

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 10, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:30 P.M. on April 10, 2018, at the Conklin Town Hall. Mr. Dumian, Supervisor, presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Town Board Members Boyle, Farley, Platt, Francisco, Dumian

Town Counsel	Cheryl Sacco
Town Clerk	Sherrie L. Jacobs
Highway Superintendent	Brian Coddington
Code Officer/Dog Control Officer	Nick Vascello

GUESTS: **Country Courier** Elizabeth Einstein
Conklin Vol. Fire Dept. Fire Chief Bill Gorman
Laurie Francisco
LeRoy Jenkins
John Colley
Mike Patchen

MINUTES: MARCH 27, 2018 WORK SESSION & REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Mr. Francisco asked for a clarification on page 3 of the Regular Town Board Meeting minutes under “Knox Boxes” to add “unmanned or business after hours boxes.”

Mr. Farley moved to approve the March 27, 2018 Work Session and Regular Town Board Meeting minutes with the above noted clarification.

Seconded by Mr. Platt.

VOTE: Boyle – Yes, Farley – Yes, Platt – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Dumian – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Dumian stated that he received correspondence from Broome County Legislator Daniel Reynolds stating that he is NOT in favor of the Contractor Data Base, as was previously stated. Mr. Reynolds stated that the group proposing this data base would have to contact municipalities to see if they would be interested in participating. Mr. Dumian stated that this plan will probably not move forward.

Mr. Dumian stated that he also received correspondence from the Conklin Business Association requesting permission to put a kiosk in Schnurbusch Park advertising the highlights of the Town, such as the parks and pool, and advertising local businesses. Town Attorney Cheryl Sacco stated that this would violate the Alienation of Parks Law, if a base were installed covering part of the land designated as a park. She stated that the Business Association could put up signage on the walls of the concession stand, but emphasized that all businesses in the Town would need to be listed, not just those that are members of the Business Association.

Mr. Dumian stated that the Town wants to install a new message board under the new Trail Parking sign at Schnurbusch Park.

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Mr. Dumian acknowledged receipt of correspondence from Kiwis Historical Building, d/b/a as Hallo Berlin North, declaring the owner's intention of applying for renewal of an on premise Liquor License to sell alcoholic beverages in accordance with Section 109 of the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Laws. The Board voiced no opposition to this application.

**RESO 2018-53: NO OPPOSITION/HALLO BERLIN NORTH/RENEWAL/ON-
PREMISE LIQUOR LICENSE**

Mr. Boyle moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin expresses No Opposition to the application of Kiwis Historical Building, d/b/a/ Hallo Berlin North, for renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to sell alcoholic beverages in accordance with Section 109 of the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Laws.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

VOTE: Boyle – Yes, Farley – Yes, Platt – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Dumian – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

REPORT: SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

On file in office of the Town Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS:

UPDATE/BUILDING PROJECTS

Mr. Dumian stated that Kevin Coates and the Water Department personnel will be repairing the plumbing in the men's room at the Community Center and will correct the issue that there are no shutoffs for the water in the Community Center building, only in the attached garage. He also stated that Mr. Coates will strip and wax the floor at the Community Center. Mr. Dumian stated that the plumbing at the Town Hall also needs some repairs, adding that Mr. Boyle will make those repairs within the next two weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

2018 YOUTH SUMMER FUN PROGRAM

Mr. Dumian stated that Tracy Parker and Sarah Masters will again be overseeing the Youth Summer Fun Program, adding that Ms. Parker has volunteers from Cornell Cooperative Extension who have agreed to help. The program will be held at Donnelly Elementary School this summer. Mr. Dumian stated that the goal is to grow the program and to help feed hungry children with the partnership with Catholic Charities.

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ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARD AT SCHNURBUSCH PARK

Mr. Dumian stated that the Town would like to install an electronic message board below the newly installed Trail Parking sign at Schnurbusch Park. He added that it would be three feet high and six feet wide. Mr. Dumian stated that the message board could be used to recognize community service and athletic achievement. He stated that the approximate cost of the sign would be \$14,000 without a new base. This would provide a five year warranty, with both labor and parts covered the first three years and parts only the remaining two years.

Mr. Dumian stated that he knows of one such sign that survived a major flood. The one at Schnurbusch Park would be designed so that it could be removed with a Skidsteer in the event of major flooding. He stated that the Town is seeking proposals for this project. Mr. Francisco stated that the sign should be placed at eye level of a car passenger passing on Route 7 and should be above the flood line.

Mr. Dumian stated that he would also like to revisit the idea of a Community Service Award.

OPENING DAY CELEBRATION/SOFTBALL & BASEBALL

Mr. Dumian stated that he is coordinating the Opening Day Celebration for Town Baseball and Softball with Dan Miller, President of the Youth Boosters. The Town will provide hamburgers and hot dogs for the players. Mr. Dumian stated that “many changes and improvements are happening” in the program, which will follow the pattern of the Town of Binghamton Sports Program, with one director overseeing all programs and a commissioner for each sport. A meeting to discuss these changes will be held at the end of the current season.

Conklin Fire Chief Bill Gorman suggested that a fire truck be part of a parade at Schnurbusch Park to kick off Opening Day, which will begin at 10:00 A.M. on April 28. Mr. Dumian stated that Opening Day could be dedicated to the Susquehanna Valley Girls Basketball Team, recent winners of the New York State Championship.

Mr. Dumian noted that the Conklin Kiwanis Club Pitch, Hit, and Run competition will be held on April 21 at 1:00 P.M.

RESO 2018-54: APPROVE CONKLIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT/PARTICIPATE IN MUTUAL AID IN PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the Conklin Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., to participate in the Broome County Mutual Aid Plan and to adopt the resolution provided by Broome County and authorizes the Supervisor to execute the interlocal agreement as per the following Broome County resolution:

“Mr. Farley offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:
Resolved that the Conklin Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., elects to participate in an interlocal agreement with neighboring fire departments/companies in the State of Pennsylvania in accordance with New York State General Municipal Law Article 140, and will agree to recognize a call for assistance through the Broome County Communications Center and will comply with the provisions of such as now in force and as amended from time to time.

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And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be filed with the Broome County Fire Coordinator.”

Mr. Boyle seconded this resolution.

VOTE: Boyle – Yes, Farley – Yes, Platt – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Dumian – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

RESO 2018-55: AUTHORIZE WIRE ACH PAYMENT/PITNEY BOWES/POSTAGE
METER REFILL

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes a wire ACH payment, various account codes, in the amount of \$500.00 to Pitney Bowes for payment for postage meter refill.

Seconded by Mr. Platt.

VOTE: Boyle – Yes, Farley – Yes, Platt – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Dumian – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

RESO 2018-56: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT/BILL LIST/\$35,732.76

Mr. Boyle moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes payment of the following Bill List in the total amount of \$35,732.76:

General	\$ 14,466.01
Highway	11,446.04
Sewer District	123.25
Water District	3,369.46
Non-Budget	<u>6,328.00</u>
Total:	\$ 35,732.76

Seconded by M. Francisco.

VOTE: Boyle – Yes, Farley – Yes, Platt – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Dumian – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

UPSTATE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS MEETING

Mr. Boyle stated that the Upstate Association of Towns will meet at 6:00 P.M. on April 12 sat the Golden Oaks Golf Course. Mr. Boyle and Mr. Farley will attend.

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TRACTOR BEHIND FORMER DINO'S BAR

Mr. Boyle stated that there is a forty foot tractor trailer behind the former Dino's Bar, on property owned by Maines Paper and Food, adding that it floated to that location during the 2011 flood. Mr. Boyle was advised to call Karen Chier, Human Resources Representative at Maines. Code Officer Nick Vascello stated that Town Code states that the owner is allowed to have a trailer on that parcel of property and does not specify that it must be upright.

BRIDGES AT SCHNURBUSCH PARK

Mr. Platt stated that both bridges in Schnurbusch Park need to be repaired. Highway Superintendent Brian Coddington will talk to Parks Superintendent Tom DeLamarter about the issue.

SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY SABERS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Mr. Francisco stated that he obtained a roster of the Susquehanna Valley Sabers Girls Basketball Team, recent New York State Class B Champions. He also found a template of Certificates of Appreciation online, which can be filled in and printed. The Board discussed whether to invite the team and their coach, Chad Freije, to the next Board meeting or to Opening Day and present the certificates.

CAR ISSUES

Mr. Francisco stated that the used car lot by the former Dino's Bar has a burned out car in it. Mr. Vascello stated that the cars are parked in the approved "parked vehicles" lot on the property, but added that he will speak to the owner about keeping the lot cleaned p.

Mr. Francisco stated that cars are being parked illegally at the former Klock Towing/gas station building on Conklin Road near the City of Binghamton line. Mr. Vascello stated that he is in the process of addressing this issue.

NEW COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT

Mr. Dumian stated that GOSR (Governor's Office for Storm Recovery) wants the grant application process for the new Community Center/Day Care Center "up and running." He added that the Stillwater Road Drainage Project and the Community Center/Day Care Center Project have been "lumped together," adding that the Town is awaiting approval of the Architecture and Engineering firm to be authorized as "Clerk of the Works."

Mr. Boyle asked if the new Center will have a flat or peaked roof and Mr. Dumian stated that he has not seen any final plans to date, adding that it is a pre-fabricated building. Mr. Platt stated that as the new Community Center will also potentially function as a flood command center and rescue center, the Fire Chief should be included in the discussion about the building.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Francisco moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Farley. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs, Town Clerk

