

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 9, 2011**

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on November 9, 2011, at the Conklin Town Hall. Mrs. Preston, Supervisor, presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Town Board Members	Bullock, Minoia, Francisco, Finch, Preston
	Town Counsel	Robert McKertich
	Town Clerk	Sherrie L. Jacobs
	Assistant to Supervisor	Lisa Houston
	Highway Superintendent	Patrick Latting
	Code Officer	Robert Jones
	Dog Control Officer	Darlene Weidman
	Substitute DCO	Kelly Wildoner
	Deputy Town Clerk	Marilou Gabello
	Administrative Clerk	Josephine DeLamarter
	Planning Board	Christopher Ostrowsky
	Planning Board	Dell Boyle
	Zoning Board of Appeals	Paul Preston

<b>GUESTS:</b>	<b>Country Courier</b>	Darla Klinko Joseph Bartosik Laurie Francisco John Colley Peter J. Motsavage Steve Reilly
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**MINUTES: OCTOBER 25, 2011 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Mr. Finch moved to approve the October 25, 2011 Regular Town Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Supervisor Preston acknowledged receipt of reports from the Supervisor’s Office, the Town Clerk, the Highway Superintendent, the Code Officer, and from the Dog Control Officer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO DEBBIE PRESTON/  
BROOME COUNTY EXECUTIVE ELECT**

Dog Control Officer Darlene Weidman offered her congratulations to Supervisor Preston for her recent victory in winning the seat of Broome County Executive. Mrs. Preston’s term of office will begin January 1, 2012. Mrs. Weidman’s sentiments were echoed throughout the Board room. Supervisor Preston thanked everyone for their support, adding that it is bittersweet to leave her post as Town Supervisor, but reminding those present that “her door will be open to the

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public every Tuesday morning” when she assumes her role as County Executive. Supervisor Preston stressed the importance of all of the municipalities working together for the betterment of our larger community.

**REPORT: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

In addition to his written report, Highway Superintendent Patrick Latting also offered his congratulations to Supervisor Preston. He reported that his department has been diligent in its flood-debris and leaf removal, adding that it is going well even though one of the department’s trucks is out of service awaiting repairs. Mr. Latting stated that the clean-up has diminished and added that Chris Ostrowsky and Gorick Construction have aided in removing the flood debris from the Highway Garage yard.

Mr. Latting commented that his crew had to remove about two inches of snow in the hills following the early season snowstorm of October 29, adding that his department is prepared for winter snow removal, although the lingering nice weather has allowed his crews to complete a small amount of final blacktop work for the season. Mr. Latting reported that his paperwork has been completed and submitted to FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) for reimbursement.

Mr. Latting reported that he is working with the DEC (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) and with CP Rail to address the drainage issues on Millburn Drive. He stated that Keith Travis from the Kirkwood DEC office inspected the area, and added that the railroad company agreed to address the problem.

Mr. Latting stated that his department acquired two workers from the Broome-Tioga Work Force, at no cost to the Town, to rake yards for the last three weeks to remove small debris from flood clean-up in time to ensure more safety for trick-or-treaters at Halloween.

Mr. Finch asked about the creek near Hobart Stone, which he stated is filled with debris at the bridge/pipe area. Mr. Latting stated that he will look into the problem.

**REPORT: CODE OFFICER**

In addition to his written report, Code Officer Robert Jones reported that the Reliable Market plans to break ground on its new building in the spring of 2012. He stated that FEMA trailers will be delivered to this area next week. Mr. Jones reported that the Sunoco Gas Station and Nirchi’s Pizza have both re-opened, adding that his office continues to help with flood recovery work. Mr. Jones thanked the Board for allowing Deputy Town Clerk Marilou Gabello, who works part-time in the Code Office also, to work full-time with him in the Code Office for several weeks following the September flood processing paperwork. Supervisor Preston stated that the Code Office did a “good job” in its response to the flood. She stated that over \$48 million in damage was done to homes in the Town of Conklin during the flood.

**REPORT: SUPERVISOR’S OFFICE**

Refer to written report.

**REPORT: TOWN CLERK**

Refer to written report.

**REPORT: DOG CONTROL OFFICER**

Refer to written report.

(Copies of all written reports are available in the office of the Town Clerk.)

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESO 2011-167: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS/  
BILL LIST DATED 11-09-2011/\$89,015.71**

Mr. Bullock moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes payment of the following claims on the Bill List dated November 9, 2011, in the total amount of \$89,015.71:

General	\$48,715.87
Highway	1,803.68
2011 Flood Emergency	37,663.04
Water District	<u>833.12</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$89,015.71</b>

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

**RESO 2011-168: AUTHORIZE BUDGET MODIFICATIONS/STATED FROM AND TO  
BUDGET LINES/AS OF NOVEMBER 9, 2011**

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes the Budget modifications of the stated from and to Budget lines, as of November 9, 2011 (see attached).

Seconded by Mr. Bullock.

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

**RESO 2011-169: AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATION OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUES**

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes the appropriation of unanticipated revenues (see attached).

Seconded by Mr. Minoia.

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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO DEBBIE PRESTON**

Mr. Minoia, Mr. Francisco, Mr. Finch, and Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs all offered their congratulations to Supervisor Preston for winning the Broome County Executive seat.

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**COMPUTEL CONSULTING/CABLE FRANCHISE**

Mr. Finch asked if the payment had been received for reimbursement of overpayment to the Cable franchise. Supervisor Preston replied that the Town will receive approximately \$22,000 but stated that it has not been received yet. She stated that the process will be completed by the end of the year. Mr. Finch thanked Tom Augustini for his help with this project.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

Supervisor Preston stated that the 2011 Community Service Award was presented to Lawrence "Bud" Henecy at a meeting of the Conklin Senior Citizens Club and read a thank-you note sent by Mr. Henecy. The award is traditionally presented at the Conklin Town Fair, which was cancelled this year due to the devastating flooding in September.

**DONATION FOR FLOOD RELIEF**

Supervisor Preston asked the Board for ideas regarding the best way to distribute the \$10,000 which was donated for flood recovery. She asked if the Board thought it was appropriate to distribute the money to area businesses, adding that 40 or 50 businesses in the Town of Conklin were impacted by the flood. She asked the Board to contact her with any ideas that they have regarding appropriate disbursement of the funds.

**RESO 2011-170: CANCEL NOVEMBER 22, 2011 TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Mr. Bullock moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin cancels the November 22, 2011 Town Board meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

Supervisor Preston stated that both the December 13 and December 27 meetings will be held as scheduled.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Francisco moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Finch. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs  
Town Clerk