

MINUTES
TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2026
6:00 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Town of East Fishkill's Town Board Meeting on August 27, 2026, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor D'Alessandro with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor's Announcements:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated the month started with the Dutchess County Mayors and Supervisors meeting. He believes this is one of the best resources that municipal leaders have. This month was a breakfast meeting in Pleasant Valley and they discussed EMS issues. They are waiting for the County Executive to bring a plan forward for everyone. They also did a tour of the newly renovated Town Hall. It is a very impressive facility. He discussed some of the renovations done for the East Fishkill Town Hall and he thanked the Highway Department for all of the in-house work that they did to save the taxpayers funds.

There was a meeting with Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. They do discuss many of the ongoing issues within the Town.

Supervisor D'Alessandro also participated in Congressman Lawler's quarterly municipal meeting. These are with the Dutchess and Putnam mayors and supervisors. They discussed ways in which the federal government can assist them.

There was a meeting with Dutchess County Transportation Council Policy meeting. This is the council that allocates the federal transportation funds are allocated throughout Dutchess County. There was a contentious vote regarding MTA funds that Supervisor D'Alessandro voted against and now they will look to see how they can reallocate those funds to get Dutchess County as much federal funding as possible.

There have been several meetings discussing the implementation of the Master Plan. They are putting some of the recommendations of the Master Plan and putting them into practice.

The Community Character Preservation for Open Space Initiative has started. Over 80% of the residents who took the Master Plan survey stated they would like to see more open space and less development. Due to that the Town is moving forward with a proposal that will be on the ballot this year on November 3rd that will adopt the Community Character Preservation Act. That is for the Town to borrow up to \$20 million to purchase large parcels in the Town both vacant and farmland to ensure that those properties remain green forever. It will be to either purchase the land or purchase the development rights. If anyone has any

questions please call Town Hall.

There have been several meetings regarding wayfinding and branding signage throughout the Town. Signage can make a big difference in giving the Town and Hamlets a consistent identity. It also assists in helping people find various locations throughout the Town.

Supervisor D'Alessandro met with Wappingers Central School District Superintendent Dr. Bonk, with the Town and school district engineers. There is some work taking place at John Jay High School. These types of projects involve drainage and site work and a lot of engineering coordination so it is important that they all work together. It was a very good meeting.

The Building Department had a new hire last month, Neil Dwyer, to take over the leadership of the department. There have been several meetings with him and the Town Engineer and Town Attorney to discuss the transition. This is a very important department within the Town.

There was a meeting regarding some of the water systems and sewer systems to include evaluations and capital improvements and what those improvements could mean to the rate to payers. Infrastructure for these systems is extremely expensive and these systems are not getting any younger. They are consistently looking for improvements and what they can do to make sure that they do not put an unreasonable burden on to the residents and taxpayers in those water and sewer districts. There was a meeting with the Stoneridge Beekman Water and Sewer district with our Town Attorney and the Town of Beekman. They have spoken several times over the past month and are continuing to work with them to get a resolution there as well.

A meeting was held with On Semiconductor representatives regarding several outstanding matters at the East Fishkill facility. Some of the discussions are still ongoing. It has been made very clear to them that the health and safety of the residents and first responders come first. There have also been several meetings with the Fire Chief and commissioners. The Fire District is 100% volunteer in East Fishkill and they should not be taken for granted.

National Night Out was a very successful evening with the Police Department and Town. He thanked everyone who participated and helped make the event successful.

The Family Fishing Derby had a great turn out.

Think Differently Day at the Beach is a wonderful program that they have had for eight years now. This day ensures that people of every ability can enjoy Red Wing Park.

Supervisor D'Alessandro wanted to mention that the Frito Lay/Pepsico at the iPark facility has made a substantial investment in East Fishkill. He had the opportunity to tour the facility. There was recently a request for them for an extension for their project completion date through the Dutchess County IDA. He did meet with the Tax Assessor and Town Attorney and Comptroller to review the Pilot Agreement that was signed with the IDA. Once he gets more information on it he will provide it to the community.

Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked his staff, all Town employees, and the residents of East Fishkill. He appreciates everyone.

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

Board Members in attendance were:

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

Also, in attendance were:

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

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they will be doing the first resolution prior to opening the Public Hearings.

Approve Minutes:

July 23, 2026

Motion to approve the minutes for the July 23, 2026, Town Board meeting minutes: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinero. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Announcement of Additions to the Agenda:

Supervisor D'Alessandro said there is one addition to the agenda. It is to reject the petroleum bulk storage bids and re-bid it and will be done at the end.

Courtesy of the Floor:

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there was anyone to speak regarding anything on the agenda or general Town issues.

Debra Hall stated she lives on Creamery Road. She wanted to discuss the Ryan Drive Superfund site. She was upset because there was no one from the Town at an EPA meeting regarding their contaminated indoor air and the concerns that she had sent to the Supervisor. She was told it was because it was the same night as National Night Out. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated the EPA did not give anyone a lot of time to respond prior to this meeting. The Town did supply a comment letter that was due today and it did incorporate her comments. He stated she has done more than anyone else in the Town to get the EPA to pay for the water systems in that area. He did apologize that no one was able to attend that meeting but stated that it was more important that the letter was submitted and in the record. Attorney Wood stated that after the EPA informational meeting there is

a 30 day window for comments and the Town's Supervisor and Town Board did have the town licensed engineer send a detailed letter, including her comments, so that they are in the record to the EPA. The public participation section is really for the generalized public.

Fran Caracappa stated that the EPA is now considering a 30 day extension because she did ask for it. Her second issue was regarding the officers at the schools. Attorney Wood stated the agreement that the Board is voting on is for \$750,000.

Attorney Wood stated that, in regard to the Superfund site, they have been engaged with the EPA in a 20 year fight with them. Over the last two decades the Town has put in a super amount of effort to bring clean water to 180 plus homes in the area. They did fight for vapor intrusion regulations so new homes being built would have the vapor barriers. They also fought for other systems to be installed to mediate the vapors. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated unfortunately there are three Superfund sites in East Fishkill. They have fought tirelessly against IBM, the EPA, and various contaminators and they won't stop. They need to make sure the public has clean drinking water as it is a right.

Legislator Caswell gave an update on the major issues in the county. The first one he discussed is the homeless shelters. They are looking to not put in a large shelter in the City of Poughkeepsie but place smaller ones throughout the county and he believes this is not an efficient way to provide these services. The services the homeless need are provided in the City of Poughkeepsie. They would either have to duplicate those services in multiple sites around the county or transport people into the city to receive those services. The county legislature has identified a location in the City of Poughkeepsie but the city objected to it and sued the county over this issue. Board Member Marinaro asked if he could share how the State pays for services. Legislator Caswell stated that the homeless shelter is proposed for single men and women. The new shelter that they proposed at 26 Oakley is also intended for single men and women. The whole idea was that the pods are end of life and not in good condition. The 26 Oakley was the replacement for the pods for the single men and women. There is a \$13.5 million grant from the State to renovate this building to make it into the shelter that they need it to be. They are at risk of losing this grant as it expires a few weeks. The original grant amount would have covered 100% of the cost to renovate the building. Current estimates are now up to \$15.5 million. As this gets delayed further, the contracts for the bids have all expired so they are aware that the costs will continue to rise the longer it is postponed. This issue even went to mediation between the County Executive and the Mayor of the city. They did sign an agreement but the democratic leadership of the legislation have fought against it since July by tabling the resolution that was prepared and now they are past the bid window frame so now it has to be rebid. Board Member Marinaro asked if they were given a reason why they did not agree with this proposal. Legislator Caswell stated they said they didn't have the appropriate information. He does believe the

mediated agreement came to a middle ground but the Democrats did not feel that way. Unfortunately the grant will expire at the end of September. If that happens they will be back to square one.

There were a few other resolutions that were passed in August. He does believe they will help the children and public safety. The first one was to increase the compensation for preschool special education providers in Dutchess County. There was a waiting list of 176 children waiting for this preschool service because the county was behind in their pay scale. The increase in compensation was much needed. The second resolution was a local law prohibiting the sale and distribution of concentrated and synthetic Kratom products. Kratom is a chemical in a plant that provides mild opioid like effects. This prevents the sale of the concentrated synthetic products which were available in many stores. He would like to see the whole thing banned but this at least got rid of this synthetic product. The FDA has not approved this product and has warned that it is dangerous. He did want to announce that they have provided grant programs that have provided over \$1.5 million across the communities in Dutchess County. The first one was the 2026 Municipal Investment Grant program. It provided over \$335,000 to support 14 community projects. The Town of East Fishkill was awarded \$25,000 to install an automatic fire alarm and carbon monoxide detection system at the Town Police Department headquarters. The second grant program is the County's Community Development Block Grant. There are another 14 projects that received \$1.2 million. This funding comes from the Department of Housing and Development and is distributed by the County.

Board Member Marinaro asked Legislator Caswell if a resolution can be forwarded to the Governor to do something about the green programs that they have in New York State. Some of these mandates could be rescinded. Legislator Caswell stated this is something that they can work on. He stated that Assemblyman Beephan is working on a petition to address this as well.

Ms. Caracappa stated she hopes there will be an update on the Data Center Task Force tonight. There are people who would like to know who the people on the task force are. She also apologized that moving forward she will be late attending the meetings due to her work. She does not want to appear that she is disrupting the meetings.

Receive and File:

There was nothing.

Resolutions:

1. Hire one (1) Police Officer

RESOLUTION
(APPOINTING POLICE OFFICER)

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

WHEREAS, The Town has requested and canvassed the Police Officer Civil Service List, confirming that Blerim Gashi is reachable; and

WHEREAS, The Chief and town board has interviewed multiple Civil Service candidates for the vacancy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Blerim Gashi is hereby appointed to the position of Police Officer with salary and benefits to be in accordance with the current PBA contract, effective September 14, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Blerim Gashi's employment will be contingent on his completion of the pre-employment requirements of the Town of East Fishkill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Blerim Gashi, upon completion of his pre-employment requirements, is authorized to attend the Police Officer Training Program sponsored by the Bureau of Municipal Police or such other program at the direction of Chief Cuccia.

Motion to hire one (1) Police Officer: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk Cassidy administered his oath of office. The Board congratulated him.

2. Hire/Promote P/T Dispatcher to Full-Time to Replace Vacant F/T Dispatcher

RESOLUTION
(APPOINTING FULL-TIME POLICE DISPATCHER)

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the East Fishkill Police Department for a Full-Time Police Dispatcher; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas McSorley currently holds the position of Part-Time Police Assistant in the East Fishkill Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has submitted a memo to the Town Board requesting the appointment of Nicholas McSorley to a Full-Time Police Dispatcher; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby appoint Nicholas McSorley as a full-time Police Dispatcher in the East Fishkill Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Nicholas McSorley shall be paid in accordance with the current CSEA Union Contract; effective August 30, 2026.

Motion to hire/promote P/T Dispatcher to Full-Time to replace vacant F/T Dispatcher: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Acknowledge the Resignation of Brian Higgs from the Role of Full-Time MEO and Rehire as a Part-Time MEO

RESOLUTION
(ACKNOWLEDGE PART-TIME MEO)

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has received the resignation of Brian Higgs from the position of Full-Time Motor Equipment Operator; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has re-hired Brian Higgs as a Part-Time Motor Equipment Operator in the Highway Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby acknowledge the re-hiring of Brian Higgs as a Part-Time Motor Equipment Operator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Brian Higgs shall be compensated at an hourly rate of \$33.67, effective August 4, 2026.

Motion to acknowledge the resignation of Brian Higgs from the role of Full-Time MEO and rehire as a Part-Time MEO: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Approve Standardized Plow Equipment

RESOLUTION

(RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STANDARDIZATION OF HIGHWAY FLEET HYDRAULIC PUMPS AND CONTROLS PURSUANT TO GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 103(5))

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill Highway Department operates a fleet of heavy-duty trucks equipped with snowplows, material sanders, and hydraulic dump bodies critical for public safety and winter storm management; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways has recommended the standardization of all vehicle hydraulic pumps and digital in-cab controls to **Bosch Rexroth** brand systems; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the operational facts and finds that standardization will yield significant **efficiencies and economies** based on the following objective criteria:

1. **Interchangeability of Parts:** The Highway Department currently maintains a substantial inventory of specialized Bosch Rexroth spare parts. Utilizing a single manufacturer avoids the costly duplication of spare parts inventory.
2. **Diagnostics and Software:** The Town has invested in specialized diagnostics, calibration tools, and updates tailored exclusively to Bosch Rexroth controllers.
3. **Staff Training and Safety:** Mechanics and operators are extensively trained on the programming, operation, and physical layout of Bosch Rexroth controllers. Maintaining a uniform in-cab layout across all plow vehicles minimizes operator error and training downtime during critical winter emergencies.
4. **Reduced Fleet Downtime:** Standardizing components allows mechanics to perform rapid "plug-and-play" swaps during winter weather events, ensuring trucks return to service immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that for reasons of efficiency and economy, the Town of East Fishkill hereby standardizes all future acquisitions of hydraulic pumps and in-cab plow/sander/dump controls to **Bosch Rexroth** components; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the use of specifications stating "Bosch Rexroth Only" in all future purchasing documents and formal bid advertisements for Highway Department fleet vehicles and components.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Towns Procurement policy is amended as attached.

Motion to approve standardized plow equipment: Board Member Franco.
Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5a. Authorize \$20,000,000 Bond to Fund the Community Character Preservation Act Subject to Voter Approval

RESOLUTION

BOND RESOLUTION DATED AUGUST 4, 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$20,000,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION OF PARCELS OF LAND, OR RIGHTS OR INTERESTS IN SUCH LAND, FOR PASSIVE PARK PURPOSES AND THE PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACE, IN AND FOR SAID TOWN.

WHEREAS, continuing development within the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York (the “Town”) has demonstrated a compelling need to continue to acquire, preserve, protect and maintain passive park land and existing open space to enhance the general quality of life and the environment of the Town, including protection of drinking water sources, the quality of rivers and streams, wild life habitat and natural areas, and thereby benefit the residents and taxpayers of the Town; and

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law Section 247 recognizes the value of open space areas and the need to preserve such land in such state and, specifically empowers municipalities with the authority to acquire real property or interests therein to preserve land as open space; and

WHEREAS, if existing open space areas are to be preserved, protected and maintained, the Town must develop the capacity to purchase land, easements or other real property interests quickly and efficiently as the need arises and opportunities are identified; and

WHEREAS, this Town Board recognizes the value of passive park land, open spaces and farmlands, and wishes to provide for the acquisition of real property and interests in real property therefor, and hereby finds and determines it to be in the public interest and a proper public purpose of the Town to do so in accordance with the provisions of Section 247 of the General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described, as proposed, has been determined to be a Type II Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, which regulations state that Type II Actions will not have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the financing of the acquisition of such real property and interests therein for said purpose; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The acquisition of parcels of land, or rights or interests in such land, for passive park purposes and the preservation of open space, throughout, and in and for the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, to implement the State authorized programs and policies provided in Section 247 of the General Municipal Law, as such acquisitions may be authorized from time to time by the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, after due notice and a public hearing as provided thereunder, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, is hereby authorized in and for said Town of East Fishkill at a maximum estimated cost of \$20,000,000.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is \$20,000,000, and that the plan for the financing thereof shall be by the issuance of \$20,000,000 serial bonds of said Town hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is thirty years, pursuant to subdivision 21(a) of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the bonds herein authorized will exceed five years. It is hereby further determined that said class of objects or purposes constitutes a class of specific objects or purposes, each of which has the period of probable usefulness of thirty years pursuant to Section 32.00(4)(a) of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Supervisor, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, are hereby irrevocable pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from other sources, there shall annually

be levied on all the taxable real property of said Town, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the Supervisor and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted or impressed thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Town Clerk.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Supervisor, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as she shall deem best for the interests of the Town; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, she shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the Supervisor shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the Town by the facsimile signature of the Supervisor, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the Town), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other

issues, shall be determined by the Supervisor. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the Town not to impose and collect from registered owners of such serial bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Supervisor shall determine.

Section 9. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with,
and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said Town for such purpose, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 12. This Town Board hereby determines to present a proposition for approval hereof at a mandatory referendum on the Town Board’s own motion, the details of which shall be hereafter determined by further resolution(s) of the Town Board.

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**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
PETER J. CASSIDY, TOWN CLERK**

**DATED: AUGUST 27, 2026
EAST FISHKILL, NY**

Voting	Vote
Supervisor D’Alessandro	Aye
Councilperson Franco	Aye
Councilperson Marinaro	Aye
Councilperson Arco	Aye
Councilperson Flores	Aye

Motion to authorize a \$20,000,000 bond to fund the Community Character Preservation Act, subject to voter approval: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5b. Authorize Notice of Public Referendum for November 3, 2026

RESOLUTION
**(PROCEDURES FOR REFERENDUM FOR COMMUNITY CHARACTER
 PRESERVATION ACT BOND OF \$20,000,000)**

WHEREAS, at its July 23, 2026 meeting, the Town Board determined to submit to the voters a proposition authorizing the issuance of a bond in the amount of \$20,000,000 to fund the acquisition of land and property rights within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the matter will be on the ballot at the General Election to be held on November 3, 2026 and overseen by the Dutchess County Commissioner of Elections; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall publish and post a notice of the proposition and the complete ballot question in both the Southern Dutchess News and the Poughkeepsie Journal at least 10 days prior to the November 3, 2026 election setting forth the proposition. The hours of the polls will be the same as those set for the General Election and all registered voters of the Town may vote.

Motion to authorize Notice of Public Referendum for November 3, 2026: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Authorize Auction of Surplus Items

RESOLUTION
(DECLARING SURPLUS)

WHEREAS, the Town has furniture and equipment that are no longer in use; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent is requesting the attached be deemed surplus and be disposed of by auction; and

WHEREAS, the IT Department has deemed equipment no longer of value and is requesting to dispose of properly; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has metal lockers that are of no use and are in no condition for auction. The Lieutenant is requesting that they be deemed surplus and disposed of properly; and

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Department has a generator that is no longer needed and is asking it to be deemed surplus and be disposed of at auction; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the furniture and equipment all be considered surplus; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board concurs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said property is hereby declared surplus and the furniture, generator, and Highway equipment are to be disposed of by participating in an auction process held by Absolute Auctions & Realty without cost to the Town. The surplus equipment and Police lockers will be disposed of properly.

Motion to authorize auction of surplus items: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

6. Authorize Proposed Street Lighting on Route 52 near Route 216 to be part of the Town Wide Lighting District

RESOLUTION
(CONFIRMING FOR NYSDOT REGARDING STREET LIGHTS
ROUTE 52 AND ROUTE 216)

WHEREAS, as part of the road improvements required on Route 52 in the vicinity of Route 216 due to the Montage/Summit Woods projects, certain street lights will be required; and

WHEREAS, these street lights will be constructed and installed at no cost to the Town; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, once completed and approved by NYSDOT and the Town Engineer, the street lights will become part of the Town street lighting network on State highways.

Motion to authorize proposed street lighting on Route 52 near Route 216 to be part of the Town Wide Lighting District: Board Member Marinaro: Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

7. Schedule a Public Hearing on October 22, 2026, to Consider a Local Law Implementing Veterans Exemption for Fully Disabled Veterans

RESOLUTION
(SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW TO OFFER 100% PROPERTY
EXEMPTIONS FOR PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED VETERANS)

WHEREAS, the NYS Legislature has authorized municipalities to offer a 100% assessment exemption for permanently and totally disabled Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the exemption, if adopted, would be for the 2027 assessment roll affecting the 2028 town tax; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board will conduct a Public Hearing at its regular meeting of October 22, 2026 at 6:00 PM to consider a local law entitled:

“A Local Law Adopting the 100% Assessment Option for Permanently and Totally Disabled Veterans in the Town.”

Motion to schedule a Public Hearing on October 22, 2026, to consider a Local Law Implementing Veterans Exemption for fully disabled veterans: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. Authorize Demolition of House on Soccer Complex Property

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZING THE DEMOLITION OF THE SNOOK HOUSE
AT THE SOCCER COMPLEX)

WHEREAS, when the Soccer Complex land was donated to the Town the original owners (Snook Family) retained a life estate in the house at the complex; and

WHEREAS, after the death of the last of the life tenants the property reverted to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town has no use for the house in its deteriorated state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to have the house demolished and removed and create additional parking within previously established budget appropriation.

Motion to authorize demolition of house on Soccer Complex Property: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

9. Approve Designating Recipient of Voluntary Animal Shelter Contribution

RESOLUTION
**(DESIGNATING RECIPIENT OF VOLUNTARY ANIMAL SHELTER
CONTRIBUTIONS PURSUANT TO NYS AGRICULTURE & MARKETS LAW
§109)**

WHEREAS, New York State Agriculture & Markets Law §109, as amended effective December 2025, requires that municipalities include in dog license applications and renewals an option for voluntary contributions to support an animal shelter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such law, voluntary contributions collected in connection with dog licensing are to be provided to the organization under contract with the municipality for animal shelter services; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill currently contracts with the Hudson Valley Animal Rescue Sanctuary to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to acknowledge and implement the requirements of §109 in a manner consistent with applicable law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby acknowledges that, pursuant to New York State Agriculture & Markets Law §109, all voluntary animal shelter contributions collected in connection with dog licensing shall be for the benefit of the HVARs as the Town's contracted animal shelter provider; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to update dog license applications, renewal forms, and related materials to include a clearly identified voluntary contribution option in compliance with §109, including language stating that such contributions are voluntary and not part of the license fee, and identifying the HVARs as the recipient; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller/Treasurer is authorized and directed to establish a dedicated fund or budget line item for the receipt and accounting of such contributions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all funds collected pursuant to this program shall be remitted to the HVARs no less than annually, and may be remitted on a more frequent basis as determined appropriate by the Town's financial officers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate Town officials are authorized to take all actions necessary to implement this resolution, including administrative and system updates.

Motion to approve designating a recipient of a voluntary animal shelter: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the School Superintendent has agreed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute an agreement with the Wappinger Central School District to provide 4(Four) School Resource Officers for the 2026/2027 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wappinger Central School District shall pay to the Town the sum of \$750,000.00 to defray some of the cost of said officers assignment to the schools; and

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

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

11. Acknowledge Hire of Full-Time Laborer at Highway
(AUTHORIZE HIRING OF FULL-TIME LABORER)

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has identified a need for an additional Full-Time Laborer; and

WHEREAS, Dylan Magnotta is currently employed as a Seasonal Laborer for the Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has submitted a memo to the Town Board requesting the appointment of Dylan Magnotta to a Full-Time Laborer position; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the appointment of Dylan Magnotta as a Full-Time Laborer in the Highway Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dylan Magnotta shall be paid in accordance with the current CSEA contract, effective August 30, 2026.

Motion to acknowledge the hiring of a Full-Time Laborer at Highway: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

12. Authorize Town Engineer to Apply for Necessary Permits to Allow Entrance Signs to be Erected in the Right of Way on NYS Highways

RESOLUTION
**(AUTHORIZING PERMIT APPLICATION TO NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TOWN ENTRANCE SIGNS)**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to erect signage at the entrances to New York State roads within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the entrance signs will be located within the right-of-way of New York State highways; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Engineer be, and hereby is, authorized to apply to the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)

for the necessary permits to allow the Town to erect entrance signs within the rights-of-way of New York State highways.

Motion to Authorize Town Engineer to apply for necessary permits to allow entrance signs to be erected in the right of way on NYS highways: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Additions to the Agenda (If any):

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there was one from the floor.

Reject Bids for Petroleum Bulk Storage

RESOLUTION
(REJECTING BIDS RECEIVED WITH RESPECT TO
PETROLEUM BULK STORAGE TANKS)

WHEREAS, the Town previously advertised for bids with respect to the replacement of several oil storage tanks located at the Highway Garage via Bid Contract H2026.01; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk received said bids and opened the same; and

WHEREAS, upon a review of a single bid, the Town Engineer felt that there are insufficient number of responses and the cost proposed may be excessive; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and hereby is authorized to notify all bidders that said bids have been rejected and to return any bid bonds or deposits previously posted to the respective bidders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board Authorizes the Town Engineer and Town Clerk to re-advertise and re-bid for the storage tanks as one or multiple bids to encourage multiple responses.

Motion to reject the bids for petroleum bulk storage: Board Member Flores.

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

Budget Transfer:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there are no budget transfers.

Comments from Town Board Members:

Highway Superintendent Williams stated they have had patch crews out regularly repairing potholes and sections of curbing throughout various locations. They

have a small paving crew out doing patch paving in Hidden Acres, Christine Court, Sundance Acres, Willow Drive and more to come. They will be doing work with the paver with larger sections of road that are pretty bad. The tree crew has been out almost every day. They are also trimming and doing dead tree removal on Verplank Avenue, Rushmore Road, Oak Ridge Drive and Carroll Drive. They have been working to reset some of the catch basins in Worley Homes getting it prepared for paving. He did speak with the paving contractor today and the rain has delayed them a little. Their scheduled date for that paving is September 9th and 10th. They have also been doing pipe replacement repair throughout the Town. They have had guardrail repair in the areas of Townsend Road, Shenandoah Road, Miller Hill, East Hook Cross, Fishkill Hook, Grape Hollow, and Nicholson Road. He is also working to get lines repainted on Montfort, Brown, Lake Walton, Robinson, Fishkill Road and Miller Hill. He wanted to thank his crew and thank the Board for all of their support and communication regularly.

Police Chief Cuccia thanked the Town and Wappingers Central School District for the SRO contract. He does believe it is a big deal and cements East Fishkill being a great place to live. Now all of the schools are afforded the safety of one of the officers and the ability for the officers to connect with more of the residents in regard to the children, parents, and school staff. This has been a very successful program. National Night Out was a great success. They look forward to doing it and connecting with the residents again. He thanked Christine Selback for all of her help. The Office of the Aging held their lunchtime picnic. It is a very big outing. The amount of seniors that show up has grown each year. Board Member Arco stated there was over 400 seniors and a wait list of over 50. They did receive a lot of questions and Chief Cuccia stated feel free to call the Police Department with any additional questions. He also wanted to remind everyone that there is a behavioral health specialist who works out of the station and goes to calls with them. He has been extremely busy and extremely helpful. He has branched out from not only drug and alcohol responses to domestic violence calls that have involved juveniles. This has been a very successful program. Board Member Marinaro asked if the Chief would address the fire lanes. Chief Cuccia stated this is a continual problem. He asked that everyone please stop parking in the fire lanes. He does understand that people are parking to “just run in”, and they tried to be as nice as they can but it causes a hazard and they can only tolerate so much so please do not do it.

Board Member Arco wanted to recognize the men and women in the Police Department. He did attend this year's active shooter training at Gayhead Elementary School. He thanked Wappingers Central School District for allowing them to train in their schools. It is wonderful to see the amount of training and time that goes into these training sessions. The entire community should be proud of them. Most of our officers and leadership in the Police Department are all local graduates. He did attend the day at Red Wing Park and was very impressed. He thanked the recreation staff and highway employees who make these events possible. He heard that National Night Out was a great success. He did apologize

for missing it. He has a thank you from the community to Officer Montagna, also known as officer Tammy. She is known as being one of the many officers who goes above and beyond. She leads a program for young women in the community and was also at Think Differently at Red Wing Park. She was there during her vacation time. That is community policing.

Board Member Marinaro wanted to welcome Neil Dwyer to the staff as the new Code Enforcement Officer. He is sure he will be a great addition to the building department. Last week he met with the Fire Chief, the Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners, the Supervisor, and management of Onsemi Conductors to discuss fire and building code compliance. Their system is very dated and needs to be urgently updated. The meeting went very well and he believes they will get the information that they need to continue monitoring the facility. Board Member Marinaro is still addressing the high cost of electricity in the community. Many people are complaining that their bills have quadrupled after the most recent heat wave. He reviewed the current rates for fuel. The estimate is that household utility bills will go up \$4100 annually. These are the major reasons that many seniors and median income families decide to leave this area for less costly communities. Everyone needs to work on correcting this together to address changes. The changes need to come from the Governor. Please call her office at 518-474-8390 and ask her to rescind the radical environmental agenda. A few years back the Town Board enacted a local Town Law to address the issues of industrial vehicles that need to be parked in the community. At that time they allowed 5% of local farm area to be allocated for this use. Although many people voiced wanting more green space the Town does have an obligation to these construction companies that have small equipment. He does believe that allowing this small usage in farm area is not a bad idea. Everyone needs to work together. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated contractor yards in the Town have been a problem for decades. That's why they adopted a local law years ago to allow 5% towards contractor yards. This was to encourage farmers to gain a little more revenue and to get the contractor yards out of the residential driveways and areas. They need a place to go. This is a problem in every community. Board Member Marinaro stated since they enacted the local law they have gotten less complaints.

Board Member Franco stated the Think Differently Day at the Beach was a huge success. This special event is part of the Dutchess County Think Differently Initiative. He thanked Christine Selback and the Police Department and Highway Department and everyone else who helped out. He thanked everyone who came out for the East Fishkill Family Fishing Derby as this was the biggest year yet. He thanked their co-sponsor the East Fishkill PBA. He also thanked Dylan Copeland who has been running the Derby for the past 12 years. The upcoming events are the 30th Community Day on September 26th at the Hopewell Rec park. The parade is at 2pm. There will be live music and food trucks and raffles and prizes the bounce house is also always a great time. This year they are recognizing veterans at the Town Community Day tent or go online. You just need to supply their name and branch of service. They will be honored from midnight to midnight

on Veteran's Day on the Town Recreation Department's Facebook page and on the sign outside of Town Hall. He hopes to see everyone at Community Day on September 26th.

Board Member Flores stated they are finalizing the framework and objectives for the data center task force so they are able to complete an objective review of the opportunities, challenges, and community considerations related to any potential data centers in our Town. They are working on identifying the members of the task force and the subject matter experts that they will work with to develop recommendations and standards as well as potential requirements to guide their future decision-making on this important topic. She hopes to have a resolution ready for the next Board meeting for the task force charter. They are in the process of interviewing and have had a number of residents reach out with an interest. They are trying to keep the task force to a maximum of 12 people including subject matter experts as well as residents. The Master Plan implementation committee is meeting on September 10th. This committee represents the residents and makes recommendations and provides feedback as they look to implement the recommendations from the Master Plan. The committee meeting next week will be focused on character and future infrastructure in the Town. They are also looking at wayfinding and branding and we'll begin reviewing zoning maps and possible changes that may be considered. They have been conducting a survey to determine the interest in forming a volunteer Garden Club to help maintain and create gardens in various town properties. They have had a fair number of residents express interest and over the next few months they will develop plans and work with the beautification team and the highway team to begin the club. She believes this will be a fun opportunity for anyone with an interest in gardening to share their skills and learn new skills and meet some neighbors and residents while keeping the town beautiful. If you are interested please go on to the website because the survey is still open.

Supervisor D'Alessandro wished everyone a safe and happy Labor Day.

Motion for Adjournment: Time: Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:37 PM: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Town Board Meetings:

Regular Meeting/Workshop:

September 24, 2026

Respectfully submitted by Julie J. Beyer on behalf of Town Clerk Peter Cassidy –