

MINUTES
TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2025
6:00 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Town of East Fishkill's Town Board Meeting on October 23, 2025, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor D'Alessandro with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Presentation:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated the Town Planner, Michelle Robbins, was going to make a presentation. The Town is going to apply for the New York Forward Grant so they are looking for public participation and ideas to be added to the grant application. Ms. Robbins is here to give information as to exactly what the New York Forward Grant is and what the plans are.

Ms. Robbins stated the New York Forward Grant application is due on November 7. They have applied three or four times in the past and have gotten to the interview portion of it, which means they have been close to receiving the grant. She wants to give a background on what exactly the grant is. New York Forward is a State funded program for downtowns. It is an offshoot for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative. It is for New York smaller and more rural communities. The DRI is for larger cities and it was decided that smaller communities could also benefit from state funding so this is the offshoot. The DRI gives \$10 million to communities and the Forward Grant gives more than a half million dollars for communities in the Mid-Hudson Region. There are two available grants for this region so there are two chances for East Fishkill to win an award. They would like to see one or two substantial projects supplemented by a variety of smaller support projects in the town's downtown. They want community engagement as part of the application. They also require a pro housing certification. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there is only one award for \$10 million and two for a half million dollar awards for this grant and there can also be DRI for the same area for urban cities. Ms. Robbins stated last year Poughkeepsie won. Sometimes they will fund an urban area and then start funding the smaller villages and towns outside of those areas. East Fishkill might be in a good position this year due to that. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated two years ago the Town was a finalist. They had to do that video that they interviewed so many people for. It was pretty exciting. Ms. Robbins stated typically communities apply a few times before they are actually granted the award so that is not unusual. It is a marathon, not a sprint. The interview process would happen at the end of 2025 if the Town were selected. They would announce the selected community sometime in the winter of

either 2025 or in 2026. Project development would start in the spring of 2026 and construction would have to start sometime in the winter of 2027 for the projects that there would be funding for. New York Forward is basically for downtowns like East Fishkill and Hopewell with unique, easy to recognize characteristics that are distinct from the larger urban centers. They are less dense. In many cases, they have underutilized one to four-story buildings. They are centered around local goods and services and mom-and-pop shops that enrich the character of the community. The State is often looking to fund towns that lost industry, like former canal and rail towns like ours. Eligible projects for New York Forward include projects from renovation and redevelopment, projects that address vacancy and underutilized sites rather than the creation of new space. They are not looking to place a warehouse in the middle of the community but looking to utilize underdeveloped space and infill it. They're looking to elevate specific cultural and historic qualities and enhance small town charm like our rail history for example. They're looking to support commercial activity in the downtown and they like to see wayfinding and branding. You create wayfinding and branding to sort of create a sense of place in your town. That could be having signs that all have a similar symbol, or logo on it that will make people recognize they are in Hopewell Junction. As part of the New York Forward Grant, East Fishkill is in a good position because we just completed the Comprehensive Plan. That plan included a lot of the things that they will be talking about as potential projects for New York Forward. It included supporting trail oriented businesses, making sure that they have enough recreation and open spaces with pocket parks and other parks like the Veterans Memorial Park that we are in the process of working on. It also shows supporting mixed use, supporting maintaining sidewalks, and also connections between plazas and other locations and trails. The Comprehensive Plan included a lot of things that will be seen as part of the project that they are proposing as part of the application for the grant. The key planning takeaways in the Comprehensive Plan were to encourage the residential developments of existing commercial uses in Hopewell, improved pedestrian, bicycle, and trail connections, to make traffic connection improvements to reduce congestion and increase pedestrian safety, access and mobility, construct the Veterans Memorial Park, and style sidewalks and street scaping, reinvest in building façades and visual character, and develop a branding, marketing, and wayfaring strategy for the Town. All of these things came out of the Master Plan. In addition to that, the State wants to see that there are completed and ongoing projects that they are investing in their downtown already. There are a bunch of projects that are ongoing right now that put the Town in a good position to receive additional funding from the State. One is the State's Bridge Removal Project on Route 82. Others are the roundabout projects that the grant has been received for. There will be one at some point on Route 82. There is an infield development, private development at Chase Bank which was where the former hardware store was located. There is a little Unity Park that is being created at the large flagpole and flag that were put up next to the post office. It's being created into a small pocket park right in the downtown area. There is also the investment in the Empire State Trail and the amenities like the museum at the depot, and water fountain for folks

to use on the trail. In conjunction, the trail would connect our trails to the larger Empire State Trails and the Pavilion that is there now. All of this has led to create some additional projects that they would like to potentially see. They would like feedback from the public. She presented a map with the general locations of where these things might be located. She explained the projects in the draft Mission Statement, which is part of the grant requirement. They have created some conceptual ideas and they would like to get feedback on some of those as well. The concept they're looking at right now is to activate the street life in Hopewell Junction by creating small spaces throughout downtown for public seating, outdoor dining, and possibly small performances or gatherings. They would also like to look into the potential for some sort of event or outdoor amphitheater space at the recreation park. They would be looking at community spaces like pocket parks where they would have a little bit more landscaping, seating, and gathering space so that people can actually use the space as they were going shopping, walking from store to store. They would look at streetscape enhancements with pavers, benches, lighting, and the things that help create an atmosphere more conducive to pedestrians and beautification. They would be looking at the possibility of market and event space near the rail trail with possibly food trucks. They would like to enhance the accessibility and likability. They would like to create some sort of key cohesive signage for the Hamlet center with a sense of identity for the town and adding gateway enhancements at the entrances and exits to the Hamlet. This would help develop Depot Park a little bit more. It is considered the cultural and historic identity of the junction of Hopewell Junction, so they would like to enhance and expand improvements at the Depot Park. One of the projects is potentially to create some sort of service road behind some of the plazas to better connect the plazas and also take some of the traffic off of the main road and allow for loading and truck traffic to go behind the plazas in Hopewell. They would be looking to improve some of the parking behind the plazas and give a few more parking spaces and allow for better circulation and flow. They would reinvest and reinvigorate some of the buildings in Hopewell. They have a current project in front of them in the early stages at the Planning Board for the building that housed Golden Jade in it right now. They're proposing to take some of the office space on the second floor and convert it to a couple of apartments. In the process of doing that they would do some façade improvements and improve the general aesthetics of the building. One of the projects that New York Forward likes to fund is the Building Development Fund for business owners, which would allow them to potentially get loans or grants to do façade improvements on their buildings or sites. Another is to construct the Veterans Memorial Park. They are asking the public for things that they may have missed and for input on some of the projects that they would like to see in Hopewell. There is a website and a QR code. If you click on the QR code, it will take you to the website. There is an opportunity on the bottom to fill out a survey and talk about things that you would like to see and will connect to some of the other ideas that they already have. In order to complete the application the Town has to be certified in pro-housing in order to receive the grant funds. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they do have a resolution tonight for that. Ms. Robbins stated

they need to update that as well.

Board Member Franco asked if this grant was 100% funded by this State or is there any matching quality to it. Ms. Robbins stated it is funded 100% by the State. However, if you did receive the grants, the State comes in with the planner and they set up a planning committee and they go through the list of projects that you submitted as part of your application and you can always add projects. They look through it and try to figure out which projects they think are going to best leverage their funding. Then they assign a number of that \$4.5 million to each of the projects and that will be determined through the planning process. They might give you a portion of the funds for a larger type project, and you have to put the rest of the funding to it. It does depend on the project and how they view it and its importance to the downtown. It will be multiple projects and they will determine which ones they fund based on what they think is going to enliven and activate the downtown, and do the best for economic development and community growth.

Board Member Marinaro asked how much the total project would be if they were to put in for this grant. Ms. Robbins stated the idea is to get the State excited about investing in your downtown by showing them all the things that you would like to see done and the things that you are doing in the grant application. They are answering all the questions about what they would want, and where they would want to go, where they are now, and the things that are being invested in. Ultimately, the State will decide if they feel that you are a good investment. And then they will come in and work with you on what they think will give you the most bang for your buck. They do seriously look at the things that the community has put forth, because they're not going to fund you if they don't feel the community is going in the right direction and that the communities ideas are fundable.

Board Member Flores asked if projects are prioritized when they are submitted. Ms. Robbins stated she thinks they do ask that you prioritize. She has never actually been part of the committee. But she does believe they look at which projects they think are the best projects. Ultimately a committee is created with community members and these members should be advocating for their projects. The State Planner is just there to keep things moving and to be an impartial person that is involved in the process. They also want to make sure that they are funding things that are going to happen.

Board Member Marinaro asked if they are also applying for other grants as well because most of these projects are more than 4 1/2 million dollars. Ms. Robbins stated it they are because a lot of grants provide some, but don't cover all of it, or they already have some money towards a project but needed additional funds. The New York Forward funds could be used for that. You can use those funds. If you have an infrastructure project that you might already have partially funded that you need additional funding to finish out, you could use these funds for that as well. If you're going to provide funds to a private person or business New York Forward will only fund about 50% of that application. If someone wanted to do a

façade improvements and wanted to use some of the New York Forward funds they would have to spend half of the cost out of their own money and the New York Forward funds would cover the other 50%. There will always be some sort of leveraging or matching of other funds. There are cases where the New York Forward funds give the spark to get other grant opportunities opened up with the State.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked how it went tonight at the lobby and Ms. Robbins stated it went great. There were more people than she had expected. Everyone had questions and hopefully they would get some good feedback. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they can leave the paperwork out in the lobby so people can review it and fill it out. Ms. Robbins stated the application is due back by November 7. They'll have a list of projects and hopefully we'll get some feedback from meetings and incorporate some of the project the people provide so it can be included on the application. Typically, you'll hear sooner or later, whether or not there is an interview. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated the forms will be kept out in the lobby all of next week. Ms. Robbins stated sometimes it is in December when they make announcements but sometimes it is January or February. Board Member Franco stated they could also put it out on their survey platform to get it out to more people.

Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked Ms. Robbins for the very nice presentation.

Supervisor's Announcements:

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended the Dutchess County Supervisors and Mayors Association meeting. It was in LaGrange. They discussed the EMS issues in the County and nation-wide. They discussed how the County could take a larger role. They are putting fly cars in different areas, and it is a help, but it is just a Band-Aid so everyone is looking for more help from the County. They do believe that. EMS should be a countywide service. They are drafting a letter to the County Executive to see if they can get the County to take over all of the services. It has been a good back-and-forth with her.

There was a Dutchess County Community Health Summit held by the County executive and her staff at the Dutchess County Department of Health. It was held at the FDR Presidential Library. They did the annual renewal of the Community Health Improvement Plan. It was a very interesting and enlightening meeting. There was a quarterly meeting with Congressman Lawlor and the other town supervisors in his district in Dutchess County. This is something he tries to do once a quarter. He reviews what is happening in his district and in Washington, DC and how he can assist people. They did have some discussion regarding the government shut down and that all the congressional appropriations are on hold. East Fishkill does have several applications in for the 2026 cycle which will include certain areas of town that are having water and sewer issues.

There have been several meetings with the Engineer, Highway Department Superintendent, Supervisor D'Alessandro, and Board Member Flores about

paving and certain problematic areas in Town. One in particular is East Hook Cross Road. This is a very well-traveled road on weekends with very high volume. The road needs a lot of assistance in leveling because it is problematic in winter with plowing. They're going to be doing repairs and leveling out parts of the road. Then they will temporarily pave that part and the second part will be the reconstruction of the entire road. This is approximately a \$500,000 repair. It is approximately half of their entire paving budget for the year, so they need to do this in phases. They do have a plan and they are addressing the issues.

Supervisor D'Alessandro had a meeting with Beth Ann Canero. She is the new Dutchess County Veteran Outreach Coordinator. He did explain to her the very active East Fishkill Veterans Council. East Fishkill might be the only town in the county that has a Veterans Council. She was excited to hear about the new Veterans Memorial Park that is planned. The Council did meet a few months ago with the consultants and parts of the plan had to be updated. This is a very expensive project and they will be doing in phases. They will be applying for federal and state grants for this as well. He has also discussed this with New York State Assemblyman Beephan who will write a letter in support of these grants. Supervisor D'Alessandro attended the Dutchess County Transportation Council meeting. They look at all of the transportation projects that go on throughout the County. They have been very helpful in finding additional funding for projects in East Fishkill.

Supervisor D'Alessandro sits on the Dutchess County CDAC committee. They review applications for local grants. This past month they reviewed 26 APG grants and they will be voting on them next week. He will keep the community informed as to whether or not East Fishkill gets any grants.

Supervisor D'Alessandro met with John Jay High School Vice Principal, Mr. Paul Albanese and the PTSA who would like to beautify the roundabout on Route 52 outside of the John Jay High School. They have a lot of ideas, including a flagpole, some signage, and plantings. They're going to have a written plan for the Town Board to review.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that since Community Day he's been getting calls and notes from residents. There is a lot of work that goes into making it a great day for the entire community. So that was nice to hear. He expressed what he feels community means. He thanked everyone who makes up the community and all who make it better. He is honored to be the Town Supervisor.

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

Board Members in attendance were:

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

Also, in attendance were:

Ken Williams, Highway Superintendent; Derrick Cuccia, Police Chief; Thomas

Wood, Attorney; Scott Bryant, Engineer.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they were going to go out of order from the agenda and the Public Hearing for the Master Plan would be after all of the resolutions. That is to allow more people to get here if they could not get here for the 6 PM start.

Approve Minutes:

September 25, 2025, Town Board Minutes

Motion to approve the September 25, 2025, Town Board meeting minutes: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Public Hearings:

1. Open Public Hearing for Benefit Units

Motion to open the Public Hearing for the Benefit Units: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked Comptroller Pozniak to explain exactly what benefit units were and how the amounts are determined.

Comptroller Pozniak stated there are districts in the Town that provide a service to the people in that area only. It might be a water district, sewer district, Park District, and sidewalk districts. Only the people in those areas pay for those services. Some of those districts pay based on assessed value and some bonds are paid based on benefit units. This is dealing with the districts that are paid by benefit unit only which include water, sewer, drainage, and sidewalks. This is in lieu of the assessed property value. In most districts, a single-family home is one benefit unit or 100 benefit units. Vacant lots are typically assigned a reduced value. Commercial properties are usually assigned a higher benefit unit value based upon a variety of factors such as nature of use of the property, square footage, and estimate of total water or sewage usage, etc.

He presented a list of the special districts that have benefit unit assignments. The ones at Revere Park, Pinewood, Taconic, Little Switzerland, the Hopewell Hamlet water districts are all assigned a base 100 unit. At Revere Park, there are 77 homes with a value of 100. This is the time where people can comment on their particular benefit unit assignment. For the most part, all residential properties are the same. It is the commercial properties that may have a different value. A school might have a benefit assignment of 40 to use. In a commercial plaza, it might be 60 benefit units, which means they are paying the equivalent of 60 single family homes.

He stated at this time they normally ask if anyone has questions or comments about their benefit units. After this Public Hearing, there will be another one for the Town

wide budget.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if anyone had any questions or comments about their benefit units.

Resident #1 stated the report does not have the tax base of the town. She asked if the benefit units are based on the tax base of the town. Comptroller Pozniak stated the benefit units are based on the properties in that district. It has nothing to do with assessed value. Resident #1 asked if some basis of these numbers was provided in some other documents so people affected by this could understand it better. She asked how it is calculated because it is very difficult to determine. Comptroller Pozniak stated that a home in a district defined by benefit units, they are assigned one or 100. The way to determine a particular circumstance is to go to the assessment roll and it will tell you what your assessed value is and what your benefit assignment is for each district that you belong to. It is possible you could belong to four different districts. It is also on your tax bill from the prior year. If it changed, it would be on the updated role you can access on the web or by coming in to see the assessor or possibly the Town Clerk. Resident #1 stated the basis for this should at least be disclosed.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there were any other questions or concerns about the benefit units. There were none.

a. Close Public Hearing

Motion to close the Public Hearing for the Benefit Units: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

b. Adopt Benefit Assessment Roll

RESOLUTION
(ADOPTING 2026 BENEFIT UNITS)

WHEREAS, the Town Board held a Public Hearing with respect to the 2026 Benefit Units;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2026 Benefit Units be and hereby are adopted as the 2026 Benefit Units as presented.

Motion to adopt the Benefit Assessment Roll: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Open Public Hearing for 2026 Budget

Motion to open the Public Hearing for the 2026 Budget. Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked Comptroller Pozniak for his assistance on completing the budget. He also thanked everyone who took part in this project. He is presenting what he feels is a quality budget. For a typical property, it is a tax increase of approximately \$20 a year. That is a 1.6% increase. It is less than one slice of pizza a month. He is very proud of this budget. This is the most important action that the Town Board oversees for the Town. They take it very seriously and he is very happy to have a Town Board who cares as much as he does about the town finances. The total town budget is almost \$35 million. The General and Highway Operating Budget is \$27 million, of which approximately 15.4 million is the tax levy. That is what is raised by property taxes. That is an approximately \$20 per year or \$1.67 increase per month. They are adding to the town record of low tax increases for the residents and businesses. This also continues all full services from the Town and the Highway Department, Recreation, and the Police Department. This is all done without having to break the New York State mandated tax cap. He does hope they continue this. With the incredibly high increases in health insurance costs and other expenses, it becomes very difficult to keep up. They will continue to try to not exceed that New York State tax cap. This is primarily because there is a strong economic plan that this Town Board has implemented. They have attracted different large companies to come and build out the former IBM East and West campuses. He does understand people do not feel this development will lower the taxes, but he does feel that it is very clear by seeing this budget that that is not true. The growth in the Town is the reason why they are able to have very minor tax increases for the residents. If they did not have these additional revenues, then the tax burden would be increased for all of the residents. These companies may not lower your tax bill, but they definitely offset larger increases. He stated he also wants to discuss the assessment phase in agreements that the Dutchess County IDA has for some of these companies that have come into the East and West campuses. There are so many variables on why the Dutchess County IDA approves these agreements. Some of them include that the companies agreed to provide a certain number of jobs for the community. As part of the agreement. They have to guarantee a certain amount of investment into the community, construction, community benefits agreements that they have with the municipalities and other factors. When a company such as Amazon comes in, the Town or County has no say what company comes in. They cannot discriminate. When companies decide to come here they look at the whole geographic area to decide where the facility will best benefit their business. Amazon looked at East Fishkill, Danbury, Connecticut, and Matamoras, Pennsylvania. New York is not normally one of the best states with taxes and that is where the Dutchess County IDA comes in. They offer an assessment phase-in agreement. He showed a chart with the phase in agreement amounts as well as with the property was paying tax wise before Amazon, and after the phasing agreements kicked in. The first year of these phase in agreements always has the biggest reduction in taxes for these companies. Even with that phase in agreement, they are paying double what we would have gotten

paid for having no development there. The Town needs to do things to increase its income because certain expenses go up that they have no control over such as health benefits and pension benefits. It is very important to get to the higher years and phase in agreements because that's when they are collecting more funds. That particular area looked terrible before Amazon came in and renovated it. These businesses contributed to the school taxes without contributing children to use the resources so that is a huge benefit for the community.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked Comptroller Pozniak what the total percentage of the Town portion is of a tax bill. Comptroller Pozniak stated it is approximately 11%. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that is all of the tax bill that they have control over. The rest is approximately 9% for Dutchess County, 3% for the Fire District, 1% for the Library, and 76% for the School District. They run the entire town on 11% of the taxes they get paid and that includes the full-time Police Department, the Highway Department, the Recreation Department, and Town Hall. They do look to find other revenue, they participate in shared services, which does save some funds. They consolidate different departments and apply for all the grants that they can. Townwide property taxes equals approximately 50% of the total tax levy. They have other revenue from mortgage tax, sales tax, departmental fees, state reimbursements, and water and sewer usage fees. They have increased the Town wide fund balance over the years. With all of those accounts combined they currently have over \$13.5 million. When he took over as Supervisor they were as low as \$1.8 million. Sometimes when there are tough economic years, the fund balance is what gets the Town through the hard times without passing on higher costs to the taxpayers. The Town feels the same increases as the residents. In regard to utility charges, they are seeing a 40 year high in inflation and record increase in cost of goods. The tax cap is 2% for the rate of inflation, whichever is less. The rate of inflation has been very high the last few years. The Town still has to keep the 2% tax. The Town of East Fishkill, is the strongest town in Dutchess County. We have the lowest tax rate in the tri-county area with a full-time police Department. If someone sees another town with a lower tax rate, it is because they do not have a full-time Police Department.

Board Member Marinaro wanted to re-emphasize the importance of the industrial investments that the Town Board has done for the Town of East Fishkill. This has been a tremendous asset for the taxpayers in the community. No money was used from the tax base to bring in a particular company into this community. 76 to 78% of your total tax bill goes to the schools. The Town has no say about that. There has been a lot of negative publicity regarding this Town Board to allow these companies to come into this community to do business. He speaks to a lot of young people who will work at Amazon, and they are happy. Bringing this company in was good for the community. The seniors benefit, the businesses benefit, and it is a win-win for the whole community. Businesses realize that this Town Board is business friendly.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there were any questions or comments from the

public regarding the budget.

Frank Hurley asked why seniors are paying school taxes. If they don't have anyone going to the school. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they have no control over that. That is the New York State Legislature. Assemblyman Beephan and State Senator Rob Rolison are the contacts to fight this in Albany. Board Member Franco stated realistically there is 0% chance of change because of the way the Assembly is constructed. Mr. Hurley stated he did not have a problem paying school taxes when he was younger but now as a senior, he has an issue with it. Attorney Wood stated they would have to change the whole basis of assessment in the state. There are senior exemptions, but they are limited. It is up to the legislature to appropriate more funds. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that they try to be vocal and there have been many arguments about this at the legislative level. Board Member Franco stated. New York is one of the highest taxed states in the country and it is why more people are leaving than have been coming here. It is unfortunate. Mr. Hurley stated he would love to help make changes, but he does not know where to start. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he can call his representatives and even the Governor. Board Member Marinaro stated he has addressed these concerns to the school district boards. He spoke about the increase in the budget over the years.

Bill Bracy is a 71-year-old senior living in the town and stated that he totally disagrees with the prior speaker and is perfectly glad to pay taxes on the school budget despite the fact that he has no children in school. He believes that is the future and people before campaign for him to have his future in school.

Resident #1 stated there is a 5% increase in the base salaries for the Board in this budget. She stated the general ledger format is very difficult to read if you're unfamiliar with financials. She asked for clarification if the 2024 budget was actual numbers and the 2025 is the original budget, then there is a revised budget column for 2025. She asked what the actual year to date was. Comptroller Pozniak stated it is as of September 25. It does not have full accruals included in it for things that might be paid quarterly so there are some delays in some lines. Resident #1 asked if it would be updated for the 2025 actuals in March. Comptroller Pozniak stated they are required to submit financial reports to the State Comptroller by the end of April for the beginning of May. That would be the latest they would have final numbers for. The 2026 column is just showing the proposed budget. Resident #1 asked if for the next budget they could have an executive summary, that would explain this to the public. It would be very helpful. Board Member Arco stated that he calculated his pay and last year he earned \$7.25 per hour, so the increase is minimal. He stated it takes time to do this job in order to do it right.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there were any comments or questions from Board members.

Board Member Flores stated she appreciates all of the work that went into this and the Comptroller who spent a lot of time answering questions for her. She had a lot

of the same questions on the general ledger as resident #1 did. This is a really tight budget and she thinks the fact that it was kept under the inflation rate is a testament to the hard work of the Supervisor, the Comptroller, and all of the department heads who work so hard on keeping the costs down. She does appreciate them all. She does believe that as time goes on it will get tighter with the increases to health costs and pension costs. She does believe that before they go to the taxpayers to ask for a tax increase they have to do their due diligence and scrub through every penny that they spend as well as any economic development opportunities. They need to continue to pursue those to make sure they keep taxes down to the taxpayers and keep the quality of life in the town.

Board Member Franco stated the fund balance has grown significantly in recent years. It will help the taxpayers now and in the future.

Board Member Marinaro stated that although they tried to cut spending and reduce spending wherever they can, there are some situations where they are forced to comply with mandates from Albany that are beyond their control. They do try to save the taxpayers money, but there are mandates that they have to abide by. One in particular is the new behavioral specialist that they are requiring to have in every community. They do not want the Police Department to go into specific situations. The behavioral specialist person is trained to go into that setting. This is costing an additional salary with all of the benefits where that money could have been sent someplace else. For the most part, the Town Board and the Supervisor try to spend taxpayer funds diligently. He thanked Comptroller Pozniak for his support.

Board Member Arco stated he must have had 20 phone calls to Comptroller Pozniak for the last two weeks each. This is a very tight and achievable budget. A lot of hard work from the 100+ employees that work here can help this town achieve this budget. He looks forward to working on the staff with this.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated this is a tight rope to walk. They reviewed past budgets during tight economic times. In the past they have always cut the highway paving budget. It is always an easy target because it is a big number and it is easy to cut that. They never put it back afterwards. The roads now need a lot of attention. It is hard to bring that number back up. They have tried to increase it over the last several years, but it is still not enough. These are some of the hard decisions they have to make. He did thank Comptroller Pozniak for his work on the budget as well.

Board Member Marinaro stated they do the best they can in East Fishkill. They have increased the paving budget amount, but there is always more to be done. They are on the right track.

Close Public Hearing

Motion to close the Public Hearing for the 2026 Budget. Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

a. Adopt 2026 Budget

RESOLUTION
(ADOPTING 2026 BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Town Board held a Public Hearing with respect to the 2026 Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2026 Preliminary Budget be and hereby is adopted as the 2026 Budget as presented.

Motion to adopt the 2026 Budget. Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Announcement of Additions to the Agenda:

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

Courtesy of the Floor:

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there was anyone to speak regarding anything on the agenda or general town issues. There was no one.

A resident stated she lives in Worley Homes and it is a disaster there. She also spoke about some issues she had when they did some digging. She also spoke about some paving and pothole repair issues and some piping issues. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he will look into all of the issues she brought up.

Steve Caswell got up and stated he is the County legislator for our area. He did not have any issues with the budget. He did review it. He did want to thank Supervisor D'Alessandro and Comptroller Pozniak for all of the time they put into the budget. He does appreciate the time and support from all of the department heads and the rest of the Board. He does understand they have to go through it line by line and it is a lot of work with a lot of tough decisions. They're getting ready to start that process at the County Legislature as well and he is Chairman of the Budget and Finance Department. They do have a \$600 million plus budget that has to be reviewed. The County Executive will present her budget to them next week and then the Legislative Committee will go through it. He does understand the process and does appreciate it. Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked him for the job he does as well.

Ralph Bertolli wanted to speak in regard to the September 25 meeting and the discussions regarding McGrath Field. They do understand it is a tough field but he was upset with the lacrosse league's suggestion to take money away from the Veterans Memorial Park and put it towards this particular field. He does not understand how they could compare putting funds towards the field versus putting funds towards the Veterans Memorial, and he applauded the Board for maintaining their professionalism. This Town has always put the needs of the community first and he appreciates that.

Resident #2 spoke about the prior discussions on McGrath Field as well. He suggested someone from the Board going down and meeting with the league representative. Board Member Franco stated he has met with that gentleman several times. Board Member Marinaro stated they do try to address issues properly to the needs of the community.

Receive and File:

There was nothing.

Resolutions:

1. Schedule Town Board Meeting Dates for 2026

RESOLUTION **(SCHEDULING TOWN BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2026)**

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined to review and schedule meetings for 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to have regularly scheduled meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board shall conduct their monthly workshop and regular meetings per the following schedule; and

January 15– Regular Meeting
February 12 – Workshop/Regular Meeting
March 12 – Workshop
March 26- Regular Meeting
April 9 - Workshop
April 23 - Regular Meeting
May 7 - Workshop
May 21 - Regular Meeting
June 25 - Regular Meeting/Workshop

July 23- Regular Meeting/Workshop
 August 27- Regular Meeting/Workshop
 September 24 – Workshop/Regular Meeting
 October 8 – Workshop/Budget Discussion
 October 22 – Regular Meeting
 November 12– Regular Meeting
 December 10- Regular Meeting

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said meetings shall be held at the Town Hall and shall commence at **6:00 PM**.

Motion to Schedule the Town Board Meeting Dates for 2026: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Set Snowplow Rates for 2026

RESOLUTION
(ESTABLISHING SNOW REMOVAL RATES WINTER)

WHEREAS, NYS Highway Law §143 allows the Highway Superintendent to hire vehicles and operators to remove snow from Town Roads; and

WHEREAS, the hourly rates for the equipment and operators must be approved by the Town Board, and

WHEREAS, the owner of any equipment hired will sign a form agreement and provide a Certificate of Insurance naming the Town as an Insured, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent may hire equipment with operators herein at the following hourly rates;

1) Min. 9' with 4 YD Sander, 4 WD, with Driver	\$190.00
2) F250 or Equal: 8' Plow with 2-4 YD Sander, 4WD with Driver	\$180.00
3) F450 or Equal: 9' Plow with 2-4 YD Sander, 4 WD with Driver	\$180.00
4) Min. 10' Plow 11' Wing 4 YD Sander with Driver and Wing	\$315.00
5) 4 x 2 - 11' Plow 11' Wing 6-8 YD Sander	\$255.00
6) 4 x 4 - 11' Plow 11' Wing 8 YD Sander	\$275.00
7) Min. 10' Plow with 5 YD Sander, 4WD with Driver	\$245.00
8) Min. 10' Plow with 8 YD Sander with Driver	\$290.00
9) Min. 10' Plow with 4 YD Sander with Driver	\$225.00
10) Min. 10' Plow 11' Wing 9 YD Sander with Driver and Wing	\$360.00
11) Min. 10' Plow 11' Wing 9 YD Sander with Driver and No Wing	\$295.00

Motion to set snowplow rates for 2026: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Authorize the Justice Department to Apply for a Grant through the Justice Court Assistance Programs (JCAP)

RESOLUTION
**(AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO
THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION)**

WHEREAS, the Town Justices have advised the Town Supervisor that the Office of Court Administration is making available grants for Justice Courts during the 2025-2026 cycle for a range of activities; and

WHEREAS, it will be the desire of the Town Justices to apply on behalf of the Town of East Fishkill Justice Court for said grants to provide Court Office equipment and supplies and to securely retain Criminal, Civil and Traffic records and also properly destroy records once they have reached their retention period; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of the Town of East Fishkill authorizes the East Fishkill Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2025-26 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00.

Motion to authorize the Justice Department to apply for a grant through the Justice Court Assistance Programs (JCAP): Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Authorize Attendance to Association of Towns

RESOLUTION
**(AUTHORIZING THE ATTENDANCE AT THE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS
FOR VARIOUS TOWN OFFICIALS)**

WHEREAS, the Association of Towns of the State of New York, of which the Town of East Fishkill is a member, conducts their annual meeting and training sessions on February 15, 2026 to February 18, 2026; and

WHEREAS, by Town Law officers and officials of the Town are authorized to attend said function; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby authorize officials and employees as approved by the Town Supervisor to attend the Association of the State of New York Annual Meeting on February 15, 2026 to February 18, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that one voting member is hereby designated as the official voting delegate of the Town of East Fishkill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2026 membership for the Town is approved.

Motion to authorize attendance to Association of Towns: Board Member Arco.
Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Authorize License Agreement between Town of East Fishkill and 36 Timothy Lane

RESOLUTION
**(AUTHORIZING A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH RICHARD CONRAD FOR
PROPERTY AT TIMOTHY LANE)**

WHEREAS, Richard Conrad, is the owner of the property on Timothy Lane, and

WHEREAS, the property owner has built an ornamental wall that encroaches on Town Property as well as a building that encroaches into a Town easement, and

WHEREAS, the property owner has agreed to sign a license agreement allowing the encroachments to continue as long as they don't interfere with the Towns use and agreeing to remove the structures if needed by the Town, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute a license agreement as prepared by the Town Attorney reflecting the above.

Motion to authorize a License Agreement between the Town of East Fishkill and 36 Timothy Lane: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

6. Authorize License Agreement between Town of East Fishkill and 8 Beaver Lane

RESOLUTION
**(AUTHORIZING A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH KATHLEEN AND SHAWN
WHITE PROPERTY ROW AT 8 BEAVER LANE)**

WHEREAS, Kathleen White and Shawn White are the Owners of two properties on Beaver Lane, and

WHEREAS, the properties are bisected with 20 ft wide Right-of-Way and the Owners are seeking to construct a fence around their properties, and

WHEREAS, the property owners have agreed to sign a license agreement that will allow for the construction and maintain fencing through the ROW until a time, if needed, to remove the fencing, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute a license agreement as prepared by the Town Attorney reflecting the above.

Motion to authorize a License Agreement between the Town of East Fishkill and 8 Beaver Lane: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

7. Authorize Staff to Apply for a DRI NYS Forward Grant

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE TOWN STAFF TO APPLY FOR A NY FORWARD GRANT FROM NEW YORK STATE FOR THE HOPEWELL JUNCTION HAMLET)

WHEREAS, the NY Forward (NYF) program is a competitive New York State grant program that awards up to \$4,500,000 to a community as part of the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) program, to plan for and fund a variety of projects to improve downtown areas; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill has submitted a letter of intent to apply for the NYF grant program for the Hopewell Junction Hamlet as a downtown area and will be submitting the full application on or before November 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town is planning a workshop and has created a survey to solicit public feedback on the NYF grant application and the potential list of projects to be funded by the grant award; and

WHEREAS, a NYF application requires the formation of a local planning committee with 5 to 10 community leaders and stakeholders should the community receive a NYF award to support in the development of a list of projects to be funded by the grant award; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is authorizing the creation of a local planning committee to support in the identification of projects to be funded should the Town receive a NYF grant; and

WHEREAS, the Town has already completed several studies and initiated projects in the Hopewell Junction Hamlet that will form the basis for a successful grant application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Town Staff is hereby authorized to do the following:

- a) Apply to the NY Forward (NYF) grant program for up to \$4,500,000 in grant money.
- b) Work with the Town Supervisor and Town Board to form the local Planning Committee to assist the Town with the DRI application.

Motion to authorize staff to apply for a DRI NYS Forward Grant: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. Authorize Purchase of Property for Town

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF 483 ROUTE 376 SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM)

WHEREAS, David Koehler is the owner of .48 acres of improved land located at 483 Route 376 Grid #6457-01-326756; and

WHEREAS, the Town working in conjunction with NYS is seeking to improve the sight distance and curve radius at this location on Route 376; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute a contract to purchase the above property upon the following terms:

1. Purchase price \$225,000.00
2. Closing in January, 2026
3. Seller to remove Vehicles
4. Seller must vacate by July 1, 2026
5. Other customary terms & conditions that the Town Attorney will include

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this is a Type II action under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

Authorize Motion to authorize the purchase of property for the Town: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

9. Declare Computers Obsolete and Authorize Destruction of Same

RESOLUTION
(DECLARING SURPLUS)

WHEREAS, the Town has outdated computers and a monitor that are no longer in use; and

WHEREAS, the IT Department recommends that they be considered surplus; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board concurs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said property is hereby declared surplus and is to be disposed of properly.

Motion to declare computers obsolete and authorize the destruction of same: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

10. Appoint Full-Time Clerk for Town Hall

RESOLUTION
(APPOINTING FULL-TIME CLERK)

WHEREAS, there is a need in multiple departments, for clerical support; and

WHEREAS, Alexis McGovern has been interviewed and recommended to the Town Board to be hired as a full-time Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Alexis McGovern will be hired provisionally until it is verified that she is reachable on the Clerk Civil Service list; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the provisional hiring of Alexis McGovern, as a full-time Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointment shall take effect on October 27, 2025, and Alexis will be paid in accordance with the CSEA Union Contract.

Motion to appoint a Full-Time Clerk for the Town Hall: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

11. Authorize Tax Certiorari for Rebel 1016 LLC

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A TAX CERTIORARI – REBEL 1016 LLC)

WHEREAS, Rebel 1016 LLC, filed a tax certiorari for the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, after discussions and review with the Town Assessor it was deemed that a reduction in the roll would be appropriate; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to review and approve this reduction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Attorney be and hereby is authorized to execute a Consent Judgment and Stipulation of Settlement with respect to the above referenced tax certiorari proceedings as follows:

Tax Map No.: 132800-6457-01-640960-0000

Assess.	Assessed Valuation		Amount of
<u>Year</u>	<u>Reduced From</u>	<u>Reduced To</u>	<u>Reduction</u>
2025	\$322,100.00	\$235,000.00	\$87,100.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of the Justice of the Supreme Court, all appropriate steps will be taken by the appropriate Town Officials to effectuate the changes herein.

Motion to authorize a tax certiorari for Rebel 1016 LLC: Board Member Marinaro.
Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Additions to the Agenda (If any):

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there are two from the floor. The first is for a full-time clerk to be hired provisionally until it is verified that she is reachable on the Civil Service list. She will be in the Building Department and the appointment will take effect on October 27, 2025 and paid in accordance with the CSEA union agreement.

RESOLUTION **(APPOINTING FULL-TIME CLERK)**

WHEREAS, there is a need in the building department for clerical support; and

WHEREAS, Sara Saffioti has been interviewed and recommended to the Town Board to be hired as a full-time Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Sara Saffioti will be hired provisionally until it is verified that she is reachable on the Clerk Civil Service list; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the provisional hiring of Sara Saffioti, as a full-time Clerk in the building department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointment shall take effect on October 27, 2025, and will be paid in accordance with the current CSEA Union Contract.

Motion to hire a Full time Clerk for the Building Department: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated the second motion is to authorize the Town of East Fishkill to adopt the Housing Communities Pledge. This has to do with the New York Forward Grant that the Town Planner spoke about at the beginning of this meeting.

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL TO ADOPT THE PROHOUSING COMMUNITIES PLEDGE)

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill (hereinafter “local government”) believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State’s economic growth and community well-being;

WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities;

WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town of East Fishkill, in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the ProHousing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps: 1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing. 2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing. 3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions. 4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses. 5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

Motion to adopt the Housing Communities Pledge: Board Member Franco.

Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Budget Transfer:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there were budget transfers. He stated everyone received copies from the Comptroller. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the Town Board. There were none. He stated they had a power surge at the Town Hall, which fried the fire alarm panel. This was a very expensive repair. They needed to transfer \$60,000 for the Town Hall repairs and \$100,000 for the Highway Department. They will be going to bid for the Highway Department repair. As the Town Hall is a public building, they cannot be without a fire alarm, so this was an emergency repair. They currently have a fire watch in place by the Police Department when there is no one in the building.

Motion to authorize the transfer of funds for emergency repairs: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Comments from Town Board Members:

Highway Superintendent Williams stated they have been doing catch basin repairs and pipe repairs on Target Cross and Wonderland Drive. They have been doing some pipe replacements on Flower Drive and Harrigan Road. The Jet Vac is assisting with those jobs. When it is not assisting with the drainage, it is out in the watershed cleaning out catch basins. They did some repair work on Shenandoah Road with the paver. They did take care of the section of road that had washed out with the pipe replacement a few years ago. The tree crew has been in the Hillside Lake area. They do it by plow routes. They are getting the plow equipment ready and sanders on some of the bigger trucks.

Police Chief Cuccia stated Mental Health America provides a mental health specialist who is now part of the Police Department. Our behavioral specialist assists the officers. He does it in a very beneficial way to the residents of the East Fishkill. He does not work the same as other behavioral specialists are working with other towns. He assists the East Fishkill officers, particularly in cases that involve any form of crisis. He is not going out before the officers in any cases. He comes in and works with the officers after they have responded to a residence in crisis. He then follows up to see if they need additional help and can provide many additional services. His objective is to relieve the officers of situations they are not capable of handling. Chief Cuccia does believe that the program has been a success so far. Right now he is working on five cases, which are cases that have happened within the past 5 to 10 days to make sure people are getting the services that they need. Then there are approximately 15 follow-up cases. They are doing Axon Training and AI Training. They're working with the DA's office to make sure that the officers are being trained so they can work with this new technology. There is a night shoot coming up in November and John Jay High School is going to be hosting a reunification drill. That will be in case there is any major event at any local schools in the Wappingers and East Fishkill areas. In an emergency event, those students will be passed to John Jay and the reunification will happen there. The Supervisor will be there to witness it and it is a major ordeal. The community team is participating in several trunk or treats in the area. The PBA is trying to lock down a date to do their annual food drive at Acme. The canine officer is working on the pancake breakfast with the seniors and doing a demo there. He does not want to mention Halloween to cause anything. Board Member Marinaro stated the reason some people are concerned with the behavioral specialists is because of what is happening in New York City. Behavioral specialists are being dispatched instead of police departments, but that is not the case here. Chief Cuccia is very grateful for having a Town Board who looked into how this position could best service the residents. Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked the District Attorney Anthony Parisi for his participation in the Axon Training by providing \$15,000 a year for it. Chief Cuccia had to thank his officers for their pristine paperwork, which was instrumental in getting DA Parisi's backing.

Board Member Arco stated he spent a great deal of time developing and preparing the specifications for the finance office expansion as well as the Town Hall and the Highway emergency replacements that will take place. Highway will be a bid and Town Hall will be an emergency replacement. He will continue to play an active role throughout these projects to ensure full code compliance with all life safety systems being installed. The Fire District Open House was a great success. It featured exhibits and apparatus, including the new ambulance. It was nice to see East Fishkill Police Officer Montagna assisting families with car seat requirements and installations. Board Member Arco met with the Board of Fire Commissioners and they continue to discuss new projects, upcoming projects, as well as the District's need to remain a fully volunteer organization. It is a tremendous and challenging task and they continue to meet it with dedication. He

thanked the fire district and all of its members. Board Member Arco had the opportunity to enjoy his 60th birthday with coffee with the Police Department and Councilman Marinaro. It was wonderful to see residents engaging with the officers and asking thoughtful questions. Fire prevention week was October 5 through the 11th. If you have not tested your smoke detectors, you should do it. Fire extinguishers should be inspected and tagged annually and there should be one in your kitchen, garage, and furnace area. It is also a good time to review your family evacuation plan and establish a good meeting place for when first responders arrive. He did ask the Chief of Police to forward a message to Officer Frowd that all of the remaining equipment and cards are being sent. The Councilman will continue to monitor the progress to make sure they stay connected while they transfer from Nuvance to Northwell. Board Member Arco stated this year he would like to challenge the entire Town Board to a food drive race. This is a good opportunity to help feed the community.

Board Member Marinaro said he participated in the Coffee with a Cop. It was a good event and a lot of the community came out. It was nice to see them come out and ask questions and get to know the officers. Board Member Marinaro does speak with the police chief once or twice a week to discuss any issues that might be. He and the Supervisor and some other Board members have stopped by to visit the seniors. It is always a nice visit. They are a great part of the community. He wished everyone a safe Halloween and told everyone to keep an eye on the children.

Board Member Franco stated the family Halloween costume party will be at Mill Creek Caterers on Thursday, October 30 from 5 PM to 7 PM. There will be music and prizes. You must register to attend. Please call the recreation office if you have any issues. He thanked the Moustakas family for hosting this event. They always do a great job. November 16 is the casino trip to Resort World Catskills and \$50 per person. November 9 is Radio City Christmas Spectacular for \$145 per person. There is an adult indoor volleyball league on Tuesday evenings and Sunday mornings at Van Wyck Middle School. Adult basketball is Sunday mornings at Van Wyck Middle School. If you have any questions, you can always call the Recreation Department.

Board Member Flores said the Highway Superintendent did not mention that Santa came early to the Highway Department. Superintendent Williams stated they did receive two of their new trucks today. The mechanics will start putting the dump bodies on them and have them ready for snow. Board Member Flores stated she has been working closely with the Highway Department, who have been working diligently on implementing iWork to automate the work orders as well as the fleet management. As with any new software deployment, it is not easy. She does believe they will see benefits once it is implemented. They have been utilizing the data from the new pavement management system to assess the roads and use the data from that to help support the actions with East Hook Cross Road, for example. The Master Plan work continues even though the plan was

approved. They have had a number of ongoing discussions on what work they can do while they are waiting to hear back on the grant application, which will help offset some of the zoning update process costs. They have also been discussing implementation plans and the approach with the core staff committee and how they engage with the community representation, as well as other partners who they have identified in the implementation chapter. Board Member Arco asked if they were complete with entering all of the data for the trucks yet. Board Member Flores stated it is still in process.

Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked the Board and Comptroller. Another budget is done. He thanked all of the employees. They cannot do it without them. The last two years combined have averaged a 5.6% inflation rate and it is difficult to work within that. He is very thankful for all the help. He wished everyone a happy and safe Halloween. November 4 is Election Day. He asked everyone to please get out and exercise their right to vote.

Motion for Adjournment: Time: Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:14 PM: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Town Board Meetings:

Regular Meeting:

November 13, 2025

Regular Meeting:

December 11, 2025

Respectfully submitted by Julie J. Beyer on behalf of Town Clerk Peter Cassidy – November 5, 2025