# MINUTES TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL TOWN BOARD MEETING JULY 24, 2025 6:00 p.m.

#### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Town of East Fishkill's Town Board Meeting on July 24, 2025, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor D'Alessandro with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### **Supervisor's Presentation:**

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they were presenting the Milestone Awards to several local businesses tonight. This program was started with the Rotary. This is for businesses in East Fishkill for 20 years or more. There will be several of these given throughout the year. The first award was for East Fishkill Provisions and this award was brought to the store and a video was shown for it. They have been in business for 68 years run by multi-generations. The Dutchess School of Driving was presented with an award for 23 years to the community. Bellizzi Jewelers was presented an award for 28 years. Williams Lumber was honored for 32 years. Brady's Power Equipment was given an award for 37 years. Superior Signs was honored for 38 years. Sabellicos Greenhouse and Flowers with 75 years of business. Royal Auto Parts was also honored for 78 years of business and service in the community. Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked all of the businesses. They will be doing another round of Milestone Awards in September. Philip Ortiz and McHoul Funeral Home will be two of the businesses joining this in September, John Jay graduate, Franco Devonco, is doing a program called Word Around Jay, and he would like to interview some of the businesses on their way out.

#### **Supervisor's Announcements:**

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended the Village of Fishkill's annual reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 4<sup>th</sup>. This was their 124<sup>th</sup> year of reading this. It was a very nice event.

Supervisor D'Alessandro met with Christine Selback and Rick Soedler from the Recreation Department and the Historical Society to discuss next year's 250 Years Grand Celebration. They have met with several other towns that make up the Rombout Patent. Each town would rather do their own individual celebrations. East Fishkill's will be at the main recreation park the week after July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026. So it will be July 11<sup>th</sup>. 2026. There will be a re-enactment with George Washington coming in on horseback to read the Declaration of Independence to start the event. More details will be released as the planning continues.

There was a Town Hall held here at the Town Hall with Congressman Lawlor for his mobile office hours a few Thursdays ago. It was from 1 PM until the close of Town Hall. He does this throughout his district. There was also one at John Jay High School on June 28 at 5:30 PM. It was very well attended. He fields questions from the audience and gets a lot of answers for people.

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended the Beacon Hopewell Rail Trail Committee meeting. They discussed the final results of the feasibility study by the Dutchess County Transportation Council. There is a lot of information in it and a lot to do before it becomes a reality. It also included a cost for each plan. One is for a rail with trail plan which means they keep the rail bed there and build the trail next to it. That cost estimate is \$154 million. The cost is so high because they need to bring in a lot of materials. The second plan was a rail to trail they removed the rail and put the trail where the rail was. The estimate came in at \$51 million. It is a 13 mile trail. They did not mention how they are going to fund it.

There was a meeting with the Chief of Police and Police Lieutenant with Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi to discuss a joint plan with the East Fishkill Police Department and the District Attorney's Office. This is for a program that will upgrade the body camera program.

Supervisor D'Alessandro spoke at the monthly Honor a Veteran ceremony. It was in Fishkill. It was very well done and he presented the family with a proclamation on behalf of the Town Board.

Congressman Lawlor had his quarterly call this month with the municipal leaders in his district. This is done every quarter. This is a review of what is being done in Washington with a Q&A afterwards.

East Fishkill applied for the Dutchess County CDBG for a project they're looking to do at Julie's Jungle. It is to access the bathrooms at the building from the outdoors and get rid of the port-a-potty. They were awarded a grant. East Fishkill lost one of their best town employees, Butch Kidney. He was a Highway Foreman and a wonderful person. Prayers and thoughts are with his family.

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

Board Members in attendance were:

Craig Emanuel Tom Marianne Nicholas Arco Marinaro Franco Flores D'Alessandro

Also, in attendance were:

Thomas Wood, Attorney; Derrick Cuccia, Police Chief; George Cronk, Engineer; Ken Williams, Highway Superintendent; Mark Pozniak, Comptroller.

#### **Public Hearings:**

None.

#### **Approve Minutes:**

June 26, 2025, Town Board Minutes July 7, 2025, Town Board Minutes

Motion to approve the June 26 and July 7, 2025, Town Board meeting minutes: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Announcement of Additions to the Agenda:**

Supervisor D'Alessandro said there were two additions to the agenda, which will be done at the end.

#### Courtesy of the Floor:

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

Fran Caracappa asked the board to reconsider the August 28 date for the Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Master Plan. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they are planning on keeping the Public Hearing open and not closing it that night. She also asked that as the Master Plan references, this is a bedroom community so she is requesting that the meeting start at 7 PM instead of 6 PM. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they used to have meetings at 7 PM and they were not as well attended as they are now. Ms. Caracappa suggested doing a survey and Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that was a good idea. They do understand they cannot make everybody happy.

Stephen Bechtold, from 1286 Route 82, spoke of concerns regarding the Phillips Farm solar farm and flooding on his property. He has a report stating it was built incorrectly and the pitch of the land is over 10°. He asked if anything was going to be happening with this. He has retired but cannot sell his house without disclosing he gets 2 feet of water in his front yard every time it rains. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they have been having a lot of meetings with their attorneys and there is discussion of a possible lawsuit against the company. Attorney Wood stated that the report states there was a problem with the original report's baseline. They did just receive an updated CAD File regarding the drainage. They have preserved their right to bring litigation against the owner and they do have a bond of a \$150,000 cash bond that can be used for remediation if the owner will not do something. He feels they will have a definitive answer from the consultants and look forward soon. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they did mention to the owner the two properties that were affected most and suggested that they purchase those properties at fair market value. He does understand this has been a long and tedious process, but they are not backing down. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he will call Mr. Bechtold directly when he gets more information.

#### Receive and File:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they have nothing at this time.

#### **Resolutions:**

1. Authorize Travel and Training for Town Justice

## RESOLUTION (AUTHORIZING TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR TOWN JUSTICE)

**WHEREAS**, the Town Justice, Frederick Romig has requested that the Town Board authorize him to attend the New York State Magistrates Association Annual Conference; and

**WHEREAS**, the conference is in Niagara Falls, NY from September 14, 2025 through September 17, 2025; 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 conference 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 the Town Justice: Board Member Franco, Seconded: Board Member Flores, All voted in favor, Motion carried.

2. Declare Lead Agency for Comprehensive Master Plan SEQR Review

#### RESOLUTION

(RESOLUTION DECLARING LEAD AGENCY FOR THE REVIEW OF THE EAST FISHKILL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND SCHEDULING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING)

**WHEREAS**, a final draft of the comprehensive plan was submitted to the Town Board for review and comment on March 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board declared its intent to be Lead Agency for the Comprehensive Plan SEQR review on March 27, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board referred the final draft comprehensive plan to Dutchess County, the other East Fishkill Municipal Boards, town departments, and the Architectural Review Council for review and comment; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Town Board declares itself Lead Agency for the Comprehensive Plan SEQR review.

Motion to declare Lead Agency for Comprehensive Master Plan SEQR Review: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Set Public Hearing for Comprehensive Master Plan for August 28, 2025

## RESOLUTION (SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN)

WHEREAS, the Town has received the Final Draft of the Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Town Board to hear comments from the public with respect to the Comprehensive Plan; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board shall conduct a Public Hearing at its regular meeting of August 28, 2025 at 6:00PM at the Town Hall to consider hearing comments regarding the Comprehensive Plan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Town Clerk shall duly advertise said Public Hearing.

Motion to set a Public Hearing for Comprehensive Master Plan for August 28, 2025: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Declare Personal Property Surplus

## RESOLUTION (DECLARING SURPLUS)

WHEREAS, the Town has old computers that do not work; and

WHEREAS, IT has checked all equipment that is on the attached list and recommends that they be considered surplus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board does deem this equipment surplus;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that said equipment is hereby declared surplus and is to be disposed of in a proper manner.

Motion to declare personal property as surplus: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Re-appoint a Part-Time Legislative Aide

## RESOLUTION (RE-APPOINTING A PART-TIME LEGISLATIVE AIDE)

**WHEREAS,** Civil Service Law allows the appointment of a person as a Legislative Aide to assist the Town Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board would like to re-appoint a Part-Time Legislative Aide to assist in amending the Master Plan and to perform such other functions as are assigned by the Town Board and Town Supervisor; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that Rosemary Boyle Lasher be appointed as a Part-Time Legislative Aide to the Town Board; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that she shall be paid \$75 per hour.

Motion to Re-appoint a Part-Time Legislative Aide: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

6. Authorize Engineering & Planning Department to Apply for CFA Grant

#### RESOLUTION

(RE: AUTHORIZING TOWN STAFF TO APPLY TO THE SMART GROWTH COMMUNITY PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH THE 2025 CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION FOR PURPOSES OF UPDATING THE TOWN'S COMMUNITY WIDE ZONING REGULATIONS)

**WHEREAS**, the Town of East Fishkill has completed an update to the Town's 2002 Comprehensive Plan and prepared a Final Draft of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan titled "Cultivating Balance"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is expecting to adopt the updated Comprehensive Plan "Cultivating Balance" prior to the end of September 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has incorporated Smart Growth principles into its updated Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is seeking to update its community wide zoning regulations to reflect the new Comprehensive Plan and its Smart Growth principles; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the East Fishkill Town Board is authorizing Town Staff to prepare a Consolidated Funding Application for the Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 with a required 10 percent local match for a project known as the East Fishkill Community Wide Zoning Regulations Update.

Motion to authorize Engineering & Planning Department to apply for CFA Grant: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

7. Authorize Advertising for Town Wide Tree Removal Multi Year Bid

## RESOLUTION (AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR TREE SERVICES BID)

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Department is requesting Town Board authorization for advertisement of Tree Services; and

**WHEREAS,** the BID will seek two projects (Hopewell Glen Water District & Pinewood Water District) as well as ongoing support services for a two (2) year period; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to advertise for responses; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Supervisor and Town Clerk be and hereby are authorized to advertise for BID Tree Services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that said responses shall be received and evaluated by the Supervisor and Water and Sewer Department so that a recommendation be provided to the Town Board for authorization.

Motion to authorize advertising for Town Wide Tree Removal Multi Year Bid: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. Authorize Submission of Grant Application – Hopewell Hamlet WWTP

## RESOLUTION HOPEWELL HAMLET WWTP (BOARD RESOLUTION – WIIA FUNDING APPLICATION)

**WHEREAS,** The Town of East Fishkill, New York (hereinafter the "Town") has established the public benefit of the Hopewell Hamlet WWTP Upgrade Project (hereinafter the "Project); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town plans to upgrade the WWTP to improve reliability, protect public health and increase treatment capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Town has the opportunity to apply for grant funds from the NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) which may fund up to \$5 million or 25% of the total project costs; and,

WHEREAS, the total Project cost is estimated at \$6,845,000; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town is prepared to contribute matching funds through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program; and.

#### THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Town of East Fishkill is authorized to submit the WIIA grant application.

- 2. The Supervisor of the Town of East Fishkill is authorized to sign the WIIA grant application and any other documentation necessary for the project.
- 3. The Town of East Fishkill agrees to provide the matching funds required for WIIA projects through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

Motion to authorize a Submission of Grant Application – Hopewell Hamlet WWTP: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

9. Authorize Update of Police Body Cameras

## RESOLUTION (AUTHORIZE UPDATED POLICE DEPARTMENT BODY CAMERAS)

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has previously authorized body cameras from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the East Fishkill Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Town Board to authorize the Police Department to use Axon Enterprise, Inc. to update their body cameras; and

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

Motion to authorize an update of Police Body Cameras: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

10. Authorize Water Consultant for Shenandoah Water District

#### (AUTHORIZE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SHENANDOAH WATER DISTRICT)

WHEREAS, the Town operates the Shenandoah Water District that supports about 145 homes as well as several commercial properties along Rt 52, including the John Jay high School; and

**WHEREAS**, the water source for the District is provided via the Town of Fishkill Merritt Park Water Tank and the Town has an agreement for the purchasing of water; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2024 the water quality of the water in the Shenandoah water system lessoned, causing the Operator to flush the system frequently, ensuring good water quality, subsequently leading to an investigation; and

**WHEREAS**, Engineering Services are needed to support further investigation of the water system and potential alternative water sources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town sought three proposals of engineering services from three consultants, previously identified via the 2024 Engineering RFQ, and has identified Barton and Loguidice, DPC to support the evaluation for a fee of \$26,200.00; and

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

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED**, on behalf of the Shenandoah Water District, the Town allocates the \$26,200.00 for professional engineering services; and

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby declares and authorizes Town Supervisor, Nicholas D'Alessandro, be provided the authority to authorize a contract with Barton & Loguidice, DPC for an amount not to exceed \$26,200.00.

Motion to authorize Water Consultant for Shenandoah Water District: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

11. Authorize Consultant to Design Repair for Beekman Sewer District

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(AUTHORIZE BEEKMAN SEWER DISTRICT PIPE REPAIR DESIGN)

**WHEREAS**, the Town experienced significant storm damage on July 9 and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 that caused flood damage and scouring to a portion of the sanitary sewer collection system located in the Beekman Sewer District.; and

**WHEREAS,** FEMA established project # 738273 to support the necessary repairs. The Town worked with the FEMA and NYS Emergency Services response teams to establish a project repair scope and budget of \$199,881.50.; and

**WHEREAS,** FEMA provides funding of 75% for the project budget. Subsequent to the FEMA project funding, New York State has also allocated funding for 12.5% of the project budget. Therefore, the Beekman Sewer District is responsible

for 12.5% of the project budget. A portion of the 12.5% can be accounted for via staff time.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has received the project funding in the amount of \$174,896.31 (87.5%) and has sought Professional Engineering Services from the pre-qualified East Fishkill Consulting Engineering Firms. Upon review of the proposal of services and fee, the Water and Sewer Department recommends engaging Tighe & Bond Engineering and Landscape Architecture, PC for an amount of \$56,080.00; and

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

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED**, on behalf of the Beekman Sewer District, the Town allocates the \$24,985.19 towards the project costs; 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 Tighe & Bond Engineering and Architecture, PC for an amount not to exceed \$56,080.00.

Motion to authorize a consultant to design repair for Beekman Sewer District. Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

12. Acknowledge Hiring Seasonals for Highway

## <u>RESOLUTION</u> (ACKNOWLEDGE SEASONAL LABORERS)

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent has interviewed Luke Pozniak & Carson Durkin; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent is requesting the Town Board acknowledge the hiring of Luke Pozniak & Carson Durkin as Seasonal Laborers; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby acknowledge the hiring Luke Pozniak & Carson Durkin in the Highway Department; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Luke Pozniak & Carson Durkin will be paid at an hourly rate of \$17.00 and following the completion of their seasonal tasks, they shall be removed from payroll.

Motion to acknowledge Hiring Seasonals for Highway: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

13. Authorize Promotions in Highway Department

#### (ACKNOWLEDGE PROMOTIONS AT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT)

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent has promoted Leobardo Lopez & Jessie VanAnden to Construction Equipment Operator (CEO1), and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby acknowledge the promotions of Leobardo Lopez & Jessie VanAnden to Construction Equipment Operator (CEO1) in the Highway Department; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Leobardo Lopez and Jessie VanAnden will be paid in accordance with the current CSEA contract, effective August 3, 2025.

Motion to authorize promotions in Highway Department: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

14. Authorize Contract with iWorQ for Highway Management Software

## RESOLUTION (AUTHORIZING HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE)

**WHEREAS**, on an annual basis a Councilperson serves as a liaison to the Highway Department; and

**WHEREAS,** over the past two years the liaisons have discussed with the Highway Superintendent the acquisition and installation of software to manage the fleet and its maintenance and repair as well as a Work Order Management System; and

**WHEREAS**, after reviewing many options it was decided that iWorQ is the best software; and

**WHEREAS**, the pricing was based on the agreement in place in the Town of Pleasant Valley;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Supervisor and Highway Superintendent are authorized to execute a contract for iWorQ applications and services in the total sum of \$14,000.00 annually, said contract form to be approved by the Town Attorney.

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Motion to authorize a contract with iWorQ for Highway Management Software: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

15. Add Additional Out-of-District Users for Hopewell North Water District

## RESOLUTION (AUTHORIZE OUT OF DISTRICT WATER USERS)

**WHEREAS**, the Town has received water use requests from two out of district water users (132800-6457-02-510638, 132800-6457-01-470744, 132800-6457-01-437774); and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer and Water and Sewer Department have received written requests to connect to the public water system; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town will need to enter into an Out-of-District Agreement that will authorize the domestic use for a quantity of water as well as a water source fee (\$7,500/BU), permit fee, out-of-district user fee adjustment (125%), and ongoing water use fees; and

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

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

132800-6457-02-510638	Excess Baggage LLC	896-904 Main St
		Storage Facility
132800-6457-01-470744	DKKA Corp	3 Turner St
		Restaurant
132800-6457-01-437774	Moustakas, Kayleigh	10 Turner St
		Single Family Residence

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

Motion to add additional out-of-district users for Hopewell North Water District: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

16. Authorize Change Order for Cannon Well Fields

### RESOLUTION (AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER FOR CANNON WELL FIELD)

**WHEREAS**, the Town continues to develop Cannon Well #5 in order to add additional flow capacity from the Hamlet Water District; and

**WHEREAS**, the well development will require additional professional services from WSP to identify the best treatment options for the new well as well as the permitting with NYSDEC.; and

**WHEREAS,** WSP has previously supported the drilling and development of Well #5 and are also authorized and completing the design for the Hamlet Wells Treatment; and

WHEREAS, we will need to complete this work to help with a the SEQR classification; and

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED**, on behalf of the Enterprise Fund, the Town allocates the \$39,000.00 for the additional professional engineering services; and

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby declares and authorizes Town Supervisor, Nicholas D'Alessandro, be provided the authority to authorize a Change Order with WSP USA, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$39,000.00.

Motion to authorize a Change Order for Cannon Well Fields: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

17. Authorize Consultant for Various Water Districts for Equipment Replacement

## RESOLUTION (AUTHORIZE DESIGN SERVICES FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENTS)

WHEREAS, the Town operates the Sagamor and Beekman Waste Water Treatment Plants that each utilize a series of Air Blowers as part of the treatment process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town previously budgeted repairs for each blower system and they will require some engineering and permitting with NYSDEC.; and

**WHEREAS**, Tighe and Bond Engineering and Landscape Architecture, LLC has provided a proposal of services in the amount of \$16,700.00; and

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

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED**, on behalf of the Sagamor and Beekman Sewer Districts, the Town allocates the \$16,700.00 for the Professional Engineering services; 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 Tighe & Bond Engineering and Architecture, PC for an amount not to exceed \$16,700.00.

Motion to authorize a consultant for various water districts for equipment replacement : Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### Additions to the Agenda (If any):

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there were two.

## RESOLUTION (ADDRESS DANGEROUS BUILDING)

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board Building Department previously initiated a dangerous building proceeding held at the June 26, 2025 Town Board Meeting with respect to:

483 Route 376 (Grid# 6457-01-326756) David Koehler, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Town Board to consider extending the initial directive to obtain a demolition permit an additional 30 days; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town Board hereby declares and authorizes Town Supervisor, Nicholas D'Alessandro, to extend the deadline an additional 30 days to August 24, 2025 to obtain the demolition permit.

Motion to extend an initial directed to obtain the demolition permit for an additional 30 days in respect to a dangerous building at 483 Route 376: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, held at the Town Hall, in Hopewell Junction, New York on July 24, 2025 at 6:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time.

PRESENT:

Nicholas D'Alessandro

Supervisor

Tom Franco

Councilperson

Emanuele Marinaro

Councilperson

Craig Arco

Councilperson

Marianne Flores

Councilperson

In the Matter

of
ORDER

The Increase and Improvement of the
Facilities of Hopewell Hamlet Sewer
District, in the Town of East Fishkill,
Dutchess County, New York

ORDER
CALLING
PUBLIC
HEARING

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, has caused to be prepared a map, plan and report, including an estimate of cost, pursuant to Section 202-b of the Town Law, relating to the improvement of the facilities of Hopewell Hamlet Sewer District, in the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York (the "Sewer District"), being reconstruction of facilities, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$6,485,000; and

WHEREAS, said capital project, 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 any significant adverse impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to call a public hearing on the question of the increase and improvement of the facilities of said Sewer District, in the matter described above, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same, in accordance with the provisions of Section 202-b of the Town Law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, by the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing will be held in the Town Hall, in Hopewell Junction, New York, in said Town, on August 28, 2025, at 6:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time, on the question of the increase and improvement of the facilities of Hopewell Hamlet Sewer District, in the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, in the manner described in the preambles hereof, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same, and to take such action thereon as is required or authorized by law.

Section 2. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing hereinafter provided to be published once in the official newspaper, and also to cause a copy thereof to be posted on the sign board of the Town, such publication and posting to be made not less than ten, nor more than twenty, days before the date designated for the hearing. The Town Board hereby ratifies the provision of said Notice of Public Hearing to the official newspaper prior to the date hereof.

Section 3. The notice of public hearing shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof.

<u>Section 4</u>. This Order shall take effect immediately.

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

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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Motion to set a Public Hearing on August 28, 2025, at 6 PM for the Hamlet Sewer District for \$6 million bonding: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Budget Transfer:**

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there were budget transfers. Everyone should have received copies of them.

Comptroller Pozniak stated the first transfer is for National Night Out. This is a police related event this is allowing those donations to be applied to that. The second one is to move money within the Parks and Playgrounds Fields to salaries for some contractual expenses.

Motion to accept the budget transfers as presented: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

Highway Superintendent Williams thanked the Board for the iWorQ program and the pavement management group. He has been working very closely with Board Member Flores and Board Member Arco. Board Member Marinaro has also called several times. These programs will help a lot. They been working on getting Entry Road paved as well as Inky Lane, and Old State Road. They have been doing tree work in the Lake Walton area and the surrounding areas. They have been working on the new building at the Town Hall with Metzger Excavation. They were doing the footings over the last few days. They have been working on the bathroom at Julie's Jungle. He thanked Everette for all his work. They have been doing patchwork on Friendly Way, Larchmont Road, Phillips Road, Harrigan Road, and in the Legends. They have done the drainage basin repair in the

Legends and on Innsbruck and Covered Bridge. They did some tree easement work over on Brandy Lane. They did a lot of work in the park on the footpath trail with Mr. Manning as well.

Police Chief Cuccia thanked Lieutenant Greg Stanis for all of his help on the Ask Somebody Camera Project. He spearheaded that program and the training that will be held this month. The golf outing for the PBA will be Monday, August 4. He thanked all of the members that helped with that and the sponsors who donated. August 5 will be the National Night Out here at the Recreation Park. He asked everyone to come out and enjoy the night. There will be burgers and hot dogs and a dunk tank. There will be bounce houses. July training will be baton training and in August they will be doing the annual active shooter training.

Board Member Arco stated he has been working on the same projects each month. The Fire Chief and the Supervisor and he meet regularly to discuss the commercial clients in the Town as well as future developments that could impact the fire service. A few weeks ago he had the pleasure working with Butch Kidney on the irrigation system. Earlier in the month all of the crews chipped in to plant a tree in his wife's memory. He thanked the Highway Department for all their heart that they showed. He will be missed.

Board Member Marinaro said he is in touch with Chief Cuccia every week to discuss police activities throughout the community. At the beginning of the month he, the Chief, the PBA representative, and Supervisor D'Alessandro met to discuss the possibility of a future creation of a monument behind the Police Department for their fallen law enforcement. This would be a joint project with the Highway Department. A few weeks ago he, the Supervisor, and mental health specialists did a video presentation for the local community discussing the needs of those who may have fallen through the cracks. He has personally received a call from someone in need of help as a result of this presentation. They provided a lot of information to the community. Board Member Marinaro stated he received some phone calls from residents complaining about reckless driving through the center of Town. He has observed it himself. He asked that everyone use patience and caution when driving, especially during the summer when there are tourists unfamiliar with local traffic. He stated he has done a few projects with Butch in the past and he was a fine human being. He will be greatly missed.

Board Member Franco wished Highway Superintendent Williams a Happy Birthday. August 4 starts registration for the winter basketball league for kids in third grade through 12th grade. Sunday, August 10 from 12 to 4 is the annual Think Differently Day at the beach. This is a wonderful event for kids of all abilities and their families. It is at Red Wing Park and he invited everyone out. You can register@EastFishkillrecreation.com. East Fishkill Community Day is Saturday, September 20. All vendor information is on the East Fishkill website or call the recreation office for more information. Youth basketball camp starts next week at Fishkill Plains Elementary. August 20 at Forsberg Playhouse is Head over Heels.

Tickets are on sale. To register for programs or trips you can call the Recreation Office or go on the website. He thanked everyone who participated in the Master Plan Survey. They got 65 responses. They want information from everybody to be proactive. If you want to be part of future surveys please contact the Supervisor's Secretary at 845-221-9191 extension 7 and you'll get an e-mail list. He stated that Butch Kidney worked every single day as hard as he could. He was always there for everyone.

Board Member Flores said Butch was one of the nicest people she has met. He had a rough exterior but one of the kindest hearts and he will be missed. She stated they really want feedback from the residents regarding the Master Plan. Some of the responses from the survey highlighted what people like about the plan and what they had concerns about. What they liked is revamping the downtown and maintaining scenic beauty of the town. They like the historic details in the demographics that are in the document. They liked the implementation plan. Some of the concerns had to do with traffic, too much housing, too much focus on Hopewell Hamlet, water and sewer, and the top priority that people highlighted was community character and maintaining that and the land use. She feels it was good feedback. They will be looking for ways to do more surveys. She is continuing to work closely with the Highway Superintendent on a number of projects. She does appreciate the approval of the Board for investing in technology for not only the Highway but also for the Police Department. She does believe those investments in iWorQ and pavement management will greatly improve the operations. Any technology or software is only as good as how you use it. They will make sure they are monitoring it closely to ensure that it becomes ingrained in the operations. She wished Superintendent Williams a Happy Birthday.

Clerk Cassidy stated that Butch was a great guy. He stated that the thing he gets phone calls on is in regard to Peddlers Permits. They do issue those permits for people to go door to door. Ask someone who comes to your door if they have a permit and if they do not, call the police department immediately. There are rules against peddlers without permits. The three that he knows still have permits are Aptive, Powerhouse, and Trinity Solar.

Supervisor D'Alessandro wished Superintendent Williams a Happy Birthday. On Monday, July 28 there will be something called 80 Nights of Taps. It will be at the East Fishkill Rotary Park at the big flagpole in town. Dani Masterson does a solemn tribute as a remembrance in memory to those who have served our country. Beginning in May, she has committed to performing Taps each evening for 80 consecutive nights in honor of our fallen heroes. The musical tribute not only serves as a poignant reminder of their sacrifice but also unites communities in reflection and gratitude. We're honored that Dani will bring her journey to East Fishkill performing Taps at the East Fishkill Rotary Park at 5 PM on Monday, July 28. He urged everyone to attend. This is a beautiful reminder of all that our

veterans do for us. He stated that everyone's prayers and thoughts are with Butch Kidneys family. He was a wonderful person, employee, and friend.

<u>Motion for Adjournment: Time:</u> Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:26 PM: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Town Board Meetings:**

Regular Meeting/Workshop: August 28, 2025 Regular Meeting/Workshop: September 25, 2025

Respectfully submitted by Julie J. Beyer on behalf of Town Clerk Peter Cassidy – August 6, 2025