

MINUTES
TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2018
7:00 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Town of East Fishkill's Town Board Meeting on February 22, 2018 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor D'Alessandro with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence for the tragedy in Florida.

Supervisor's Announcements

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he met with GlobalFoundries at Julie's Jungle to officially receive their donation, which he thanked them for. He met with several property owners regarding getting water down Route 82. This is something they will move forward with. He met with the owners of the Sportsdome. They assured him that they are moving forward but did not provide a timeline. He had a meeting with all department heads and discussed the proposed renovations of the building and employee sharing. He thanked all the employees for all of their cooperation and hard work. He met with Sue Serino regarding the traffic in the Hamlet and the possibility of doing a DOT project there. There was a second meeting with GlobalFoundries and all those involved with getting sewer and water down Route 52. He met with both the Highway Superintendent and the Town Engineer regarding various projects and renovations. He thanked the Highway Department for taking over repairs of the PD vehicles, as this is a large budget savings. The Highway Superintendent stated he is on budget for salt and down on the contractor's budget. Any excess will be transferred over to be used for paving. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that he spoke to the Rotary on February 8. On February 15 they hosted the EPA and Conte Construction as well as many others to discuss the Hopewell Precision Waterline Project. It was very informative. There will be a public meeting on March 12 from 5:00pm-8:00pm at the Community Center. March 14 is National Pi Day. East Fishkill will be participating with them at the junior high for their math recognition program. March 1 at 7 PM there will be a Public Hearing regarding the dissolution of the Hillside Lake Park District. They did have a productive meeting with the community and this is the first step. March 15 at 7 PM they are hosting a community forum for the Council on Addiction and Prevention and Education of Dutchess County. It will have a panel of speakers regarding the opioid and heroin problem in our area. It will also be aired on channel 22. Gov. Cuomo was at Marist College today discussing his budget and impacts that will impact our town. There will be more aid for economic development, which is a benefit.

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

Board Members in Attendance were

Peter	Thomas	Emanuele	Nicolas
Cassidy	Franco	Marinero	D'Alessandro

Also in attendance were:

Tom Wood, Attorney; Scott Bryant, Engineer; and Mark Pozniak, Comptroller.

Approve Minutes:

January 25, 2018

Motion to approve the minutes for the January 25th meeting regarding the scheduled meeting dates: Board Member Cassidy. Seconded: Board Member Marinero. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Courtesy of the Floor:

Keith Dimaso asked about the new agenda format and being able to ask questions. Attorney Wood stated all items would be on a list on the table prior to the meeting, unless it was brought up during the meeting by a board member.

Robert Grasso asked about Resolution #8. Attorney Wood stated that in the 70's the Town never opted to become a Suburban Town Government. Therefore they could not lower the speed limit but they did. Someone got a ticket and fought it. Since then they have changed that and are now a Suburban Town Government and this item is up for reconsideration. This is something that can only be done in a school zone. Mr. Grasso asked if the Board would please send a letter regarding dropping the speed limit in Hillside Lake. He also asked about the proposed Town Hall renovations. He stated the entrance to the Town Hall is very bad and needs additional signage or to be replaced.

Receive and File:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there was nothing received.

Public Hearings:

None.

Resolutions:

- 1. Appoint Chair to the Fire Advisory Board (FAB)**

RESOLUTION
(APPOINTING A FIRE ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRPERSON FOR 2018)

WHEREAS, the Town Board on an annual basis must designate a Chairperson of the Fire Advisory Board (FAB); and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to exercise its right to appoint said Chairperson;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Dave Palin be and hereby is designated as Chairperson of the Fire Advisory Board for calendar year 2018.

Vote:	Vote
Councilman Cassidy	Aye
Councilman Franco	Aye
Councilman Marinaro	Abstain
Supervisor D'Alessandro	Aye

Motion to appoint a Chair to the Fire Advisory Board (FAB): Board Member Cassidy. Seconded: Board Member Franco. Board Member Marinaro abstained. All others voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Authorize Addition of East Fishkill Realty, LLC Parcel on Route 52 into the John Jay Sewer Improvement Area

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZE ADDITION TO JOHN JAY SEWER IMPROVEMENT AREA)

WHEREAS, East Fishkill Realty has granted the Town an easement for the installation of sewer manhole and piping; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer has received a request from East Fishkill Realty, LLC to be included in the sewer district;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board does authorize the addition of East Fishkill Realty, LLC into the John Jay Sewer improvement area.

Motion to authorize the addition of East Fishkill Realty, LLC parcel on Route 52 into the John Jay Sewer Improvement Area: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Appoint Member to the Conservation Advisory Council (CAC)

RESOLUTION

(APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL)

WHEREAS, the Town has previously established a Conservation Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, the Chairperson has recommended the appointment be made to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has interviewed the recommended candidate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Michael Conrad be and hereby is appointed as a member of the CAC, whose term will end on 12/31/2018.

Vote:	Vote
Councilman Cassidy	Aye
Councilman Franco	Aye
Councilman Marinaro	Abstain
Supervisor D’Alessandro	Aye

Motion to appoint member to the Conservation Advisory Council (CAC): Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Cassidy. Board Member Marinaro abstained. All others voted in favor. Motion carried

4. Set Public Hearing for March 22, 2018 to consider extending the Cold War Veterans Exemption for an additional ten years with respect to Town Taxes

RESOLUTION

(SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE COLD WAR VETERAN'S EXEMPTION)

WHEREAS, the Town Board previously adopted the Cold War Veterans’ Exemption as authorized by State Law, and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the State removed the 10 year limit from the current Exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor is requesting that the Town Board amend the Cold War Veterans’ Exemption to remove the 10 year limit; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to hold a public hearing to consider adopting said amendment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on March 22, 2018 at its next regular Town Board meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and hereby is authorized to advertise notice of said Public Hearing.

Motion to set Public Hearing for March 22, 2018 to consider extending the Cold War Veterans Exemption for an additional ten years with respect to Town Taxes: Board Member Cassidy. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Adopt Administrative Flow Chart with respect to the Department of Engineering Code Administration

Supervisor D'Alessandro tabled this item.

6. Adopt Hiring Policy for Full-time and Permanent Part-timers requiring pre-employment physicals and drug testing

RESOLUTION

(ADOPT A HIRING POLICY FOR FULL-TIME AND PERMANENT PART-TIME)

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor is requesting the Town Board to adopt a hiring policy for Full-time and Permanent Part-time Employees; and

WHEREAS, the hiring policy will include Pre-Employment Physicals and Drug Testing; and

WHEREAS, that prior to employment the Town will send the applicant for testing at the Town's expense; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby adopt the hiring policy for Full-time and Permanent Part-time Employees.

Motion to adopt Hiring Policy for Full-time and Permanent Part-timers requiring pre-employment physicals and drug testing: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Cassidy. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

7. Confirm seasonal employee hires made by Highway Superintendent

RESOLUTION

(ACKNOWLEDGE THE HIRING OF SEASONAL WINGMEN AND MEO FOR HIGHWAY)

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has hired the following additional Seasonal Wingmen; and

WINGMEN	2018
Walter Brozman	\$11.75
Toni Barry	\$11.75
David Kelly	\$10.40
Sean Heckert	\$10.40
Andre Federici	\$10.40

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

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has also hired Brian Higgs, effective February 5, 2018 as a Temporary Full-time MEO at a rate of \$20.98/per hr.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board acknowledges the hiring of the Highway Wingmen and Temporary Full-time MEO and that upon completion of the Wingmen’s tasks, they shall be removed from the payroll, unless further ordered by the Town Board.

Motion to confirm seasonal employee hires made by the Highway Superintendent: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. Establish 20 mph School Zone Speed Limit on Lake Walton Road at Fishkill Plains Elementary School

**RESOLUTION
(ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL SPEED ZONE)**

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill has been declared a suburban Town government; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board previously has determined that it would be appropriate for the safety of the children and the residents of the Town to establish a school zone on Lake Walton Road in the vicinity of the Fishkill Plains School; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determines that this is to be in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby establish a 20 mph school speed zone on Lake Walton Road in front of the Fishkill Plains School and for a length extending from each property line of said School in a distance appropriately determined by the Highway Superintendent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent shall post said School Zone; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized to file this resolution with the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New York.

Motion to Establish 20 mph School Zone Speed Limit on Lake Walton Road at Fishkill Plains Elementary School: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Cassidy. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

9. Approve a contract with the Dutchess County ASPCA for 2018 and fees therein

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING THE 2018 CONTRACT WITH THE DUTCHESS COUNTY ASPCA)

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill is charged with animal control within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Town to have a proper shelter for any dogs seized by it; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute a contract for calendar year 2018 with the Dutchess County ASPCA providing for the care of seized dogs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town shall be reimbursed by any dog owner the sum of \$70.00 fee for the seizure of any unlicensed or stray dogs.

Motion to approve a contract with the Dutchess County ASPCA for 2018 and fees therein: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Cassidy. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

10. Authorize mold remediation at Four Corners Sewer Plant

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE MOLD REMEDIATION AT FOUR CORNERS SEWER PLANT)

WHEREAS, the Town has been assessing a mold problem at the Four Corners Wastewater Plant; and

WHEREAS, the remediation of this condition is an emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer requested quotes from three companies to remediate the problem; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that Expediant Environmental Solutions, LLC was the lowest quote of \$146,240;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Expediant Environmental Solutions, LLC be authorized to remediate the mold problem for \$146,240; and said remediation is considered an emergency under the GML; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute a contract in regard hereto.

Motion to Authorize mold remediation at Four Corners Sewer Plant: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

11. Authorize borrowing of \$225,000 for Town Hall renovations and repair

Supervisor D'Alessandro tabled this item.

12. Recognize “Music In Our Schools” Month

RESOLUTION

(RECOGNIZING “MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH”)

WHEREAS, the study of music is basic to a complete education, provides the competitive edge for successful educational reform, engages students in individual and group activity, develops creativity, problem solving, critical thinking and evaluative skills; and

WHEREAS, music education helps students acquire skills in the production and performance of music, as well as an understanding of history and culture; and

WHEREAS, the Wappingers Central School District is concerned with maintaining and improving school music programs for all students, regardless of their socio-economic status or their abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill strives to instill a higher level of awareness and knowledge of music; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill strives to support fine musical experiences through the participation of over 11,000 students in the district’s music program;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of East Fishkill, with the Honorable Supervisor Nicholas D’Alessandro, strongly support quality music education in the Wappingers Central School District and that all students, Kindergarten through 12th grade, should have access to a well-balanced, comprehensive, high quality, sequential program of music taught by teachers certified in music education; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the East Fishkill Town Board recognizes and commends the Wappingers Central School District for its concern and efforts to enhance the quality of music education in the Town of East Fishkill;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of East Fishkill and the Honorable Supervisor Nicholas D’Alessandro hereby proclaim the month of March 2018 as “Music In Our Schools Month” and endorse this observance as an opportunity to support the purpose and practices of music education and encourage teachers, parents, students and all citizens to participate.

Motion to recognize “Music In Our Schools” Month: Board Member Marinaro.
Seconded: Board Member Cassidy. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Budget Transfers:

Supervisor D’Alessandro stated there are no transfers at this time.

Additions to the Agenda by Majority Vote (if any):

None.

Comments from Town Board Members:

Board Member Marino read a note regarding the Police and their many responses emergency medical responses. They will continue working to address the drug problems in the town. He thanked the Police Department for their responses.

Supervisor D’Alessandro thanked all the first responders who do a great job.

Board Member Franco has been working on starting a Veterans Committee and they hope to meet for the first time in the next month or so.

Board Member Cassidy reminded everyone of Town Cleanup Day on March 31, 2018 at 8:30 at Town Hall. That afternoon will be the Easter Egg Hunt.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that they have interviewed 8 people for the open Town Board seat. They are hoping to appoint someone at the March voting meeting. He stated they need to work on economic development in the Town. The Town Economic Development Committee will look at various properties to see what can be done to bring businesses here and to address any obstacles. He's looking at possibly getting a part-time Economic Developer. This will be discussed more at the next workshop.

Motion for Adjournment: Time: Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:46 PM: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Town Board Meetings:

March 8, 2018 - Workshop

March 22, 2018 – Regular Meeting

Respectfully Submitted by Julie J. Beyer on behalf of Town Clerk Carol A. Hurray
– February 29, 2018