

MINUTES
TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2026
6:00 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Town of East Fishkill's Town Board Meeting on January 15, 2026, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor D'Alessandro with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor's Presentation: None

Supervisor's Announcements:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he started the month with the monthly meeting for the Mayors and Supervisors Association. It was in Rhinebeck at the Beekman Arms. They discussed several items, one of them being the county EMS services. This is a nationwide problem, and they did present a letter to the County Executive. She has provided some communities with fly cars paid for by the County. These are used for not true medical emergencies, like a broken arm or a bad burn, to save ambulances for medical emergencies. East Fishkill has not been one of the communities to get this. He will advocate to the county since East Fishkill is the largest town in the county at 56 square miles. He does feel that ambulance services should be taken over as part of county services.

The East Fishkill swearing in ceremony was held at the town hall last Thursday evening. They swore in Supervisor D'Alessandro, Councilman Marinaro, Councilman Franco, Highway Superintendent Ken Williams, Dutchess County Legislators John Metzger, Steve Caswell, Chris Rolinson and Kevin Giles. He thanked Gina Grippo and Christine Selback for organizing the ceremony. He thanked everyone who came and who participated.

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended several other swearing in ceremonies around the County. He congratulated all of the elected officials.

Before the new year there were several celebrations in Town. They had their first Hanukkah celebration and Gelt drop at the Town Hall. He thanked the Rotary, Police Department, Highway Department, Fire Department, and Rabbi Sandhouse as well as everyone who participated. It was very well attended. The annual Christmas tree and visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus were also last month.

The Supervisor was the guest speaker at the Rotary meeting this month. He gave them an overview of what is going on in Town. He thanked the Rotary members for all that they do for our community.

There have been many meetings with the grant writer and staff at Town Hall. They are applying for a tremendous number of grants and have been successful over the past few years. One grant they are waiting to hear back from is the New York

forward grant. It is a \$6 million grant from New York State that replaces the Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant. It is a tremendous amount of work to apply for these grants, but they do give an opportunity to fund different projects that the town wants to do that are not necessarily in the budget. They are applying for grants for Veterans Memorial Park. It could help with the potential of a new town road in the hamlet behind the local businesses to help relieve Main Street congestion. It can also be used for building facade improvements. He will let everyone will know once the results are posted.

There have been continual meetings with New York State Department of Transportation regarding a potential Route 82 Bridge Removal Project. They still do not have a final plan but there have been ongoing negotiations. There is a new regional director, and he congratulated her and they will be meeting with her and her staff next month.

This week there was a meeting at the Community Center for residents who live along the former Bridge Street. They had signed a petition asking the town to do an analysis on expanding town water in that area of town. They did an analysis and met with approximately 40 residents as well as some residents around Frankies Superette. They would like to be added into this new water district if it is formed. The analysis did show what the cost would be as these projects are very costly. They would be looking to apply for a grant for this as well. The residents do have water quality issues so this would be helpful for a grant. The next step is to redo the analysis and include the section by Frankies Superette. They like to have at least 70% of the homeowners in the area willing to be part of the water district as this is something for the residents. This is not something that the town makes any profit off of. These systems have to be paid for in full by the residents who live in those districts, they cannot use general funds for this.

Roll Call: Supervisor D'Alessandro asked the Town 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:

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

Public Hearings:

1. Open Public Hearing to Consider a Moratorium
 - a. Open Public Hearing

Motion to open the Public Hearing to consider the moratorium: Board Member

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

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated this was a moratorium that expired December 31st, 2025. They did the moratorium primarily because they were revamping the Master Plan and they wanted to make sure that they took a deep analysis of all of the areas of town as well as construction. This plan was adopted in October 2025. The next phase of the plan is the Zoning Ordinance Revision Plan. They are thinking they should possibly extend the moratorium for an additional six months for the industrial zones that abut residential properties. They feel they should look more comprehensively at the zoning areas while they are looking at the Zoning Ordinance Revision Plan to see how it will work for the future of the town.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there were any questions or comments from any of the Town Board members. Board Member Flores stated she believes it makes sense knowing the work that they have to do with the ordinances and that it is the prudent thing to do to make sure it works with the intentions of the Master Plan.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated if there is a bigger project a six-month delay will not be that big of a deal.

Board Member Franco stated he believes this falls in line with what is called smart development or smart growth. They really do not just rush into things and do their due diligence.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked how long the first moratorium was for. Attorney Wood stated it was originally nine months and then they extended it, so it came to about a year.

Board Member Marinaro asked if they had received any emails regarding this issue. He believes there were people in the community that had concerns, but no one has shown up for this meeting. Supervisor D'Alessandro said not to his knowledge. He does believe that the residents are happy with the moratorium. Attorney Wood stated this is only for industrial that is adjacent to residential properties. He stated it is his experience that only people who oppose it will show up. People who are for it do not show up.

b. Close Public Hearing

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

c. Adopt Negative Declaration and Local Law

LOCAL LAW 1 of 2026
A LOCAL LAW EXTENDING A MORATORIUM ON
CERTAIN USES IN THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL

SECTION ONE: LEGISLATIVE INTENT

In 2024 this Board imposed a moratorium on certain land use applications while its Master Plan was prepared. Near the end of 2025 this Board adopted a new Master Plan and the then existing moratorium was set to expire on December 31, 2025.

While the Board in content with allowing the moratorium to expire on most uses and applications, there is still great concern as to how to deal with Industrial Zones that are partially abutting residential districts. It is because of this concern that this Local Law extending the limited moratorium on applications in Industrial Zoning Districts is adopted.

SECTION TWO: MORATORIUM EXTENDED

During the period of this moratorium extension the Planning Board and Zoning Board will not consider any applications in the Industrial Zones nor grant any preliminary or final approval of same.

SECTION THREE: EXEMPTIONS

This moratorium shall not apply to:

- (1) Amendments to existing site plans.
- (2) Site Plans adjacent to properties with existing approved industrial sites.
- (3) Any application requiring a special permit from the Town Board.

SECTION FOUR: DURATION

This moratorium shall expire on June 30, 2026 unless further extended by this Board.

SECTION FIVE: HARDSHIP

The Town Board retains onto itself the right to consider variances to this Local Law and to make all determination with respect to its applicability and interpret and determine the same. Any issues with respect to the interpretation of and variances from

this Law shall be determined by the Town Board upon written request of a property owner.

SECTION SIX: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York.

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL
PETER CASSIDY, TOWN CLERK**

**Adopted January 15, 2026
At a Regular Meeting
Held at Town Hall**

Motion to adopt the Negative Declaration and Local Law: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes:

December 11, 2025, Town Board Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for the December 11, 2025, Town Board meeting minutes: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Announcement of Additions to the Agenda:

Supervisor D'Alessandro said there are no additions to the agenda.

Courtesy of the Floor:

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

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated this is the reorganization meeting for the Town, It is the meeting that they reappoint necessities for the Town including the Deputy Supervisor, the banking, the newspaper, consultants, etcetera. It is something they do every January.

Resolutions:

1. Confirm Receipt of Appointment of Deputy Supervisors and Administrative Assistant by Supervisor

RESOLUTION
**(CONFIRM RECEIPT OF APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SUPERVISOR
AND SECRETARY TO THE SUPERVISOR)**

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor has submitted his request to appoint Thomas Franco as his Deputy Supervisor of Administration, and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor has submitted his request to appoint Emanuele Marinaro as his Deputy Supervisor of Intergovernmental Affairs, and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor has also submitted his request to appoint Gina Grippo as Secretary to the Supervisor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby confirm receipt of the Town Supervisor's appointments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Gina Grippo be and hereby is to be compensated as per the 2026 budget and shall receive all other fringe benefits as provided to the CSEA members.

Motion to confirm receipt of the appointment of the Deputy Supervisors and Administrative Assistant by the Supervisor: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Re-appoint:
 - a. Town Attorney and Deputy Town Attorney

RESOLUTION
(APPOINTING THE TOWN ATTORNEY)

WHEREAS, the Town Board previously has established the office of the Town Attorney pursuant to NYS Town Law; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to appoint a Town Attorney for the term of 2026-2028; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Thomas F. Wood, Esq. shall be compensated as salaried of the Town for 16 hours per week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sinead McLoughlin, Esq. be and hereby is appointed as Deputy Town Attorney and shall be compensated as a salaried employee of the Town based on 12 hours/\$150 per hour; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Michael J. Cunningham, Esq. is appointed as counsel to the Town Attorney to complete open matters and to assist in transition as an employee for hours worked at \$200 per hour; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Attorney be and hereby is authorized within the budgetary limits fixed by the Town Board to retain attorneys in various specialties as needed by the Town during the course of the calendar year subject to the approval of the Town Supervisor and/or the Town Board.

b. Town Comptroller

RESOLUTION
(APPOINTING THE TOWN COMPTROLLER)

WHEREAS, the Town Board has previously established the office of Town Comptroller in accordance with the provisions of Town Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to re-appoint the Town Comptroller for the years 2026-2028; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mark Pozniak be and hereby is re-appointed as the Town Comptroller of the Town of East Fishkill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Comptroller will be paid as per the 2026 budgeted rate.

c. Renew Shared Services for Planner

RESOLUTION
(CONTINUING SHARED SERVICES FOR TOWN PLANNING)

WHEREAS, the Town previously entered into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Cortlandt to share professional planning services; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Robbins serves as a part-time Planner for the Town of East Fishkill on a two-fifths basis per week; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town to continue said arrangement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute an agreement continuing the arrangement with the Town of Cortlandt sharing the services of a principal Planner, Michelle Robbins by paying two-fifths of her annual costs and salary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salary and benefits administration shall be with the Town of Cortlandt.

Motion to re-appoint the Town Attorney and Deputy Attorney, Town Comptroller, and renew the Shares Services for the Planner: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Banking:

a) Designate Depositories

RESOLUTION

(DESIGNATE THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF THE TOWN)

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby designate the Tompkins Mahopac Bank, with offices at Route 82, Hopewell Junction, New York as the official depository for the Town of East Fishkill for all official accounts of all public offices; and

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

Bank. Within the limits of FDIC Insurance or third party reciprocal collateralization.

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

b) Designate Authorized Signatures

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING THE VARIOUS SIGNATORIES ON TOWN ACCOUNTS)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. Designate Official Newspapers

RESOLUTION

(DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE TOWN)

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. Authorize Retaining Consultants:

- a) Engineering

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZING CONSULTING ENGINEER SERVICES)

WHEREAS, the Town has previously selected Rennia Engineering Design, PLLC as a consulting engineer for the Town of East Fishkill; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to continue the services of Rennia Engineering Design, PLLC; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer is recommending Rennia Engineering Design, PLLC; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Engineer and Town Supervisor be and hereby are authorized to effectuate the use of Rennia Engineering Design, PLLC as primary engineering consultant to the Planning Board and Barton Loguidice be named conflict engineer for the Planning Department for calendar year 2026.

- b) Traffic

RESOLUTION

(APPOINT HUDSON VALLEY ENGINEERING AS THE OFFICIAL TOWN TRAFFIC CONSULTANTS)

WHEREAS, the Town has previously selected Hudson Valley Engineering to be the Town’s traffic consultant; and

WHEREAS, Hudson Valley Engineering, Beacon, New York have previously been authorized by the Town Board to perform the traffic surveys with respect to the major state corridors and to make recommendations to the Town Board with respect to improvements to be requested by the Town of DOT; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to have one traffic consultant to review any traffic issues that may need to be reviewed due to developments, applications, zoning changes, etc. that may be considered within the Town; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Hudson Valley Engineering of Beacon, New York be and hereby is designated as the official Town of East Fishkill traffic consultant for calendar year 2026;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said traffic consultant shall be utilized by the Planning Board, Zoning Board and any other Board requiring traffic studies to be performed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that when the traffic studies are performed on behalf of an application pending before a Board, the cost of same shall be paid by the escrow account established by the applicant in accordance with other sections of Town Law and the applicant may utilize said traffic study as their own; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to implement the policy to effectuate the use of Hudson Valley Engineering as the Town of East Fishkill’s traffic consultant.

c) Hydrogeologists

RESOLUTION
(EXTEND CONTRACT FOR A HYDROGEOLOGIST)

WHEREAS, the Town has previously selected WSP to be the Town’s Hydrogeologist consultant; and

WHEREAS, WSP has previously been authorized by the Town Board to perform hydrology studies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that WSP be and hereby is authorized by the Town Board with respect to hydrology studies and engineering in the Town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Engineer and Town Supervisor be and hereby are authorized to effectuate the use of WSP.

d) Environmental Monitor

RESOLUTION

(APPOINT HUDSON VALLEY ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES AND RENNIA ENGINEERING DESIGN, PLLC AS THE ENVIROMENTAL MONITOR CONSULTANTS)

WHEREAS, the Town has selected Hudson Valley Engineering Associates and Rennia to be the Town’s environmental monitor consultants; and

WHEREAS, Hudson Valley Engineering Associates and Rennia, have been authorized by the Town Board to be environmental monitor consultants; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Hudson Valley Engineering Associates and Rennia are hereby designated as the official Town of East Fishkill environmental monitor consultants for calendar year 2026;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said environmental monitor consultant shall be utilized by the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Engineering Department and any other Board requiring environmental monitoring to be performed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that when environmental monitoring is required on behalf of an application pending before a Board or Engineering Department, the cost of same shall be paid by the escrow account established by the applicant in accordance with other sections of Town Law and the applicant may utilize said environmental monitor reports as their own; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to implement the policy to effectuate the use of Hudson Valley Engineering Associates and Rennia as the Town of East Fishkill’s environmental monitor consultants.

e) Financial

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE CAPITAL MARKETS ADVISORS, LLC AS FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS)

WHEREAS, the Town previously selected Capital Markets Advisors, LLC to be the Town’s financial consultants; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of continuing their services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to extend the agreement with Capital Markets Advisors, LLC.

f) Planning

RESOLUTION

(APPOINT NELSON, POPE, VOORHIS HUDSON VALLEY AS TOWN PLANNING CONSULTANT)

WHEREAS, the Town has previously selected Nelson, Pope, Voorhis Hudson Valley to be the Town’s planning consultant; and

WHEREAS, Nelson, Pope, Voorhis Hudson Valley, Suffern, New York has previously been authorized by the Town Board to perform various studies with respect to the major projects within the town and to make recommendations to the Town Board with respect to improvements within the Town; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to have a planning consultant to review potential planning issues that may need to be reviewed due to developments, applications, zoning changes, etc. that may be considered within the Town; and

WHEREAS, Nelson, Pope, Voorhis Hudson Valley, Suffern, New York hereby is designated as a Town of East Fishkill planning consultant for calendar year 2026;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said planning consultant may be utilized by the Planning Board, Zoning Board and any other Board requiring planning studies to be performed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to implement the policy to effectuate the use of Nelson, Pope, Voorhis Hudson Valley as the Town of East Fishkill’s planning consultants.

RESOLUTION

(APPOINT HUDSON VALLEY ENGINEERING AS THE OFFICAL BRIDGE & CULVERT CONSULTANTS)

WHEREAS, the Town has previously selected Hudson Valley Engineering to be the Town’s bridge & culvert consultant; and

WHEREAS, Hudson Valley Engineering, Beacon, New York have previously been authorized by the Town Board to perform the bridge & culvert studies with respect to the bridges and culverts projects within the town and to make recommendations to the Town Board with respect to improvements to be requested by the Town; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to have a bridge and culvert consultant to review any issues that may need to be reviewed due to developments, applications, etc. that may be considered within the Town; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Hudson Valley Engineering of Beacon, New York be and hereby is designated as the official Town of East Fishkill bridge and culvert consultant for calendar year 2026;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to implement the policy to effectuate the use of HVEA as the Town of East Fishkill's bridge and culvert consultant.

g) Bridge and Culvert

RESOLUTION
(APPOINT HUDSON VALLEY ENGINEERING AS THE OFFICAL BRIDGE & CULVERT CONSULTANTS)

WHEREAS, the Town has previously selected Hudson Valley Engineering to be the Town's bridge & culvert consultant; and

WHEREAS, Hudson Valley Engineering, Beacon, New York have previously been authorized by the Town Board to perform the bridge & culvert studies with respect to the bridges and culverts projects within the town and to make recommendations to the Town Board with respect to improvements to be requested by the Town; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to have a bridge and culvert consultant to review any issues that may need to be reviewed due to developments, applications, etc. that may be considered within the Town; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Hudson Valley Engineering of Beacon, New York be and hereby is designated as the official Town of East Fishkill bridge and culvert consultant for calendar year 2026;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to implement the policy to effectuate the use of HVEA as the Town of East Fishkill's bridge and culvert consultant.

h) Auditors

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZE RBT CPA’s, LLP AS TOWN AUDITORS)

WHEREAS, the Town previously selected RBT CPA’s, LLP to be the Town’s Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of continuing their services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to extend the agreement with RBT CPA’s, LLP.

Motion to authorize retaining consultants: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

6. Re-Appoint and Designate Chairs of Various Boards

RESOLUTION
(APPOINTING ALL BOARD CHAIRPERSONS)

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

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to appoint said Chairpersons for 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following will be the Chairperson for each of the listed Boards/Council for the Town of East Fishkill for calendar year 2026:

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

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

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

RESOLUTION

(CONFIRMING DESIGNATION OF LIAISONS TO BOARDS & COMMITTEES)

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 8. Authorize Supervisor to Sign Personal Service Agreements within Budgetary Lines

RESOLUTION

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute all personal service agreements as budgeted for 2026.

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

9. Designate Insurance Brokers for 2026

RESOLUTION
(DESIGNATE INSURANCE BROKERS OF RECORD FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026)

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

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

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

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

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

Motion to designate Insurance Brokers for 2026: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

10. Authorize Supervisor to sign IMA's and Contracts for Services with Agencies as Budgeted for 2026

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

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board is asked to authorize the Supervisor to sign all Intermunicipal Agreements and contracts that are in the 2026 budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute all Intermunicipal Agreements and contracts for services with agencies as budgeted in 2026.

Motion to authorize Supervisor to sign IMA's and contracts for services with agencies as budgeted for 2026: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

11. Adopt Fee Schedule for the Building Department, Planning & Zoning Board, Engineering, Water and Sewer (permits) Departments for 2026

RESOLUTION
(SETTING FEES FOR 2026)

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

WHEREAS, a current fee schedule has been requested for several of our departments; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the annexed list of fees shall be established for the calendar year 2026 as the fees to be charged for the such named departments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board approves the attached list of fees for 2026.

Motion to adopt a Fee Schedule for the Building Department, Planning & Zoning Boards, Engineering, Water and Sewer (permits) Departments for 2026: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

12. Authorize the Hiring of Summer Camp Director

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZING HIRING OF CAMP DIRECTOR)

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby appoints Danielle Biskup as Camp Director at a seasonal salary of \$9,000.00; and

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

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

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

13. Acknowledge the Hiring of an Additional Seasonal Wingman

RESOLUTION

(ACKNOWLEDGE THE HIRING OF SEASONAL WINGMEN)

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has a need for Seasonal Wingmen; and

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

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has hired Brandon VanAnden (Step 2) to be paid in accordance with the payroll schedule below; and

WINGMEN

<u>Step</u>	<u>2026</u>
1	18.00
2	18.50
3	19.00
4	19.50
5	20.00

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Highway Wingmen shall be seasonal employment and that upon completion of their task, they shall be removed from the payroll.

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion to authorize advertising for Request for proposals for Concession Services for the Town Parks for the summer: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

15. Authorize Installation of Additional Stop Signs at Hopewell Glen

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS ON LEWIS RD AND

EAST VAN BUREN WAY)

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Glen Homeowners Association has indicated a need for additional stop signs at pedestrian crossings; and

WHEREAS, the safety of crossing on these roads will be enhanced by installing 2 stop signs at the intersection at Lewis Rd and East Van Buren and 2 stop signs at the intersection Lewis Road and Fenton Way; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board concurs and authorizes the Highway Superintendent to erect stop signs at the intersection of Lewis Rd and East Van Buren Way and the intersection of Lewis Road and Fenton Way; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said signs will be installed by the Highway Superintendent as soon as possible.

Motion to authorize the installation of additional Stop Signs at Hopewell Glen: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

16. Adopt Battery Law and Negative Declaration

RESOLUTION

(ADOPT LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2026 & NEGATIVE DECLARATION AMENDING THE BATTERY LAW 2-2024 WITH RESPECT TO BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS & NEGATIVE DECLARATION)

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted regulations pertaining to Battery Energy Storage Systems (“BESS”);

WHEREAS, the Town Board seeks to amend & adopt certain sections of the Town Code with respect to Battery Energy Storage Systems to better reflect the locations that Battery Energy Storage Systems can be appropriately sited; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board had a public hearing on December 11, 2025; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts Local Law 2 of 2026 a Local Law Amending Local Law 2-2024 with respect to Battery Energy Storage Systems and the Negative Declaration.

Motion to adopt the Battery Law and Negative Declaration: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

17. Authorize RFP for Town Wide Electrical, Plumbing, and HVAC Services

RESOLUTION
**(AUTHORIZING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR PLUMBING, ELECTRIC, HEATING AND COOLING)**

WHEREAS, from time to time there are repairs for plumbing, electric, heating and air conditioning that are needed; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous that proposals be received to obtain qualified trades; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to authorize the request for proposals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to request proposals from the building trades; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said proposals will be further reviewed by the Town Board and awarded thereafter.

Motion to authorize an RFP for town wide electrical, plumbing, and HVAC services: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

18. Authorize Water Source Study for Cannon Well Fields not to exceed \$25,000

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZE CANNON WELL FIELD CAPACITY ANALYSIS)

WHEREAS, the Town is seeking an analysis to determine the water source capacity of the Cannon Well Field Area. This capacity analysis will assist with future water infrastructure decisions for water quantity and potential well locations; and

WHEREAS, the Town previously constructed two wells at the Cannon Well Field and experienced degradation in the well capacity over the last two years and is now seeking additional capacity to mitigate the reduction; and

WHEREAS, WSP Hydrogeologists are currently assisting the Town with the Cannon Well Field and are able to provide a capacity analysis. WSP provided a

proposal of services to complete the needed analysis for a fee not to exceed \$25,000.00.

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

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby declares and authorizes Town Supervisor, Nicholas D’Alessandro, be provided the authority to negotiate and authorize WSP for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Motion to authorize a Water Source Study for Cannon Well Fields, not to exceed \$25,000: Board Member Acro. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

19. Adopt Amended Workplace Violence Prevention Policy

RESOLUTION

(ADOPTING AMENDED WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION POLICY)

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it is inappropriate to allow any conduct in the workplace either by employees or members of the public that in any way threatens or intimidates another person; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to review and update a previously adopted policy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the amended Workplace Violence Prevention Policy be and hereby is adopted by the Town of East Fishkill as its official policy for its employees and upon its premises; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Employee Handbook and Manual be and hereby is amended so that said policy shall be included therein.

Motion to adopt the amended Workplace Violence Prevention Policy: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Additions to the Agenda (If any):

None.

Budget Transfer:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there are no budget transfers.

Comments from Town Board Members:

Highway Superintendent Williams stated January 8th was the monthly highway Superintendent meeting where they get together and discuss different things going on in the county, how they can save on salt and materials for the wintertime and such things. They completed the walkway at Julia's Jungle. The patch crew is out regularly patching potholes at various locations. The tree crew has been out conducting preventative maintenance on tree trimming and taking down dead trees in certain areas. The beautification crew has been cleaning the hometown hero banners and packing them up into storage, so they are ready to go next season. In early January they did some line striping at the Police Department. He did not want to give an update on snowstorms. He wanted to remind the residents to try not to park on the side of the street and to keep their garbage cans behind the curbs. Nobody intentionally goes out there to knock over garbage cans or mailboxes but the last few storms it is hard for the driver to see where everything is. If your yard gets a little damaged let them know and they will come back out in spring and fix them up. After they go through and clear the streets it is important that homeowners and plow companies don't put the snow back in the road because when it refreezes it becomes a hazard. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that it is illegal and there is a town law for that as well. Superintendent Williams stated these are things that will help them out, so he is asking everyone to please keep the snow off the road and give them a little extra time when they are out there to get the jobs done properly. Board Member Arco stated the same thing applies to contractors who are plowing. They should not be putting snow across the streets either. He told Superintendent Williams to have Gina post it on the board outside as a reminder to people. Board Member Franco thanked him for the quick response when they do get a phone call about damage. Superintendent Williams stated during the storms the Fire Department, Police and Highway all work together to make sure that everybody can get where they have to be.

Chief Cuccia stated Superintendent Williams is coming over tomorrow to help make some modifications to their building. They do greatly appreciate his help for everything they do. The SRO program is going very well. The ones in the elementary school are getting extremely positive feedback from parents and staff. He did thank Dr. Bonk and the whole staff. The schools were open for Law Enforcement Day, and officers and their families were invited to come and get refreshments. Kids wrote them thank you notes and it was very nice. They are training this month and will be reviewing what to expect during this upcoming year and what to improve on from last year. He did welcome back Councilman Arco as

their liaison, and he thanked Councilman Marinaro for everything that he did for them last year.

Board Member Arco wished everyone a happy new year since he was unable to make last month's meeting. The 2025 PBA food drive was a hit. He thanked the PBA for allowing them to crash the event this year with the Town Board race. The goal was to get the most amount of food for the lowest unit cost. Due to scheduling conflicts, there were only three teams which were Tom and Tara Franco, Manny Marinaro and Chief Cuccia, and he and Debbie Hewett. They had a lot of fun. They were able to donate 450 items. The Francos won with an average cost of under \$3. He is challenging the entire board to do this next year. Chief Cuccia thanked them for helping to fill up the food drive. Prior to the holiday break, they were able to get the town hall fire alarm emergency replacement project online. They are still working on a few items while the finance department is being constructed down back. He thanked the Police Department for providing the fire watch when the alarm system was down as that is required by law.

Board Member Marinaro thanks to the community for those voters who came and voted for himself to serve for another four years. He feels this administration is doing great work for the citizens of this community. They always want to make East Fishkill an excellent community. He thanked his family for their support and all of the people who helped them campaign. He proposes to listen to the community regarding taxes or concerns for his next four years. He will start attending the school board meetings to bring their concerns to the school trustees for the residents and the small businesses. They need to address the high taxes. He will attend the Dutchess County legislatures meeting on a regular basis as what they are proposing is important to bring back to the community as well. As I understand electrical costs are a concern of the community. The high cost of Healthcare is another issue as well. He understands these are not issues that the Town Board can understand but somebody needs to start addressing them and bringing attention to them. He is proposing to try to address some of these issues this year. Right now, the small business community has a lot of concerns. They cannot find workers or qualified workers for the right costs. Costs are becoming prohibitive for small businesses. He is afraid they might see small mom and pop stores closing at local levels because they just cannot make a profit and the workforce is not there. These are things that negatively impact the local community so these also have to be discussions, especially with the county and the state.

Board Member Franco said he does agree that they need more kids getting out of the house and actually working. The recreation guides should be out by the end of February, and the recreation department is still hiring seasonal workers for summer camp and the lake. This is a great job where you can be outside all day. If you are interested please fill out an application form or call the recreation department. March 2nd is the start of summer camp registration. There is a new adult program called Learn to Play Mahjong. Registration was filled within two

days. February 15th is a trip to Catskill Casino. Tickets for the trip are \$50.00 per person, and it includes \$25 for free slots, and a \$15 food voucher. Keep checking the recreation website for upcoming trips and programs. He is very happy to continue working with the recreation department and Christine and Bill and the hard-working staff on the maintenance side. Opening day is April 10th.

Board Member Flores stated she is looking forward to continuing to work with the Highway Department as the liaison and working with the Assessor on pursuing priorities for the Town. She is working with Highway, and they continued to focus on the implementation of the software packages that they invested in to improve the administrative operations and planning and pavement management. They are starting to use that data to plan their paving needs for 2026. They are using iWork to help manage the Highway Department's fleet and it is moving along. The Master Plan Committee will be seeking volunteers to be appointed to the Master Plan Implementation Committee. The intent will be to meet quarterly to gather input, and review progress and priorities. They will be posting something on the town website, and you can contact her or the Supervisor's office if you are interested. One of the master plan discussions was to consider pursuing one zip code for all of East Fishkill to help improve our identity and sense of belonging to one town. They will be putting together a brief survey for the public's opinion. Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked her for all of her help on the Comprehensive Master Plan.

Clerk Cassidy stated they are getting all of the permits in. Peddler permits have already started, and food truck permits are coming in as well. If you do not get in early enough recreation will fill all of the concerts without you. There are already four people who have signed up for the new farmers market this year. There is information on the website. He wished everyone a happy New Year.

Supervisor D'Alessandro wished everyone a happy New Year and told everyone to be safe during storm events and not go out if you do not have to. Don't push your snow out into the street and don't park on the roads.

Motion for Adjournment: Time: Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:07 PM: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Town Board Meetings:

**Regular Meeting/Workshop Meeting:
Workshop Meeting:**

**February 12, 2026
March 12, 2026**

Respectfully submitted by Julie J. Beyer on behalf of Town Clerk Peter Cassidy –
January 30, 2026