

MINUTES
TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 26, 2026
6:00 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Town of East Fishkill's Town Board Meeting on March 26, 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:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that Mr. James Crifo, a World War II veteran, prisoner of war, and a centurion, was present. There was a video presentation made about Mr. Crifo's time in the war. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there were presentations to be made to him. The first was a proclamation from the East Fishkill Town Board. Next was from Congressman Lawler's office, then Assemblyman Beephan, Senator Rolison's office, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino's office, the American Legion Post 1759 Manny Bacon Post, the New York State Police Department, and the East Fishkill Fire District. Mr. Crifo thanked everyone for being there. Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked him for his service on everyone's behalf.

Supervisor's Announcements:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated Town cleanup day will be this Saturday starting at 8:00 AM. It starts at town hall and there will be some bagels and coffee to start the day. Anyone who is available to help is more than welcome to join in.

The month started with the monthly Dutchess County Supervisors and Mayors Association meeting. This month was in the Town of Wappinger. They discussed certain New York State legislation dealing with housing and the erosion of the possible Home Rule. He gave a basic explanation of Home Rule. It is very important to keep local government Home Rule intact.

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Academy graduation ceremony at the Marriott pavilion at the Culinary Institute of America. It was a great ceremony and East Fishkill's newest police officer, Nicholas Deacon, graduated. He was the candidate who received the Academic Award.

The Dutchess County Economic Development Advisory Committee had another meeting. They did receive news that the Assistant County Executive, Ron Hicks, will be retiring. He is the head of economic development for Dutchess County. He will be retiring in May, and Supervisor D'Alessandro congratulated him on that. It will be a big loss for the County.

There was a meeting with Supervisor D'Alessandro, Councilperson Flores, the Comprehensive Plan Advisor, and the Town Planner starting the next steps for the Comprehensive Master Plan. They are advertising for residents to sit on the Plan Implementation Committee. One of the most important topics is how they can preserve land in town. That was one of the top noted issues on the questionnaire. People want to see more open space in the town. He is calling it the Community Character Preservation Act. If you are interested please send resumes to his office and they hope to adopt a committee at the next meeting. He and his staff had a meeting with NYS DOT and their new regional director, Ms. Fuda. They discussed the Route 82 bridge project which has been in the work for several years. They also discussed the possibility of rerouting Route 376 by the train track to combine with this bridge project. They are looking for ways to help the traffic congestion. They are working with the MTA regarding property acquisition or easements that they would need for the potential new Route 376. Yesterday was the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce monthly contact breakfast. The guest speaker was Kevin Lanahan who is the Senior Vice President of the New York ISO, which is the Independent System Operator. They run the New York State electric grid. It was a wonderful presentation. The next Town Board workshop will discuss the increased costs for electricity. They do expect a large showing, so there is a motion on tonight's agenda to change the night of the meeting to Wednesday April 8th and to hold it at John Jay High School. This this is a very hot topic right now.

The of Chamber of Commerce Annual Gala was a few weeks ago in Poughkeepsie. There were over 440 attendees, and it was a wonderful event. They give out a series of awards every year and this year farmers of Hudson Vally Fresh received the Good Neighbor Award. Several farms in East Fishkill are members of this organization, so he congratulated them.

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended Dutchess County Transportation Council meeting this month held at the Hyde Park FDR home site. They usually do a Zoom meeting, but twice a year they do a voting meeting with the County Executive in attendance. This is the organization that operates as the metropolitan planning organization for the county. They ensure all the federal transportation funds are spent throughout the year.

Supervisor D'Alessandro was invited to attend Dutchess County Weekend at the East Fishkill Fire District headquarters. They do hands on drills and classroom classes, and this is supported by the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response. Dutchess County has over 2000 firefighters across 37 departments, most of whom are volunteer. East Fishkill has the largest Volunteer Fire Department in all of Dutchess County. He stated if you have free time and you want to help out with the community, joining the Fire District is a wonderful place to start.

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

Board Members in attendance were:

Craig Arco	Emanuel Marinero	Tom Franco	Marianne Flores	Nicholas D'Alessandro
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Also, in attendance were:

Thomas Wood, Attorney; Derrick Cuccia, Police Chief; Scott Bryant, Engineer; and Mark Pozniak, Comptroller.

Public Hearings:

None.

Dangerous Buildings Hearing:

1486 Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

RESOLUTION

(ADDRESSING DANGEROUS BUILDINGS)

WHEREAS, the Town Board initiated a dangerous building proceeding with respect to:

1486 Route 82 (Grid #6559-03-136067)

WHEREAS, following normal procedures each entity was given the opportunity to respond to the Building Department by disputing the findings and/or offering plans to resolve the property condition, and

WHEREAS, the owner of the property listed above had indicated an intention to rebuild and was given more time; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the property listed has not further communicated with the Town despite many attempts by the Town; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that no dispute or corrective plan by a licensed PE has been filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Engineers report is accepted and the property should be demolished and or secured in accordance with the Local Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in light of the Owner's presentation to the Town Board, the Board hereby grants the Owner until the April 23, 2026 Town Board meeting to obtain approval to stabilize the site, and until the May 21, 2026 Town Board meeting to submit restoration/redevelopment plans.

Motion to open this Public Hearing: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there were any representatives from 1486 Route 82. There was a representative who handed out paperwork to all of the Board members. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that the Building Department has contacted the owner of this property in July of 2024 to express concerns about the condition of the structure. The owner responded in November of 2024. They provided a structural assessment from a licensed engineer who indicated that the structure was in very poor condition and needed structural and roof repairs. The structure remains neglected and continues to deteriorate as of this date. The roof remains partially collapsed allowing the interior to be compromised by the weather. The owner has not applied for a rehab or demolition permit to date. A site plan sketch was submitted to the Planning Board last September for the redevelopment of the site, which included demolishing the existing structure. However, the proposed project was not in conformance with Town Zoning Code. Tonight, the property owner is present with his professionals to give a presentation as to what they would like to do with the property.

Peter Scott, architect and engineer, was present on behalf of the owners. He stated he is also a building inspector in North Salem. Their firm was retained to look at the project. They could not do a lot of work due to the snow, but they did finally get into the building. They prepared a report for tonight to discuss the building stabilization and the site stabilization. The first thing he would like to discuss is the site plan. When he went there, there was an existing drainage pipe that ran through the site. It is a 36 inch CMP pipe that was clogged. Water was coming from the east down a hillside and not running into the pipe but going across the pavement and discharging across Route 82. This was causing a hazard. They prepared a report on their findings, but it was of such a serious nature that they took it upon themselves to bring in a contractor to repair these components a few days ago because of the snow melts and extent of water they had coming down the hillside. They presented pictures on their repairs and after photos once the work was done that they have presented to the Board. They took care of the inlet and the outlet and put rip-wrap in. They cleaned out the culvert beneath Route 82. They filled in holes within the parking lot that was caused by running water from all of the storms that have occurred. They did seed and put in erosion control blankets so that the grass will grow shortly. They did that to stabilize the site because it was a serious issue and it did also help prevent water from entering into the building. That goes to the repair and stabilization of the site. Then the firm went through the building. He is an architect, civil engineer, and a structural engineer. They looked through the building itself. It is a wood framed building with piers and a wood frame construction. It was used at one time as an apartment in the rear and a fish market in the front. Their observations on the property indicated there was some failure in a block retaining wall on the northwest side of the building toward Route 82 frontage. They did review that for overall structural stability. They also went around

the building and took photographs. They went about halfway into the building, but the conditions were pretty much similar throughout. On the exterior of the building they have lost all of the soffits on the north side. There was tree damage. The building is clad with aluminum siding which is painted. It is stable but it does need repair on the eaves because of the damage. The windows are somewhat sealed on the upper level. The lower level doors and windows are enclosed with plywood. Their recommendations initially are to post the building, especially on the perimeter on the outside. They are recommending to put in a fencing system around it so no illegal access can take place. The plywood that is screwed in place is OK, but this other additional option would be more protective. The initial review and design of the building proposes repairs for the concrete block. That was their principal review of the project itself. They did not go and look at the integrity of the second floor but there are basically some small problems with a sloped roof because it was low angle. Their intent would be to move forward and review the building for integrity. In October of 2025, his client had an engineer come before the Board to do a site plan application and that was rejected for non-compliance. This firm are experts in multifamily commercial buildings. They are town engineers with several towns in Connecticut. They do have an office in Brewster and do work throughout this area. They have only been retained for approximately a month for this project. They are prepared to move forward through the process for a change of use in the R1 zone. They did the site repair work right away so they would not have a violation open on the site plan or have an unstable property potentially impacting the Route 82 corridor. Their intent is to go through the building and monitor it. It is wood frame structure, and the loading is based on wood framing. In their inspection they did see there are some issues where they will need to reinforce some of the members. The building is 7600 square feet, and they would like to see if they can reutilize that in their approval for a site plan. Accordingly, they want to stabilize this. They do have paperwork ready to be filed for a building permit, but they thought it was improper to file that before they came before the Town Board. They wanted the option to explain their position to the Board first to see if they can move forward at this time. His clients are committed to making this move forward. They do want to get it moving. To be perfectly candid, they had the wrong engineer before the Board for the last proposal. He will not repeat those mistakes if they move this project ahead. They do have an extensive resume and can provide a list of projects that they work on daily with other municipalities. They do a lot of apartment buildings and single family and large condominium projects. They do all of the site planning as well.

Supervisor D'Alessandro questioned the applicants comment about forgoing the current zoning and reapply for R1. Mr. Scott stated it is R1 right now.

Attorney Wood stated since 2024 the Town has been attempting to have this structure addressed because under Town Code it is a dangerous building. They have given the property owner many periods of time to make an application. This site was a preexisting, non-conforming use of a fish market, a commercial use. It has been empty or abandoned for more than a period of two years. So it is no longer

non-conforming. There is a special permit in the ordinance which can be considered by the Planning Board to allow the redevelopment of pre-existing, non-conforming uses. This was set forth in correspondence that was given to the owner. They have not heard anything back from them for quite a while. He does believe that is what prompted this to come up tonight for the Town Board to consider whether or not they should move forward with the demolition of the building. Quite frankly, it is a blight in the area for the residents that lived there and have to look at the condition of the property. The application for redevelopment or modification would go to the Planning Board, but they have to apply for a special permit under the code for reuse of it. The Board tonight has before it a resolution that would give 30 days before the Town would demolish the building. If they, in good faith, are continuing to go forward, the Town Board could choose to give a little more time to allow that application to be filed on the condition that it is filed within the Planning Board and processed. Then the Town Board could suspend the enforcement of the demolition order. Mr. Scott stated his intent is to go for the building permit to stabilize the building. Then they will work towards filing with the Planning Board. He does believe this is a lengthy process including SEQRA. Attorney Wood stated they know how long the process could be, but the process hasn't commenced. They have been waiting. Mr. Scott stated he was hoping they could get the building permit so he can get this repair work done. Their goal is to prevent the building from falling down.

Board Member Marinaro stated they have discussed pursuing plans tonight. They have been discussing snow being an issue as to why they could not move forward. He asked what they are actually proposing to the Town Board tonight. There is a process in place, and the applicant really did not give the Town Board any direction that they foresee going with this building. Mr. Scott stated their intent is to make it a multi-family unit and utilize the lower and upper levels for multifamily development. Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if that would be in conjunction with the special permit. Attorney Wood stated the special permit allows a mixture of office and residential in the character of the community. There are some standards that would have to be addressed.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if his clients would be willing to move forward with the conditions of the special permit if it was granted by the Planning Board. Mr. Scott said yes. He stated they want to make the building safe for everyone. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that is their first concern. God forbid there's a fire and some of his volunteer firefighters go in there, he doesn't need anyone getting hurt. Mr. Scott stated their firm is moving forward with the proper paperwork to move the project forward. Board Member Marinaro stated that idea was presented before. He asked why it has not moved forward. Mr. Scott stated because he was not retained at the time. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated Mr. Scott had indicated they had problems with the prior engineer.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there was anybody to speak for or against this application.

Frank Coyle stated he is one of the adjacent property owners. The other neighbor could not be here because he is overseas. He stated there are numerous issues with this property and moving forward with anything. There is no line of sight on Route 82 for vehicles to pull in and out of the roadway. All the environmental things have changed regarding SPDES, Swift, runoff from water and everything else. He asked where they would put a septic system. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated all of those issues have to be presented to the Planning Board and reviewed. It would be the same as any new application. They will have to go through the same process everyone else has to go through. Mr. Coyle stated he does do heavy construction and road work for the DOT. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they would have to get a DOT permit as well. Mr. Coyle stated the applicant has owned this property for approximately 20 years. He has lived in this town for 35 years and owns two homes in this town. They have let it degrade for the entire 20 years. Rabid animals could be living in it. The wood is all decomposing and a fire hazard. He feels if there is one spark that entire place will go up. There's no parking for multifamily use. He had a letter from Philip Panno, the previous engineer, stating that "the owner had retained FP Vellano, Consulting Engineer, in an application for a zoning change in representation during the Public Hearing with the intent to pursue a change from Residential R1 District to General Business B1 Localized District. At the present time, the owner desires to improve the parcel significantly with use permitted in B1 district, namely professional offices." At that point it sounded like he was prepared to knock the building down. It sounded like he was telling the Town that he would knock it down only if they got the B1 zoning. The building needs to be demolished. He stated the Town has the fiduciary duty to enforce the laws, regulations and zoning and all the issues for the past two years. They have received no fines, and they should have been for the condition of the building. He stated he will fight this and hire an attorney so that the fiduciary duty is followed. He would also like copies of the site plans and any documentation that they are presenting. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they do not oversee that part. In order to move forward they would have to present to the Planning Board, and they don't have an option for B1. The only option they have is for an overlay zone that the Town created. Mr. Coyle stated he would F.O.I.L. everything. This is the applicant's bullying tactic that they thought they could control the Town with. He asked if they had the finances to do the work. He asked if they would post a bond if they did get approval. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he does not think, by law, they are allowed to have a bond for the completion of a project. Attorney Wood stated within a limited scope they might be able to but that is down the road from the Planning Board process. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated the process is if this Town Board decides to extend the time period for them to secure the building to make sure that it cannot be accessed up to the Town Engineer's approval. Then they can proceed to the Planning Board with a plan for discussion and then a Public Hearing and then a SEQRA review, and then everything else that is required. At that time of the Public Hearing all of the neighbors are notified to come and speak for or against the project just like any other project. The Town's concern right now is to make sure that the building is secure. Mr. Coyle asked what happens if the building catches on fire. Where are they going to get the water for that big of a building as there are no hydrants down

there. Attorney Wood stated the fire district has tankers that carry large amounts of water. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated if no one had come forward tonight they would have proceeded with demolishing the building and start that process. The cost for it would be charged on their taxes. Mr. Coyle asked if these plans would be submitted tonight to the Town and Supervisor D'Alessandro stated no they are going to apply for building permit to secure the building and fix it. The Town Engineer, staff, and Building Department will do inspections to ensure that it is. Then the applicant will apply to the Planning Board for an application for their project that they are proposing. Mr. Coyle asked if it is the Town Board's discretion to give them a period of time to get this done. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that they can give them 30 or 60 days to secure the building, as per the engineer's approval. Then there are timelines to submit to the Planning Board in order to get to the agenda. He is unsure of what they are. Then the process starts with the Planning Board. Mr. Coyle asked if Supervisor D'Alessandro was familiar with any of the correspondence and the Supervisor said no he is not. Attorney Wood stated he does have copies of everything. That is why he recommended to the Board that it get put on their agenda. It is before the Board tonight to adopt an order to direct the demolition of the building. Because they are here and going to take these steps, in good faith the Town could give them a brief period of time to attempt to secure the building then file an application with the Planning Board. Failing that it will come back to the Town Board within 30 or 60 days, whatever the Board decides, and then they can adopt the order, and the building will be demolished. Mr. Coyle stated he wants to be notified of the timeline so he can stay abreast of it to make sure that they are compliant. Attorney Wood stated the building permit would be just to secure the building. There is no public notice for that. Once they file an application with the Planning Board and there is a sign posted on the property indicating there's an application on file. Anyone within the adjoining properties are notified by mail and there is also a notice published and the agenda is posted on the website. If you are a property owner in a neighboring home you will get noticed. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated if you watch the meetings in the past there have been several dangerous buildings that the Town has been dealing with. They are trying to do the best they can.

Engineer Bryant asked if Mr. Scott was familiar with FP Vilano Consulting Engineers and their assessment of the building. Mr. Scott said yes. He was basically indicating that there were some structural issues that had to be resolved. Engineer Bryant stated he listed several areas of decayed timber framing due to water infiltration. The 2nd floor and roof areas had penetration due to water infiltration. Those are pretty serious beyond and above what Mr. Scott had described. He stated they are aware that there are holes in the ceiling. Engineer Bryant stated they did not mention that. Mr. Scott stated he did.

Bill Bracing stated he lives close by and passes this building a few times a week. He stated that the Town Attorney made a statement about what the Board is going to do and no vote has been taken yet. Attorney Wood stated he said that would be his recommendation as an option for the Board. There will be a vote. Mr. Bracing

stated they have given the owner plenty of chances. They have tried to contact him and he has been nonresponsive. He doesn't care what has been said about the prior engineer and whether or not the new engineer is good. He would request that they go to the Planning Board with their new plans after the building is demolished.

Board Member Marinaro asked what time frame Mr. Scott was looking to get from the Board tonight. Mr. Scott stated they are asking for 60 days to get the building initiated for the stabilization part of it, the building permit and to get people in there to clean up the interior. His goal is to address the integrity of the building itself. At the same time they would be applying for the site plan. They would really be concentrating on getting the building stable at this time. Board Member Marinaro stated this has been before them for quite a long time. He does understand Mr. Scott is new on this project, but he would like to see them applying within 30 days with some description of work in progress. Time is of the essence. This has been a dilapidated building for quite a long time, and he does not like to see this in his town. Mr. Scott stated one way they can expedite this is to meet with the Building Department and work with them directly as opposed to applications and reviews. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they understand the review process, but they are looking for applications. Mr. Scott stated they can do a site plan, but he does want to be thorough with the application because they have to do an EAF and a statement of use. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he is aware of the process. Mr. Scott stated they have to test septic system and do perks and deep test holes because it is pre-existing, non-conforming. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they do understand the challenges on this site. It has been decades and many people would like to see this get fixed and no longer be a blight. That is why they reached out to the property owner several times trying to have goodwill. The Town has shown good will. That is what they are looking for back. Mr. Scott stated they will give a sequence of everything they are pursuing with the site plan design. They will start checking off boxes as quickly as they can. Board Member Marinaro stated to reiterate, if the applicant reviewed the previous notes and the letters from the previous engineer in the Town, they should know the comments that were made and exactly what they can work with at this point. Asking for 60 days at this time is too much. Mr. Scott stated he would like to have 60 because his priority is to get to the Building Department and it will take him some time to get that straightened out. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he would suggest they give them 30 days to secure the building and obtain a building permit. Then they will give them another 30 days to apply to the Planning Board for their project. If not done by the May meeting, they will move to demolish the building.

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

Motion to allow the applicant 30 days to secure the building and obtain a building permit. At that point they would be allowed another 30 days to apply to the planning board for their project. If not done by the May meeting, the Board will move to demolish the building: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Flores.

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to close the hearing: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes:

February 12, 2026, Town Board Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for the February 12, 2026, 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 a few additions to the agenda. There are two tax certioraris, the hiring of the Red Wing director, participating in Dutchess counties hazard mitigation plan, and an emergency repair at the Beekman Sewer District. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated these would be done at the end of the other resolutions.

Courtesy of the Floor:

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

Fran Caracappa stated she has been to a number of Public Hearings, and they are not prepared to address the audience. Supervisor stated they are not supposed to be addressing the audience. They are addressing the Board. What happened tonight was not a Public Hearing it was just a hearing. Attorney Wood stated on a dangerous building they have to afford the property owner the opportunity to address the Board. The Supervisor then extended the courtesy further. Ms. Caracappa asked if during Public Hearings things could be presented to the public as well as the Board. Attorney Wood stated at most of the Planning Board meetings they put everything up on the TV screens.

Randy Baker stated in the past he has been running the vending at Hopewell Recreation. His concern is that he has been told they are trying to do a food truck to fill in the space at the park because the kitchen has been declared dangerous. He was hoping maybe he would have some sort of "dibs" or his price held the same for what he was renting the space for. He heard the price for whoever vends there is going to raise this year. Through his experience of being there for 10 years he has gained a lot of support from the people. He sponsors a baseball team there. The Supervisor stated he understands that and thanks him for the years he has done it. He stated they cannot give "dibs" to anybody. There is a public process where people have to bid on it. It is publicly owned property that they lease out, and

they are to the point that they do not want to inject more money into fixing that building for the repairs that are needed for that kitchen. It is financially better for the Town to bring in a food truck to provide the service. He asked Mr. Baker if he had a food truck and Mr. Baker said yes. He asked if Mr. Baker bid on this location. He stated he has not received any paperwork yet. Attorney Wood stated it is going out. Mr. Baker said he must have stepped up too early and he appreciates it.

Receive and File:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he has received the RBT Accounting Report for the Clerk's Office for 2024. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated everything seems satisfactory in the report. Board Member Flores stated she believed there were some recommendations made that had been addressed late last year as well as some updated procedures that Councilman Marinaro and she worked on with the Comptroller's office and the Clerk's office. Those recommendations have already been implemented as a result of those updated procedures.

Resolutions:

1. Recognize Retirement in the Police Department and Grant Duty Weapon

RESOLUTION

(GRANT DUTY WEAPON TO POLICE DEPARTMENT RETIREE)

WHEREAS, it has been standard policy of the Police Department, when a member has served 20(+) years with the Department and retires in good standing that their duty weapon is turned over to them upon leaving employment, and;

WHEREAS, Lt. Kenneth Knapp will be retiring effective March 27, 2026 in good standing from the East Fishkill Police Department, and;

WHEREAS, Lt. Knapp has been verified to hold a valid NYS pistol permit, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby grant permission to turn over duty weapon to Lt. Kenneth Knapp – Glock 19 Gen 5.

Motion to recognize retirement in the Police Department and grant duty weapon: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Acknowledge the Hiring of Additional Seasonal Wingmen

RESOLUTION

(ACKNOWLEDGE THE HIRING OF SEASONAL WINGMEN)

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has a need to hire Seasonal Wingmen for the 2025-2026 season; and

WHEREAS, the town board has determined that the Seasonal Wingmen positions are limited and seasonal in nature; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has interviewed & hired Charles Stanley (Step 1) and rehired Chase Anjos (Step 3), to be paid in accordance with the payroll schedule below; and

WINGMEN

<u>Step</u>	<u>2025-2026</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 additional seasonal wingmen: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Award Contract for Town Hall Cleaning Services

RESOLUTION

(AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR TOWN HALL CLEANING SERVICES)

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received proposals with respect to providing cleaning services at the Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder;

WHEREAS, the lowest bidder is the current contractor whose performance has not been satisfactory to the Town; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Facilities Maintenance Group be and hereby is awarded the Town Hall Cleaning Contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cost of said Contract shall be \$7,444.00 per month.

Motion to award the contract for Town Hall cleaning services: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Authorize the Hiring of Camp Directors and Staff

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING HIRING OF CAMP PERSONNEL)

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

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to authorize the hiring of Assistant Directors, and a Camp Health Officer for the 2026 summer camp season; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director has submitted a letter to the Town Board with the names of the Assistant Camp Directors, Camp Health Officer, and the seasonal salaries attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director recommends that the Town Board hires Jacob Rynn, Kelly Keenan and Kathleen Intravaia as Assistant Camp Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director recommends that the Town Board rehires Lissette Torres Perez as Camp Health Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby appoints Jacob Rynn, Kelly Keenan and Kathleen Intravaia as Assistant Camp Directors for

the 2026 camp season at the following hourly rates: Kathleen Intravaia - \$22.00 per hour; Jacob Rynn - \$20.00 per hour; and Kelly Keenan - \$19.00 per hour; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby re-appoints Lissette Torres Perez as Camp Health Officer for the 2026 camp season at the hourly rate of \$25.00 per hour; 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 Camp Directors and staff: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Authorize Sons of Italy Fireworks Permit and Grant Permission to Use Hopewell Recreation Field May 21 – 24, 2026

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE FIREWORKS PERMIT AND GRANT PERMISSION TO USE HOPEWELL RECREATION FIELD MAY 21-24, 2026)

WHEREAS, the Sons of Italy conduct their annual event to provide entertainment and fireworks to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town has traditionally allowed them the use of the Hopewell Recreation Field for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of Italy is requesting the Town Board approve the use of the Hopewell Recreation Field from Thursday, May 21, 2026 through Sunday, May 24, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, the Sons of Italy is requesting the Town Board approve the fireworks display for Sunday, May 24, 2026; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sons of Italy is authorized to use the Recreation Field and have the fireworks display on the date requested; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Police, Town Recreation Department and all other agencies of the Town are authorized and directed to allow the use of the Hopewell Recreation Field by the Sons of Italy for the firework display; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this consent is subject to the receipt of a Certificate of Insurance from the Sons of Italy indemnifying the Town for any liability arising out of their use of the fields.

Motion to authorize the Sons of Italy Fireworks Permit and grant permission to use the Hopewell Recreation Field May 21 – 24, 2026: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

6. Acknowledge Hiring Seasonal Laborers for Highway

RESOLUTION

(HIRING SEASONAL LABORERS)

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent and Highway Foreman Ryan Knapp, have interviewed Paul Murianka, David Burtchaell, and Elijah Gaviola; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent is requesting the Town Board acknowledge the hiring of Paul Murianka, David Burtchaell, Elijah Gaviola and the re-hiring of Dylan Magnotta as Seasonal Laborers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby acknowledge the hiring Paul Murianka, David Burtchaell, Elijah Gaviola and the re-hiring of Dylan Magnotta in the Highway Department; and

SEASONAL LABORERS

2026

Step 1	17.50
Step 2	18.00
Step 3	18.50
Step 4	19.00
Step 5	19.50

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above-mentioned seasonal laborers shall be paid in accordance with the attached 2026 payscale and that upon completion of their seasonal tasks, shall be removed from payroll.

Motion to acknowledge hiring seasonal laborers for the Highway Department: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

7. Authorize the Applications for 2026 Grants

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATIONS 2026)

WHEREAS, the Town’s grant writer continually reviews grant opportunities to assist the Town with needed projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, it would be more efficient to allow the applications to be made within stated deadlines without individual authorizations from the Town Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town’s grant writer with the approval of the Supervisor may make applications for grants that will assist the Town, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board will be given notice of the applications and nothing herein will be deemed to waive the Town Boards obligation to accept a grant if it is awarded to the Town.

Motion to authorize the applications for 2026 grants: Board Member Flores.
Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. Authorize Veterans Park Tree Removal/Stump Grinding Contract

RESOLUTION

AWARD BID FOR VETERANS PARK STUMP GRINDING

WHEREAS, the Town’s Consultant, MJ Engineering, has identified final clearing and grading limits for the Veterans Park at the Cannon Property; and

WHEREAS, the Town previously cleared a portion of Cannon Property leaving stumps and logs to be processed in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Department will need the tree stumps and logs processed prior to completing the site rough grading; and

WHEREAS, the Town solicited and received bids for the processing; and

WHEREAS, the lowest, qualified bid was received by RTI Industries, LLC in the amount of \$13,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby declares and Authorizes Nicholas D’Alessandro, Town Supervisor, be provided the authority to authorize a contract with RTI Industries, LLC to perform tree and log processing not to exceed \$13,000.00.

Motion to authorize the Veterans Park Tree Removal/Stump Grinding Contract: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

9. Award Concession Stand Bids for Red Wing Park and Route 52 Complex for 2026

RESOLUTION

(GRANTING CONCESSION FACILITY USE PRIVILEGES)

WHEREAS, on various recreational sites owned and operated by the Town, there are concession facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed request for proposals for various vendors to utilize the concession facilities on these sites to serve the users of the facilities over the summer months; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the references, the menus and other issues pertaining to the vendors; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director has evaluated the submissions and has made recommendations; and

WHEREAS, is the desire of the Town Board to authorize the use of the concessions at the Route 52 Complex Concession facility and the Red Wing Park Concession Facility; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rt. 52 Complex Concession Facility may be utilized from April 1, 2026 through November 1, 2026 by East Fishkill Soccer Club upon payment to the Town of the sum of **\$1,900.00** and upon agreement of the vendor to be open during all activities and events at the site as set forth in the annexed proposal and report what the net actually was; and

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Red Wing Park Concession Facility may be utilized from April 1, 2026 through November 1, 2026 by Randy Baker upon payment to the Town of the sum of **\$550.00** and upon agreement of the vendor to be open during all activities and events at the site as set forth in the annexed proposal and report what the net actually was; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all of the vendors shall sign a letter agreement as prepared by the Town Attorney and provide to the Town Attorney for approval, Certificates of Insurance prior to entering upon the use of the concession facilities. Renovations and/or improvements proposed in said bids shall be agreed upon after inspection from the Recreation/Highway Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the prior bid submission for the Rt 376 Hopewell Recreation Concession Facility was rejected.

Motion to award Concession Stand Bids for Red Wing Park and Route 52 Complex for 2026: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

10. Authorize to Advertise Bid for Food Truck for Concessions at Route 376 Hopewell Recreation

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR AN EXCLUSIVE FOOD TRUCK AT HOPEWELL RECREATION PARK FOR THE 2026 SEASON)

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director has prepared a request for proposals for an exclusive food truck concession at Hopewell Recreation Park for the 2026 season; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to advertise for proposals from qualified food truck operators to provide such services under terms and conditions established by the Town of East Fishkill; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Recreation Director be and hereby is authorized to circulate and advertise a request for a food truck at the Hopewell Recreation Park for a concession at the Town Park; 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 shall select and award the exclusive food truck vendor at the next duly scheduled Town Board meeting following the proposal submission deadline.

Motion to authorize to advertise bid for food truck for concessions at Route 376 Hopewell Recreation: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

11. Award Beekman Culvert Removal Bid

RESOLUTION

**(TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL FEMA
BEEKMAN SANITARY SEWER REPAIR AWARD)**

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill provides oversight and operations for the Beekman Sanitary Sewer District. The collection pipe located adjacent to the Golf Course was exposed due to the storm event in July 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town Water and Sewer Department worked with FEMA to identify the damage, develop a project, and secure funds for the repair of the pipe and drainage ditch. The funding is 75% FEMA, 12.5% NYS, and 12.5% Sewer District.; and

WHEREAS, the Town has completed a public bid process that concluded with a public bid opening on March 17, 2026 for the repair of the sewer pipe and drainage channel; and

WHEREAS, the proposed services meet the criteria of a Type II SEQR classification as defined in NYS Law 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 and requires no further action; and

WHEREAS, the Town received nine (9) submissions on March 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the lowest, qualified bid is provided by SUNCO, Inc. in the annual amount of \$63,784.00 base services and \$15,000.00 additional services for a total amount of \$78,784.00; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this contract is as follows: \$59,088.00 (FEMA), \$9,848.00 (NYS), \$9,848.00 (Beekman Sewer District); and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby declares and authorizes Nicholas D'Alessandro, Town Supervisor, be provided the authority to authorize a contract with SUNCO, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$78,784.00.

Motion to award Beekman Culvert Removal Bid: Board Member Flores.

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

12. Award Sidewalk Mowing & Snow and Ice Removal and Treatment Bid

RESOLUTION

(TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL SIDEWALK MOWING & SNOW REMOVAL AND TREATMENT – TB2026.01)

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill provides sidewalk areas and parking lot areas snow and ice treatment during the winter season as well as vegetation management in the summer season; and

WHEREAS, the Town has completed a public bid process that concluded with a public bid opening on March 3, 2026 for both vegetation management as well as snow and ice management; and

WHEREAS, the proposed services meet the criteria of a Type II SEQR classification as defined in NYS Law 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 and requires no further action; and

WHEREAS, the Town received six (6) submissions on March 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the lowest, qualified bid is provided by Negri’s Outdoor in the annual amount of \$64,985.98; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby declares and authorizes Nicholas D’Alessandro, Town Supervisor, be provided the authority to authorize a contract with Negri’s Outdoor, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$64,985.98.

Motion to award Sidewalk Mowing & Snow and Ice Removal and Treatment Bid: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

13. Declare Emergency at Four Corners Water District

RESOLUTION

**(AUTHORIZE WATER EMERGENCY
AT FOUR CORNERS WATER DISTRICT)**

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill manages the Four Corners Water District which recently experienced a 100+ mpg wind event damaging the 660,000 gallon water storage tank; and

WHEREAS, the Dutchess County Health Department has directed the Water Operator to issue a “Boil Water Notice” as well as perform the necessary action for temporary and permanent repairs so as to return the water system to normal operations; and

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Department is requesting the Town Board declare a Water Emergency for the Four Corners Water District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board declares a Water Emergency for the Four Corners Water District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in response to the Water District Emergency, the Town Board authorizes the Water and Sewer Department to perform the necessary tasks and efforts to mitigate the Health Department requirements for both temporary and permanent repairs.

Motion to declare an emergency at Four Corners Water District: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

14. Authorize Attendance for Police K9 Training

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR DETECTIVE)

WHEREAS, Chief Cuccia is requesting that Detective Austin Nicholas to attend overnight trainings; and

WHEREAS, a training program is available for Detective Austin Nichols to attend a K-9 Training being held in Sharpsville, PA from March 29, 2026 through April 11, 2026; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to send Detective Nichols to attend the overnight trainings for the K-9 Training to be held out of the area requiring overnight stays; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred may be approved by the Supervisor for reimbursement by the Town.

Motion to authorize attendance for Police K9 training: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

15. Authorize Change of Town Board April Workshop Meeting

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE CHANGE OF APRIL TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING)

WHEREAS, the Supervisor is requesting to change the date and location of the the April 9, 2026 Workshop meeting at 6:00PM; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board shall set April 8, 2026 at 6:00PM as its regularly scheduled Workshop meeting to be held at John Jay High School Auditorium located at 2012 NY-52, Hopewell Junction, NY; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall duly advertise said meeting date change.

Motion to authorize a change of the Town Board April Workshop meeting: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

16. Authorize the Pursuit of Re-Classifying the Hillside Lake Dam Hazzard

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE THE PURSUIT OF RE-CLASSIFYING THE HILLSIDE LAKE DAM HAZARD)

WHEREAS, Town of East Fishkill owns and operates Hillside Lake Dam; and

WHEREAS, the Town has received a grant from NYS to replace the culvert beneath Hillside Lake Rd, downstream from the Hillside Lake Dam; and

WHEREAS, the Town would like to re-classify the dam from intermediate risk to low risk; and

WHEREAS, a recent on-site discussion conducted with Town Staff, HVEA and NYSDEC Dam Safety Representative assessed the dam hazard and provided recommendations regarding the actions necessary to comply; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill has been advised that the estimated cost associated with implementing the preliminary studies towards this end is Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00); and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approve the pursuit of reclassification of Hillside Lake Dam and to implement any required dam safety compliance actions associated with the new classification.

Motion to authorize the pursuit of re-classifying the Hillside Lake Dam Hazzard: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Additions to the Agenda (If any):

1. Authorize tax certiorari for 2603 Route 52 for 2024 and 2025

RESOLUTION

**(AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A
TAX CERTIORARI – 2603 ROUTE 52, LLC)**

WHEREAS, 2603 Route 52 LLC, filed a tax certiorari for the years 2024 and 2025; and

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

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

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

Tax Map No.: 6556-1-036716

Assess. Year	Assessed Valuation		Amount of Reduction
	<u>Reduced From</u>	<u>Reduced To</u>	
2024	\$2,548,000	\$2,300,000	\$248,000
2025	\$2,548,000	\$2,300,000	\$248,000

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

Motion to authorize tax certiorari for 2603 Route 52 for 2024 and 2025: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Authorized tax certiorari for T-Lime LLC

RESOLUTION

**(AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A
TAX CERTIORARI – T LIME, LLC)**

WHEREAS, T LIME, LLC, filed a tax certiorari for the year 2025; and

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

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

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

Tax Map No.: 6455-00-497985

Assess. Year	Assessed Valuation		Amount of Reduction
	<u>Reduced From</u>	<u>Reduced To</u>	
2025	\$169,800.00	\$110,370.00	\$59,430.00

Tax Map No.: 6455-00-346956

Assess. Year	Assessed Valuation		Amount of Reduction
	<u>Reduced From</u>	<u>Reduced To</u>	
2025	\$708,300.00	\$460,395.00	\$247,905.00

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

Motion to authorized tax certiorari for T-Lime LLC: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Authorize the Hiring of the Red Wing Director

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING HIRING OF RED WING 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 recommending that the Town Board rehires Erik Pugliese as Red Wing Director; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to authorize the hiring of a Red Wing Director for the 2026 summer season; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby appoints Erik Pugliese as Red Wing Director at an hourly salary of \$21.00; 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 Red Wing Director: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Adopt the Dutchess County Hazardous Mitigation Update

RESOLUTION

(A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL ADOPTING THE DUTCHESS COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE 2025)

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within East Fishkill; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as Dutchess County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2025 in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, Dutchess County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2025 identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in East Fishkill from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Town Board demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Dutchess County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Section 1. In accordance with (local rule for adopting resolutions), the (local governing body) adopts the (title and date of mitigation plan). This plan, approved by the community, may be edited or amended after submission for review, but will not require the community to re-adopt any further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in 5 years.

Motion to adopt the Dutchess County Hazardous Mitigation Update: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Authorize a Sewer Emergency Repair at the Beekman Sewer District

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE SEWER EMERGENCY REPAIR AT BEEKMAN SEWER DISTRICT)

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill manages the Beekman Sewer District which recently experienced an increase of flows to the waste water treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, the flows into the WWTP are now exceeding its capacity and NYSDEC has been notified; and

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Department is requesting the Town Board declare a Sewer Emergency for the Beekman Sewer District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board declares a Sewer Emergency for the Beekman Sewer District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in response to the Sewer District Emergency, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Water and Sewer Department to contract for any necessary repairs.

Motion to authorize a Sewer Emergency Repair at the Beekman Sewer District: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Budget Transfer:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there are budget transfers. He asked if everyone had reviewed them and if there were any questions or comments for the Town Comptroller. The Town Comptroller stated these are for the 2025 fiscal year. A lot of times the budget only gets exceeded at the very end of the year and there were still expenses coming in in January, February and even into March That were related to 2025. Almost all of these transfers are funded within the department. It is one line within a department that is underspent funding covering a line that is overspent in the same department. They are fairly small in nature. Where that doesn't exist, it is being funded by additional revenues specific to that overage. There is no additional allocation of fund balance.

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

Comments from Town Board Members:

Chief Cuccia stated they just wrapped up their yearly evaluations. That is where they pull every officer aside and go through what looks good and what needs improvement. They do have a fairly young department with a lot of officers within the three to five year range. This evaluation left them feeling very good about the shape of the department. A lot of the younger employees that were asked to do certain things over the past few years to improve his officers have certainly done so. Everyone is coming along very well, and he is very proud of the department. One of the young officers, Officer Castello, was presented with a DWI award for the third year in a row with Dutchess County. The Board liaison has been very helpful.

Board Member Arco stated he thought it would be nice to show the public what a police graduation looks like, so they did take some pictures from the mezzanine. They were put up on the screen for everyone to see. He stated the Sheriff did a

phenomenal job on the graduation. It was very well done. Board Member Arco stated he had the privilege of attending the 29th Dutchess County Law Enforcement Academy graduation alongside the Supervisor, Chief Cuccia, and Lieutenant Stannis in support of their new police officer, Nicholas Deacon. He described the process for interviewing to become a police officer and how Officer Deacon stood out and graduated from the Academy while maintaining a full college schedule. He was also the recipient of the academic award. That speaks volumes about his discipline and commitment. He stated this month the Police Department participated in the successful location of a missing 14-year-old boy. The outcome was result of strong communication, coordinated teamwork, and sharp instinctive police work. He thanked Lieutenant Stannis and the rest of the Department for their excellent example of what could be accomplished when a team works together effectively. Board Member Arco stated he had the privilege of shadowing one of the SRO's on Tuesday at Gayhead Elementary School. He thanked Principal Daley and Officer Montagne for the opportunity. He was also able to observe a lockdown drill firsthand. At that time, he watched collaboration between east Fishkill Police Department, FBI agents, New York State police, and local school district authorities. This does play a critical role in maintaining a safe environment for both students and staff. It is nice to see how much Officer Montagne enjoys her job. She is exactly the right person for this role. This past Tuesday evening he coordinated a prospective battery energy storage system developer to present to the fire district commissioners and their leadership as well as the town engineer and planner. This proactive approach to emergency technologies continues to position our community for success. They're now well prepared with in-house expertise and access to specialized consultants to effectively evaluate all aspects of a project such as this should one come and as an application.

Board Member Marinaro stated since the last meeting last month he had promised the community to look into some of the issues regarding high electric bills. He wanted to thank the Town Supervisor and the Town Board for allowing a change to the workshop for next month to address the community on April 8th at John Jay High School. This was put together by Assemblymen Beephan. Many times when people get these high electric bills they blame Central Hudson for raising the rates. That is not necessarily always the case. He has been doing some research and there was a Senate and Assembly bill enacted in 2019 by Governor Cuomo called the Green Energy Act. At that point they voted on shutting down Indian Point, which happened in 2021. By putting that plan in place, our community lost 30 to 40% of the cost savings for our energy usage. It is Senate 6599 and Assembly 8429. There is a plan that they annually want to diminish the CO2 consumption in New York State. It is a very aggressive plan. At the end of the day these plans are paid for by the taxpayers. It is unfair to attack the local energy supplier. At this point in time in New York State we do not create any more local energy. They only transport energy from other areas to be supplied to this community. This mechanism is the results of the high cost. This

shows up as the delivery charge on your bill. Many times it is 3 or 4 times what the actual consumption of energy is. These are the fees imposed by New York State through these documents. These fees are collected for future plans for energy development and most of the time it is through solar or another form of energy. He personally believes this plan has made our lives unbearable and unaffordable. Right now the Governor is talking about affordability. She is the only one right now who has the power to make a change to this plan. She could reduce, change, or alter the way our energy bills are paid for. He knows of five families in East Fishkill who have been without energy since February 28th, 2026. They own their own homes, but their energy bills are unaffordable. This is unfair. He just googled a document from New York State regarding 2019 renewable energy and it is called the CLCPA, Climate Leadership Community Protection Act and this states that by 2030 they want greenhouse gas emissions reduced by 40%. In Dutchess county there was a discussion to shut down the incinerator in this City of Poughkeepsie. That is where all the garbage goes. If the garbage costs triple in the near future it is not because of the local garbage company raising their fees. It is because of these mandates imposed by New York State that make the life of every businessperson and every person in this community unbearable and unaffordable. He hopes that anybody who has the opportunity will call the Governor's office at 518-474-8390 and tell her to put an end to this plan and to find a solution to supply cheap energy to the people of the Hudson Valley. He also wanted to wish everyone in the community a happy Passover and happy Easter.

Board Member Franco stated he has had a request for fish at Hillside Lake. He asked Engineer Bryant if the infiltration system that is there would be impacted in any way by that. Engineer Bryant stated no it would be fine. It would also depend on what type of fish and Board Member Franco stated it would probably be catfish. Engineer Bryant stated that should be fine. Engineer Bryant does not think bass would do well there. Board Member Franco stated Lake Walton was only three feet deep and there were largemouth bass there. Engineer Bryant stated the swimming hole area is deeper at Hillside Lake, but you can literally walk across the main lake area. Board Member Franco stated as a reminder this Saturday is Cleanup Day. It is always a lot of fun. A lot of the sports teams come out, and it starts at 8:00 AM and it starts with some doughnuts, bagels, and coffee. April 11th is opening day weather permitting. A lot of teams have asked if the fields could be opened earlier and that would be weather permitting as well. Ryan from maintenance has been doing a phenomenal job and they are very proud to have him. April 25th is the spring event co-hosted with the East Fishkill PBA from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the East Fishkill Community Center. Residents can register at EastFishkillrecreation.com. It will not be called the annual Easter Egg Hunt because the event is being held after Easter. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated it is still an Easter egg hunt. Board Member Franco stated it is being combined with an Arbor Day celebration and turning into a joyful welcome into spring, which will hopefully get here soon. Early registration for summer camp is still open. March 30th starts registration for adult golf lessons. All lessons are held at Beekman Golf

Course. Women's basketball registration is open. There are more programs to come, and you just need to keep checking the East Fishkill recreation website or follow them on Facebook. If anyone has questions on programs or trips just contact the recreation office at any time at 845-226-8395.

Board Member Flores stated the Highway Superintendent was unable to attend tonight so she has his comments. Now that winter is finally behind them the Highway Department has begun working on spring cleanup, curbing and basin repairs, and they should soon be able to tackle the needed shoulder repairs. The winter did leave them with many potholes, and they have a pothole repair crew out every day, weather permitting. Now that the black top plants are starting to open up they are able to obtain the hot asphalt needed to make more permanent repairs. The beautification team is now planning spring cleanup of the Town gardens. The vac-con has begun the annual basin cleaning work To keep the water flowing in the drainage systems. She stated nothing says spring in her mind like the street sweepers. They will start on Monday March 30th to tackle all of the winter debris that has been left on the roads. That usually takes four to five weeks depending on the weather. They ask that residents please be mindful to make sure the garbage cans are not left on the road and that vehicles are not parked in the roadways as well. They are working on trying to put out potential schedules a week in advance so you know when they will be on your roads. The assessor's office is processing exemption applications and completing valuations. The change of assessment notices will be sent out on or around May 1st. The Town is seeking volunteers to be part of the Master Plan Implementation Citizen Committee. The committee will represent the community and will provide updates on progress of implementation plans to solicit ideas and feedback. The time commitment is basically one meeting per quarter with homework in between. Please submit letters of interest by April 1st so they can finalize the committee at the April meeting. She thanked everyone who has already submitted their letters. She wished everyone a happy Easter and happy Passover.

Clerk Cassidy Stated the food trucks have started to come out and get their permits. Hopefully, the farmers market plans to start next month on the 11th. They are not scared of the snow as they proved last year when they were there for the first three weeks in the snow some of the food trucks will start next week but most of them will start building up through May.

Supervisor D'Alessandro State of the next town board meeting will be at John Jay high school on April 8th. It is a Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM. This is a special meeting to discuss electric costs with several members of the state assembly and also surrounding supervisors. Please attend. He wished everyone a happy and enjoyable Passover and a wonderful Easter to everyone.

Motion for Adjournment: Time: Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:06 PM: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member floras. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Town Board Meetings:

Workshop Meeting:

April 8, 2026

Regular Meeting:

April 23, 2026

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