The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on May 13, 2014, at the Conklin Town Hall. Mr. Finch, Supervisor, presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

| <b>PRESENT:</b> | Town Board Members          | Bullock, Dumian, Francisco, Finch     |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                 |                             | (Jerry Minoia absent due to illness.) |
|                 |                             |                                       |
|                 | Town Counsel                | Cheryl Sacco                          |
|                 | Town Clerk                  | Sherrie L. Jacobs                     |
|                 | Assistant to the Supervisor | Lisa Houston                          |
|                 | Highway Superintendent      | Brian Coddington                      |
|                 | Public Works Superintendent | Tom Delamarter                        |
|                 | Town Justice                | J. Marshall Ayres                     |
|                 | Planning Board              | Dell Boyle                            |
|                 |                             |                                       |
| <b>GUESTS:</b>  | Country Courier             | Elizabeth Einstein                    |
|                 | Vieira & Associates         | Cheryl DiStefano                      |
|                 |                             | John Colley                           |
|                 |                             | Rosanna Potts                         |
|                 |                             | Doug Potts                            |
|                 |                             | Thomas Meyer                          |
|                 |                             | Laurie Francisco                      |
|                 |                             | Dennis Kachmar                        |
|                 |                             | Tom Kelly                             |
|                 |                             | Judy Kelly                            |
|                 |                             | Bob Ronk                              |
|                 |                             | Peter J. Motsavage                    |

#### MINUTES: APRIL 22, 2014 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Highway Superintendent Brian Coddington stated that the April 22, 2014 Regular Town Board Meeting minutes should be corrected on page 2, line 8 from the top, to read "\$44,000," instead of "\$104,271." Public Works Superintendent stated that these minutes should be corrected on page 7, line 9 from the bottom, to read "increase in pay rate to an hourly rate of \$15.00," instead of "increase in pay rate by \$.50 per hour" for Nicholas Platt.

Mr. Bullock moved to approve the April 22, 2014 Regular Town Board Meeting minutes as corrected.

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

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Finch acknowledged receipt of correspondence from the Broome County Office of Management and Budget stating that sales tax revenue is decreased significantly for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2014. The County suggested that the reduction in revenue could be due to the decrease in gas drilling in Pennsylvania, resulting in people not staying in the area and buying products.

Mr. Finch also acknowledged receipt of correspondence from the Broome County Landfill waiving the tipping fee for refuse collected in the Town of Conklin Cleanup Day on April 26, 2014.

#### 2013 AUDIT REPORT

Cheryl DiStefano of the auditing firm Vieira and Associates reported on her firm's annual audit of the Town of Conklin. She stated that the firm's management letter listed no weaknesses, adding that the issue addressed in the 2012 Audit regarding classification of fixed assets has been resolved. She stated that property taxes increased 2/5 last year. In regard to sales tax revenue, Ms. DiStefano stated that the sales tax income peaked in 2010, with decreases seen in 2011 and 2012. She added that the 2013 sales tax income was \$30,000 more than the 2012 amount. Ms. DiStefano spoke about the deferred cash inflow and outflow and went over the financial statement. She stated that the Town will see an economic benefit in the future from the recent re-bonding for construction of the Town Hall. Ms. DiStefano noted that the Town paid down some of its debt in 2013, and that the assets were \$500,000 more than liabilities for 2013.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS;**

## COMMERCIAL VEHICLE/CAROL COURT

Judy Kelly of 67 Carol Court stated that the people who rent 65 Carol Court have a former commercial vehicle from Doron Systems parked in their driveway. The vehicle has been converted into a motorhome and, stated Ms. Kelly, is approximately 35 feet long. She stated that the vehicle "doesn't suit the neighborhood" and that she wants it removed. Ms. Kelly stated that Code Officer Robert Jones "did whatever he could" to remedy this situation, including sending a letter to the property owner in Ohio and to the renter. Ms. Kelly stated that she is appealing to the Town Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Town Attorney, and DMV (New York State Department of Motor Vehicles - anyone who could help with this situation.

Mr. Finch asked if the vehicle is registered. Ms. Kelly stated that it is registered but she is not sure what classification it is registered. She stated that the local government has the authority to request an MV-15, an abstract of originality, from the DMV. Mr. Finch summarized that the vehicle is licensed, inspected, and just parked in the driveway, noting that there is another, similar RV parked in another driveway on Carol Court. Ms. Kelly stated that this vehicle has no windows. Mr. Finch stated that there are no provisions in Town Code governing motorhomes, adding that the issue will be given to Town Attorney Cheryl Sacco for further research.

### **UPDATE FROM TOWN COURT**

Judge M. Marshall Ayres presented the Town Board with an update on the Town Court, after congratulating the Board on the Town's rating of less than 10 on the Fiscal Stress Indicator, which he called "remarkable."

Judge Ayres stated that in 2013, the Conklin Town Court handled 987 cases, collecting fines of \$32,735.00, with surcharges of \$27,795.00 and civil fees of \$2,432.50 for the year. He stated that 26 cases were DWI cases. Judge Ayres stated that 680 defendants were seen in 2013, with a total number of 987 charges, or an average of 1.45 charges per defendant. He stated that his office has been saving money, although he noted that the Court is not a fundraising branch for the Town. He noted that 72% of monies taken in go to New York State, while 28% go to the Town. Judge Ayres noted that this is the fifth consecutive year in which crime has decreased

within the Town, which he credited to a lack of recidivism. He stated that although crime is down, the amount of paperwork has increased, noting that he department began utilizing an automated paperless system in June of 2010. Judge Ayres added that the vendors who try to sell "paperless" systems have systems that only do "10% of what the Court does," for a cost of \$900. He stated that the Town Court is working cooperatively with the Town Board.

Judge Ayres stated that the Court received a grant from the Office of Court Administration for \$5,100, adding that he wants to use some of this money to install security cameras within the Town Hall and parking lots. Some members of the Town Board will meet with Judge Ayres to decide the location of these cameras.

Judge Ayres discussed a Traffic Diversion Program which addresses speeding tickets. He stated that in this program, the defendant gives \$150 to the District Attorney, takes an online defensive driving course, then the District Attorney asks that the case be dismissed and no points on the driver's license are assessed. Broome County receives \$50 of the \$150, and the Town of Conklin receives the \$100 balance. He stated that usually the Town receives \$5 on a speeding ticket.

Mr. Francisco asked how many non-Conklin cases the Judge handles and Judge Ayres replied, "65%" of the cases seen by the Town Court. Judge Ayres added that many are Pennsylvania residents. He stated that there has been an increase in cases involving heroin usage, and noted that most of the DWI cases are people in the 35-40 year age range.

Mr. Francisco asked about the storage for the security cameras. Judge Ayres stated that the DVR for the cameras is high density and will hold approximately six months' worth of footage. He added that there will be at least six cameras, adding that they will not be capable of recording sound. Mr. Bullock stated that the cameras are a "great idea." Mr. Bullock and Mr. Francisco will work with Judge Ayres on placement of the new security cameras.

### **REPORT: TOWN CLERK**

Refer to written report.

### **REPORT: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

In addition to his written report, Highway Superintendent Brian Coddington stated that the snow plows have been painted and stored for the summer season, and maintenance has been completed on the trucks. He stated that Town-owned properties on Stillwater Road have been mowed, and temporary mailboxes have been replaced. Mr. Coddington stated that cold patch repairs and sod planting have been completed throughout the Town, and ditch work completed on Muckey Road. He stated that street signs have been replaced and roads have been swept. Mr. Coddington stated that mulch was taken to the CHOW Gardens and two people were caught illegally dumping trash at the Highway Garage.

Ms. Sacco and Mr. Coddington stated that they discussed the John Deere loader which Mr. Coddington had planned to lease to own, utilizing the OGS (New York State Office of General Services) bid. Ms. Sacco stated that the Town could purchase the loader from the State bid but could not lease it, as OGS does not authorize leasing. The cost of the loader will be \$104,271 plus the trade-in value of \$44,000. Mr. Bullock suggested that the Town Board authorize borrowing an amount not to exceed \$110,000, rather than the originally suggested \$140,000. Mr. Coddington stated that the loader would be delivered within 90 days of the order being

placed. Ms. Sacco stated that a permissive referendum plus an estoppel period are required if the loan is to be for more than five years, whereas only an estoppel period is required for a loan term of less than five years, which would be the case for the loader. Mr. Francisco asked about the interest rate for the loan and Ms. Sacco stated that she does not yet know what it will be. She stated that Mr. Coddington will be able to order the loader after the estoppel period ends.

# RESO 2014-74: BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CONKLIN, BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING OF THE PURCHASE OF A JOHN DEERE "MID" SIZED WHEEL LOADER AND, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$140,000 APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFORE, AUTHORIZING THIS ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$110,000, SERIAL BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

Mr. Bullock moved for the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Conklin (the, "Town Board") is contemplating the purchase of a necessary John Deere "Mid" Sized Wheel Loader off of State Contract, and

WHEREAS, the financing of the purchase constitutes a "Type II" action within the meaning of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation thereunder (collectively, "SEQRA") and therefore no further action under SEQRA need be taken by the Town Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CONKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF BROOME, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Town Board) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Town of Conklin, in the County of Broome, New York (herein called "Town"), is hereby authorized to finance the purchase of a John Deere "Mid" Sized Wheel Loader. The estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto (including but not limited to associated accessories and attachments) is \$140,000.00, less the value of any trade in (approximately \$30,000) and the financing thereof, is \$110,000.00, and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. The plan of financing includes the issuance of not to exceed \$110,000.00 serial bonds to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable. Said Bonds may be issued with a prior right of redemption.

Section 2. Serial bonds, which shall be deemed to include Statutory Installment Bonds pursuant to Section 61.10 of the Law of the Town in the principal amount of \$110,000.00, are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law"), to finance said appropriation.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

- (a) The period of probable usefulness applicable to the specific object or purpose for which serial bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 28 of the Law (Machinery and apparatus for construction and maintenance) is fifteen years and.
- (b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation

Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

(c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will not exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the Town, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town without limitation of rate or amount. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Town by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provision of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and of section 50.00, Section 56.00 to 60.00 and Section 62.10 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Town Board relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes, statutory installment bonds, and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized , and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewal of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer of the Town.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or summary thereof, are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the objects or purposes described herein.

Section 8. This bond resolution is not subject to permissive referendum.

Section 9. Upon this resolution taking effect, a summary thereof shall be published in full in the official newspaper of the Town for such purpose in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Law.

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

STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF BROOME )

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I, Sherrie L. Jacobs, Town Clerk of the Town of Conklin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Conklin on May 13, 2014.

Dated: May 13, 2014

Sherrie L. Jacobs, Clerk

## DISCUSSION/BOYLE BOULEVARD & PECKA ROAD

Mr. Coddington stated that there are two roads in the Town with only one residence on each, Boyle Boulevard and Pecka Road, which need to be repaved, and which cost approximately \$4,000 per year to maintain. Ms. Sacco stated that the Town could pursue discontinuance or abandonment of these roads, adding that if a road sees no travel for six years, it is automatically considered abandoned. She stated that there is also a condition of qualified abandonment, which requires at least two vehicles to travel on a road daily. Ms. Sacco stated that Public Notice would need to be published and the property owners contacted.

Mr. Finch stated that there are two roads, two families, and minimum maintenance that should occur. Ms. Sacco called the two roads "glorified driveways." She asked if the Town owns the roads by deed, or if they are merely roads by usage. Ms. Sacco stated that the property owner can volunteer to take over maintenance of the road. Mr. Dumian asked what constitutes minimum maintenance and Mr. Finch replied that this would be patching, not stone and oil.

### **OTHER HIGHWAY ISSUES**

Mr. Bullock asked why so many street signs need to be replaced and Mr. Coddington replied that trucks are hitting them, adding that this is the fourth or fifth time some signs have been replaced.

Mr. Bullock asked about the situation at Hobart Stone, where material from the stone yard is leaking into Julius Rogers Park, which abuts Hobart Stone. Mr. Bullock stated that this is an "ongoing issue." Mr. Finch stated that the DEC (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) is involved and will be sending letters to Hobart Stone. Public Works Superintendent Tom Delamarter stated that the problem is "worse now." Mr. Francisco asked if there has been further damage to the fence that separates the two properties and Mr. Delamarter stated that there has been no further damage to the fence.

### **REPORT: WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT**

In addition to his written report, Public Works Superintendent Tom Delamarter reported that the youth sports program is going well. He stated that the Town Pool will open June 14. Mr. Delamarter stated that all is well with the Town Landfill and the sewer, and added that the problem at the well has been resolved. He stated that his crew has been mowing the Town-owned Buyout properties. Mr. Bullock asked about the solar panels that were proposed for the Community Center and Mr. Delamarter replied that he has contacted the company that was to provide them several times and has gotten no response. Mr. Finch added that there is a new program available through New York State that might help fund this project.

#### **REPORT: CODE OFFICER**

Refer to written report. Mr. Finch added that the Derby Knitting building on Conklin Road was sold to Four Square Tool, adding that the Broome County IDA (Industrial Development Agency) wants to meet with the new owners about a possible PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) program.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

## UPDATE/2011 FLOOD BUYOUT PROGRAM

Ms. Sacco stated that she received an update from New York State representative Tom Abatti, adding that some offers have been approved by SEMO (State Emergency Management Office), while 13 cases need clarification. She stated that "the affidavit from the homeowners doesn't match Bob Jones' information." Mr. Finch stated that four property owners have dropped out of the program. Ms. Sacco stated that there were a potential of 59 properties, adding that she would have to ask Assistant to the Supervisor Lisa Houston or Assessor Clerk Penny Lake (both of whom are assisting with the Buyout Program) how many total property owners have dropped out of the program. She stated that the people working on this project are "trying to get other information needed by New York State. We are making progress."

Mr. Bullock asked if there is a potential completion date for this project and Ms. Sacco stated that there "are too many variables" for her to make a prediction. She stated, "There is a chance we will need an extension."

It was noted that there are three offers that have been approved by SEMO. Ms. Sacco stated that it appears there will be money available through SEMO for the closing costs. She asked who will be presenting the offers to the property owners and Mr. Finch replied that this task will fall to the Town Attorney. Ms. Sacco explained that the Town will make the offer, after which the property owner has 30 days to accept or decline the offer. If the property owner accepts the offer, the Town has a survey completed and the abstract searched, then closes on the property, and then demolishes the structure.

Dennis Kachmar of Berota Court asked why the Town of Conklin is further behind in the Buyout process than other municipalities. Mr. Finch replied that some other municipalities received block grants to help fund the Buyout process. Ms. Houston commented that six or seven more applications were sent to SEMO today.

Rosanna Potts of Woodcrest Way stated that her property is in the Buyout Program but she has received "no status update and very little communication. I have no idea where we are." She stated that her paperwork was submitted to the Town in August of 2013. She stated that she contacted Tom Abatti at SEMO, who told her it was held up at the Town level. She stated that she and her husband paid for a second appraisal on their property. Mr. Jones had told her that he submitted the paperwork to SEMO. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town is "taking a very aggressive approach" to moving forward with the Buyout Program.

### NYS RISING COMMUNITY GRANT

Mr. Finch reported that the BCIDA is meeting with Town Assessor John McDonald. He stated that the Stillwater Road project has been approved for a grant, and a study will be conducted. He stated that holding ponds are under discussion as a means to improve drainage.

### MAIL-IN COMMENTS/COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Finch stated that the following concerns were shared via mail regarding the Comprehensive Plan:

- Two letters address the railroad crossing on Powers Road. Mr. Finch stated that he contacted CP Rail, and was told that the crossing will be repaired in late June and early July of this year.
- One letter writer wants to be able to launch a power boat at Sullivan Park. Mr. Finch stated that the DEC will not approve a boat launch at that site.
- One letter addressed parking on Morris Boulevard near Nirchi's Pizza. Mr. Finch stated that the Town addressed the possibility of restricting parking to one side of the street only. Ms. Sacco will research this issue to see where the Town is in the process of addressing this legally.
- One letter writer requested that the Town install signage at Pride Manor Mobile Home Park. Mr. Finch stated that this is the responsibility of the Park owner.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### <u>RESO 2014-75: APPROVE HIRING/</u> <u>ROGER CONKLIN & KAREN KRAUSE/SUBSTITUTE CROSSING</u> <u>GUARDS/EFFECTIVE 5-13-2014/PAY RATE \$31.80 PER DAY</u>

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the hiring of Roger Conklin and Karen Krause to the position of Substitute Crossing Guard, effective May 13, 2014, at a pay rate of \$31.80 per day.

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

# RESO 2014-76: RATIFY ACH WIRE PAYMENT/PITNEY BOWES/ POSTAGE METER REFILL

Mr. Dumian moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies an ach wire payment, account code A1670.4, in the amount of \$500.00 to Pitney Bowes for refill of the postage meter.

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

## RESO 2014-77: APPROVE RESCHEDULING/TOWN BOARD MEETING/ FROM MAY 27 TO MAY 28, 2014, AT 5:30 P.M.

Mr. Bullock moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves rescheduling of the Town Board meeting from May 27 to May 28, 2014, at 5:30 P.M.

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

### RESO 2014-78: APPROVE CANCELLATION/FIRST REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING/JUNE, JULY & AUGUST 2014

Mr. Bullock moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the cancellation of the first Regular Town Board Meeting of the month for the months of June, July, and August 2014 (June 10, July 8, and August 12).

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

### RESO 2014-79: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT/BILL LIST/\$105,667.70

Mr. Francisco 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 \$105,667.70:

| General            | \$ 23,446.97 |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Highway            | 3,578.96     |
| Light Districts    | 2,164.87     |
| Sewer Districts    | 56,194.35    |
| Water District     | 5,733.06     |
| Water District 6   | 6,788.49     |
| Non-Budget Section | 7,761.00     |
| Total              | \$105,667.70 |

Seconded by Mr. Dumian.

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

### FLOODING IN SCHNURBUSCH PARK

Mr. Dennis Kachmar asked if the flooding in Schnurbusch Park will be addressed and Mr. Finch replied that part of the New York State Rising Community Grant would provide a new drainage plan.

#### CODE ISSUES

Mr. Bullock asked about the status of the house on Cherry Drive that is in violation of the Town Code. Mr. Finch stated that the property owner obtained a building permit to raise the building.

Mr. Bullock asked about repairs made to the Town Code truck, noting that it cost \$600 to replace the gas tank, and adding that he thinks the truck should be replaced.

### **BANTA ROAD**

Mr. Dumian asked about the integrity of the bridge and sluice pipes on Banta Road and whether or not the road is sinking.

### LIGHTS AT VETERANS MEMORIAL

Mr. Francisco stated that he contact Mary Plonski of the Veterans Memorial Committee, Inc., regarding new lights at the Conklin Veterans Memorial. He stated that he gave her a plan for running electrical power to the lights and is waiting to hear back from her. The hope is that the new lights will be installed in time for the dedication of new names to the Memorial, to be honored at a celebration on May 31, 2014.

# POWERS ROAD RAILROAD CROSSING

Mr. Francisco stated that he was informed by two employees of FedEx that they were told by CP Rail that the Town is responsible for the repair of the railroad crossing, when, in fact, it is the responsibility of the railroad company. It was noted that large trucks are supposed to be exiting the Broome Corporate Park via the south end of Corporate Drive.

### WALKABLE COMMUNITY

Mr. Francisco asked if there is any timeline scheduled for further development of the Walkable Community project. Mr. Finch replied that Broome County, which is developing this project, has all of the current information and has not provided any recent updates.

## RESO 2014-80: ACCEPT DONATIONS/CONKLIN BEAUTIFICATION CORPS/PURCHASE PLANTS

Mr. Dumian moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin accepts donations on behalf of the Conklin Beautification Corps from the following persons in the following amounts:

| Tammy Latimer     | \$25.00 | Any Purpose                 |
|-------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Charles Francisco | \$20.00 | To Purchase Marigolds       |
| John Colley       | \$22.00 | To Purchase Dwarf Forsythia |

Seconded by Mr. Bullock.

VOTE: Bullock – Yes, Dumian – Yes, Francisco – Abstain, Finch – Yes. Motion carried: 3 – Yes, 1 – Abstain.

Mr. Finch and Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs both thanked everyone for the help with the Townwide Cleanup Day held on April 27, 2014.

### SECURITY SYSTEM/TOWN HALL

Mr. Finch stated that the security system at the Town Hall is being triggered at random hours at all times of the day and night and he is suggesting that Mr. Jones look into having the Time Warner system removed and a new security system installed. Ms. Houston will send a copy of the Town's contract with Time Warner to Ms. Sacco to see if this can be done.

## ROAD SIGNS

Dell Boyle asked why so many road signs have been replaced and had maintenance completed on them. Mr. Finch stated that former Highway Superintendent Patrick Latting had stated that New York State had mandated new regulations for signage. Ms. Sacco added that road signs are under federal regulation, with different classes of roads, and the Town has an obligation to maintain the signs to a specific standard.

## RESO 2014-81: EXECUTIVE SESSION/LITIGATION

Mr. Bullock moved to close the Regular Town Board Meeting at 8:38 P.M. and move into Executive Session to discuss litigation.

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

An Executive Session of the Town Board of the Town of Conklin was held at the Conklin Town Hall at 8:38 P.M., with Supervisor James Finch presiding. Present were: Supervisor Finch, Mr. Bullock, Mr. Dumian, Mr. Francisco, and Attorney Cheryl Sacco. Ms. Sacco assumed duties of secretary of the meeting.

A discussion was held pursuant to Public Officers law section 100 of the State of New York regarding proposed, pending, or current litigation.

# RESO 2014-82: RE-OPEN REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

After this discussion, Mr. Bullock moved to close the Executive Session and re-open the Regular Town Board Meeting at 9:17 P.M.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco. VOTE: Bullock – Yes, Dumian – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Finch – Yes. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Bullock moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Dumian. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs Town Clerk