

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2011

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on October 25, 2011, at the Conklin Town Hall. Mrs. Preston, Supervisor, presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

Town Board Members	Bullock, Minoia, Francisco, Finch, Preston
Town Counsel	Cheryl Sacco
Town Clerk	Sherrie L. Jacobs
Assistant to Supervisor	Lisa Houston
Highway Superintendent	Patrick Latting
Code Officer	Robert Jones
Water & Sewer Superintendent/ Parks Superintendent	Tom Delamarter
Dog Control Officer	Darlene Weidman

GUESTS:

NYS Assembly	Clifford Crouch
Country Courier	Elizabeth Einstein
Project Renew	Jeanne Westcott
Project Renew	Yasmin Van
Project Renew	Joel M. Beck
	Robert Krause
	Karen Krause
	Michael Lewis
	James Kisner
	Esther Kisner
	Dolly Stout
	Joseph Bartosik
	John Colley
	Nicole Latting
	Laurie Francisco
	Kim Mitchell
	Brian Mitchell
	William Slater
	Peter J. Motsavage

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Mr. Francisco moved to approve the October 11, 2011 Regular Town Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

VOTE: Bullock – Yes, Minoia – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Finch - Yes, Preston – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Preston acknowledged receipt of a report from the Water and Sewer Department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Supervisor Preston welcomed New York State Assemblyman Clifford Crouch to the Town Board meeting, adding that he would speak after the upcoming Public Hearings scheduled for this meeting.

PROJECT RENEW

Jeanne Westcott, Joel Beck, and Yasmin Van, all from Project Renew, a part of the Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier, explained that they are available to provide crisis counseling to people recovering from the recent flooding. The team is going house-to-house to

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offer its free services to those in need, allowing people to talk about their experiences. Supervisor Preston noted that this group was present after the 2006 Flood and stated that she is “glad you’re here. There are many in need.” The Project Renew team distributed fliers, which provide a phone number to call for further assistance.

PICK-UP OF FLOOD DEBRIS

Robert Krause asked how much longer the Town will be picking up flood debris and Supervisor Preston stated that the last day for pick-up will be October 31, 2011.

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PUBLIC HEARING
TO RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2012 GENERAL AND
HIGHWAY BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF CONKLIN

PRESENT: Same as on page one.

Notice of Public Hearing having been duly advertised, Supervisor Preston declared the Public Hearing open at 7:05 P.M. and asked those present to speak either for, or in opposition to, the proposed 2012 General and Highway Budget for the Town of Conklin.

Supervisor Preston stated that the proposed Budget for 2012 provides for an increase of \$35,000 over the 2011 Budget. In a discussion regarding increases in salaries for employees, Mr. Finch stated that he favors a \$.50 per hour increase for everyone over a 3% increase for everyone. No employees received raises in 2011. Supervisor Preston stated that the cost increase of a 3% raise would be \$16,280 as opposed to a cost of \$18,164 for a \$.50 per hour raise. In an unofficial poll, Mr. Finch, Mr. Bullock, and Mr. Minoia favored the \$.50 per hour raise, while Supervisor Preston and Mr. Francisco favored the 3% increase. Supervisor Preston stated that the \$.50 per hour raise results in less money for all of the salaried employees, adding that she would also have to increase employee contribution to health care by 2% instead of the planned 1%. Attorney Cheryl Sacco stated that a supermajority of the Board would be required to exceed the 2% tax cap and added that such a decision would have to be advertised legally and could not be decided at this meeting. Assistant to the Supervisor Lisa Houston pointed out that giving salaried employees a 3% raise and hourly employees a \$.50 per hour raise would cost \$18,171, a difference of \$1,891 over the budgeted \$16,280.

Supervisor Preston stated that the proposed total increase in the budget over last year is \$35,818, which she stated means that a house assessed at \$100,000 will see an increase in taxes of \$20.

John Colley suggested that perhaps an increase of 3% for salaried employees and \$.30 per hour for hourly employees might be a good compromise.

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PUBLIC HEARING
TO RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING PROPOSED 2012 FIRE PROTECTION
CONTRACT/CONKLIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

PRESENT: Same as on page one.

Notice of Public Hearing having been duly advertised, Supervisor Preston declared the Public Hearing open at 7:15 P.M. and asked those present to speak either for, or in opposition to, the proposed 2012 Fire Protection Contract with the Conklin Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Supervisor Preston noted that the increase in the Fire Protection contract for 2012 is only \$11,000 and commented that the Conklin Volunteer Fire Department does a “fine job” and “deserves it.”

Mr. Finch noted that there is an increase of \$5,000 in the equipment fund and asked where the other \$6,000 increase is slated. He noted that in 2011 the debt payment was \$30,000 and is \$0

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for 2012, but the truck fund increased from \$70,000 to \$100,000. Mr. Finch asked if the fire department will need a new truck in 2012. Mr. Francisco called the Fire Protection contract a "fair budget."

There being no further public comments or questions, Supervisor Preston declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:18 P.M.

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CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF 2012 GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BUDGET

Supervisor Preston noted that raising the employees' health care contribution 2% will increase contribution to 25%. Mr. Francisco stated that a 3% raise for all employees is "a good approach." Supervisor Preston cautioned that the Board must be careful not to exceed the tax cap. Attorney Cheryl Sacco stated that the Board can vote to override the tax cap, but must do so with a Local Law, which requires an advertised Public Hearing, and would mean the 2012 Budget cannot be approved at this meeting. She added that the Board must, by law, adopt a budget by November 20. Supervisor Preston stated that there is a difference of approximately \$20,000 between her proposed Budget and the tax cap figure.

Mr. Bullock suggested giving a 2% raise to salaried employees and a \$.50 per hour raise to hourly employees. "Where will you get the extra money?" asked Supervisor Preston. "Take 2% from the Fire Protection budget," responded Mr. Finch. "No way. I won't," stated Supervisor Preston, reminding the Board of the work accomplished by the Fire Department in last month's flood.

Mr. Minoia stated that he thought it was "too late to do this" (make changes to the proposed 3% for all). "I'm not for upsetting the apple cart."

Supervisor Preston stated that \$2,000 is needed. She stated that if the Board approves a 3% increase for salaried employees and \$.50 per hour increase for hourly employees and only raises employee contributions to health care by 1%, it will leave a cushion of \$18,000 between the 2012 Budget and the tax cap figure.

There being no further public comments or questions, Supervisor Preston declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:28 P.M.

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PUBLIC HEARING
TO RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2012 WATER & SEWER RATES

PRESENT: Same as on page one.

Notice of Public Hearing having been duly advertised, Supervisor Preston declared the Public Hearing open at 7:30 P.M. and asked those present to speak either for, or in opposition to, the proposed 2012 Water and Sewer billing rates.

Supervisor Preston stated that the proposed billing rates for 2012 are as follows:

Sewer	\$10.00 Quarterly Fee	\$6.55 per 1,000 gallons
Water	\$10.00 Quarterly Fee	\$2.74 per 1,000 gallons

There being no public comments or questions, Supervisor Preston declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:31 P.M.

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RESO 2011-154: ADOPT 2012 WATER & SEWER BILLING RATES

Mr. Bullock moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin adopts new sewer and water billing rates for municipal sewer users in the Town of Conklin as follows:

SEWER

Quarterly Basic Fee:	\$10.00
Unit Charge not to exceed	\$6.55 per Thousand Gallons

WATER

Quarterly Basic Fee:	\$10.00
Unit Charge not to exceed	\$2.74 per Thousand Gallons

This billing change becomes effective November 1, 2011, and will be billed starting the first billing cycle in 2012: February 2012.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

CERTIFICATION

I, Sherrie L. Jacobs, do hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Conklin and that the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Conklin at a meeting thereof held at the Conklin Town Hall, 1271 Conklin Road, Conklin, New York, on October 25, 2011. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Supervisor Debra A. Preston	YES
Councilman Gary D. Bullock	YES
Councilman Charles Francisco	YES
Councilman James E. Finch	YES
Councilman Jerry Minoia	YES

Dated: October 25, 2011

Town of Conklin Seal

Sherrie L. Jacobs Town Clerk of the Town of Conklin

RESO 2011-155: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT/2012/CONKLIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Whereas, the Town Board (hereinafter "Town Board") of the Town of Conklin (hereinafter "Town"), on the 25th day of October, 2011, commencing at 7:15 PM at the Conklin Town Hall, 1271 Conklin Road, Conklin NY, duly held a public hearing on the Town year 2012 Fire Protection District costs and

Whereas, the Town Board heard all persons desiring to be heard in the matter, and the matter of the said costs for the Town for such fiscal year was fully discussed and considered by the Town Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town, duly convened in regular session, does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The Supervisor of the Town of Conklin is hereby authorized and empowered to sign and deliver on behalf of the Town of Conklin the Fire Protection Agreement for Fire Protection District for the year 2011 between Town of Conklin and Conklin Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

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Section 2. Said agreement shall be substantially in accordance with the version thereof which is now on file in the offices of the Town Clerk of the Town of Conklin, and shall be subject to the approval of the Town Attorney of the Town of Conklin.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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Supervisor Debra A. Preston	YES
Councilman Gary D. Bullock	ABSTAIN
Councilman Charles Francisco	YES
Councilman James E. Finch	YES
Councilman Jerry Minoia	YES

Dated: October 25, 2011

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Sherrie L. Jacobs Town Clerk of the Town of Conklin

RESO 2011-156: ADOPT 2012 BUDGET FOR TOWN OF CONKLIN

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Whereas, the Town Board (hereinafter "Town Board") of the Town of Conklin (hereinafter "Town"), on the 25th day of October, 2011, commencing at 7:05 PM at the Conklin Town Hall, 1271 Conklin Road, Conklin, NY, duly held a public hearing on the Town year 2012 preliminary budget submitted and approved by the Town Board and filed with the Town Clerk of the Town for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2012, and

Whereas, the Town Board heard all persons desiring to be heard in the matter, and the matter of the said budget for the Town for such fiscal year was fully discussed and considered by the Town Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town, duly convened in regular session, does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The said Town year 2012 preliminary budget submitted, approved, and filed, as aforesaid, be and the same is hereby adopted and established as the year 2012 annual budget for the Town for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012. Said annual budget as so adopted and established shall be entered in detail in the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Board.

Section 2. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to attach to said budget an exemption report in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 258 of the Laws of 2008. Said report shall show how much of the total assessed value on the final assessment roll of the Town of Conklin used in the Town's budgetary process is exempt from taxation.

Section 3. The Town Clerk of the Town shall prepare and certify, as provided by law, duplicate copies of the said Town annual budget hereby adopted and established, and shall deliver one of such copies to the Supervisor of the Town; and the said Supervisor of the Town shall present such copy to the Board of Legislators of the County of Broome as required by law.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Seconded by Mr. Bullock.

CERTIFICATION

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Supervisor Debra A. Preston	NO
Councilman Gary D. Bullock	YES
Councilman Charles Francisco	NO
Councilman James E. Finch	YES
Councilman Jerry Minoia	YES

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Sherrie L. Jacobs, Town Clerk of the Town of Conklin

The 2012 Budget will include an increase of 3% for salaried employees and \$.50 per hour for hourly employees, as well as a 1% increase in employee contributions to health care. Supervisor Preston stated that she felt the budget she had presented, with a 3% increase for all employees, was “a fair budget” and added that this change to \$.50 per hour increase for hourly employees is “too much for residents.”

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

COMMUNITY PLAN FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

Kim Mitchell asked the Town Board if a Community Plan exists for those who have had substantial flooding twice, adding that her insurance company is requiring that she produce such a plan. Ms. Mitchell stated that she already has a letter from Code Officer Robert Jones stating that her home sustained more than 50% damage, but the insurance company is still requiring a copy of the Community Plan. Supervisor Preston explained that the Town of Conklin is under the Broome County Community Plan. Ms. Mitchell stated that she will need to see a copy of this plan in writing.

NYS ASSEMBLYMAN CLIFFORD CROUCH

New York State Assemblyman Clifford Crouch addressed those present at the Town Board meeting. He stated that Governor Cuomo’s 2% tax cap is actually an idea that was presented by the minority in the NYS Assembly years ago, adding that it was aimed at school districts to help control spending. Mr. Crouch stated that Governor Cuomo campaigned on the tax cap idea. Mr. Crouch stated that he has misgivings about the tax cap, as it creates problems for the municipalities. He also noted that unfunded mandates create problems and added that mandate relief is needed.

Mr. Finch urged Assemblyman Crouch to “keep doing as good a job as you have been.” Mr. Finch added that perhaps Mr. Crouch could urge the State to pay all 25% of the amount left to be paid after FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) payments have been taken into account. Typically, for repairs or mitigation, FEMA pays 75% of the costs, New York State pays 12.5%, and the municipality pays 12.5%. Following the June 2006 Flood, New York State paid the entire 25% balance.

Mr. William Slater stated that many people do not have the money they had in 2006, adding that the three weeks grace period given to pay 2011 School Tax “doesn’t mean much.” He added that 600 buildings in the Town of Conklin were compromised more than 50% devaluation. “How will the Town balance the budget?” asked Mr. Slater. Mr. Crouch stated that the State Legislature is currently on hiatus, adding that he had hoped a special session would be called to

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address all of the pressing issues caused by the September flooding. Mr. Slater stated that the residents need tax abatement – no taxes for several years. He added that no money should be spent on welfare.

Mr. Slater went on to comment that no hydraulic mitigation has occurred, adding that the dams and river are “silting in.” Supervisor Preston added that she also believes in dredging but the federal government refuses to do so.

Supervisor Preston stated that following the 2006 Flood, the Town of Conklin lost \$17 million in assessed values, adding that in the five years since that flood, less than \$2 million of that initial loss has been recouped. Now, with last month’s flood, she stated, all that was gained back is “all gone.” Supervisor Preston stated that businesses receive no money from FEMA for recovery. The only financial help available to businesses is a low-interest loan. Supervisor Preston stated that, due to the loss of population following the 2006 Flood, recorded in the 2010 Census, the Town of Conklin lost \$100,000 in sales tax revenue. She stated that when the 2020 Census is recorded, the entire County “will take a hit.” She stated that sales tax abatement is needed.

Mr. Slater stated that the area needs money to rebuild businesses and needs flood control. He stated that no building is allowed within 200 yards of the river in Delaware County, adding that FEMA “wants the same for Broome County.”

Assemblyman Crouch stated that changes are needed at the federal level. He stated that he introduced stream reclamation legislation but it received no support. He suggested a letter-writing campaign to Governor Cuomo. “And to Senator Schumer,” added Supervisor Preston. She went on to comment, “Businesses are leaving.” Mr. Slater stated, “We need tax abatement and grants.” He added that the current infrastructure needs to be maintained and asked, “Where is the money coming to New York State for this being spent?”

Mr. Finch commented on the 75%-12.5%-12.5% split on recovery costs and asked, “Why doesn’t New York State give us a break on the prevailing wage requirement for clean-up contractors?” Supervisor Preston stated that the prevailing wage requirement raised the cost of repairing the Floyd Maines Community Center from \$11,000 to \$32,000.

Mr. Minoia commented that the Army Corps of Engineers and the DEC (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) have been “studying stream reclamation since the 1940’s” and recently stated that streams and rivers have “only silted in 2 or 3 inches since the 1940’s.” Mr. Minoia stated that this finding is “obviously wrong.” He added that any stream declared a “navigable waterway” falls under the jurisdiction of the Army Corps of Engineers. Assemblyman Crouch noted that the DEC was “better to work with in 2011, than in 2006.”

Mr. Finch commented that the Highway Department has been kept busy with clean-up of flood debris and has had no time to clean creeks. Mr. Minoia stated that the Army Corps of Engineers and the DEC have decreed “no machines in the water.” He added that the local DEC office has equipment for stream reclamation but added that “the only work they do is in their yard.”

OLD BUSINESS:

FRANCHISE AGREEMENT RESEARCH BY COMPUTEL CONSULTANTS

Discussion of the franchise agreement research conducted by Computel Consultants will be held over until the next Town Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESO 2011-157: CANCEL NOVEMBER 8, 2011 TOWN BOARD MEETING
(ELECTION DAY)/RESCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2011

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

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Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin cancels the Regular Town Board Meeting scheduled for November 8, 2011 (Election Day), and reschedules it for November 9, 2011, at 7:00 P.M.

Seconded by Mr. Bullock.

VOTE: Bullock – Yes, Minoia – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Finch – Yes, Preston – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

RESO 2011-158: RATIFY PAYMENT/NYS UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE/3RD
QUARTER UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIM

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment of check #3255, account code A9050.8, in the amount of \$1,831.24 to New York State Unemployment Insurance for the Third Quarter unemployment claim.

Seconded by Mr. Bullock.

VOTE: Bullock – Yes, Minoia – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Finch – No, Preston – Yes. Motion carried: 4 – Yes, 1 – No.

RESO 2011-159: RATIFY PAYMENT/SERVICE MASTER
CLEANING/GRIFFIG/COMMUNITY CENTER FLOOD RESTORATION/BALANCE
DUE UPON COMPLETION

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment of check #3257, account code HA8760.4E, in the amount of \$6,750.00 to Service Master Clean/Griffig for Community Center flood restoration, with the balance due upon completion.

Seconded by Mr. Minoia.

VOTE: Bullock – Yes, Minoia – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Finch – Yes, Preston – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

RESO 2011-160: RATIFY PAYMENT/DEBRA PRESTON/FLOOD MILEAGE &
PHONE USAGE

Mr. Minoia moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment of check #3258, account code A8760.4, in the amount of \$309.52 to Debra Preston for flood mileage reimbursement and phone usage reimbursement.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

VOTE: Bullock – Yes, Minoia – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Finch – Yes, Preston – Abstain. Motion carried: 4 – Yes, 1 – Abstain.

RESO 2011-161: APPROVE END DATE/TOWN-WIDE FLOOD DEBRIS
REMOVAL/EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 31, 2011

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves an end date for Town-wide flood debris removal effective October 31, 2011.

Seconded by Mr. Bullock.

VOTE: Bullock – Yes, Minoia – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Finch – Yes, Preston – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

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Highway Superintendent Patrick Latting stated that flood debris should be put to the curb or taken to the Highway Garage by the ending date of October 31, 2011. He added that there has been some misuse of the flood debris removal and added that FEMA wants the numbers of man-hours and vehicle-hours and other expenses so that this project can be closed out. Mr. Latting stated that the Town of Conklin has continued flood debris removal longer than most other municipalities.

RESO 2011-162: APPROVE PAYMENT/OCTOBER 25, 2011 BILL LIST/\$92,427.31

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves payment of the following October 25, 2011 Bill List in the total amount of \$92,427.31:

General	\$18,741.60
Highway	4,340.71
Flood Emergency	61,339.21
Water District	3,720.77
Sewer District	2,202.82
Light Districts	<u>2,082.20</u>
Total	\$92,427.31

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

VOTE: Bullock – Yes, Minoia – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Finch – Yes, Preston – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

LANDFILL SURVEY REQUIREMENT

Attorney Cheryl Sacco explained that the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and the DEC require that a survey be completed of the Town Landfill as part of the deed restrictions requirement set by the EPA. She stated that Hawk Engineering completed a Boundary Line Map over 20 years ago in either 1986 or 1987 and added that no other survey of the Landfill exists. Ms. Sacco stated that Shumaker Surveying and Consulting agreed to complete a survey of the Landfill for a cost of more than \$25,000 but added that she has persuaded them to reduce the cost twice to a current proposed cost of \$16,175. Mr. Francisco asked when the deadline for completion of this survey would be and Ms. Sacco replied, “Two months ago.”

RESO 2011-163: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR/ENTER AGREEMENT/SHUMAKER SURVEYING & CONSULTING/CREATE BOUNDARY LINE MAP & SURVEY/TOWN LANDFILL/COST NOT TO EXCEED \$16,175

Mr. Bullock moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes the Supervisor to enter an agreement with Shumaker Surveying and Consulting to create a boundary line map and survey of the Town Landfill for a cost not to exceed \$16,175.00.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

VOTE: Bullock – Yes, Minoia – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Finch – Yes, Preston – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

EXTENSION OF WATER DISTRICT 6/PRIDE MANOR MOBILE HOME PARK

Attorney Sacco stated that the wells providing water for Pride Manor Mobile Home Park have been deemed insufficient and health issue by the Broome County Health Department and consultation with both the former and the soon-to-be-new owners of the mobile home park finds that all parties want to move forward with the extension of Water District 6 to include the mobile home park. The next step in that process would be to ask Town Engineer Griffiths Engineering to complete a Map Plan and Report for the project. She explained that if the extension project is

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completed, the residents of the mobile home park would pay for the engineering costs. If the project is not completed, the Town will be responsible for the engineering costs of this preliminary Map Plan and Report. If completed, the residents of the Water District 6 extension would pay for all of the costs of extending the water service.

Mr. Finch asked if Griffiths Engineering is the cheapest engineering firm to conduct the Map Plan and Report and Attorney Sacco replied that she does not know whether or not Griffiths Engineering is the least expensive company but they have a history and knowledge of the project, adding that hiring a new engineer could cost more money in the long term.

RESO 2011-164: AUTHORIZE TOWN ENGINEER/GRIFFITHS
ENGINEERING/CREATE MAP PLAN & REPORT/WATER DISTRICT 6 EXTENSION

Mr. Bullock moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes Town Engineer Griffiths Engineering to create a Map Plan and Report for the extension of Water District 6.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

VOTE: Bullock – Yes, Minoia – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Finch – Yes, Preston – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

FLOOD RELIEF DONATIONS

Supervisor Preston stated that the Town received a donation of \$10,000 to start a relief fund in the Town of Conklin, as well as a donation of \$100 from a former resident of the Town. She stated that applicants for flood relief must prove need, whether homeowner, renter, or business owner, adding that the Town Board will decide the criteria. Supervisor Preston stated that she has received two letters applying for one of the gift cards donated by Raymour and Flanagan, adding that she will probably deny both applications, as need was not proven in either case. Criteria for receipt of flood relief funds will be established at the November 9 Town Board meeting.

RESO 2011-165: AUTHORIZE TOWN/ACCEPT FLOOD RELIEF DONATIONS

Mr. Minoia moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes the Town to accept Flood Relief donations.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

VOTE: Bullock – Yes, Minoia – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Finch – Yes, Preston – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

RESO 2011-166: AUTHORIZE SETUP OF SEPTEMBER 2011 FLOOD ACCOUNT

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes the setup of the September 2011 Flood account.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

VOTE: Bullock – Yes, Minoia – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Finch – Yes, Preston – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Bullock moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Finch. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherrie L. Jacobs, Town Clerk

