

MINUTES
TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 17, 2025
6:00 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Town of East Fishkill's Town Board Meeting on April 17, 2025, 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 a Naturalization and Citizenship Ceremony in the Town of Pawling this month. Over 50 people became new US Citizens. It was a wonderful ceremony. It is organized by the County Clerk's office. He has been trying to get this ceremony to be held in East Fishkill but it has not happened yet. He will continue to try.

There was a concert at the library as part of the new Classical Concert Series. It was the second one of the year. He thanked the organizers of this program and the library for the use of the space.

Annual Town Cleanup Day was successful. He thanked everyone who participated. This is an event that was started by the Town Clerk, Peter Cassidy, 29 years ago. It was a big success again.

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended the East Fishkill Historical Society's 65th year celebration and spring fundraiser. Everyone did a wonderful job. This is one of the best historic sites in Dutchess County. All the southern Dutchess supervisors and historians are working together on the America 250 Celebration next year. They are looking to do one big celebration for Dutchess County as well as the smaller celebrations throughout the year. The East Fishkill Civil War Weekend is Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4. The Annual Strawberry Festival is Sunday, June 1.

Farmhouse tours are available every Sunday from June through September.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held this past Sunday at the East Fishkill Community Center. It was a tremendous success. He thanked everyone who made this a great event.

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended the Community Development Advisory Council meeting for the month. They review all of the grants within the County. There are a lot of great applications coming in throughout the County.

The Stormville Fire Company held their annual Palm Sunday Pancake breakfast. The volunteers did a tremendous job and it was a packed house. He thanked everyone who came out to support the volunteers and the volunteers who did all the work.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that the Comprehensive Master Plan Committee has completed the Master Plan. Now it is on to the Public Hearings. The Planning

Board has started thier Public Hearings. The first one was this past Tuesday. Please attend those meetings and give feedback. The Town Board will set a date for this Public Hearing for the Master Plan for June. This has been a long process and the committee has done a tremendous amount of work. They did make this process as open to the public for review as possible. He thanked everyone on the committee for all their hard work as well is the professionals who volunteered many hours for this as well. Please come out at the Public Hearings and give your opinions and experiences.

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:

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

Public Hearings:

None.

Approve Minutes:

March 27, 2025, Town Board Minutes

Motion to approve the March 27, 2025, Town Board meeting minutes: Board Member Marinero. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Announcement of Additions to the Agenda:

Supervisor D'Alessandro said there was one addition to the agenda to be done at the end. It is to modify and extend Local Law 3 of 2024, which is the moratorium.

Courtesy of the Floor:

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak about any general town issues. There was no one.

Receive and File:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there was nothing for receipt and file.

Resolutions:

1. Authorize Appropriation of Funds for Library Reimbursement

RESOLUTION
(PARTIALLY REIMBURSING LIBRARY FOR SEWER LINE)

WHEREAS, the East Fishkill Library has Coterminous Boundaries with the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Library in 2024 connected to the Hopewell Hamlet Sewer District; and

WHEREAS, the Town received American Rescue funds and indicate some of those funds would be used for sewer connections; and

WHEREAS, the Town may wish to connect to the Sewer Service at a future date; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to pay to the East Fishkill Library District the sum of \$43,172.06 as a share of the cost of connection to the public sewer system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor shall enter into an agreement with the Library District that allows the Town to connect to the Sewer Service and establish easements, if so desired at a future date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Library has represented to the Town that it has bid in accordance with law.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
PETER CASSIDY, TOWN CLERK

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Motion to authorize an appropriation of funds for the library reimbursement: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Authorize Hiring Seasonal Red Wing Lifeguards

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZING HIRING OF SEASONAL RED WING PARK EMPLOYEES)

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is hereby authorized to place temporary summer employees on the Town payroll as approved by the Town Supervisor for Red Wing Park that are required to meet the needs necessary to run the summer programs not to exceed the budgeted amount; and

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

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

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

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

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

3. Update Building & Planning Fee Schedule

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENT OF BUILDING PERMIT AND PLANNING FEE)

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received a request to adjust the Building Permit and Planning Fee Schedule for Places of Worship and Non-Profits; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to modify the Fee Schedule with a reduction by half for Places of Worship and Non-Profits; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the 50% reduction in fees for Places of Worship and Non-Profits (not including escrows).

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

**DATED: APRIL 17, 2025
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Motion to update Building & Planning Fee Schedule: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Set May 8, 2025, as a Special Meeting to Consider Paving Bid

RESOLUTION

(SCHEDULING A SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING)

WHEREAS, the Town Board hereby authorizes a Special Town Board Voting Meeting prior to the Workshop to be held on May 8, 2025 to consider a 2025 Town Wide Paving Bid; and

WHEREAS, the bids are due May 1, 2025 and will be reviewed by the Town Engineer and the Highway Superintendent prior to the meeting; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to schedule the Special Town Board meeting to award the 2025 Town Wide Paving Bid; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board will conduct a Special Voting Meeting on May 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall to consider awarding the Town Wide Paving Bid.

Motion to set May 8, 2025, as a Special Meeting to consider paving bid: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Authorize Transfer of Police Service Weapon to Retiree

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF SERVICE WEAPON)

WHEREAS, Detective Sgt. Paul M. Gaston recently retired from the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it is customary to allow a retiring officer to retain his service weapon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the weapon to the above retiree.

Motion to authorize the transfer of a Police Service Weapon to a retiree: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

6. Authorize Change Order Beekman Well 5

RESOLUTION
**(AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER FOR
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF BEEKMAN WELL #5)**

WHEREAS, the Town previously authorized WSP Engineering to perform an analysis of the Beekman well field for potential increased capacity. The analysis concluded that with the addition of a new well, increased water production can be achieved. Results of the initial analysis have been reviewed and discussed with the NYSDEC and Dutchess County Health Department.; and

WHEREAS, the Town received grant funding to support a portion of this project via NYSEFC DWSRF #19146. There is a 30% grant/70% district cost share and the Town completed bonding in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Town requested that WSP prepare a proposal of services for the remaining work to design and construct a well, complete well pumping, and obtain water quality samples that will be used for the 2nd portion of the project design that provides an upgraded water plant and design for interconnecting the Beekman Water District with Four Corners Water District.; and

WHEREAS, SEQR for this project was previously completed with an “Unlisted Action” classification and the Town of East Fishkill is the Lead Agency; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby declares and authorizes Town Supervisor, Nicholas D'Alessandro, be provided the authority to negotiate and authorize WSP Engineering for design, construction, and well testing of Beekman Well #5 for an amount not to exceed \$292,190.

Motion to authorize a Change Order for Beekman Well 5: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

7. Authorize Highway Foreman to Attend Conference

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICIAL TO ATTEND THE ASSOCIATION OF HIGHWAY)

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent is requesting for the Deputy Highway Superintendent to attend the Association of Highways. The training will be held at Ithaca College from June 2, 2025 to June 4, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby authorize the Deputy Highway Superintendent to attend the Association of Highway held at Ithaca College, June 2, 2025 to June 4, 2025; 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 Highway Foreman to attend a conference: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. Appoint Seasonal Laborer

RESOLUTION
(APPOINT SEASONAL LABORER)

WHEREAS, the Town has interviewed Kenneth Williams, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the Town has hired Kenneth Williams, Jr. as a Seasonal Laborer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby acknowledge the rehiring of Kenneth Williams, Jr. as a Seasonal Laborer in the Water & Sewer department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Kenneth Williams, Jr. will be paid at an hourly rate of \$19.00 effective April 4, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon completion of seasonal tasks, Kenneth Williams, Jr. shall be removed from the payroll.

Motion to appoint a seasonal laborer: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Additions to the Agenda (If any):

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there was one.

1. Set a Public Hearing to Modify and Extend Local Law 3

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received 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 May 22, 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 for May 22, 2025, to consider modifying and extending Local Law 3 through December 31, 2025: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. 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 trimming back a lot of the roads and the parks throughout town. They have been working on Townsend Road, Harrigan Road, and South Greenhaven Road with the tree crew. They finished the roofing they have been working on for the park dugouts and snack shack. They have also done some of the roof work on the dugouts at Brettview. They are getting ready to start street sweeping and working on the roads that will need to be paved. There is a lot more involved with determining which roadways get paved each year. They need to make sure drainage is up to par. In older developments there tend to be rotted pipes and catch basins. They have to make sure all the drainage is in working order before they go in and pave a road. They also have to make sure the tree work is done beforehand as well. Please call the highway garage with any issues instead of posting things on Facebook.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he was talking with the Town Engineer and there are areas that need to be cut and filled before they can do paving as well. They need to walk the roads and mark them out so it can be done in-house.

Superintendent Williams stated they do a lot of work to get the paving done and each year they take the worst roads. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they also look at the volume of the road and see if it is a cut through road because they get higher traffic. There is a lot that goes into determining what roads get done.

Superintendent Williams stated the Town Engineer does a Traffic Study. Sometimes they will even have counters to see how many cars are traveling the roads. The jet VAC has been out and they are cleaning out catch basins and pipes. They are working on the roads with the jet VAC that are going to be paved first. The tree crews have been out. They are getting the fields ready for opening day. They do need some seasonal help. The Street sweepers will start Monday in front of the Police Department, work their way through Town, and then branch out. The mountains will be done last and hopefully there will be no more snow. They did have to send out crews for snow for the last storm. He also worked with the Police Department and during heavy winds last week as well.

Police Chief Derrick Cuccia stated vehicle break-ins are up. Springtime seems to be the season that they start. He reminded everyone to please lock your doors. The fraud cases are up. Please speak to the seniors in your life because they are the ones that are targeted. If anything involves a gift card is usually a scam. They do have posted on their Facebook page the various scams that are going on right now that they are aware of. He thanked all of the officers that participated in the Easter egg hunt. There was a DWI conference earlier this month and he thanked

Officer Castello, who won the Dutchess County award for the most DWI arrests in the County. He stated they received grants. A lot of work goes into getting them. They received one that will cover their entire firearms replacement to get new Glockes with red dots. He thanked Michael O'Brien and Sargeant Humphries who did a lot of the legwork to do the research for the grant and apply. He stated that the EVOC Course that they are working on getting will starting this month. All officers will be participating down at Rye Playland where the training is being given. Officers will get emergency vehicle driving training. Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if the vehicle break-ins were in areas closer to the Parkway or the highways. Chief Cuccia stated they have noticed that a lot of the break-ins are closer to areas off of I 84 or closer to TSP. It does come into other neighborhoods so everyone should be diligent. He stated for the most part they are not smashing windows so make sure you lock your doors. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated a few years ago the Police Department went into the Senior Center to give a presentation so they were aware of the ongoing scams. Chief Cuccia stated they are working on having a community event where the residents can come in and be updated on situations like this. Board Member Franco asked if they could go to the Senior Center and Chief Cuccia said of course.

Board Member Arco stated if you leave your car door unlocked you are probably leaving your front door open because in your car is a remote control to your garage. He met with Councilwoman Flores and the Highway Department to discuss new trucks and the salt shed grant and the water and sewer infrastructure. In regard to the Fire Department the EMS shortages are the biggest issue. County Legislators Steve Caswell and John Metzger have been instrumental in relaying our concerns regarding EMS to the County. We have a problem that a lot of the towns that touch East Fishkill do not have the same services that we do so our ambulance goes out from mutual aid but we don't always get an ambulance back into our town from mutual aid. He has a scheduled meeting on May 1 with the Supervisor, Town Attorney, and OnSemi facilities to discuss iPark, site needs, OnSemi needs, and review of the Onsemi fire department operations. He is almost done with the asset inventory for all of the town assets and systems throughout the town including the water, sewer, and town buildings and auxiliary buildings for Highway Department. All of the floor layouts are nearing completion and a formal bid should be going out within the next month or two. He wished everyone a happy and safe Easter. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he has some EMS statistics that have been forwarded from the County that he will give to the councilperson.

Board Member Marinaro thanked Chief Cuccia for all of his updates. They have been discussing quality of life in the Town. They have been discussing ways in which law enforcement could help improve the quality of life. He stated they have received a lot of complaints from the community regarding different sites where people are disposing of their garbage. It is not appropriate. He has spoken with the Chief to try and correct this using whatever he has at his disposal. No one wants a community where something like this becomes problematic. Law

enforcement should be addressing this. People are saying that Amazon is the only place where there is garbage being left around but that is not true. During Town Cleanup Day Board Member Marinaro cleaned up in front of Frankie's Superette out towards Hillside Lake Road. There was a lot of garbage along there. If you drive by now, it looks like it was never cleaned up. He wished everyone a happy Easter and a happy Passover.

Board Member Franco reported there was a little bit of an issue at Recreation but thanks to the Highway Superintendent, Christine Selback, and Mike Cicero they were able to figure it all out. There was a water issue at McGrath field and lacrosse was supposed to play there. The field locations have been moved around some but all the kids will be able to play this year. He asked that everyone be patient as they try to correct the water issues on the field. He stated to accommodate working residence with registrations and Lake passes the recreation office will extend its hours on Wednesdays starting May 7 to be from 8 AM to 6:30 PM. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday are from 8 AM to 4 PM. May 5 starts registration for most summer programs. Red Wing Lake passes are at the Recreation Office only. There are no online sales for that. Red wing's with lessons and swim team, summer camp trips, basketball camp, fish and camp and youth golf lessons are all opening. Early registration for summer camp is open until May 16. Women's basketball for ages 18 and up has games played at Hopewell Rec on Monday evenings. Coed sand volleyball registration has started. Men's basketball registration will start May 5. On June 8 they have a casino trip, July 9 is the Full Monty at the Forestburg Playhouse. July 23 is the New York Mets against the LA Angels. August 7 is the Saratoga Raceway trip. August 20 is the Forestburg Playhouse Head over Heels production. To register you can call the Recreation Office or go on the website.

Board Member Flores said they appreciate all of the interest and comments they are getting on the Master Plan. They do want feedback from everyone in the community. This is still in draft format so there is still an opportunity for the public to weigh in. In the meantime if there any comments or questions she asked that no one hesitate to reach out to her. You can access it from the Town website. She wished everyone a happy Easter and a happy Passover.

Supervisor D'Alessandro wished everyone a happy Easter and a happy Passover. Please enjoy your family time.

Motion for Adjournment: Time: Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:42 PM: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Town Board Meetings:

Workshop/Special Meeting:
Regular Meeting:

May 8, 2025
May 22, 2025

Respectfully submitted by Julie J. Beyer on behalf of Town Clerk Peter Cassidy –
April 18, 2025