

WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Work Session at 5:30 P.M. on September 22, 2015, 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
	Highway Superintendent	Brian Coddington
	Code Officer	Ron Lake
	Electrical Inspector	John Rudy
	Town Justice	J. Marshall Ayres
	Highway Laborer	Mike Platt
	Highway Laborer	Rick Murray
	Zoning Board of Appeals	Arthur Boyle

GUESTS:	Country Courier	Elizabeth Einstein
	Upstate Tower Company, LLC	Matt Kerwin
		Laurie Francisco
		John C. Colley
		Arlene Dubay
		John Dubay
		Patty Balles

CODE ISSUES

Code Officer Ron Lake stated that he has a proposal for bids for smoke testing and cleaning of the Town's sewer system. He also mentioned that he hopes the Board will approve changing John Rudy's position to permanent part-time instead of the current temporary position. Mr. Lake also stated that some of the areas zoned R12 and R15 (Residential) look like "used car lots" and proposed action to remedy the situation.

Mr. Lake also discussed the proposed cell tower to be placed on Mr. Louis Rosenberg's property on Conklin Road. He stated that he reviewed the application and it is incomplete. Among other issues, Mr. Lake stated that the company "didn't justify the height" of the proposed tower. He stated that it is designed to collapse three feet from the top, with no guarantee that the remaining 130 feet would fall within the property boundaries. Mr. Lake stated that the company asked for relief from the necessity of providing underground utilities, which he stated he could not approve. He also stated that there are no propagation studies, adding that in Exhibit 4, there is no mention of flooding, even though the property in question is in a flood zone. Mr. Finch stated that the company wants to raise the tower six to eight feet. Mr. Lake stated that the company cites a visibility of five miles, which Mr. Lake stated is "off by a factor of 1,000, or maybe one million." He added that section B6 lists the number of viewers but stated that the number stated is incorrect because the tower will be visible from Route 81. Mr. Lake stated that in Exhibit 5, reference was made to a conversation with a Town of Conklin planning staff member who supposedly stated that there was no place on Town property that the tower could be placed. Mr. Lake wanted to know who this unknown Town employee was. He also questioned the use of the search ring, adding that this is not usually a circle. In short, stated Mr. Lake, this project is "nowhere near Public Hearing or approval" stage. Mr. Finch commented that Verizon wants to put two towers on the Town's water towers on Stewart Road and Ahern Road. Town Attorney

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Cheryl Sacco stated that the problem is an “incomplete application” from Upstate Tower Company, LLC, adding that they “skipped parts of the location criteria.” Mr. Bullock asked where on Mr. Rosenberg’s property the proposed tower would be located and Mr. Lake stated that it would be on the east side on the right hand corner.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

Mr. Finch stated that Marilyn Fanto would be presenting information on FidelisCare health insurance options, adding that the Town is meeting with Excellus representative Tom Augustini on September 25 to see what options Excellus will offer. He stated that Excellus will be increasing the cost to the Town for health insurance by 11% in 2016, adding that there will be no additional cost passed on to the employees.

Ms. Fanto stated that FidelisCare is a non-profit organization that provides free to low-cost health insurance, depending upon income. She stated that her company provides Child Health Plus for children aged 0 to 19 years, with cost based on household income. FidelisCare also provides Managed Medicaid for low income families, Managed Advantage Plan for Medicare, Managed Long-Term Care Plan, and the Health Care Exchange, with bronze, silver, gold, and platinum level health insurance, each at a different cost and with a different deductible amount. Ms. Fanto stated that the company offers individual plans, based on household size and income, with choices locked in for a one year period. Ms. Sacco asked if there is a COBRA option and Ms. Fanto stated that there is this option.

Mike Platt from the Highway Department summarized that opting for FidelisCare would “take payment responsibility out of the Town of Conklin and individuals would be responsible for premiums.” It was noted that the FidelisCare platinum level most closely mirrors the current Excellus plan which Town employees may opt to utilize. Mr. Bullock asked if other municipalities are looking at FidelisCare as an option and Ms. Fanto stated that this is just beginning to happen, adding that it is mostly for municipal retirees. She stated that more information is available at the company website, www.fideliscare.org.

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As the time for the Regular Town Board Meeting had arrived, Mr. Finch closed the Work Session and opened the Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on September 22, 2015, at the Conklin Town Hall. Mr. Finch, Supervisor, presided.

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MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Town Board decided to hold over approval of the September 8, 2015 Regular Town Board Meeting minutes until the October 13, 2015 Town Board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Finch acknowledged receipt of correspondence regarding Time Warner Cable. He also acknowledged receipt of correspondence from Broome County and from Bill Northwood, chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEETINGS

Mrs. Arlene Dubay stated that she came to the Town Hall on September 21 planning to attend a Planning Board meeting, only to find that there was no one at the Town Hall, even though she had spoken to several Town officials or employees about the scheduling of Planning Board meetings. They are scheduled for the third Monday of each month, if there is a case pending. Mrs. Dubay stated that she had spoken to Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs regarding what qualifications and training are necessary to serve on either the Planning Board or on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ms. Jacobs stated that both of those boards have their own secretary, who would post when meetings will be held, adding that she is not always advised as to whether or not a meeting is scheduled. She stated that one should check with the Code Office to verify that a meeting is scheduled, as that is the office through which applications are processed.

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Town Electrical Inspector John Rudy told Mrs. Dubay that he had researched some signs about which she had expressed concern and discovered that they are located on private property and that the Town Code Office “can’t touch them.” Town Attorney Cheryl Sacco suggested that Mrs. Dubay consult an attorney regarding signage on the new propane tank at Mirabito Fuel in Corbettsville, adding that the Planning Board had approved signage on the tank in the site plan that was presented. Mr. Finch stated that Mrs. Dubay “can’t talk to a worker at Mirabito,” stating that she should instead call the company supervisor.

Ms. Sacco stated that Mrs. Dubay should contact the Code Office with any concerns, as well as checking to see whether or not a meeting is scheduled. Mr. Finch explained that Broome County requires a Form 239 for applications, adding that if this form has not yet been returned from Broome County, there is no point in holding a meeting.

2016 BUDGET

Town Justice J. Marshall Ayres stated, in regard to the 2016 Budget, that the Town Board should not “balance the budget on the backs of the employees.” He stated that “everyone is getting a raise” except he and his clerk, Laurie Gregory. Judge Ayres noted that the two people in the Code Office are paid \$30 and \$18 per hour, respectively, while he is paid only \$12.94 per hour. He asked the board to “be fair, and base salary on merit, not on personalities.” He added that his office is “not a revenue source for the Town of Conklin,” adding that his “job is to dispense justice.” The Judge stated that the crime rate has decreased in the Town every year that he has held office, but added that he has been criticized for this because he is “not bringing in enough money.” Judge Ayres stated that he feels his department is being “singled out, with decisions made on personalities not on merit.”

In terms of proposed changes to employee health insurance, Judge Ayres stated that the Town of Conklin employees, who contribute 25% of the cost of health insurance, “pay the highest amount in Broome County,” with most other municipal employees paying 13%. He stated that any proposed changes should look carefully at co-pays and coverages, so that “proper coverage” is provided.

Judge Ayres stated that he often hears that his clerk is overpaid at approximately \$33,000 per year, noting that the Town of Dryden just posted a starting salary of \$44,000 for a Court Clerk. He also noted that the Town of Conklin Court Clerk now holds a second job to help make ends meet. Judge Ayres asked for an “equitable distribution of funds.”

PLANNING BOARD & ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS STIPENDS

Mr. Arthur Boyle, a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, went on to discuss another aspect of the 2016 Budget. He stated he believes the stipend for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals should remain an annual stipend, regardless of the number of meetings held, rather than a payment per meeting, as the Board is considering. He stated that even though there haven’t been as many meetings held in recent years as there were in the past, there are other responsibilities which the two Boards must meet. As an example, Mr. Boyle listed the development of the Town Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Sacco stated that the Town has already adopted the updated Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Boyle stated that he was referring to the need for the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to follow through on the suggestions made in the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Boyle also stated that training is required annually for each board member and added that board members must travel to the sites of pending cases to help make a determination in each case. Ms. Sacco mentioned that there is time required to prepare for each

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meeting. Mr. Finch responded that there were people on the Comprehensive Plan Committee who did not receive any monetary compensation for their time. Mr. Boyle replied that all of the members of the Comprehensive Plan were members of either the Planning Board or the ZBA. Mr. Finch stated that he thinks the members of those two boards should be paid on a per meeting attended basis.

Mr. Dumian stated that he feels the stipend for the Planning Board and ZBA should stay the same annual amount that it currently is. He added that there are more responsibilities for board members than just the meetings. Mr. Boyle stated that the Town Board should not keep re-appointing people that don't attend meetings. Ms. Sacco stated that members of the Planning Board or ZBA can be removed but it requires either a Public Hearing or through lack of meeting the training requirements. Mr. Dumian commented that the Planning Board in particular has been "under fire" from the public for the last three or four years. Ms. Sacco added that some extra meetings have been required to process some applications.

Mr. Francisco stated that the Planning Board, which he served on before being elected to the Town Board, must attend classes to stay on the Planning Board. It is "not a free ride," stated Mr. Francisco. Mr. Dell Boyle stated that he feels the boards should be paid per meeting, if the members are doing the work. He added that members should be paid for extra meetings and extra work, but people "who do not show up should not be paid." Mr. Francisco stated that the chairperson for each board polices his own board, adding that board members can claim mileage but do not turn in bills for any extra driving they need to do.

A straw poll of the Town Board members showed all five members in favor of keeping the annual stipend, with both Mr. Boyle and Mr. Dumian making a point to support the Planning Board and ZBA chairpersons and keep lines of communication open between the chairs and the Town Board. Along those same lines, Mr. Dumian asked the Supervisor to be clearer in his communication to the Town Board regarding upcoming and current issues to be discussed.

CONKLIN SENIOR HOUSING/1085 CONKLIN ROAD

Ms. Patty Balles, a resident of the Conklin Senior Housing located at 1085 Conklin Road, shared some concerns she and other residents of that facility have had. She began by stating that there are 21 units with residents aged 55 years and older. Ms. Balles stated that rent has increased in the past year, moving it out of the advertised "affordable living" status. She stated that the facility has new management, adding that the new managers will not even meet with the tenants, and people are being "forced to move" due to the increase in rent. Mr. Finch explained that the Town has no control over the Senior Housing facility, which is privately owned. He told Ms. Balles that she could contact developer Bruce Levine to set up a meeting to discuss issues. Ms. Balles stated that she contacted former State Senator Thomas Libous's office in 2014, with no change forthcoming. She stated that the only difference was an increase in maintenance staff hours. Ms. Sacco stated that Ms. Balles should contact either the Legal Aid Society, Tenant/Landlord Division, or the Broome County Office for the Aging, stressing that the Conklin Town Board cannot help her, as they have no jurisdiction.

Ms. Balles stated that there is no parking for visitors to the facility, and asked if this meets zoning requirements. She stated that visitors currently park at either the Post Office (the neighboring property) or at the site of the former Conklin Diner across Conklin Road from the Senior Housing facility. "They should have visitor parking," stated Ms. Balles. Mr. Finch replied that there is no property available for parking at the site. He wondered if it would be possible to expand the property.

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Ms. Balles stated that no fire drills have been conducted in the past two years and added that CPR training should be required of the residents. Ms. Sacco reiterated that the Town Board has no recourse or authority to re-open the site plan approval. Mr. Finch echoed her sentiments, stating, "The Town Board has no authority in this matter." Code Officer Lake was asked to check the site plan regarding visitor parking. Mr. Bullock commented that this project was approved by the Planning Board years ago. Mr. Finch stated that one problem is that residents have more than one car.

OLD BUSINESS:

UPDATE/703 CONKLIN ROAD/FORMER DENTAL OFFICE

Mr. Lake stated that he sent a second notice to the owners of 703 Conklin Road, the former offices of Progressive Dental, and has received no response, so he will therefore turn the case over to the Town Court.

NEW BUSINESS:

MATTHEW KERWIN/UP STATE TOWER CO., LLC/BUFFALO-LAKE ERIE
WIRELESS SYSTEMS

Mr. Matthew Kerwin, attorney for Up State Tower Company, LLC, and Buffalo-Lake Erie Wireless Systems, appeared before the Town Board to answer questions regarding the proposed cell phone tower to potentially be located on property belonging to Mr. Louis Rosenberg at 1159 Conklin Road near Schnurbusch Park. The proposed tower would be 140 feet tall. Mr. Kerwin stated that an employee of the Town of Conklin was contacted in May 2014, although Mr. Kerwin does not know who that employee was, and that the employee approved moving forward with this proposed tower. Ms. Sacco stated that the Code Officer had determined that the application is incomplete and therefore a Public Hearing cannot yet be set.

Code Officer Lake stated that the application, in section 122-5E (11), asks for the proposed number of tower antennae, and that information was not provided. Mr. Kerwin stated that there are twelve. Mr. Lake stated that a certification that a topographic and geomorphologic study and analysis have been completed will be required (section 122-5E(21)). He stated that the propagation studies listed as being included in Exhibit 5 are not present, adding that the documentation provided only shows one location that works, whereas it should include locations that do not work, thus proving the need to use the proposed site. Mr. Finch asked why the company did not check with the Town of Conklin regarding available land and Mr. Kerwin replied that it "did, but not very well." Ms. Sacco stated that there is Town-owned property available for the proposed tower, located out of the flood area, while Mr. Rosenberg's property has been flooded. Mr. Kerwin stated that the propagation studies conducted used a search ring to pinpoint any coverage gaps. He stated that the company's plan is to provide 4G LTE coverage, adding that if the location of the tower is moved, the coverage area also moves. Ms. Sacco stated that the cell phone tower company needs to conduct propagation studies on Town of Conklin-owned properties. Mr. Finch suggested that Mr. Kerwin discuss it with Mr. Lake.

Continuing his review of the application, Mr. Lake stated that section 122—5J, which deals with Visual Impact of the proposed project, is incorrect. He stated that section 5M asks for a waiver of underground utilities, adding that he has never seen this requirement waived. Mr. Lake stated that section 5N, dealing with Adverse Visual Effects, needs photographs or a simulation to prove the conclusion presented. He stated that section 122-6A1c does not meet the burden of proof

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that the proposed tower must be 140 feet tall. Mr. Lake stated that the propagation studies provided for section 6A1d are not thorough enough. He stated that section 122-6D does not address how flooding would be handled. Mr. Kerwin stated that his client will revise the application. Mr. Lake stated that New York State Code requires a structure in the flood zone to be elevated two feet above flood stage, asking how the tower would be raised. He also added that if the solution is to add fill to the site, a flood study would be required. Mr. Kerwin stated that the elevation would be concrete with steel legs.

Mr. Lake stated that section 122-7A requires an inventory of structures within four miles, which was not completed. Mr. Kerwin stated that coverage would be one mile in each direction. Mr. Lake stated that sections 8A and 8B do not demonstrate the need for a 140 foot tower, and require propagation studies. Mr. Lake stated that section 122-12B needs a certification that the tower will not collapse outside the designated area, adding that the break point of the tower is 30 feet from the top, when it is typically located in the center of the structure. Mr. Kerwin stated that the tower can be redesigned. In section 122-24A, Mr. Lake stated that Mr. Kerwin's client refuses to indemnify the Town of Conklin. Mr. Kerwin asked how his client can be forced to do that, and for what purpose. Ms. Sacco stated that the indemnification requirement is part of a local law. Mr. Lake stated that all cell towers in this area have been indemnified. Mr. Kerwin stated that he will discuss this requirement with the cell tower company.

Mr. Lake stated that in section 122-28, the applicant is requesting relief from the fall distance, again related to the 140 foot height of the tower. He stated that Exhibit 2 does not include the propagation studies, even though it references them. Mr. Lake stated that Exhibit 4, section C2b does not mention potential flooding and how it would be addressed. He stated that section D1b does not provide site acreage, and section D2b does not give an explanation for no alteration of flood. Mr. Lake asked which database was used in section E1Hiii to provide 2,000 feet of Environmental Remediation, and Mr. Kerwin stated that it was the DEC website. Mr. Lake questioned the Appendix B1 claim that the visibility in the transportation corridor would be five miles, noting that it will be able to be seen from Route 81, across the Susquehanna River from its location. He stated that in Appendix B3, the answer should be yes. Mr. Lake questioned the response in Appendix B6 that the annual number of viewers would be 7,000, adding that he believes this number is "off by a factor of 1,000 or even 1,000,000." Mr. Lake stated that Exhibit 5 provides no propagation studies to prove the selected site is the only site that works and that the tower needs to be 140 feet high. In Exhibit 5, section 4, Mr. Lake asked which Planning Board member was addressed regarding the proposed project. He also asked how the search ring was established, noting that the search ring is not usually a circle and compared it against using topography as a guide. Ms. Sacco stated that it could be a high point.

Mr. Kerwin stated that the application was submitted on August 10, noting that the applicant must be notified within 30 days if the application is not complete. He stated that the Town is at fault for not notifying his client within this 30-day time period. He stated that he will discuss the results of tonight's meeting with his client.

REPORT: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent Brian Coddington reported that his department is finishing blacktopping.

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**RESO 2015-155: AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT/BIDS WITH VILLAGE OF PORT
DICKINSON/SMOKE TEST & TELEVISIONING & CLEANING OF SEWER SYSTEM**

Mr. Bullock moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes advertisement for bids, with the Village of Port Dickinson, for smoke testing, televising, and cleaning of the sanitary sewer system.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

CODE OFFICE PROPOSAL REGARDING VEHICLES FOR SALE

Mr. Bullock asked Mr. Lake about the proposal he had distributed regarding control of vehicles for sale. Mr. Lake replied that it is something to be considered, since there has been such an increase in people selling vehicles on their properties. It was asked whether the New York State Code supersedes the local law, which allows two unregistered vehicles per property, while the New York State Code only allows one. The Board will highlight this topic at the October 13 meeting.

INCREASED COSTS OF BUILDING FEES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

At the last Board meeting, it was suggested that residents who do not obtain the required building permits should be charged double as a penalty. Ms. Sacco stated that she researched this matter and that “fees are fees,” and fines are different. She stated that in order to levy a fine the Town must show an increase in administrative costs and the fine as an attempt to recapture the loss. She stated that fines cannot be penalties. It was asked if a fine or fee could be levied for revocation of a Stop Work Order and Ms. Sacco stated she will need to contact the New York State Department of State to determine if this is legal.

CARPET FOR CASTLE

Mr. Finch stated that he received two bids to provide carpeting for the meeting room in the Castle, as well as color samples. He stated that Ellis Brothers and Endwell Carpet have supplied bids, and he is awaiting a potential bid from Warehouse Carpet. Mr. Bullock asked if the carpeting bids were advertised and Mr. Finch stated that they were not.

ROOF FOR COMMUNITY CENTER

Mr. Finch stated that he has received one bid to replace the roof at the Community Center. He stated that there has been no bid received from a second contractor that had shown interest and added that a third contractor measured the roof to determine materials that would be needed for the job. Mr. Finch stated that all of the contractors “are busy.” Mr. Dumian stated that since the project will be in excess of \$2500, the Town should advertise for bids in the **Country Courier**. Mr. Bullock agreed, adding that they should be sealed bids so that it is “not misleading,” with \$1,000,000 in insurance required.

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2016 BUDGET

Mr. Finch stated that the Board will hold over discussion of the 2016 Budget until the October 13 meeting, adding that the proposed Budget is under the New York State tax cap.

**RESO 2015-156: ACCEPT DONATION/WILLIAM BANOVIC/FIELD USE/OAKLAND
PHYSICAL THERAPY SOFTBALL LEAGUE**

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 \$100.00, account code A2705, from William Banovic for field use for the Oakland Physical Therapy Softball League.

Seconded by Mr. Dumian.

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

**RESO 2015-157: RATIFY PAYMENT/STAPLES CREDIT PLAN/HIGHWAY GARAGE
LINK2CELL**

Mr. Bullock moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment of check #9839, account code A5132.4, in the amount of \$199.98 to Staples Credit Plan for payment for the Highway Garage Link2cell.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

**RESO 2015-158: RATIFY PAYMENT/W2OPERATOR TRAINING
GROUP/REGISTRATION/NICK PLATT/WATER TRAINING/
OCTOBER 23/CORTLAND, NY**

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment of check #9840, account code SW8310.4, in the amount of \$100.00 to W2Operator Training Group for registration for Nick Platt to attend a Water Training Class on October 23, 2015, in Cortland, New York, to certify for the next Water Operator level.

Seconded by Mr. Dumian.

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

**RESO 2015-159: RATIFY ACH WIRE PAYMENT/PITNEY BOWES/POSTAGE
METER REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS**

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 ACH wire payment, account code A1670.4, in the amount of \$500.00 to Pitney Bowes for postage meter reimbursement of funds.

Seconded by Mr. Dumian.

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

RESO 2015-160: APPROVE JOB TITLE CHANGE/RONALD LAKE/FROM BUILDING & CODE INSPECTOR TO TOWN ENGINEER – PART/TIME/NO CHANGE IN HOURLY RATE/EFFECTIVE JULY 9, 2015

Mr. Boyle moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the job title change for Ronald Lake from Building & Code Inspector to Town Engineer – Part/Time, with no change in hourly rate, effective July 9, 2015.

Seconded by Mr. Dumian.

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

RESO 2015-161: APPROVE PAYMENT/BILL LIST/\$48,923.22

Mr. Bullock moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves payment of the following Bill List in the total amount of \$48,923.22:

General	\$22,190.73
Highway	16,233.09
Light Districts	1,791.32
Sewer District	228.41
Water District	4,675.67
Water District 6	<u>3,804.00</u>
Total	\$48,923.22

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

CELL TOWER

Mr. Coddington stated that he was never approached by the cell tower company regarding its placement.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET CONCERNS

Mr. Bullock commented that retired Highway Superintendent Jerry Minoia is home following surgery and added that there has been no cost to Mr. Minoia, as the Town employee health

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insurance has covered the cost, illustrating, he stated, the importance of having good insurance coverage.

Mr. Boyle stated that he has heard it stated around town that there is a “conflict of interest” for him getting paid for the extra work he has done on the Castle, and emphasized that he has received no extra income since all of the work he has done has been volunteering his time.

Mr. Dumian stated that the FidelisCare option for employee health insurance should be an option ONLY, with employees able to keep Excellus coverage if they so choose. Mr. Finch stated, “We are not taking anything away from individual employees.”

LIGHTS AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Mr. Francisco stated that, at Ms. Sacco’s recommendation, he talked to Mr. Lake about the new replacement lights for the Community Center, and has contacted four contractors registered with New York State, who will all pay prevailing rates. He stated that bids are between \$1500 and \$1700, with a rebate available up until December 15, 2015, of \$2100 from NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development Advancing), so the replacement lights will not be an expense for the Town. Ms. Sacco suggested giving the third bidder a deadline by which to submit a bid.

CHANGES TO POLICY MANUAL

Assistant to the Supervisor Lisa Houston stated that an actuary study has been approved for 2016 that will necessitate changes to the Policy Manual, which she stated should be done in the Fourth Quarter of 2015.

TOWN NEWSLETTER

Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs reminded department heads and Board members that articles for the Town Newsletter are due to her by October 1, 2015. Mr. Finch stated that he asked the **Country Courier** about printing the Newsletter but they declined. He has a quote from Bob Carr 2.0 of \$330 to print 2500 copies of the Newsletter, with additional cost for mailing. Addresses of residents obtained from the Assessor’s office will be used.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Bullock moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Dumian. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs
Town Clerk