public Hearing to consider modifying the current building moratorium for March 27, 2025 at 6 PM: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Budget Transfer:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there are no budget transfers.

Comments from Town Board Members:

Chief Cuccia stated there was a major arrest on Robinson Lane within the past month that they have been questioned about due to the severity of the crime. There are 28 members of the Police Department to do everything they can to protect and serve these neighborhoods. The crime that occurred appears to be an anomaly. There are not drug houses coming into the Town. This seems to be a one and done and he would not be highly concerned, especially with the Police Department that backs this Town 24 hours a day 365 days a week. Our Police Department and the Dutchess County Drug Task Force do everything they can to lower drugs in the area. The Supervisor was recently at a press conference that the drug task force held that reported overdose deaths decreased drastically within the past year. That is because the drug task force goes out there every single day and significantly reduces the amount of drugs that are being pushed around the whole County. East Fishkill is still a great place to live and the Police Department does everything to ensure that. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he and the Chief attended a press conference at the Dutchess County District Attorney's office and they learned that Dutchess County leads New York State in overdose deaths. They have pushed mandates for the drug task force to reduce that. Chief Cuccia stated that was a 2023 figure but in six months they have had over 50% reduction in those deaths. Board Member Marinaro asked if there was a study as to why Dutchess County was so high. Police Chief Cuccia stated a lot of it has to do with the drugs that are being pushed and who dealers are and how things are cut. Without the drug task force member being here he does not want to say the wrong thing. Most of them are fentanyl deaths. Unfortunately there are other drugs that have come back in the past year that have not been around for a while. Meth and crack are both back. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that drug dependency is a horrible epidemic. Police Chief Cuccia did say that two officers participated in the Shop with a Cop Program at Christmas time. He thanked Officer Montagna and Officer Mullaney for putting in their own time to do that and help several families.

Highway Superintendent Williams stated they are out cutting back tree limbs. They do keep in contact with the school district to provide bus clearance as well. Royal Carting trucks are out there as well. They also call in low hanging limb reports and Highway gets out there right away to take care of them. If anyone sees anything that is hazardous call the office. The Jetvac has been out when temperatures are good. They are doing pothole patrol every day. The wreaths will be coming down next week.

Board Member Arco said he handed off to the Chief the remaining items that Officer Froud needs for completing the certification as a Basic Life-Support Trainer. He stated that any help that any organization needs, he will attempt to help make those connections. There are a few projects he is still working on with the Chief and another police officer that he is hoping to complete this year. He

stated on a personal note he would like to thank the entire Highway and Police Department for their trust in him supporting them as their town liaison. They have had great collaborative dialogue on all the projects they worked on together. He has learned a lot from everyone in hopes he has contributed to their successes. He does believe that he has accomplished a lot of cost-saving measures with both departments. He does look forward to his next liaison assignments.

Board Member Marinaro reported on December 30 he participated in a special meeting with the East Fishkill Fire Commissioners and Assemblyman Beephan to discuss and clarify certain disclosures regarding a truck purchase from 2014. There were some malfunctioning issues, and it was consequently returned to the manufacturers. All misunderstandings have been resolved and the community was made aware of all of the findings. The East Fishkill Fire District volunteer fire department is doing an amazing job serving the community with great tax savings to everyone. The department is possibly seeking volunteers to fill various positions, especially in the EMS department. Board Member Marinaro wanted to mention the recent passing of longtime resident and Vietnam veteran, Mr. Joe Zingone. He established the mini scholarship fund for the Italian National Honor Society in the Wappinger School District. Board Member Marinaro wanted to thank him.

Board Member Franco stated he had a question for the Engineer. The light at Lime Kiln is not functioning properly. Engineer Bryant stated they are trying to get an electrical contractor to come in. It is like trying to pull teeth. He's hoping something will get fixed within the next two weeks.

Board Member Flores thanked Supervisor D'Alessandro for scheduling the previous workshop. She felt it was very helpful for not only the Board, but the public as well. She thanked the attorney for making it clear and easier to understand. There have been a lot of people talking about the Master Plan. They have been working on it for a little over a year now. The last committee meeting was last week. It is coming together nicely. The theme of the plan is cultivating balance, and it addresses economic prosperity, a healthy environment and the social well-being and quality of life for the community. As part of the plan they do identify strategic areas that they want to focus on as a Town for development to make sure things are done in a balanced way. There are many different interests and views in the community, and they know they will never make everyone happy, but they will try to keep that balance. The committee was made up of a diverse group of community members and everyone comes with a different perspective and thought. They share those thoughts and ideas to make sure that everyone was heard. Everyone on the committee represents their neighbors and not just themselves. They are working on the finishing touches. They are working on the executive summary, as well as the implementation chapter. They are hoping to be able to present this to the Board at the March meeting. A lot of work went into it, but she is very happy with the way it is coming out. The Board thanked her for all

of the work put into this project. Board Member Flores stated this was a great committee that worked well together.

Motion for Adjournment: Time: Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:25 PM: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Town Board Meetings:

Regular Meeting/Workshop Meeting:	February 13, 2025
Workshop Meeting:	March 13, 2025

Respectfully submitted by Julie J. Beyer on behalf of Town Clerk Peter Cassidy –
January 25, 2025