

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2019

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:30 P.M. on August 13, 2019, 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
Secretary to the Supervisor	Lisa Houston
Code Officer	Nick Pappas
Parks/Water/Sewer Superintendent	Tom DeLamarter
Art Boyle	Zoning Board of Appeals

GUESTS: **Country Courier** Elizabeth Einstein
Vieira & Associates Cheryl DiStefano
Vieira & Associates Nikki Mayers
Laurie Francisco
Tom Wilcox
Judy Boyle
Lloyd Boyle
Mary Boyle
John Colley
LeRoy Jenkins
Bill Brodsky
Bill Dumian, Sr.
Merle T. Jones
David MacGeorge
Dianne MacGeorge

2018 AUDIT REPORT

Nikki Mayers of Vieira & Associates presented the 2018 Audit Report for the Town of Conklin. Ms. Mayers referenced the Independent Auditors' Report on page 4, which states that the fund information and financial position of the Town of Conklin "ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America." She stated that the Town's liability, listed on page 14 and pages 41 through 43 of the report, is increased because the Town is now liable for 30 years of post-employment benefits for permanent full-time employees. Ms. Mayers stated that the income vs. expenditures showed that the Town's assets are greater than its liabilities. She stated that pages 46 and 47 show the Town's budget vs. actual expenditures for 2018. Mr. Dumian stated that it had been a conservative budget, adding that the 2020 Budget will also be conservative. Ms. Mayers stated that the auditing firm had to conduct a single audit on expenditures of federal awards, which is reported on pages 54 and 55 of the report. In summation, stated Ms. Mayers, the Town had "no deficiencies" and received a "good report."

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Mr. Dumian stated that, after a conversation with Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs regarding the July 9 minutes, he would be very clear tonight regarding which law he was referencing as he spoke. With that clarification, Mr. Farley moved to approve the July 9, 2019 Regular Town Board Meeting minutes as presented.

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Seconded by Mr. Platt.

VOTE: Boyle – Yes, Farley – Yes, Platt – Yes, Francisco – Abstain, Dumian – Yes. Motion carried: 4 – Yes, 1 – Abstain.



CONTINUATION/PUBLIC HEARING

TO RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 2, 2019

“CHAPTER 102 ENTITLED PROPERTY, VACANT”

PRESENT: Same as on page one.

Mr. Dumian reminded those present that the Public Hearing regarding proposed Local Law 2, 2019, “Chapter 102 Entitled Property, Vacant,” is still open and the discussion will continue. Mr. Dumian stated that the Board is considering some changes to the wording of the proposed local law, adding that the purpose of the law is to ensure “accountability” from property owners, “to make sure they are willing to work with us” (the Town). He stated that the law would be changed on page 2, number 6, under definition of “Vacant Building” to read “unoccupied for a period of time over 120 days,” instead of “60 days.” Mr. Platt stated that he feels “120 is much better.” Mr. Dumian went on to explain that after a property is unoccupied for more than 120 days, “this is a small town and we (the Town) will know what is going on with a parcel of property” and whether or not it is actually abandoned.

Next Mr. Dumian spoke about page 4, number 8, “Vacant Building Registration Fees.” He stated that the owner of a vacant building will still be required to pay a registration fee of \$50, but added that the annual vacant building fee of \$500, payable to the Town annually until the building is “demolished, rehabilitated, or occupied following foreclosure,” will be refundable upon application to the Town Board, instead of the original wording that the annual fee is “nonrefundable.”

Mr. Dumian stated that on page 8, Section H, under “Penalties for Offenses,” the wording in H-1 would be changed to read “A fine of \$25,” instead of \$1,000, and no imprisonment, keeping H-2, “Each day of violation will be deemed to constitute a separate offense.” This means that the fine for a violation would be \$25 per day. Mr. Dumian stated that Code Officer Nick Pappas “will work with owners well before the penalty phase would be reached.” He added that the Town “must have a tool to manage situations,” giving the example of the former site of Dino’s on the Susquehanna, which he explained was vacant for five and a half years, with the new owners only beginning rehabilitation work on the structure three months ago.

Mr. Bill Brodsky asked if there would be a cap on the \$25 per day penalty, perhaps at \$1,000. Mr. Farley commented that the penalty had to be enough that big financial institutions would take it seriously and not just pay the penalty and still do nothing to rehabilitate or demolish the vacant structure. Town Attorney Cheryl Sacco suggested setting a cap of \$1,000 per calendar year. Mr. Dumian stated, “Historically the Town is not seeing this situation happen,” where the situation is not addressed. Section H-3 states that “fines levied will constitute civil forfeitures to the Town of Conklin.” Ms. Sacco explained that this means a judgment against the plaintiff, in which a lien is placed against the property and the penalties are added to the tax bill for the property in question.

Mr. Boyle cited a New York State law from the 1970’s and also spoke about the 2016 “zombie law,” which he stated “only goes after the first lien mortgage – banks, not individuals.” Ms. Sacco explained that the “zombie property” law was enacted for properties in which the owners

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walked away from the property but the lien holder had not yet foreclosed on the property, so it was therefore a stopgap measure between abandonment and foreclosure, during which time property owners had to register their vacant properties. She stated that it is not in effect after a property has been foreclosed upon. Code Officer Nick Pappas stated that it has been his experience that banks will call to see if a Vacant Buildings Registry exists in a town. Mr. Dumian reiterated, "We can't use this tool (law) if it is not adopted." Mr. Francisco asked if Section H-3 could be reworded to read, "Fines can be liened against any subject property," to make the wording easier to understand.

Mr. Art Boyle asked for an explanation of exactly what Section H 1-3 states with the revisions. Ms. Sacco stated that the revised law would read that fines for non-compliance would be \$25 per day with a cap of \$1,000 in a calendar year, and that fines can be liened against any subject property. She added that Section H-4 would remain as written.

Mr. Bill Brodsky stated that he has "a problem with the proceedings – the way the law is being pitched: it won't be used against the public but we need it on the books." Mr. Dumian replied, "I didn't way that. It is often the financial institutions that are the problem, but we also have cases like the former Dino's and former Progressive Dental buildings, which are privately owned."

Mr. Brodsky also stated that there is an overlap in the timeline of declaring a structure vacant and fines being issued, adding that the fines section states that fines will be assessed after four months. He asked if the four month period starts the date the building is declared vacant or at registration of the building, adding that sections "Vacant Building" #6 and Section 8-A are in conflict. Mr. Dumian explained that after a building is vacant for 120 days, it must be registered and the registration fee paid. He stated that the penalty phase begins 120 days after the building is declared vacant, if the owner is out of compliance.

Mr. Tom Wilcox asked if a building is declared vacant if the owner is not taking care of it, adding that "in New York State, you can't do anything with a house for seven months after someone dies." He asked if this situation meets the criteria of "vacant" or "abandoned," and Mr. Dumian stated that even though the structure is unoccupied, if it is being cared for then it is not "abandoned." Mr. Wilcox replied that "the way it's written," it sounds like the house in question would be considered abandoned. Mr. Brodsky stated that the proposed law equates "abandoned" with "unoccupied." Mr. Dumian stated that if the property is maintained, the \$500 vacant building fee will be refunded. Mr. Platt added that the proposed law addressed buildings that are "not secured," adding that "if it's secured, it's not abandoned." Mr. Wilcox stated that there should not be a fine. Mr. Dumian stated that property owners have 240 days to comply, including a letter from Code with a 30-day period in which to comply as a reminder. Mr. Wilcox replied that there is "no allowance or verbiage for special circumstances. Ms. Sacco stated that pages 1 and 2 of the proposed law list seven different circumstances which the Code Officer can consider in making a determination.

Mr. Boyle asked if the proposed law would apply to "snowbirds" who go to Florida for six months and Mr. Dumian stated that the law would not apply to that situation. He added that the wording about snow removal does not apply to snowbirds.

Ms. Mary Boyle asked if adding "with no intent of the owner to return to occupy" to #6 under the definition of a vacant building would add clarification of the term. Mr. Dumian reiterated that if a building is maintained, it is not considered abandoned. Ms. Boyle asked if the Town has any recourse against banks that hold a property in foreclosure but do not respond to the Town's

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request to maintain the property. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town can take legal action in these cases, but added that it is very costly and the taxpayers pay the burden of pursuing compliance.

Mr. Art Boyle asked why there wasn't better communication regarding the proposed law between the Town Board and the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Dumian stated that the enacting of local laws is the job of the Town Board, not the other two boards. Mr. Boyle asked why the Town Board couldn't discuss the proposed law with the other two boards before it was open for public discussion and Mr. Dumian repeated that enactment of laws is not a function of the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals. Ms. Sacco added that the law, if approved, will not be part of the Zoning Ordinance, but will be a stand-alone part of the Town Code. "So," said Mr. Boyle, "the Code Officer is dictating the law?" "No," stated Mr. Dumian, "this is a New York State law which will provide a tool for the Town to use. The Code Officer will enforce it." He added that the Town Board writes the law and the Code Officer enforces the law. Ms. Sacco explained that the Code Officer would write a ticket for a violation, which would then go to the Town Court, and if the property owner disagrees with the Judge's decision, he or she can appeal.

Mr. Brodsky stated that the definition of Vacant Building on page 2, #1, "unoccupied and/or unsecured" should be reworded to say "not maintained" instead of "unsecured."

Mr. Dell Boyle asked if "unoccupied" referred solely to residences or included outbuildings and Mr. Dumian stated, "You are taking this out of context." Mr. Francisco stated that he "likes the changes that were made."

There being no further public comments or questions, Mr. Dumian declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:38 P.M.



RESO 2019-103: ADOPT LOCAL LAW 2, 2019
"CHAPTER 102 ENTITLED PROPERTY, VACANT"

PRESENT: Supervisor William Dumian, Jr.
Councilman Willis M. Platt
Councilman Charles Francisco
Councilman Dell Boyle
Councilman William Farley

ABSENT: None

Offered By: Supervisor Dumian **Seconded By:** Councilman Francisco

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board opened a Public Hearing at Conklin Town Hall, 1271 Conklin Road in said Town, on July 9, 2019, commencing at 6:35 P.M. to hear all interested parties on a proposed local law entitled "Chapter 102 entitled Property, Vacant"; and

WHEREAS, notice of said Public Hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town, and posted on the Town Clerk's signboard; and

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WHEREAS, said Public Hearing was opened on July 9, 2019, and closed on August 13, 2019, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of, or in opposition to, said proposed local law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), it has been determined by the Village Board that adoption of the proposed Local Law constitutes a Type II Action as defined under 6 NYCRR 617.5(26) and (33); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Town to adopt said local law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin hereby adopts Local Law 2-2019 entitled “Chapter 102 entitled Property, Vacant”; and further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and hereby is directed to enter said local law in the minutes of this meeting and to give due notice of the adoption of said local law to the Secretary of State; and

RESOLVED, that this resolution will take effect immediately upon filing with the Department of State.

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 August 13, 2019. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Supervisor William Dumian, Jr.	YES
Councilman Willis M. Platt	YES
Councilman Charles Francisco	YES
Councilman Dell Boyle	NO
Councilman William Farley	YES

Dated: August 13, 2019

Town of Conklin Seal

Sherrie L. Jacobs, Town Clerk
Town of Conklin, New York

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Dumian stated that he received only one letter, from Bill Brodsky, for the vacant Planning Board position, adding that none of the current members of that Board wish to assume duties of Chairperson, left vacant by the resignation of James Hauss. He stated that he feels the Board should run a new ad seeking members of both the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, adding that there are upcoming changes to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Dumian stated that he will speak to Elizabeth Einstein, editor of the **Country Courier**, regarding the ad. Mr. Dumian stated that Mary Plonski will serve as interim secretary to the Planning Board.

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Mr. Dumian also acknowledged receipt of a letter from Town Assessor John McDonald requesting renewal of the contract between the Town and Assessment and Appraisal Associates, Inc., Mr. McDonald's company, to provide assessment services for the Town. He stated that the new contract price is 3% higher than the 2016 contract price, an approximate increase of \$900 per year.

Mr. Dumian also acknowledged receipt of correspondence from NYSEG (New York State Electric and Gas Corporation) regarding an upgrade to the electric lines along a 9.1 mile distance from Vestal to Kirkwood. Mr. Dumian stated that he advised NYSEG to make sure their easement agreements are all up to date. Mr. Francisco stated that the upgrade will provide "better current carrying capacity."

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

VACANT SHED/MACGEORGE AVENUE

Mr. LeRoy Jenkins stated that there is a vacant shed on a property on the end of MacGeorge Avenue, noting that FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) took the house but not the shed and he has seen children playing around it. Mr. Jenkins asked whose responsibility it is to demolish the shed. Mr. Dumian stated that he would discuss it with Parks Superintendent Tom DeLamarter, who oversees maintenance of FEMA-acquired properties.

REPORT: SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

Mr. Dumian stated that his report is filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS:

UPDATE/COMMUNITY & WELLNESS CENTER

Mr. Dumian stated that the bids are in for the Mechanical, Electrical, and General Construction of the Community Wellness and Daycare Center, and there is a shortage of approximately \$1 million in funds available for the project. He said the good news is that Conklin has been classified as a low to moderate income municipality, which may help in obtaining grant funding. Mr. Dumian stated that he contacted GOSR (Governor's Office for Storm Recovery), stressing the need for a Red Cross ready shelter in the event of an emergency. He stated that he contacted local representatives from the State Senate and Assembly and the response is that there could possibly be funding available. Mr. Dumian stated that he contacted Ascension Health and informed them that the lease rate will need to be higher than originally discussed. He stated that he also contacted the BCIDA (Broome County Industrial Development Agency). Mr. Dumian stated that he will arrange a meeting with all of the involved parties.

SEWER STATION #1 REPAIRS

Water and Sewer Superintendent Tom DeLamarter stated that the Board approved purchase of the chopper pump for Sewer Station #1 at the July 9 Town Board meeting, for a cost of approximately \$27, 000, and he has since gotten quotes for installation of the pump. Siewert Equipment gave him a quote of approximately \$41,000 for pump and installation. Mr. DeLamarter learned that Vaughan Company, Inc., could provide the pump for approximately \$25,000, so the Town will purchase the pump from Vaughan Company, Inc., instead of from Siewert Equipment.

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Mr. Dumian stated that he has been informed that the new estimated price to the Town from the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Plant has increased from \$270,000 to \$300,000, due to the upgrades being made to the treatment facility. He added that he is waiting for actual numbers for the Town's 2020 Budget. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town currently pays \$256,000 to the Joint Treatment Plant.

NEW BUSINESS:

2020 BUDGET

Mr. Dumian read the 2020 Budget timeline to those present, noting that Budget requests from department heads are due to his office by August 19. The Public Hearing on the Budget is tentatively scheduled for October 22. Mr. Dumian stated that he will once again take a conservative approach to the Budget, noting the large number of senior citizens on fixed incomes living in the Town.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING & POLICY

Mr. Dumian stated that New York State law requires that the Town conduct sexual harassment training and adopt a policy by October 9, 2019. He stated that this training is mandatory for everyone that works for the Town, including elected officials, adding that it will cost \$350 to \$500 for a trainer so he is trying to find a date that works well for everyone.

**RESO 2019-104: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR/ENTER CONTRACT/COUGHLIN &
GERHART/PROVIDE SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING/DATE TO BE
DETERMINED**

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes the Supervisor to enter a contract with Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP, to provide sexual harassment training, at a cost not to exceed \$500, date to be determined.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

VOTE: Boyle – Abstain, Farley – Yes, Platt – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Dumian – Yes (noting that his vote is under protest of the procedure through which this requirement was instituted). Motion carried: 1 – Abstain; 4 – Yes.

2019 FALL YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM

Mr. Dumian stated that the Wrestling Program is returning to the Town of Conklin this fall. He stated that Town of Conklin soccer signups are in progress, with approximately 130 children enrolled so far. Mr. Dumian explained that the Town of Conklin runs the soccer program, while the Town of Binghamton runs the football program, with Town of Kirkwood children participating in both programs. He stated that the deadlines for registration are in place, adding that he would like to see another parade for Opening Day of soccer season. Mr. DeLamarter stated that all of the softball tournaments are finished for this summer.

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RESO 2019-105: RESCIND RESO 2019-94/AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF CHOPPER PUMP FROM SIEWERT EQUIPMENT

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin rescinds RESO 2019-94 authorizing the purchase of Sewer Station 1 Chopper Pump from Siewert Equipment for \$27,312.00.

Seconded by Mr. Platt.

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

RESO 2019-106: APPROVE W2O OPERATOR TRAINING GROUP/VAUGHAN/SEWER STATION 1 SUBMERSIBLE CHOPPER

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the W2O Operator Training Group, LLC, Estimate E1721 and Vaughan Quote #41411B for Sewer Pump Station 1 Submersible Chopper and Installation in the amount of \$31,510.00.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

Water and Sewer Superintendent Tom DeLamarter reiterated that this is the main sewer station for the Town and that this is an emergency situation. Mr. Boyle asked if one chopper would be sufficient and Mr. DeLamarter stated that one is enough.

RESO 2019-107: APPROVE PURCHASE/PARKS EQUIPMENT/MTE/PIGGYBACK MA STATE CONTRACT #FAC88MA

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the purchase of Parks Equipment from MTE, New York piggyback JML103 from Massachusetts State Contract #FAC88MA Quote 01-37369 for \$20,462.00.

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

Mr. DeLamarter stated that this piece of equipment is a three-wheeler used on the ball fields.

RESO 2019-108: RATIFY PAYMENT/THE HARTFORD/2ND QUARTER DISABILITY INSURANCE

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

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Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment of check #15694, account codes to various departments, in the amount of \$187.08 to The Hartford for payment of 2nd Quarter Disability Insurance.

Seconded by Mr. Platt.

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

RESO 2019-109: RATIFY PAYMENT/PITNEY BOWES/POSTAGE METER REFILL

Mr. Platt moved for the following resolution:

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

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

**RESO 2019-110: RATIFY PAYMENT/DELTA ENGINEERS/COMMUNITY CENTER
GOSR PAYMENT REQUEST**

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment of check #125, account code HS 1620-2, in the amount of \$18,165.90 to Delta Engineers, PC, for payment for Community Center/Daycare GOSR payment request CC06.

Seconded by Mr. Platt.

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

**RESO 2019-111: APPROVE TOWN SUPERVISOR/OPEN NBT ICS CHECKING
ACCOUNT**

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the Town Supervisor to open an NBT ICS checking account #7100051170.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

**RESO 2019-112: APPROVE AGREEMENT/ASSESSMENT & APPRAISAL
ASSOCIATES, INC./10-01-2019 – 09-30-2022**

Mr. Boyle moved for the following resolution:

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Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves an agreement with Assessment and Appraisal Associates, Inc., for a term commencing October 1, 2019, and ending September 30, 2022, at the annual rate of \$31,190.00, payable on a monthly basis.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2019-113: HIRE TORI ZURN/2019 SEASONAL LIFEGUARD

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves hiring Tori Zurn to the position of 2019 Seasonal Lifeguard at a pay rate of \$11.10 per hour, effective July 30, 2019.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

Mr. DeLamarter stated that the Town Pool will close on August 25.

RESO 2019-114: ACCEPT DONATION/BLUECHIP SOFTBALL/FIELD USE

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin accepts a donation in the amount of \$300.00 from Bluechip Softball for field use.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2019-115: AUTHORIZE PRE-APPROVED JULY 23, 2019 BILL LIST/\$44,407.63

Mr. Boyle moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes the following pre-approved July 23, 2019 Bill List in the total amount of \$44,407.63:

General	\$ 16,302.95
Highway	15,090.71
Light Districts	2,227.67
Sewer Districts	889.21
Water District	2,270.09
Non-Budget	<u>7,627.00</u>
Total	\$ 44,407.63

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

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RESO 2019-116: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT/BILL LIST/\$112,154.95

Mr. Platt 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 \$112,154.95:

General	\$ 31,307.20
Highway	7,915.36
Sewer District	66,532.73
Water District	<u>6,399.66</u>
Total	\$112,154.95

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

BOAT RAMP

Mr. Boyle asked if the Town could brushhog the area near the new boat ramp on Stillwater Road, adding that he has arranged for time and use of equipment to be donated. Mr. Dumian asked if there would be any cost associated with this project and Mr. Boyle stated that the Town would be responsible to pay for crusher stone, approximately \$2,000. It was noted that the Town of Kirkwood used concrete for their boat ramp, but had received grant funding. Mr. Dumian stated that he needs to know the cost. Mr. Boyle stated that he has the DEC (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) permits, which only allow the boat ramp to be emergency access only. A gate will be installed with signage stating that it is emergency access only. The Board discussed whether to put a padlock on the gate or get a Knox Box.

PLANNING BOARD

Mr. Farley commented that James Hauss will be greatly missed as Chairperson of the Planning Board.

COACHING

Mr. Farley stated that he is coaching soccer and wrestling this fall.

NEW STREET LIGHTS

Mr. Platt asked Mr. Francisco if he had heard an update about when the new street lights might be installed. Mr. Francisco stated that he was told “late June or early July,” but that there are five towns ahead of Conklin awaiting installation of new lights, so the new projected time is by the end of 2019.

DECALS

Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs reported that she has completed the online training and taken the required test for DECALS (DEC Automated Licensing System) to be able to sell hunting and

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fishing licenses, and is now awaiting needed information and approval from New York State DEC.

CONCERT FINALE/PICNIC

Mr. Dumian reminded those present that August 14, 5:30-7:30, will be the Concert in the Park Finale, featuring The Shambles, and the community picnic, with the Town providing free hamburgers and hot dogs.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Francisco moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Farley. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs
Town Clerk