

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**MAY 9, 2017**

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:30 P.M. on May 9, 2017, at the Conklin Town Hall. Mr. Dumian, Supervisor, presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Town Board Members	Boyle, Farley, Platt, Francisco, Dumian
	Town Counsel	Cheryl Sacco
	Town Clerk	Sherrie L. Jacobs
	Crew Leader	Tom DeLamarter
	Highway Superintendent	Brian Coddington
	Code Officer/Dog Control Officer	Nick Vascello
	Secretary to the Supervisor	Lisa Houston
	Water & Sewer Laborer	Nick Platt

<b>GUESTS:</b>	<b>Country Courier</b>	Elizabeth Einstein
		Nancy Leitner
		Laurie Francisco
		John Colley

**MINUTES: APRIL 25, 2017 WORK SESSION & REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Secretary to the Supervisor Lisa Houston asked that the April 25, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting minutes be clarified on page 2, line 9 from the bottom, to stated that Thomas P. DeLamarter is resigning from the position of *Crew Leader* rather than *Superintendent of Public Works*, as that is his official title. Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth Einstein stated that the minutes should be corrected on page 4, line 7 from the bottom, to state “at a pay rate of \$35.00 per *day*,” rather than \$35.00 per *hour*.

Mr. Platt moved to approve the April 25, 2017 Work Session and Regular Town Board Meeting minutes with the above listed clarification and correction.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Dumian acknowledged receipt of correspondence from the department heads. In addition, Highway Superintendent Brian Coddington stated that the brush and white goods pickup had been extended to run from May 8 through May 19 due to last week’s severe thunderstorm and the damage it brought. He added that his department had been busy removing dead trees. Mr. Coddington stated that he has been in contact with Frank Lisi regarding a generator at the Highway Garage, and has been working on fill permits for the salt barn. He stated that the concrete blocks for the salt barn would cost \$25 each, plus the cost of the roof.

Water and Sewer Laborer Nick Platt stated that a meeting with representatives from Auctions International will be held on May 10 to discuss listing the surplus truck.

Mr. Dumian stated that a flier regarding the Summer Fun Program has been created and the family of Connor Brown has approved naming the program in his honor this year. Mr. Dumian

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thanked the various community organizations that donated to the Program for their “great support.”

**REPORT: SUPERVISOR’S OFFICE**

Filed with the Town Clerk.

**BINGHAMTON RIFLE CLUB OPEN HOUSE**

Mr. Platt stated that the Town officials are invited to attend an Open House on May 13 from 12 Noon until 4 P.M. at the Binghamton Rifle Club on Conklin Road.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**TOWERS/CARLIN ROAD & CHERRY DRIVE**

Mr. Dumian led the discussion regarding proposed cell towers in Conklin, one at the Highway Garage site and one on Cherry Drive in a Town right-of-way. He stated that the proposed tower on Carlin Road at the Highway Garage is in a residential area and would be 150 feet tall. Mr. Dumian added that the lease amount does not increase over time, adding that the contract is for a five year lease with the potential for three more years. The proposed tower on Cherry Drive, which would provide extended cell phone coverage, is also in a residential area, near Susquehanna Valley High School. Mr. Dumian stated, “I don’t think we want these in residential areas.” A straw poll of the Board showed all opposed to allowing the construction of these towers. Town Attorney Cheryl Sacco added that the Highway Superintendent can require any such construction be removed if he has concerns about movement or snow removal in any Town right-of-way.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESO 2017-104: RATIFY AUTHORIZATION TO PLACE AD IN COUNTRY  
COURIER TO HIRE LIFEGUARDS FOR 2017 SEASON**

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies authorization to place an advertisement in the **Country Courier** to hire lifeguards for the 2017 season.

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

**RESO 2017-105: APPROVE HIRING/THOMAS P. DELAMARTER/SALARIED  
POSITION/CREW LEADER/EFFECTIVE JUNE 5, 2017/ANNUAL PAY RATE OF  
\$27,500/PERMANENT FULL TIME NON-COMPETITIVE/AT LEAST 20 BUT LESS  
THAN 30 HOURS PER WEEK**

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Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the hiring of Thomas P. DeLamarter to the salaried position of Crew Leader, at the annual pay rate of \$27,500, effective June 5, 2017, with pay pro-rated as of the start date. The position is Permanent Full-Time Non-Competitive, with set hours of at least 20 but less than 30 hours per week, and therefore with Part-Time benefits.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

**RESO 2017-106: ESTABLISH RS 2417-A REPORT/STANDARD WORK DAY FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS/RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin establishes the attached RS 2417-A Report as standard work days for elected officials named herein, and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of this body.

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

**RESO 2017-107: ACCEPT DONATIONS/2017 SUMMER FUN PROGRAM**

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin accepts the following donations, account code A2705.1, for the 2017 Summer Fun Program:

Conklin Volunteer Fire Auxiliary	\$500.00
Conklin Business Association	\$200.00
Kiwanis Club of Conklin	\$500.00
Conklin Fair Committee	\$500.00
Conklin Volunteer Fire Department	<u>\$830.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,530.00</b>

Seconded by Mr. Platt.

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

Mr. Francisco commented that Mr. Dumian, who is spearheading the effort to revive the Summer Fun Program, and Mr. Platt and Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs, who both worked toward getting the above listed donations, have done a “great job” in getting the project started.

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**RESO 2017-108: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT/BILL LIST/\$117,671.77**

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 \$117,671.77:

General	\$ 15,525.44
Highway	2,918.57
Light Districts	1,935.58
Sewer Districts	94,975.60
Water District	<u>2,316.58</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$117,671.77</b>

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

**RESO 2017-109: RECESS FOR LEGAL ADVICE**

Mr. Boyle moved to close the Regular Town Board Meeting and recess for legal advice at 6:50 P.M.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

**RESO 2017-110: RE-OPEN REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Mr. Boyle moved to close the recess for legal advice and re-open the Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:52 P.M.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

**SULLIVAN PARK BOAT LAUNCH**

Mr. Dumian directed Mr. Coddington to remove the rock and stop sign at the Sullivan Park boat launch, and directed Mr. DeLamarter to install two signs that say “Enter at Your Own Risk.”

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**LEGAL PROJECTS**

Ms. Sacco stated that she had only three items to work on for the Board: the boat launch, crafting a release form for use of the Castle, and researching the re-zoning request utilizing information she received from Mr. Boyle.

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**OPENING DAY**

Mr. Farley commented that Opening Day for Softball and Baseball was very nice.

**UPDATE/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Mr. Platt, liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals, stated that the ZBA has some good information and will be making recommendations to the Board soon.

**ADDRESS SIGNAGE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

Mr. Francisco stated that the address of the Community Center has no signage visible to help emergency responders or residents find the building, adding that this situation needs to be corrected.

**THANK YOU/BEAUTIFICATION CORPS**

Mr. Dumian thanked the Conklin Beautification Corps for their efforts in decorating the Town parks, stating that he “appreciates the help.” He went on to thank all of the volunteer groups in the Town that work to improve our community.

**REFRIGERATOR AT COMMUNITY CENTER**

Mr. DeLamarter stated that the refrigerator at the Community Center, which is ten years old, is not working properly. He stated that it will cost approximately \$500 to replace the Freon in the existing refrigerator, or approximately \$2,500 to purchase a new refrigerator. Ms. Jacobs commented that the Community Center is rented every weekend in June, so a working refrigerator will be necessary. Mr. Francisco stated that he thinks the Town should invest in a good commercial grade refrigerator.

**RESO 2017-111: AUTHORIZE PURCHASE/NEW COMMERCIAL GRADE  
REFRIGERATOR/NOT TO EXCEED \$2,300**

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes Thomas DeLamarter to purchase a new commercial grade refrigerator for the Community Center, at a cost not to exceed \$2,300.

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Francisco moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Farley. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs  
Town Clerk

