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services agreement. He stated that the Town could purchase the Town of Binghamton's Dog Control truck for between \$3,500 and \$3,800, so that the Town of Conklin would not pay mileage for Dog Control, but rather the Town of Binghamton would pay the mileage. He stated that the Town of Binghamton is also willing to sell its 2005 Jeep and questioned whether the Town should purchase this vehicle for the Town of Conklin Code Officer to use. Mr. Finch explained that the Town of Conklin could purchase two trucks from the Town of Binghamton for \$10,000, and it could be a credit to the Town of Binghamton for its share of the Dog Control Officer's salary. This way, he stated, the Town of Conklin would not have to provide money to purchase the trucks. It was noted that the Town budgeted \$10,000 for the Dog Control Officer's salary (the remaining \$10,000 is paid by the Town of Binghamton), and \$10,800 for its contract with the Front Street Dog Shelter. Mr. Dumian clarified that there is no money in the 2015 Budget for the additional \$10,000 for the trucks and/or additional part of the Dog Control Officer's salary. Mr. Finch stated that perhaps the Town should look at a new truck for the Code Officer after January 1, 2015.

**RESO 2014-177: APPROVE HIRING/TARAH TRIPP/FULL-TIME DOG CONTROL OFFICER/SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF BINGHAMTON/TOTAL COMPENSATION \$28,800 INCLUDING BENEFITS AND PENSION/EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015**

Mr. Dumian moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the hiring of Tarah Tripp to the position of full-time Dog Control Officer, with a shared services agreement with the Town of Binghamton, total compensation to be \$28,800 including benefits and pension, effective January 1, 2015.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

**RESO 2014-178: CHARGE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON FEDERAL MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE/DOG CONTROL OFFICER VEHICLE**

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin will charge the Town of Binghamton the federal mileage reimbursement rate for mileage driven using the Dog Control Officer's vehicle. The current rate is \$.56 per mile.

Seconded by Mr. Dumian.

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

Mr. Bullock confirmed that Howard Tarbox will still be the back-up Dog Control Officer and will be paid a rate of \$25 for each dog pick-up he must perform.

**WINTER MAINTENANCE/WALKABLE COMMUNITY WALKWAY**

Mr. Finch stated that he met with Broome County Public Works Commissioner Daniel Schofield and was asked if the Town of Conklin would be willing to plow and salt the new Walkable

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Community walkway. If the Town is unable or unwilling to do this, Mr. Schofield stated the County will close the walkway and post it “seasonal use only.” Mr. Finch stated that the County would have to supply the salt if the Town were to consider doing this. Mr. Dumian stated that he had stressed at the October 28 Town Board meeting that he questioned this very situation. Mr. Finch stated that this maintenance could be part of the Town’s “in kind service.”

Mr. Bullock asked who would be responsible if someone were to slip and fall on the walkway. It was also questioned whether or not Highway Superintendent Brian Coddington would be willing for his department to assume this responsibility. It was noted that not all areas of the walkway could be plowed using a pickup truck, but that the Parks Department could use a snowblower on the narrower sections. Mr. Dumian asked for clarification on whether it would be the responsibility of the Highway Department or the Parks Department. He added that a small salt spreader would be needed. The Board stated that it wants clarification of which entity, Town or County, would provide insurance and liability, and assurance that Broome County would provide materials and a salt or sand spreader, before it will commit to maintenance of the walkway. The Board will also ask Attorney Cheryl Sacco for her input regarding this commitment. Mr. Finch stated that perhaps posting it as “seasonal use only” might be the best solution.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Dumian moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Finch. The meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs  
Town Clerk