

**WORK SESSION**  
**NOVEMBER 19, 2015**

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Work Session at 5:30 P.M. on November 19, 2015, at the Conklin Town Hall. Mr. Finch, Supervisor, presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Town Board Members	Bullock, Boyle, Dumian, Francisco, Finch
	Town Counsel	Cheryl Sacco
	Town Clerk	Sherrie L. Jacobs
	Highway Superintendent	Brian Coddington
	Assistant to Supervisor	Lisa Houston
	Code Officer	Ron Lake
	Building Inspector	John Rudy
	Administrative Assistant	Mary Plonski
	Public Works Superintendent	Tom DeLamarter
<b>GUESTS:</b>	<b>Country Courier</b>	Elizabeth Einstein Laurie Francisco

**TIME WARNER CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

Town Attorney Cheryl Sacco stated that she had sent an e-mail to Time Warner Cable regarding the proposed new Franchise Agreement and has received no response.

**FILL PERMIT LEGISLATION**

Ms. Sacco stated that she had been researching the proposed Fill Permit Legislation, including discussion with Code Officer Ron Lake regarding floodways. She stated that the National Flood Insurance Company requires that municipalities adopt one of three possible DEC (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) models as local law governing Fill Permits. Ms. Sacco added that any changes must be approved by the DEC. Mr. Dumian asked if this is to make sure the Town is in compliance and Ms. Sacco stated that this is true. Mr. Bullock asked what protection is offered the Town and Ms. Sacco stated that the Flood Plain Manager (which, in Conklin, is the Code Officer) would make determinations of whether or not a Fill Permit could be issued, with engineering analysis required. She stated that she is still researching this issue. Mr. Finch asked if the decision regarding Rusty Luce's property is impacted by this. Ms. Sacco replied that the denial of Mr. Luce's application was done in accordance with the current law.

**LIGHTING/CONKLIN VETERANS MEMORIAL**

Mr. Francisco stated that he researched possible lighting solutions for the Conklin Veterans Memorial and has two possible layouts from a company in Syracuse. He explained that the first possibility is one 83 watt light placed on the road side of the monument to prevent light intrusion on Conklin Road, at a cost of \$550. Mr. Francisco stated that the second potential layout would include eight lights, one each (13 watts) for the individual branch flags and two (26 watts) for the American flag. He stated that the lights would cost \$1,680, but added that a trench would be required to be hand dug, eighteen inches deep, for apparatus to hold the lights. He stated that the total cost would be approximately \$2,100-\$2,200. Mr. Francisco noted that the Memorial will eventually be donated to the Town. Mr. Dumian suggested that the Town Board set a budget for the lighting project in an amount not to exceed \$2,500, with the potential lighting designs presented to the Conklin Veterans Memorial Committee for approval in time for the December 8

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Town Board meeting. Public Works Superintendent Tom DeLamarter stated that there is money available in the Parks Contractual budget line to help with the cost of the lighting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION/PENDING LITIGATION**

Mr. Boyle moved to close the Work Session and move into Executive Session at 5:45 P.M. to discuss pending litigation.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

VOTE: Bullock – Yes, Boyle – 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 5:45 P.M. with Supervisor James Finch presiding. Present were: Supervisor Finch, Mr. Bullock, Mr. Boyle, Mr. Dumian, Mr. Francisco, Attorney Cheryl Sacco, and Code Officer Ronald Lake. Attorney 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.

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
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As the time scheduled for the Regular Town Board Meeting had arrived, Mr. Finch closed the Work Session and the Executive Session and called the Regular Town Board Meeting to order. The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on November 19, 2015, at the Conklin Town Hall. Mr. Finch, Supervisor, presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Town Board Members	Bullock, Boyle, Dumian, Francisco, Finch
	Town Counsel	Cheryl Sacco
	Town Clerk	Sherrie L. Jacobs
	Highway Superintendent	Brian Coddington
	Assistant to Supervisor	Lisa Houston
	Code Officer	Ron Lake
	Building Inspector	John Rudy
	Administrative Assistant	Mary Plonski
	Public Works Superintendent	Tom DeLamarter
	Planning Board	Chris Ostrowsky
	Zoning Board of Appeals	Art Boyle

<b>GUESTS:</b>	<b>Country Courier</b>	Elizabeth Einstein
		Laurie Francisco
		John Colley
	Richard A. Keesler, Jr.	Karen Merrill
	Ernest Merrill	John Merrill
	Steve Sager	Scott Heater
	James Sager	Karl G. Bernthon
	Mr. Sherwood	Jay Conroy, Jr.
	John Lash	Kevin L. LaBarre
	David W. Mead	Travis Sager
	Jim Underhill	Dick Underhill
	Justin Slezak	Kevin Cole
	Clara Cole	Jerry Russell
	Randy Travis	Gordon Doane
	Russell LaBarre	Ileta LaBarre
	Derek Pavelski	Robert Allen
	George Leatso	Michael McKinney
	Dan Howard	Tom Wilcox
	Robert Martin	Louis Rosenberg
	Jody Starchok	MaryAnn Travis
	Betty Bender	Steve Gregory
	Tom MacGeorge	David MacGeorge
	Lois Howard	Melvin Howard
	Don Backus III	Ken Kitchen
	Steven C. Airwyke	Daniel Fitzsimmons
	4 others (signatures unreadable)	

**MINUTES: NOVEMBER 10, 2015 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Mr. Francisco moved to approve the November 10, 2015 Regular Town Board Meeting minutes as presented.

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Seconded by Mr. Dumian.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Finch acknowledged receipt of correspondence from the Broome County Department of Motor Vehicles. He also acknowledged receipt of correspondence from the Broome County Legislature informing the Town of a reduction in chargeback costs for the elections.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**CARPETING IN CASTLE**

Mr. Finch stated that installation of carpeting in the Castle would wait until the walls have been painted. He stated that the Board should decide whether to put padding or plywood underneath the carpet, adding that padding is cheaper.

**RESO 2015-202: ADD PADDING TO ORDER FOR CARPETING FOR CASTLE AT  
ADDITIONAL COST OF \$400**

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the addition of padding to the order for carpeting for the Castle at an additional cost of \$400.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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



**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**TO RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW**  
**“REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTIES”**

**PRESENT:** Same as on page one.

Notice of Public Hearing having been duly advertised, Mr. Finch declared the Public Hearing open at 6:05 P.M. and asked those present to speak either for, or in opposition to, the proposed local law, “Rezoning Certain Properties.”

Attorney Cheryl Sacco stated that Broome County had reviewed the Form 239 and had no issues with the rezoning, adding that the Town Zoning Board of Appeals is also recommending approval of the rezoning. She stated that the area to be rezoned is near the site of Nirchi’s Pizza, and includes 1019 Conklin Road, 1021 Conklin Road, 1023 Conklin Road, 2 Maxwell Court, and 1 Morris Boulevard. Code Officer Ron Lake stated that this proposed local law will bring the zoning designation up to date with the actual current uses of the properties. He added that

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this is not spot zoning. Ms. Sacco stated that this rezoning is consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan, adding that the owners of the properties in question have all signed a petition requesting the rezoning. Mr. Randy Travis asked how the property on which Bridgewater Church is located could be zoned Commercial if it is a church and Mr. Finch replied that it was zoned Commercial when the site was home to a hardware store.

There being no further public comments or questions, Mr. Finch declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:10 P.M.

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Mr. Bullock asked if Nirchi's is planning to expand its parking lot, and, if so, are they planning on filling in any of the parcel. Mr. Lake stated that there will be no additional fill. Mr. Francisco asked if an expanded parking lot would provide more and safer access to the restaurant, and Mr. Lake stated that this has not been determined, as a new site plan would be required to be submitted to the Planning Board.

Ms. Sacco led the Board through the SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review), with the Board answering "No" to all of the questions regarding environmental impact, resulting in a Negative Declaration for the Unlisted Action.

**RESO 2014-203: ADOPT LOCAL LAW 4, 2015/ "REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTIES"**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor James E. Finch  
Councilman Gary D. Bullock  
Councilman Charles Francisco  
Councilman William Dumian, Jr.  
Councilman Dell Boyle

**ABSENT:** None

**Offered By:** Councilman Bullock                      **Seconded By:** Councilman Francisco

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board held a public hearing at Conklin Town Hall, 1271 Conklin Road in said Town, on November 19, 2015, commencing at 6:05 P.M. to hear all interested parties on a proposed local law entitled "A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF CONKLIN REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTIES"; 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

**WHEREAS**, said public hearing was duly held at 6:05 P.M. on November 19, 2015, 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 Part 617 of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, it has been determined by the Town Board that adoption of the proposed Local Law constitutes an Unlisted Action, as defined under said regulations. The Town Board has considered the possible environmental impacts of the Local Law and determined that the adoption of said Local Law will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, and the Town Board adopts a negative declaration with respect to the Local Law;

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and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Conklin Town Board hereby adopts said local law entitled “A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF CONKLIN REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTIES”; and

**RESOLVED**, 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.

**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 November 19, 2015. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Supervisor James E. Finch	YES
Councilman Gary D. Bullock	YES
Councilman Charles Francisco	YES
Councilman William Dumian, Jr.	YES
Councilman Dell Boyle	YES

Town of Conklin Seal

Dated: November 19, 2015

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Sherrie L. Jacobs  
Town Clerk of the Town of Conklin

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**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**TO RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW**  
**“VEHICLES, JUNK AND ABANDONED”**

**PRESENT:** Same as on page one.

Notice of Public Hearing having been duly advertised, Mr. Finch declared the Public Hearing open at 6:15 P.M. and asked those present to speak either for, or in opposition to, a proposed local law entitled, “Vehicles, Junk and Abandoned.”

Code Officer Ron Lake explained that the purpose of this proposed local law is “to regulate ...the protection of the public health, welfare, safety, peace, and tranquility of the residents of the Town of Conklin.” He cited Article 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York as giving the Town of Conklin authority to enact such legislation. Mr. Lake stated that it has been noted that cars have been parked, sometimes four or five at a time on one lot, on residential properties and marked “for sale.” He added that this has generated a number of complaints to his office from neighbors of properties where this is occurring. Mr. Lake stated that New York State Law only allows one unlicensed vehicle, not in disrepair, per property, although Town of Conklin Code currently allows two such vehicles. He stated that it appears people are conducting a business of selling cars in their yards and must get a permit to do so.

Tom Wilcox stated that “making us get a permit and charging a fee to sell our own car on our own property is completely out of line,” calling it “government overreach” and “communism.”

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He noted that he pays taxes on his property. Mr. Wilcox's comments drew applause from the audience.

Kevin LaBarre called the proposed law "pork barrel" legislation, adding that it does not cover just junk vehicles. He stated that the Town "is not touching anything on my property."

David MacGeorge stated that it is "totally wrong and not legal to make us get a permit."

Karen Merrill asked why the proposed law "changes to lump it all together," and Mr. Lake replied that it is in response to complaints that people are running a business out of their yards. Ms. Merrill stated that the proposed law is "singling people out" and added that the Town should "be fair." She stated that the Town is trying to "tell us what we can and can't do."

Randy Travis objected to the grouping of "all motorized vehicles," including motorcycles, mini-bikes, storage caps, campers, etc. He called it "overreach," adding that the "new Supervisor (Code) is trying to impress the world." He stated that he owns 39 lots in the Town of Conklin and added that if this law is approved, he will "leave and sell all 39 lots." Mr. Travis' comments drew applause from the audience.

Scott Heater asked if "anything is grandfathered in? What about trailers? Who is responsible for monitoring?" Mr. Finch replied that "we are not here to jeopardize anyone's livelihood."

Art Boyle asked if a person would need a permit to drive a car with a "for sale" sign in the window and Mr. Lake stated that he would need to research that question.

Ileta LaBarre stated that a person "might want to upgrade to a new motor home and sell their current model." Tom Wilcox asked "what gives you the right to force us to get a permit?" Ms. Sacco stated that "New York State allows this."

Mr. Dumian stated that he personally has a problem with making residents obtain a permit and pay a fee, adding that there is "no reason" to do this. His remark drew applause. Mr. Finch and Mr. Bullock agreed with Mr. Dumian. Mr. Dumian stated that each situation should be evaluated and the "habitual offenders" penalized, adding that the Town should "not penalize other residents." More applause ensued.

Scott Heater stated that this is a "selective law," adding that "case by case is prejudice." Ms. Sacco stated that the Code Officer would determine what situations are in violation of the Code, adding that the resident can appeal the Code Officer's determination.

Kevin Cole stated that the law's wording "is ridiculous," citing "any motorized vehicle," which he stated would include his race car. He called the proposed law "revenue grabbing," noting that it includes "unregistered or unlicensed vehicles," which he stated would include "golf carts and motorized scooters for the handicapped."

Jerry Russell stated that the wording of the proposed law is "vague," noting that "no agricultural vehicles are included." He quoted Martin Luther King, Jr., as stating, "Laws are designed to keep the poor man poor." Mr. Russell went on to stated that he knows of another municipality in which a similar law was enacted and it forced the Code Officer to force an elderly couple to get rid of their motor home at a significant loss. He stated that the proposed law "overreaches." Mr. Russell asked how many complaints had been received and Mr. Lake replied that he had received complaints "from all areas of the Town."

Michael McKinney stated that he has been "through two floods" and has "no money for a garage."

Ernest Merrill stated that he has "spent 40 years collecting cars" and now the Town "is telling me I must get rid of them" or "build another garage."

David Mead stated that Conklin is "a working man's town," and added that the vehicles are

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“how we survive.” He stated that he pays road tax and fees to the DOT (New York State Department of Transportation). Mr. Mead stated, “If I wanted to live in Vestal, I would move there.” He added, “What was wrong with the last Code Officer? He worked with people.” Mr. Mead stated that the Town has tried to enact similar legislation twice before in the past, with the same reaction from the residents, and added, “Nothing has changed.” He asked, “Why are you giving everyone a hard time? You are kicking the small guy hard. I was where I am first, then the community moved in and gives me a hard time.” Mr. Mead’s comments drew applause.

Michael McKinney stated that the “Town of Kirkwood got rid of Ron” (Lake as Code Officer). David Mead asked if the fire department could tell him when the last abandoned car fire occurred.

Daniel Fitzsimmons stated that the proposed law “needs to be totally rewritten” to be suitable for Agricultural and Residential zones. He stated that the Town wants “to take away my assets. It’s not right.”

Steve Gregory asked if Mr. Lake has a helper and Mr. Finch replied that he does have another person who is Building Inspector and helps administer the Code. Mr. Mead asked if this was a full-time position and Mr. Finch replied that it is not.

Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs read the following letter into the minutes for Tammy J. Drake, who could not be present at the meeting:

“To Whom It May Concern:

“I am a Conklin resident and find this ‘local law’ pertaining to ‘Vehicles, Junk and Abandoned’ to be an infringement on the rights of the home/land owners. It’s an example of government entities overstepping their boundaries. If I wanted to be controlled by an ‘association,’ I would have built my home in a cul-du-sac or other restricted, ordinated area. The citizens of this community are still in the process of rebuilding after devastating floods of 2006 and 2011. Even those that were not personally affected could empathize with their neighbors who were. Our family owns a business and have storage containers that are essential for our tools and machinery. We also have a small farm and have built buildings to house our animals. Such ordinances are just a first step in ‘controlling’ what can/can’t be done on our lands. If a dispute arises, it should be handled on an individual basis, not with the passing of a blanket law. Out of respect for my fellow neighbors, I would never implement restrictions that would directly affect their livelihood or personal space and would expect the same from them.

“Therefore, I oppose the passing of this ‘local law’ that is scheduled to be presented and voted upon on this date.

“Sincerely,  
“Tammy J. Drake”

Ms. Drake’s letter generated applause from the audience.

Daniel Fitzsimmons stated that the proposed law is an attempt “to steal my property and get money.”

Art Boyle asked why the meeting was held on a Thursday instead of the regular meeting day of Tuesday. Mr. Finch explained that the meeting was rescheduled due to the Thanksgiving holiday the following week.

There being no further public comments or questions, Mr. Finch declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:53 P.M.

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Mr. Bullock stated that the Public Hearing served its purpose well and the Board had listened to the opinions of the residents. Mr. Boyle stated that he “has a problem with the New York State



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law, given the situations in the State and in the world.” He added that he thinks New York State would take personal vehicles and added that he is opposed to this proposed law. His remarks drew applause.

Mr. Dumian stated that this entire situation “could have been avoided. The Board did not have the opportunity to discuss this local law before the Public Hearing.” He stated that he is “offended by this local law,” and added that it “should have never happened.” His remarks drew applause. He stated that he is opposed to this proposed law.

Mr. Finch stated that he thought the proposed law pertained only to junk vehicles and multiple sales.

Mr. Francisco stated that the Board has discussed this issue “in part” for the past three years. He thanked the public for their input, adding, “We are not ruling you. You rule us.” He stated that the proposed law must be revisited. His remarks drew applause. Mr. Francisco also thanked Mr. Lake for his work on this proposed legislation, adding that Mr. Lake has “a job no one likes.”

Mr. Finch reiterated that he thought the law pertained only to junk vehicles and multiple sales, adding that the law “will not pass.” He thanked the public for their input.

Tom Wilcox stated that the meeting “should have been better advertised.”

**RESO 2015-204: REJECT PROPOSED LOCAL LAW/ “VEHICLES, JUNK AND ABANDONED”**

Mr. Dumian moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin rejects the proposed local law, “Vehicles, Junk and Abandoned.”

Seconded by Mr. Bullock.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**COMMUNITY CENTER FIRE AND SECURITY SYSTEM**

Building Inspector John Rudy stated that New York State Fire Code states that a public building must have an operative fire alarm system, adding that the Community Center does not have a fire alarm system, only a smoke detector and security system. He stated that it must have smoke detectors and pulls at each exit. Mr. Rudy stated that Century Alarms could provide a fire alarm system for approximately \$5,500, with the price on New York State and Broome County bid lists, adding that the two exits in the bathrooms would be blocked. He stated that Syracuse Alarm Company quoted a price of \$5,550 plus an installation cost of \$4,500. Mr. Rudy confirmed that the occupancy number posted is 99 but he thinks this is incorrect. He added that the building is self-regulated. Mr. Rudy stated that the kitchen exit requires an “EXIT” sign and added that the attached garage has two exits and heat-smoke detectors and emergency lights. Mr. Boyle stated that crash bars should be installed on the exit doors in the bathrooms, rather than blocking them, noting that in the event of an emergency, anyone using those facilities would be trapped. Assistant to the Supervisor Lisa Houston requested that in the future the Board plan big projects such as this before the Budget is finalized.

**RESO 2015-205: ACCEPT NEW YORK STATE BID/CENTURY ALARMS/FIRE ALARM SYSTEM/COMMUNITY CENTER/COST NOT TO EXCEED \$6,500**

Mr. Dumian moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin accepts the New York

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State bid price from Century Alarms to provide a fire alarm system for the Floyd Maines Community Center at a cost not to exceed \$6,500.

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

**CHANGE ORDER/COMMUNITY CENTER LIGHTS**

Mr. Francisco stated that he was informed that the NYSEG (New York State Electric and Gas Corporation) rebate on the lights for the Community Center will be ending on November 20, so the lights were installed November 19. He added that there are 39 lights total, but he had counted 38, and so would need a Change Order for one more light plus labor costs, approximately an additional \$400.

**RESO 2015-206: APPROVE CHANGE ORDER/COMMUNITY CENTER LIGHTING PROJECT/ONE ADDITIONAL LIGHT PLUS LABOR COST/NOT TO EXCEED \$500**

Mr. Dumian moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves a Change Order for the Community Center lighting project to approve purchase of one additional light plus labor costs of installation, in an amount not to exceed \$500.

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

**RESO 2015-207: ACCEPT DONATION/RICHARD KOBER/SKYLARK DINER SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT/USE OF FIELD**

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin accepts a donation, account code A2705, in the amount of \$50.00 from Richard Kober of the Skylark Diner Softball Tournament for use of field for softball tournament.

Seconded by Mr. Bullock.

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

Mr. Bullock asked if there is a cost to the Town for these softball tournaments. Mr. Finch stated that the Town does not charge the Senior leagues, but it does charge other leagues \$250. If Town employees have to be on duty for the tournament, the league pays their overtime costs.

**RESO 2015-208: SET ASIDE \$2500/LIGHTS AT CONKLIN VETERANS MEMORIAL**

Mr. Dumian moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin sets aside an amount not to exceed \$2,500 to assist with the cost of lighting and installation at the Conklin Veterans Memorial, with the recommendation of the Conklin Veterans Memorial Committee.

Seconded by Mr. Bullock.

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

Mr. Dumian asked if the Town would need approval from BMTS (Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study) to put lighting along Route 7 but Mr. Lake stated that this approval is not

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required. Wiring for the lights would have to be covered to a depth of 18 inches and three quotes for the project would be required.

**FLOODGATE DOOR/COMMUNITY CENTER**

Mr. Bullock stated that a panel and bracket on the floodgate door at the Community Center needs to be re-installed.

**RENTALS/FEMA BUYOUT PROPERTIES**

Mr. Boyle asked about the potential rentals and public use of the properties acquired in the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Buyout Program. Ms. Sacco stated that the standards are in the law, adding that this property cannot be sold to residents. Mr. Finch stated that the 2011 Flood property restrictions are different from the 2006 Flood property restrictions. Ms. Sacco stated that she will research to see if FEMA has made any more changes to the restriction, and asked if the Board would like her to create a form for rental use. Administrative Assistant Mary Plonski stated that the use could be considered case by case by FEMA. MS. Sacco stated that the Board would need to agree upon an amount for leasing the properties.

**VEHICLE LAW**

Mr. Dumian stated that he is sorry if it sounded like he was attacking the Code Office in his opposition to the proposed local law regarding abandoned and junk vehicles. He reiterated that more time was needed for this proposed law to be discussed by the Board before it ever went to Public Hearing. Mr. Francisco also thanked the Code Office for its work on this legislation.

**REBATE/LIGHTING PROJECT AT COMMUNITY CENTER**

Mr. Francisco stated that he has applied for a rebate of \$1,900 for the lighting project at the Community Center. He added that the Town will save 2,100 watts every time the new lights are turned on.

**CONKLIN TREE LIGHTING**

Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs reminded those present that the Conklin Tree Lighting will take place at 5:00 P.M. on November 29 at the Town Hall, with a carol sing and refreshments.

**CALLER I.D./PANIC BUTTONS**

Ms. Jacobs requested that caller I.D. be installed on her office phone, citing an angry, threatening phone call she received last week, as well as the unsettled mood in public life nationally. The Board approved this request and will also move forward with re-installation of panic buttons in the Town offices.

**THANK YOU TO BOARD FOR DEFENDING CODE OFFICE**

Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth Einstein thanked the Board for its defense of the Code Office during the Public Hearing regarding the proposed vehicle law.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Bullock moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Dumian. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs  
Town Clerk

