

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

MAY 24, 2016

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Regular Town Board Meeting at 5:30 P.M. on May 24, 2016, at the Conklin Town Hall. Mr. Finch, Supervisor, presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:	Town Board Members	Bullock, Boyle, Dumian, Francisco, Finch
	Town Counsel	Cheryl Sacco
	Town Clerk	Sherrie L. Jacobs
	Assistant to Supervisor	Lisa Houston
	Public Works Superintendent	Tom DeLamarter

GUESTS:	Laurie Francisco
	John Colley

MINUTES: MAY 10, 2016 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Town Board decided to hold over approval of the May 10, 2016 Regular Town Board Meeting minutes until the June 14, 2016 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Finch acknowledged receipt of three letters from students at Susquehanna Valley High School. One concerned potholes in Route 7. The second letter concerned ponding of water at Pride Manor Mobile Home Park, and the third letter addressed debris on the riverbank.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

UPDATE/WATER & SEWER

Public Works Superintendent Tom DeLamarter stated that he ordered a compressor that blows air into the pump at the sewer station to keep the pump from getting stuck with debris. He stated that these compressors cost approximately \$2,500 each and added that he only ordered one for Sewer Station 1. Mr. Bullock asked if this was part of the resolution approving emergency spending and Mr. DeLamarter replied that this is not a part of that resolution, which approved spending for an emergency alarm system for the sewer system, adding that this compressor is not related to the mixers for the sewer station.

Mr. Finch stated that there has been discussion regarding the elimination of some water and sewer lines in the Broome Corporate Park.

Mr. Finch stated that a video had been made of the bridge on Banta Road.

UPDATE/COMMUNITY CENTER ROOF & PAINTING OF CASTLE

Mr. Finch stated that a bid was received in the Fall of 2015 to provide a metal shingle roof for the Community Center at a cost of \$27,000. He stated that Code Officer Ron Lake is researching the New York State Bid List for both the Community Center Roof project and the Painting of the

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Castle project. Town Attorney Cheryl Sacco stated that the Town can “piggyback” its bid with another municipality if that is beneficial.

Mr. Dumian stated that he feels a warranty of 25 years is too long to demand from a prospective bidder, adding that the issue should be re-visited. Ms. Sacco stated that the Town could require warranty on materials only. Mr. Dumian stated that the bid specifications should be changed, suggesting perhaps requiring a ten-year warranty on materials and one year on labor.

UPDATE/TOWN OF VESTAL DOG CONTROL OFFICER SHARED SERVICES

Mr. Finch stated that negotiations with the Town of Vestal for shared services for the Dog Control Officer are “close” to agreement. He stated that the cost would be split 50/50 between the two municipalities and added that the Town would save \$7,000 per year in benefits.

Mr. Finch suggested that the Town consider using the Broome County Humane Society instead of the Front Street Dog Shelter for dogs picked up running at large. He stated that the Town is currently paying Front Street Dog Shelter \$13,000 per year for the approximate 25 dogs per year that are picked up by the Dog Control Officer and taken to the Shelter. Mr. Finch stated that the budget for the Dog Control Officer is \$22,693.00 per year currently, with \$13,000 of that being paid to the Shelter. Mr. Bullock and Mr. Dumian stated that this issue should be held over until the next Board meeting for further discussion.

BOAT RAMP/STILLWATER

Mr. Finch stated that residents in the Stillwater Road area are in favor of building a boat ramp in their area, but would not want it to be open to the public. The boat ramp would be for emergency evacuation only, such as a toxic spill on the railroad tracks, which would trap residents in the Stillwater area. Mr. Bullock stated that the Town of Kirkwood has a similar boat ramp and asked if there is any grant money available to help fund this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

SUMMER FUN PROGRAM

Mr. Finch stated that he contacted the Town of Binghamton regarding partnering for a Summer Fun Program but received no response. He stated that the Town of Kirkwood discontinued its participation in this program because of a lack of response. Mr. Dumian stated that he has received comments from Conklin residents indicating that they are disappointed that the program has been discontinued. Mr. Boyle asked what the program is and Mr. Dumian stated that it is an arts and crafts program for children aged 5 to 12 years. Mr. Finch stated that he will contact the Town of Kirkwood to obtain the former program lead person’s name and contact information. Mr. Bullock asked how many Town of Conklin children had attended the Summer Fun Program in other years.

**RESO 2016-84: RATIFY PAYMENT/U.S. POSTAL SERVICE/
2ND QUARTER WATER & SEWER BILLING POSTAGE**

Mr. Bullock 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 #10847, account code SW8310.4, in the amount of \$315.00 to the U.S. Postal Service for postage for 2nd Quarter Water & Sewer billing.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

Mr. Finch stated that a letter will be sent to tenants of a house on Carol Court advising them that the water bill must be paid or water service will be shut off. It was noted that Fountain Bleau Mobile Home Park has an Outside User Agreement, so this penalty cannot be applied in that situation.

RESO 2016-85: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT/BILL LIST/\$34,432.97

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 \$34,432.97:

General	\$ 21,318.06
Highway	1,854.90
Light Districts	2,648.82
Sewer District	675.87
Water District	2,235.32
Non-Budget	<u>5,700.00</u>
Total	\$ 34,432.97

Seconded by Mr. Dumian.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

CASTLE FLOWER BEDS

John Colley, head gardener for the Conklin Beautification Corps, asked if the Castle will be painted in 2016, as he has been waiting to weed and plant the flower beds near the front of the Castle until after the painting project is completed. Mr. Francisco replied that he is waiting for a response from a mason who may be able to repair the concrete on the front of the building. This must be completed before the building can be painted.

POTHoles IN ROUTE 7

Mr. Bullock stated that he called New York State Department of Transportation regarding the potholes in Route 7.

BONDING

Mr. Finch asked Mr. Dumian if he had an issue with the bonding done by the Town and Mr. Dumian replied that he had asked for clarification but that there is no problem.

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MASON/CONCRETE WORK

Mr. Francisco reiterated that he has contacted a mason about potentially completing needed repairs to the concrete on the Castle.

BOARD ROOM SOUND SYSTEM

Mr. Francisco asked if any progress has been made on the problems with the Board Room sound system. Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs replied that BlueStorm Technologies repaired the software issue on the laptop so that the meetings can be recorded, but added that the technician warned that future problems may occur because the laptop is old and runs on XP, which is no longer supported. She stated that there has been no response from any of the other vendors regarding the sound/speaker system for the Board Room.

NOTICE TO NEIGHBORS

Mr. Boyle asked for an update on the Notice to Neighbors issue and Ms. Sacco stated that the Planning Board is discussing the issue.

COMMUNITY DAY

Ms. Jacobs reminded those present that Community Day and the Veterans Dedication of New Names for the Memorial will be held on May 28, with Community Day running from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M. and the Veterans Dedication Ceremony to be held at 11 A.M.

MANUFACTURED HOMES

Mr. Finch asked if inspection and engineering fees for manufactured homes can be charged back to the owners and Ms. Sacco stated that perhaps that is possible, but there is a process that must be followed. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town “can’t discriminate against manufactured homes vs. stick-built homes.” Ms. Sacco stated that the fees can be charged across the board, or as part of an administrative fee, or as part of the site plan review. Mr. Bullock stated that this is “not the way to go,” adding “the fees are enough.” Mr. Francisco asked if owners could be charged for the Town Engineer to look at their plans. Mr. Dumian commented, “We don’t want to deter people from building.”

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Bullock moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Boyle. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs
Town Clerk