

MINUTES
TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2025
6:00 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Town of East Fishkill's Town Board Meeting on September 25, 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 continuing with the Business Milestone Awards tonight. This was started with East Fishkill Rotary and the President, Sue DeCosta, is present, as well as the Economic Development Director Pat Manning. This is a wonderful achievement for our businesses for reaching 20+ years in business in our town. It is a huge feat to show that dedication for that length of time. Each recipient will receive a plaque from the Town and a certificate from the Rotary. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated the first award was to Mid-Hudson Chiropractic Services and Dr. Joseph Olmo. He stated he is looking forward to many more years. Next was Hudson Highlands Veterinary Group and in Dr. Paul and Dr. Mark's absence the award was presented to Dr. Whitefield. They also have 21 years of business in the community. Dr. Whitefield thanked her staff and the community for their support.

Blue Fountain Restaurant was presented an award for 31 years of business in the community. In Frank Marinaro's absence the award was presented to Emmanuel Marinaro, his brother. He thanked the community on his brother's behalf and on the family behalf.

Stormville Pizza was recognized for 34 years in business. Don Mackey was presented with the plaques. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated as a past pizza man himself, he knows the hard work it is to be on your feet for 12 to 14 hours each day. He congratulated him on 34 years.

Paul Turner construction was acknowledged for 39 years of service to the community. Mr. Turner stated he appreciates the opportunity to be a part of this community. He is proud to be a part of it.

Mid-Hudson Pump has had 43 years of business in Town. Ryan and Matt were presented the plaques.

Dr. Scheck from Hopewell Animal Hospital was acknowledged for 45 years of service to the Town. Dr. Scheck thanked the community for their support.

McHoul Funeral Home was acknowledged for 62 years of business in the Town.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that the McHoul's have done so much for the community. Mr. McHoul has served as one of the County Legislators, he has been Chairman of the Dutchess County Legislature and he was Commissioner of

Personnel for Dutchess County for many years. Mr. McHoul stated when they started, their first year they did nine funerals and now they do over 300 a year. They have been here a long time.

Hopewell Auto Parts was acknowledged for 66 years of service. He thanked the employees and the community for all their support.

Phil Ortiz was present to be awarded for 85 years of his family's business to the community. He stated this is a great community.

The Hopewell Inn was celebrated for 150 years of business to the community. The owner thanked everyone for their patronage over the years.

Patrick Manning thanked the Town Historian, Rick Soelder, for all of his research and assistance on getting the dates for these businesses. He presented some history of the original Hopewell Inn building.

Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked all of the businesses. He congratulated everyone and stated that these awards will continue throughout the year. There are a lot of businesses that have been here for over 20 years that they would like to recognize.

Supervisor's Announcements:

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended the Dutchess County Supervisors and Mayors Association meeting. They were in Poughkeepsie at a hotel by Vassar College. The guest speakers were from the Dutchess County Community Action Partnership. This group helps to eliminate poverty and enhance self-reliance. They are opening a new facility in Wappingers. The second presentation was given by supervisor D'Alessandro and the Assistant Dutchess County Executive, Ron Hicks, and Philip Scarano from Think. They are all members of the Economic Development Advisory Council. They have been reviewing all of the vacant spaces throughout Dutchess County and reaching out to see how they can help.

The Dutchess County Economic Development Committee had a meeting at the IBM facility in Poughkeepsie. They saw the Quantum Computing System. IBM has expanded this location to make it one of the largest quantum computing locations in the world.

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended the monthly Dutchess County Transportation Council meeting. This is made up of leaders of different municipalities throughout the State. He reviewed the MP, the Metropolitan Plan, for the entire organization. They have been helpful with many projects in East Fishkill.

The Dutchess County Office of the Aging held their senior picnic here in East Fishkill. This is always a great event. He thanked the recreation staff and senior staff for doing a phenomenal job. He thanked all of the seniors who attended. This is the largest senior group in the County.

The Dutchess County Community Development Advisory Council met. They review all of the different grant applications in the County.

Supervisor D'Alessandro had a meeting with the Town of Fishkill Supervisor, Ozzy Albra, to discuss the joint East Fishkill/Fishkill landfill. This is a 50 acre landfill that both towns are responsible for. New York State DEC has implemented new testing that the towns are responsible for. They did a site visit to discuss the maintenance of the area.

The annual community day was a fantastic day. There was record attendance for the parade and at the fields. He thanked the Recreation staff for all of their hard work as well as the Highway Department and the Police Department and everyone else who assisted that day.

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended a small get together with the executive committee from Dutchess Outreach. They are trying to see if there is an area Supervisor D'Alessandro can assist them with. Food insecurity is a large problem in our County. Last year they provided 494,000 pounds of food to over 19,000 households. They have over 2000 volunteers. He asked if anyone has time and can assist, please call them.

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:

August 28, 2025, Town Board Minutes

Motion to approve the August 28, 2025, Town Board meeting minutes: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. 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 to address a dangerous building in town.

Courtesy of the Floor:

Jordan Bledsoe stated he was here on behalf of the Warriors Youth Lacrosse. He also had the group president and treasurer with him. He stated the field quality has been a run on issue for them. A year ago today they did approach Ms. Selback regarding the state of McGrath Field. After that last October there were six other

private meetings. This was discussed in 6 to 8 Recreation Advisory Board meetings. He was at McGrath Field last night and it is torn to shreds and a mud pit. He wants to discuss the maintenance plan that will take place following football season and how they can expect a different result going into their April 1 start in 2026.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he understands Lacrosse had a tough year. They had to close McGrath Field because it did need major repairs. They have brought in some experts to help repair these fields. It all comes down to economics. The Town of East Fishkill probably has the largest recreation budget in Dutchess County at \$2.45 million. All the surrounding communities are at least \$1 million less. He stated they do spend a lot of money on recreation but sometimes they need to close the fields. Board Member Franco stated that since April, McGrath Field has been seeded multiple times as a plan to restore and elevate the quality. The irrigation system has been repaired and is now fully operational ensuring consistent watering and optimal growing conditions. He thanked Ryan Knapp for doing a phenomenal job. June 16 the field had been prepped, and double cut and they started a series of steps that had been advised to them to do. June 17 it was reseeded with sport turf seed. They had to wait five cuttings before they could apply the next step. On July 28 they applied a weed and feed treatment to strengthen the turf and prepare for active use during football season. This successfully killed all of the weeds. During this step it may appear that the field is dying however that is not the case. The treatment has eliminated the weeds allowing new seeds to establish and grow. September 10 they added turf mixed with the slit seeding along with starter seed fertilizer. They also applied Carbon soil amendment to improve soil health and support stronger development. After football season wraps up in October and November the plan is to aerate, seed, and apply hay to the field. This will begin germination for long-term strong roots in spring. They are using a specialized sport land seed that better handles the heavy traffic. McGrath Field has been reconfigured so football goalposts will be relocated to allow the creation of two fields ensuring that 108' x 360' which will give flexibility if one area begins to show signs of wear. They are optimistic about getting McGrath Field to top-level conditions. He does appreciate everyone's patience with this. The weather is a big factor in this. Everyone had wanted the season to start earlier. They got on the field April 10 and the week before was all snow. Superintendent Williams stated they tried to accommodate by allowing use of Leetown Field as well. Board Member Franco stated that the Leetown Field was not suitable for lacrosse. Mr. Bledsoe asked what the state of that plan was currently in relationship to how the field is holding up. Board Member Franco stated as far as he knows everything is still moving forward. Mr. Knapp stated that the brown they are seeing is the dying leaves. The new seed is starting to germinate and taking root. They will keep an eye on it and keep irrigating it. Unfortunately, it does not happen overnight. Mr. Bledsoe asked if they feel that by April 1 they will have a safe playing surface. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated it depends on the weather. Mr. Bledsoe stated this year they had to cancel and reschedule 124 youth lacrosse games. They decimated their league. They ended up at Stringham Field, which is usually underwater and their fields were lush and well-maintained. They went to Gearing Park, which has no irrigation, and they were in great condition as well. The same with Putnam Valley. He stated he really

wants this conversation to be on record as he has this exact same plan stated from last October all in text messages. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they could not tell him at this point if the field will be closed for the season. Superintendent Williams stated they can keep an eye on the surrounding fields in other towns because if they don't have irrigation he does not understand how they can be in the same shape. He stated there is bank run on McGrath Field as well. They have added topsoil. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they wish they had more fields but there is not enough money in the budget to buy more fields. Board Member Franco stated a turf field would cost them a minimum of \$2 million. That would be almost their entire budget. Board Member Marinaro stated when he was involved with recreation there was a talk regarding involving the local corporations that had become part of the economic group within the town. He had spoken to some of them to see if they were willing to entertain the idea of building an all year round sports facility with turf. That might be the way they have to go but at this point the Town does not have the money. Maybe this is something he could assist them with. Mr. Bledsoe stated he would like to see that happen. Board Member Franco stated that would have to be done privately not through the Town. Mr. Bledsoe stated the Town of Armonk has two fields that IBM had built for them with turf fields. The town has right of first refusal on the rental of the indoor and outdoor space. IBM provided that to them. He would like to see the next set of incoming warehouses provide something like that. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated the problem with industrial development is that they are not homes. They do not have a recreational fee. By law they do not have to give anything towards a recreational service for the Town. If a housing development comes in that is a different story. That would be done during the Planning Board process to discuss a Community Benefits Fee. Industrial development is not obligated whatsoever. The Veterans Council is going to try to facilitate some donations from them for the new Veterans Park. This is the first expansion of any part in the town in 30 or 40 years. There are more fields in this town than in any other town in the county and there are still not enough. Mr. Bledsoe stated they love McGrath Field if it were maintained. He does not feel that that field is maintained and professionally managed well. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated it is difficult to professionally manage any field when they have more fields than anywhere else in the County. They have to balance with seniors wanting tax cuts. He has to provide the most he can to the most people. Attorney Wood stated when the Dome was an incoming project there was an off hour agreement for the high school teams and community teams. They are always looking for those opportunities. Unfortunately, the private owners of that facility did not complete it. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he would love to have an indoor facility for everyone. Mr. Bledsoe stated he is satisfied with this conversation being on the record. They look forward to this coming season and the fields being in better shape with more detail being paid to the property. The out of town fee that they have not paid will be paid tomorrow. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that they will try to get these fields in as good shape as possible for their players. Board Member Franco stated that Mr. Knapp has done a lot of work on this field and is constantly monitoring it.

Resident #1 asked how much the cost for the new Veterans Park was going to be. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they are having a meeting on Monday. The Town did give some money to go to the architect to develop the plans. The initial cost estimates several years ago was in the neighborhood of \$2.5 million. Unfortunately, they are going to have to divide the project up into phases because the newest number was \$5 million. Resident #1 asked what percentage the town is contributing to this. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he believes last year they gave \$500,000. That is the most that they can give. This is not a budgeted amount to be given every year. It was a one-time gift towards the park. They are going to have a Monday meeting to see if they can cut some of those costs by doing some things in-house. He thanked the Highway Department for all of the in-house work they have already done over there. Phase 1 will be the main structure. Then there will be a building for the VFW. Then they will work towards the parking and some other things. They are trying to see how they will cut those costs. Resident #1 asked if the Town was planning on spending additional funds and Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he does not know. He does not know how the finances will be. Resident #1 stated he is for all of the veterans. He wishes the same dedication was going to McGrath Field. At the end of the day he has three children. There are more than 900 children at Gayhead, not including all of the other elementary schools. There are dozens of teen programs that also use McGrath. He does understand low taxes but feels that at some point the town might actually need to do a capital investment for financing a turf field or a building up of the substrate of that field. There are different avenues. Attorney Wood stated 12 to 15 years ago the town put forth a referendum to the people to build an indoor facility at the park and it was voted down. Resident #1 stated maybe it is time to try again. Attorney Wood stated every month there is some group that comes in looking for additional funds for something such as paving, police services, and now recreation. He does work with another town that just started the process of doing a study. The facilities maintained by the town are for recreational purposes whereas fields maintained by the school districts are a higher quality because of the more competitive level that they are in. Resident #1 stated they are not looking for professional fields there looking for basic grass. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated years ago he played on these fields and he bets that they weren't as good as they are now. His children played on the fields as well. It is all a balancing act. If they put up a referendum for this he is willing to bet more people would come out and say no, they want that money for paving roads. Superintendent Williams stated that Ryan Knapp has really stepped up in the loss of one of their main players for this, Butch Kidney. Resident #1 asked how much of the recreation budget was allotted for the field maintenance itself. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he did not have that information in front of him. He could look it up later.

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

Receive and File:

There was nothing.

Resolutions:

1. Authorize Hiring Police Officer

RESOLUTION
(APPOINTING POLICE OFFICER)

WHEREAS, the Town Police Chief has identified a Police Officer vacancy in the Town of East Fishkill Police Department; and

WHEREAS, The Town Police Chief has interviewed multiple transfer candidates; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board has interviewed the transfer candidate recommended by the Town Police Chief; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Rachel Meyer is hereby appointed to the position of Police Office in the Town of East Fishkill, with a starting salary of \$78,921.00 (Step 2); effective October 6, 2025.

Motion to authorize hiring a Police Officer: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Chief Cuccia presented her with her badge. She was congratulated by the Town Board members.

2. Award Tree Cutting Bid

RESOLUTION
TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL TREE REMOVALS CONTRACT NO. WS2025.006

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill is seeking tree removals as well as on-call emergency services for tree removals; and

WHEREAS, the Town circulated a publicly available bid titled “TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL TREE REMOVALS”, due to the Town Clerks Office September 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town received one response to the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Town performed an evaluation of the response received, determining that Kohlmaier Arbor Care LLC, Inc is recommended for award; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tree Removals bid be and hereby is awarded to Kohlmaier Arbor Care LLC for the amount of \$42,800.00; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby declares and authorizes Nicholas D’Alessandro, Town Supervisor, be provided the authority to authorize a contract with Kohlmaier Arbor Care LLC.

Motion to award the Tree Cutting Bid: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Renew Shared Services for Assessor and Reappoint Assessor

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF KATHLEEN MARTIN AS THE TOWN ASSESSOR AND AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUATION OF SHARED SERVICES)

WHEREAS, Kathleen Martin has served the Town of East Fishkill as its Assessor; and

WHEREAS, the term of office of the Assessor is fixed by Town Law and is set to expire in October of 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to re-appoint the Assessor at this time to provide for continuing stability in the area of assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a shared services agreement with the City of Beacon; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board now hereby re-appoints Kathleen Martin to a new term commencing October 1, 2025 as the Assessor of the Town of East Fishkill; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, it is the desire of the Town Board to continue the shared services wherein Beacon pays a prorated share of the costs of salary, benefits, etc. of the Assessor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said term of office shall be six years as fixed by State Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Kathleen Martin shall continue to meet all of the qualifications and requirements of the New York State Board of Real Property Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute any required extension agreements in order to continue the shared service of Assessor with the City of Beacon; and

Motion to renew the Shared Services Agreement for the Assessor to reappoint the Assessor: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Board Member Marinaro asked Supervisor D'Alessandro to give a brief explanation of assessments versus increase in taxes. Board Member Arco stated there was a very good video on YouTube and the website with the Supervisor and the Assessor explaining this.

4. Authorize Hiring of a Part-time Floater

RESOLUTION
(APPOINT TOWN HALL TEMPORARY PART-TIME TYPIST)

WHEREAS, the Town is in need from time to time of temporary employees commonly referred to as Floaters to assist in the clerical functions necessary to operate Town Departments; and

WHEREAS, Salena Gafur has been interviewed and is recommended to be hired as a Temporary Typist; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Salena Gafur is hereby appointed as a Temporary Part-time Typist in the Town, being paid at the hourly rate of \$16.69; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said typist shall work at the pleasure of the Town Supervisor in accordance with all the previously established rules and regulations.

Motion to authorize the hiring of a part-time floater: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Authorize Acceptance of Furniture Donation

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF OFFICE FURNITURE)

WHEREAS, Office Furniture for Less, LLC is looking to donate office furniture to the Town of East Fishkill; and

WHEREAS, the town offices could use additional furniture for new and existing offices that are in need; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to accept the donation of the office furniture from Office Furniture for Less, LLC.

Motion to authorize the acceptance of a furniture donation: Board Member Marinaro.
Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

6. Authorize Bid at Fishkill Plains Well Field

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZE BID FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
AT FISHKILL PLAINS WELL FIELD)

WHEREAS, The Fishkill Plains Water District wells have been evaluated for groundwater influence and it has been determined that improvements need to be completed, as approved by the Health Department; and

WHEREAS, the Town has also obtained approval from the NYSDEC and Dutchess County Health Department for the installation of a third (3rd) well at the well field, allowing for an increase in source capacity to better serve the existing districts; and

WHEREAS, the installation of microfiltration will ensure that the water quality remains safe and the additional well will allow for; and

WHEREAS, this type of action is classified as a Type II action and requires no further action as described by 6NYCRR PART 617, Section 617.5; and

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Department is requesting Town Board authorization for the advertisement of construction services to complete the approved modifications; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor and Town Clerk be and hereby are authorized to advertise for BID responses for the Water and Sewer Department Fishkill Plains Well and Filtration Modifications; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SEQR classification is a Type II action and no further action is required as described by 6NYCRR PART 617, Section 617.5; 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 can be provided to the Town Board for selection and authorization.

Motion to authorize a bid at Fishkill Plains Well Field: Board Member Flores.
Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

7. Authorize the Signing of an Intermunicipal Agreement with WCSD with Respect to SRO's

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WAPPINGER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH RESPECT TO THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS)

WHEREAS, over the years the Town has been assigning police officers to perform the duties of a School Resource Officer at John Jay High School and Van Wyck Junior High School in the Town; and

WHEREAS, it is readily acknowledged that the Wappinger Central School District does not include all of the properties within the Town and that many of the Town residents are served by the Arlington and Carmel School Districts; and

WHEREAS, discussions were held with the Superintendent of schools and it was determined that it would be appropriate for the School District to reimburse the Town for the costs incurred for placing a School Resource Officer in John Jay High School and Van Wyck Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, the School Superintendent has agreed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute an agreement with the Wappinger Central School District to provide 4(Four) School Resource Officers for the 2025/2026 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wappinger Central School District shall pay to the Town the sum of \$643,524.00 to defray some of the cost of said officers assignment to the schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to take all other steps necessary to effectuate the intent of this understanding.

Motion to authorize the signing of an intermunicipal agreement with WCSD with respect to SRO's: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. Receive the Tentative 2026 Supervisor's Budget and Set Public Hearing

RESOLUTION

(RECEIVE THE 2026 TENTATIVE TOWN BUDGET & SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2026 BUDGET AND BENEFIT ASSESSMENT ROLL)

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor's budget must be filed with the Town Clerk within the time period prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Town Clerk to present said budget to the Town Board at a public meeting prior to the 4th day of October; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Supervisor and the Town Clerk to have the Town Board receive the Tentative 2026 Budget at this meeting; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board will conduct a Public Hearing for said Budget and Benefit Assessment Roll for October 23, 2025.

Motion to receive the tentative 2026 Supervisor's Budget and set a Public Hearing: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

9. Finalizing SEQR for Lime Kiln Recreation Facility/Julie's Jungle ADA Improvements

RESOLUTION

(TYPE II SEQR DETERMINATION FOR THE LIME KILN RECREATION FACILITY/JULIE'S JUNGLE ADA IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT)

WHEREAS, the Town is proposing ADA upgrades and improvements to the Lime Kiln Recreation Facility; and

WHEREAS, the upgrades and improvements include interior upgrades to the bathrooms at the Lime Kiln Recreation Center and exterior improvements including paving and grade modifications to the existing handicapped access to make it more accessible; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ADA improvements to the Lime Kiln Recreation Facility would be a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) regulations and would be exempt from SEQR review pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c) (2); and

WHEREAS, Type II actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment or are otherwise precluded from environmental review under Environmental Conservation Law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby determines that the Lime Kiln Recreation Facility/Julie's Jungle ADA improvements are a Type II action under SEQR and no further SEQR review is required.

Motion to finalize the SEQR for Lime Kiln Recreation Facility/Julie's Jungle ADA improvements: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

10. Authorize Advertisement for bids for Roof Replacement at Community Center and make SEQR Determination

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR A ROOF REPLACEMENT BID)

WHEREAS, the Highway Department is requesting Town Board authorization for advertisement of Roof Replacement of the Community Center; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of the roof is a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) regulations and is exempt from SEQR review pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c) (2) since Type II actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment or are otherwise precluded from environmental review under Environmental Conservation Law; and

WHEREAS, the BID will seek a qualified contractor to remove and replace roof at Community Center that will be partially funded by an awarded grant that the Town received through the 2025 Municipal Investment Grant (MIG) Program in the amount of \$57,000; and

WHEREAS, the project expenses will require compliance with Dutchess County Procurement Policies and Procedures; 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 a Roof Replacement Bid that meets the Dutchess County Procurement Policies and Procedures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said responses shall be received and evaluated by the Supervisor and Town Engineer so that a recommendation be provided to the Town Board for authorization at a future meeting.

Motion to authorize advertisement for bids for roof replacement at the Community Center and make SEQR Determination: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

11. Address Dangerous Building

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 October 23, 2025 to obtain the demolition permit.

Motion to address a dangerous building: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

12. Authorize Renewal Contract for Court Officers' Services

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR COURT OFFICERS)

WHEREAS, security is a priority by the Office of Court Administration of the State of New York with respect to local Justice Courts; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that both the court staff as well as the public who might attend a court session to conduct business, be in a safe environment; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to continue the process that has been utilized to provide proper staffing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the contract with Pagones-O'Neill Investigations-Security to provide Court Officer services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to renew the contract for Court Officer Services with Pagones-O'Neill Investigations-Security.

Motion to authorize renewal contract for Court Officers' services: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Additions to the Agenda (If any):

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there was one in regard to authorizing professional engineering services for the Hillside Lake culvert replacement. The Town was previously awarded a grant from the Bridge New York to replace the Hillside Lake culvert. The project costs exceeded the available grant funding and they paused the project in 2022 to look for more funding. Subsequently the Town applied for and was awarded supplemental funding under Bridge New York 23 program. The Town issued the RFP and received one proposal in response to the RFP. That response was from HVEA, who has successfully completed several infrastructure projects for the Town.

RESOLUTION

**(AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE
HILLSIDE LAKE ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT)**

WHEREAS, the Town previously received a BridgeNY 2021 grant to replace the Hillside Lake Road Culvert; and

WHEREAS, the initial project costs exceeded the available grant funding, and the project was paused in 2022 to allow the Town to pursue additional funding; and

WHEREAS, the Town subsequently applied for and was awarded supplemental funding under the BridgeNY 2023 program; and

WHEREAS, the Town issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) from the Region 8 LSDA list for professional consulting civil engineering services; and

WHEREAS, The Town received one proposal in response to the RFP, which was submitted by HVEA Engineering; and

WHEREAS, HVEA Engineers has successfully completed several infrastructure projects for the Town; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to designate said firm HVEA Engineers as the Town's consulting engineers for the Project Management of the Hillside Lake Road Culvert Replacement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town board hereby approves HVEA Engineers as the consulting engineering firm for the Town of East Fishkill for the Hillside Lake Road Culvert Replacement.

Motion to award HVEA as the consulting engineer to the Town for the Hillside Lake Culvert replacement in correspondence with the grants received from Bridge New

York: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

A second resolution is for training for the Town Assessor. In order to get certified from the New York State Assessor's Association, he needs to attend training annually. This one is in Lake George from October 6 to October 9. Anytime anybody has to do overnight training it needs to be approved by the Board.

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR TOWN ASSESSOR)

WHEREAS, the Town Assessor has advised the Town Supervisor that in order to remain certified by the New York State Assessors Association she must attend annual training conference; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Annual Fall Conference is October 6, 2025 – October 9, 2025 for the Assessor to attend in Lake George, NY; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 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 Assessor to attend a training program sponsored by the New York State Assessors 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 Assessor may be approved by the Supervisor for reimbursement by the Town.

Motion to authorize the town assessor to attend training in Lake George from October 6 to October 9: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Budget Transfer:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there were no budget transfers.

Public Hearings:

1. Re-Open the Adjourned Public Hearing with Respect to the Comprehensive Master Plan
 - a. Open Public Hearing

Motion to re-open the Public Hearing with respect to the Comprehensive Master Plan:

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

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that the last month the consultants from Saratoga Associates were present to give an overview of the Master Plan Final Draft. There have been many changes along the way. They have been dealing with this for several years. He gave a thank you to the Comprehensive Master Plan Committee, Saratoga Associates, the chairman of the Comprehensive Master Plan Committee John Eickman and all of his staff. This was a huge job and he is very thankful. He thanked Board Member Flores as the liaison, all of the staff advisors, all of the town professionals and department heads, all of the guest speakers. There were so many participants and surveys and public meetings. When he discusses this with other supervisors or mayors who are in this process or have just finished, they are amazed at the amount of public participation that has been part of this process and the amount of surveys done. He stated this has been wonderfully done. Board Member Flores stated she believes it truly represents the community's input. There were surveys and outreach meetings as well as input from key stakeholders, business owners, and outside associations. Every comment that was made was discussed. She thanked everyone for all of the work they have done.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none. He stated the Planning Board kept their Public Hearing open for several months. It has been well done and wonderful to work with Saratoga Associates.

b. Close the Public Hearing

Motion to close the Public Hearing: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

c. Adopt Negative Declaration

RESOLUTION

**(SEQR NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND APPROVAL OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN)**

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Town initiated a comprehensive planning process led by a volunteer Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC) committee appointed by the Town Board to prepare a new Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, starting in November 2023, the committee met monthly with a planning consultant to develop the comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated website was created to keep the public informed about comprehensive plan meetings, presentations, and relevant documents; and

WHEREAS, a public survey was conducted and two public planning charettes were held along with a community day event, three focus group forums, and two community tours to support public participation in the development of the comprehensive plan; and

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 Planning Board opened a public hearing on the Draft Comprehensive Plan on April 15, 2025, held an open house workshop on June 11, 2025 to answer questions and receive comments, closed the Public Hearing on July 12, 2025, and accepted written public comment through July 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a survey soliciting feedback on the Draft Comprehensive Plan was conducted in July 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board declared Intent to be the Lead Agency for the Comprehensive Plan SEQR review on March 27, 2025 and declared Lead Agency on July 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board opened a public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan on August 28, 2025 and closed the Public Hearing on September 25, 2025; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby adopt a negative declaration for the East Fishkill Comprehensive Plan “Cultivating Balance” dated September 25, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby adopt the East Fishkill Comprehensive Plan “Cultivating Balance” dated September 25, 2025.

Motion to adopt a Negative Declaration: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Comments from Town Board Members:

Highway Superintendent Williams stated they been doing tree work in Little Switzerland, Dartantra Road, the Swiss Hamlet, all of Lake Walton Road, Carpenter Road, Bykenhulle Road, and they are currently in Hillside Lake. The Town Hall project is moving forward with the concrete foundation and floor. He thanked Everett and his crew. They have also been on the Railroad Depot Project with the water fountain they have been helping on. The patchwork crew is out on various roads and also preparing catch basins that they have repaired. The jet Vac is out on various job sites working on pipe cave-ins and cleaning out catch basins in the watershed area. They have completed drainage work on St. Andrews. They worked with the Town Engineer on that. They have also done catch basin repair on Target Crossing, Rodeo Drive, Ridgemont Drive, and Shenandoah Road. He wanted to thank his deputy and secretary for all the work they are doing on the iWorks program and the pavement management. It takes a lot to get going and they are pretty well into it at this point. He also wanted to say thank you to Ryan Knapp for all his work after getting thrown into the Recreation Department. Superintendent Williams and Board

Member Franco have been working to get these fields up to where they should be and it is a lot of work. The irrigation system is now currently working. Ryan Knapp has really stepped up his game. Everyone is working very hard in his department.

Police Chief Cuccia stated they have made several additions to the police force over the last few months. He is very appreciative of that. They have had three new hires. It is very appreciated. He does believe the town residents will be very happy. Coffee with a Cop will be on October 7 at Hopewell Hot Bagels. Anybody who would like to join them is welcome to. Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked them for their hard work this past weekend at Community Day. Board Member Flores stated it was nice to see the new police officers there for the day.

Board Member Arco asked the Police Chief if they were going to do the seniors this year as well and Chief Cuccia said yes. They will be coordinating with the police liaison. It looks like it might be in November and it will be a pancake breakfast for the seniors. Board Member Arco stated he and the Fire Chief continually meet about the needs of the district with the industrial and commercial properties. This might be considered a small town but it has a huge industrial and commercial population. At one point the IBM East Fishkill site was listed as the largest semiconductor manufacturing plant in the world. The goal is to keep economic growth control so that we don't push ourselves into a fully paid fire department. We talk about taxes and budgets and the last thing we want to do is have to go to a fully paid fire department. The tax base would be astronomical. Volunteers are at the forefront for us to accomplish this. Please visit your local firehouses Monday night at 7 PM if you have time because they need volunteers across the board. As the liaison for Town Safety, Board Member Arco spent some time with the Highway Department to check out the new asset management software. The second phase is entering the equipment and trucks and all of the structures into that software package. That way they can track all of the assets they have and all the facilities. That will be taking place in the near future. He sat with Tom Knapp who is a truck driver, drives bulldozers, and does a little bit of everything. Superintendent Williams stated that he is his right hand. Board Member Arco stated it is priceless seeing him in front of the computer wanting to learn this new software. He thanked Board Member Flores for taking over as that was a project that was started last year and getting pushed off and she got it done. Overflow from last year as police liaison he is reporting that Officer Frowd was able to get all of the necessary training and certifications and backing by Nuvance Health to begin his in-house training. He has some ideas he would like to present to the Board. He thanked everybody for all of their work this weekend.

Board Member Marinaro said there have been three very qualified hires for the Police Department. There is one in the Academy right now. Tonight's hire seems very qualified and has a lot of training plus military service. She will be a great addition to the community. He wanted to thank everyone who made Community Day very successful. It was a great day. It felt very safe and like a community. Guests that attended these parades that do other parades in the area said that East Fishkill

was really outstanding. He stated that last Sunday he participated in a Memorial for Charlie Kirk. It was held at the Recreation Department and it was a very moving ceremony. It was also well attended. He thanked the Perillo family for organizing this. It was a day for reflection. He came from New York City which has been called the melting pot and back then there were not issues like there are today. He feels that everyone needs to come together as one country and one nation.

Board Member Franco thanked the Recreation Department and Highway staff, the Fire Department, and Police for a great day at Community Day. He does think that this was the largest attendance they have had. He thanked Peter Cassidy for putting it all together. There is a family Halloween costume party at Mill Creek Caterers on October 30 from 5 PM to 7 PM. There will be music, prizes, and tons of fun. You must register to attend. Registration starts October 1 online or you can call the Recreation Office at 845-226-8395. It is a fun family event. Columbus Weekend Skateboarding Camp is \$100 per camper for two days of skating. Youth winter basketball early registration ends on Tuesday, September 29. Adult winter basketball and volleyball start the first weekend in October at Van Wyck Middle School. On 9/27 the 60s Show at the Paramount has tickets available for \$90 each, 10/15 Casino & Show at Catskill Resort for \$100 per person, November 8 is the Christmas Spectacular @ Radio City Music Hall for \$145 per person.

Board Member Flores thanked the whole committee for the work on the Master Plan. Community Day was a huge success. She thanked the Town employees and sponsors. She stated it is great to see the work being done on iWork. It will bring a lot of benefits. With paving management, they have already gotten the first feed on the dashboard with the data on rating the roads. They are already starting to use some of that data. She does look forward to going through the budget.

Clerk Cassidy stated the grant people are coming at the end of the month. They are going to empty out a couple of trailers and clean up the records. They did get a grant for the records, so they got another \$57,000. Funds have already been earmarked for new shelving. The rest will go to the people doing the records and they plan to be done by Christmas.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked people to attend the East Fishkill Historical Society event this weekend from 10-4 on Saturday and 11-4 on Sunday. It is the East Fishkill Rombout Colonial Day Weekend. If you haven't ever been there, it is really spectacular. They work very hard and it is a magnificent site. This weekend has the re-enactors and it is wonderfully done. He thanked them all for all their hard work. He feels this is the best historical site in Dutchess County and maybe even in the Hudson Valley. He also mentioned that Tony Cannizaro, owner of Hopewell Auto Parts and he thanked him again for everything he does in the community. He wanted to remind everyone what a wonderful person Tony's dad was. He was the Town Supervisor for several terms and so loved in this community.

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

Town Board Meetings:

Workshop/Budget Discussion:	October 9, 2025
Regular Meeting:	October 23, 2025

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