

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**AUGUST 8, 2017**

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:30 P.M. on August 8, 2017, at the Conklin Town Hall. Mr. Dumian, Supervisor, presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Town Board Members Boyle, Farley, Platt, Francisco, Dumian

Town Counsel	Cheryl Sacco
Town Clerk	Sherrie L. Jacobs
Highway Superintendent	Brian Coddington
Secretary to the Supervisor	Lisa Houston
Code Officer/Dog Control Officer	Nick Vascello
Crew Leader	Tom DeLamarter
Zoning Board of Appeals	Art Boyle

**GUESTS: Country Courier**

Elizabeth Einstein  
Todd Jenkins  
LeRoy Jenkins  
John J. Dubay  
Arlene C. Dubay  
Laurie Francisco  
Gary F. Blaisure  
Dick Nemcek  
John Colley  
Patrick Schwartz  
Deanna Schwartz  
Evelyn Deeley

**MINUTES: JULY 11, 2017 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Mr. Farley moved to approve the July 11, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Platt.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Dumian read the following letter from the Conklin Senior Citizens Club into the minutes:

“Conklin Senior Citizens Club appreciates the generous support from the Town of Conklin Town Board to support the bus trips for the seniors who are on fixed incomes. Conklin Senior Citizens Club are planning a bus trip this fall and we are requesting \$1,000.00 to offset the cost of the bus. The club members appreciate the support for the bus trips and the use of the Community Center for our meetings. Please send your support to the club at the address below.

“Thank you.

“Conklin Senior Citizens  
“Robert Tokos, President”

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Mr. Francisco stated that monies for a trip to Pennsylvania and to the St. Lawrence River area were already included in the 2017 Budget, noting that \$1,000 is the Town's annual contribution to the Seniors.

Mr. Dumian also acknowledged receipt of an invitation from the Town of Kirkwood to attend the official dedication of the Geiger Lane Boat Launch on August 15, 2017, at 6:00 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**REPORT: SUPERVISOR'S REPORT** – On file in Town Clerk's office

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**DISCUSSION REGARDING CHICKENS**

Mr. Dumian stated that the Code Office has received some new formal complaints about chickens running loose in residential areas and is following up on the complaints. He stated that the Board needs to discuss potential revisions to the Town Code regarding chickens and where they would be allowed in the Town, adding that non-Agricultural areas would need to have some restrictions. Mr. Boyle stated that chickens must be kept contained in all areas in the Town. Mr. Dumian added that no roosters would be allowed because of the noise. He added, "The final version of the law will be the law and it will be enforced."

Town Attorney Cheryl Sacco stated that she had drafted a proposed local law regarding chickens in 2016, noting that the draft law called for a limit of four hens, no roosters, no sale of eggs, and set requirements for lot size, size of coop (four square feet per hen), fencing, setback placement, cleanliness standards, etc. Mr. Dumian stated that lot size should be used as a determinant as to the number of hens allowed. Ms. Sacco stated that the proposed draft law creates an overlay district for areas zoned Agricultural and Residential (R12 and R15). She will send a draft to the Town Board for their consideration.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING MS CONTRACTING MINING SITE/MONTROSE DRIVE**

Mr. Dumian stated that the DEC (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) allows "only five certain conditions upon which the Town of Conklin can comment," adding that the Town CANNOT deny a mining permit, even if it does not approve a Special Use Permit, as mining permits are issued by the DEC. He added that the DEC issued a permit to MS Contracting to mine for bluestone at the site on Montrose Drive and the mine is now in operation, with operating hours beginning at 6 A.M. Mr. Dumian commented that the Special Use Permit is misleading because it makes it seem that the Town has some authority over mining permits, when in actuality it does not have the authority to grant or deny mining permits.

Mr. Dumian read excerpts from the letter sent by the Town of Conklin to the DEC expressing the concerns of the Board and the residents, including a request to pave the first 100 feet of the driveway and to have a sweeper on site to address dust, a request to increase the required setback more than 25 feet, and bonding requirements to cover the cost of repairs to roads damaged by trucks hauling stone. He then read the DEC's response to the Town's letter. It essentially acknowledged the concerns presented but stated that they would be minimized and/or addressed.

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Mr. Dumian stated that the Town addressed the residents' concerns but the DEC still issued the mining permit, reiterating that the Special Use Permit is not useful.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**DISCUSSION/MEGA VS. NYSEG DIRECT ENERGY SOURCE BILLING**

The Town Board discussed handouts showing comparisons of cost for the last several years between MEGA (Municipal Energy and Gas Alliance) and NYSEG (New York State Electric and Gas Corporation) for the purchase of energy. Mr. Dumian stated that NYSEG provides a variable rate but is less expensive, while MEGA provides a fixed rate but at a higher cost. Mr. Francisco stated that the fixed rate includes possible extra costs to MEGA.

**RESO 2017-146: AUTHORIZE TOWN SUPERVISOR/END CONSTELLATION ENERGY ELECTRIC SUPPLY AGREEMENT/END DATES OF 9-30-2017 & 10-15-2017**

Mr. Boyle moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes the Town Supervisor, William Dumian, Jr., to end the Constellation Energy (MEGA) Electric Supply Agreement as of the end dates of September 30, 2017, and October 15, 2017, depending upon UDC account dates.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

**2018 BUDGET PROCESS**

Mr. Dumian discussed the 2018 Budget timeline. Budget requests are due to the Budget Officer from department heads by August 18. On September 12, the Tentative Budget will be distributed and the Board will begin its review, with department heads being present at the September 26 Town Board meeting to answer any questions from the Board. Mr. Francisco stated that the Conklin Seniors Club is asking for \$1,500 for bus trips for 2018, noting that the cost of the bus trips has increased to \$750 per trip. He stated that the allocation to the Seniors has increased by \$250 per year until reaching the \$1,000 allotted in the 2017 Budget. Mr. Francisco noted that Conklin Seniors Club President Bob Tokos is resigning, effective December 2017.

**RESO 2017-147: RESCIND RESO 2017-135 HIRING NICK PAPPAS/PART-TIME CODE OFFICER/NEW POSITION TITLE NEEDED**

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin rescinds RESO 2017-135, hiring Nick Pappas to the position of Part-Time Code Officer, due to the current job title.

Seconded by Mr. Platt.

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

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Secretary to the Supervisor Lisa Houston stated that Broome County Personnel Office is requiring the creation of a new job title and statement of duties for this position.

**RESO 2017-148: CREATE POSITION/ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**  
**PART-TIME/AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR OR DESIGNEE TO COMPLETE**  
**PAPERWORK NEEDED FOR JOB POSITION**

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin creates the position of Ordinance Enforcement Officer Part-Time and authorizes the Supervisor or his designee to complete the necessary paperwork for the job position.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

**RESO 2017-149: HIRE NICK PAPPAS/ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT**  
**OFFICER/EFFECTIVE AS SOON AS POSITION IS CREATED/PAY RATE \$25 PER**  
**HOUR/MAXIMUM 12 HOURS PER WEEK**

Mr. Boyle moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin hires Nick Pappas to the position of Ordinance Enforcement Officer, effective as soon as the position is created, with a pay rate of \$25 per hour and a maximum of 12 hours per week.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

Mr. Dumian stressed that the hiring of Mr. Pappas is to handle overflow from the Code Office, adding that Code Officer Nick Vascello is “doing a great job.”

**RESO 2017-150: RATIFY PAYMENT/ESY/YOUTH TOURNAMENT**

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies the payment to ESY, account code A7310.4, for the Youth Tournament.

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

**RESO 2017-151: RATIFY PAYMENT/PITNEY BOWES/POSTAGE METER REFILL**

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

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Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies an ACH payment, account codes to various departments, in the amount of \$500.00 to Pitney Bowes for postage meter refill.

Seconded by Mr. Platt.

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

**RESO 2017-152: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT/PRE-APPROVED JULY 25 BILL LIST/\$54,348.53**

Mr. Boyle moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes payment of the following pre-approved July 25, 2017 Bill List in the total amount of \$54,348.53:

General	\$ 37,591.64
Highway	10,482.36
Light Districts	2,271.60
Sewer Districts	1,192.96
Water District	<u>2,809.97</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 54,348.53</b>

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

**RESO 2017-153: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT/BILL LIST/\$95,261.46**

Mr. Boyle 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 \$95,261.46:

General	\$ 16,382.19
Highway	16,468.68
Light Districts	261.83
Sewer District	58,122.68
Water District	<u>4,026.08</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 95,261.46</b>

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**SAFETY ON ROUTE 7**

Mrs. Arlene Dubay of Corbettsville Road stated that she is concerned with Mr. Dumian's statement that there could be 10, 20, 30, or 40 trucks on Route 7, adding that it is a 55 mile per

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hour speed zone and she walks it daily. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town cannot predict the number of trucks that will be transporting bluestone from the Bailey property mine. He had added that the Town has sent several petitions to the State regarding safety issues with Route 7.

**RESO 2017-154: RECOMMENDATION TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC SAFETY ON NYS**  
**ROUTE 7 IN THE TOWN OF CONKLIN (1)**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor William Dumian, Jr.  
Councilman Willis M. Platt  
Councilman Charles Francisco  
Councilman Dell Boyle  
Councilman William Farley

**ABSENT:** None.

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**Offered By:** Mr. Platt                      **Seconded By:** Mr. Farley

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

**WHEREAS**, the community and the Town of Conklin are concerned about traffic safety and the safety of residents; and

**WHEREAS**, at a Town Board meeting held on July 11, 2017, a discussion was had that the speed limit on NYS Route 7 is currently unsafe from the bridge to the intersection with PA-29 and that a reduction should occur with signage posted under NYS law; and

**WHEREAS**, the discussion also included setting the decibel limit in the section of NYS Route 7 at 70 dBA with signage posted; and

**WHEREAS**, the road has new businesses and increased traffic, including pedestrian traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, the community and the Town of Conklin want appropriate action taken to mitigate the life-threatening risks posed by current conditions found on portions of the road in the Town of Conklin;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Town Board of the Town of Conklin resolves to recommend to the County of Broome and the New York State Department of Transportation that: 1) the speed limit on NYS Route 7 from the bridge to PA-29 be reduced to 40 miles per hour, 2) that the speed limit be clearly posted, 3) that decibel limit in this section of NYS Route 7 be set at 70 dBA, and 4) that the decibel limit be clearly posted under NYS law; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk shall forward copies of this resolution, and the attached form TE 9a to Senator Frederick J. Akshar II, Assemblyperson Clifford Crouch, the Broome County Executive, Jack Williams (NYS DOT REGION 9 Director at 44 Hawley Street, Binghamton, New York 13901), and the County Highway Superintendent, and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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**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 the 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 August 8, 2017. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Supervisor William Dumian, Jr.	YES
Councilman Willis M. Platt	YES
Councilman Charles Francisco	YES
Councilman Dell Boyle	YES
Councilman William Farley	YES

Dated: August 8, 2017

Town of Conklin Seal

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Sherrie L. Jacobs, Town Clerk  
Town of Conklin, New York

**RESO 2017-155: RECOMMENDATION TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC SAFETY ON NYS  
ROUTE 7 IN THE TOWN OF CONKLIN (2)**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor William Dumian, Jr.  
Councilman Willis M. Platt  
Councilman Charles Francisco  
Councilman Dell Boyle  
Councilman William Farley

**ABSENT:** None

**Offered By:** Councilman Boyle                      **Seconded By:** Councilman Farley

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**WHEREAS**, at a Town Board meeting held on July 11, 2017, a discussion was had that the speed limit on NYS Route 7 is currently unsafe from the top of the hill to the bridge, and that a reduction should occur with signage posted; and

**WHEREAS**, the discussion included increasing the length of the left turn lane on Broome Corporate Parkway on to NYS Route 7; and

**WHEREAS**, the discussion also included adding a right turn lane on Kirkwood Conklin Road (aka Cedarhurst Road) on to NYS Route 7; and

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**WHEREAS**, the road has new businesses and increased traffic, including pedestrian traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, the community and the Town of Conklin want appropriate action taken to mitigate the life-threatening risks posed by current conditions found on portions of the road in the Town of Conklin;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Town Board of the Town of Conklin resolves to recommend to the County of Broome and the New York State Department of Transportation that: 1) the speed limit on NYS Route 7 from the top of the hill to the bridge be reduced to 30 miles per hour, 2) the speed limit be clearly posted, 3) a right turn lane be added from Kirkwood Conklin Road on to NYS Route 7, and 4) increase the length of the left turn lane on Broome Corporate Parkway on to NYS Route 7; and it is further

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Councilman Charles Francisco	YES
Councilman Dell Boyle	YES
Councilman William Farley	YES

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Sherrie L. Jacobs, Town Clerk  
Town of Conklin, New York

Mr. Francisco asked about a pedestrian crossing button and Mr. Dumian replied that New York State is addressing this request. Mrs. Dubay asked about the entrance to the new Dick's Warehouse Distribution Center, noting that a new left hand turn lane has been added. She commented that this area of Route 7 has been cleaned of the stones dropped by the stone trucks but the State does not clean the rest of Route 7. Mrs. Dubay also commented about the noise



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from the trucks from their suspension and from the stones being dropped on the road. She added that in both 2006 and 2011, New York State promised to repave the area near Corbettsville.

Mr. John Dubay stated that in 2005, New York State promised that "Route 7 will be completely re-done." He added that he and Mrs. Dubay served on the Walkable Community Committee but added that "the 2006 flood killed the project."

**CHICKENS**

Mr. Richard Nemcek of 25 June Street stated that his neighbor's chickens are "all over his yard." He asked what is being done with the law regarding chickens, adding that his neighbor needs to install a higher fence to contain his chickens. Code Officer Nick Vascello stated that he has sent two letters to owners of chickens informing them that their chickens must be contained and issuing them a 30-Day Order to Remedy. He added that he sent the letters approximately fifteen days ago and there has been no compliance to date. Mr. Vascello stated that the process has been started and added that if there situation is not brought into compliance with the Order to Remedy, the owners of the chickens will be subject to court actions and fines.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WORK/CALABRISI ROAD & BOYLE BOULEVARD**

Mr. Boyle, speaking as a private citizen rather than as a Town Board member, stated that when the Town Highway Department cleaned ditches on Calabrisi Road, the department dumped dirt on his property. He asked if the Town ever asks permission of the property owner before dumping dirt, adding that it was dumped against timber that he harvests. Highway Superintendent Brian Coddington stated that the dirt can be dumped in the Town's right-of-way, even if it is against the timber. He said to Mr. Boyle, "Ask me if you want dirt (on Mr. Boyle's Scofield Road property) and we'll bring it." Mr. Coddington stated that his crew has the authority to maintain the right-of-way. When Mr. Boyle addressed his concerns to the Board, Mr. Dumian stated that he should address his concerns to Mr. Coddington, who added, "I take care of that, not the Town Board." Discussion ensued regarding strengthening the shoulders of the road and where the dirt is dumped.

Mr. Arthur Boyle stated to Mr. Coddington that he "saw two Highway trucks dump dirt on private properties," but when he asked, he was told the Highway Department "couldn't dump on private land." Mr. Coddington stated that the load in question had contained millings, which he stated are a "cost item" and cannot be put on private property. Mr. Coddington stated that his crew had been taking sluice pipes out.

Mr. Arthur Boyle stated that his "name is on Boyle Boulevard and the Town is not maintaining it properly." Mr. Dumian stated that Mr. Coddington has a schedule for repair of roads in the Town. Mr. Coddington stated that Boyle Boulevard gets stone and oil "every five years," adding that it is "a loss to the Town of tax revenue." Mr. Arthur Boyle asked about the maintenance over the years, adding that the Town is "not even brush hogging." Mr. Dumian reiterated that the Highway Department has a maintenance schedule for Town roads. Mr. Dell Boyle questioned Mr. Coddington's comment about taxes, asking, "Is Brian paying for the road? For Boyle Boulevard?" Mr. Coddington replied that "CHIPs (Consolidated Highway Improvement Program) funds and tax money is paying for Boyle Boulevard," with "more people paying in for very few people on the road."

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**SEWER STATION GRINDER PUMPS**

Crew Leader Tom DeLamarter stated that the sewer station grinder pumps were delivered today, and added that the control panel will be delivered soon, and then the repairs can be made to Sewer Station 5.

**CONKLIN POOL TO CLOSE FOR THE SEASON**

Mr. DeLamarter reported that the Conklin Pool will close for the season, with August 27 being the last day it will be open.

**TENNIS COURTS/ICE RINK**

Mr. DeLamarter stated that he is getting quotes for the cost to resurface the basketball and handball courts at Schnurbusch Park. The question was raised whether to also resurface the tennis courts at Julius Rogers Park, or to move the tennis courts to Schnurbusch Park, along with the fencing, and install a berm. This would allow the Town to flood the tennis courts in the winter and create an ice rink, without the issues the Town has faced with the current ice rink's liner. Mr. DeLamarter was asked to get an estimate for this project, and when asked about lighting for the ice rink, he stated, "We can work that out."

**LOCAL LAW 3, 2017/AMENDING CHAPTER 140 OF THE TOWN CODE/ "ZONING"**

Ms. Sacco distributed a draft of proposed Local Law 3, 2017, "Amending Chapter 140 of the Town of Conklin Code Entitled 'Zoning'." The changes deal with signage regulations in the Town of Conklin. Ms. Sacco asked if the Board wants to send the proposed law on to the Planning Board for its recommendations or send it back to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) for further review. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town Board is the governing body and that he feels it does not need to go back to the ZBA, but rather should be sent to the Planning Board. Ms. Sacco stated that she will send it to the Planning Board and submit the 239 Form for review.

**RESO 2017-156: SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING/PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 3,**  
**2017/AMENDING CHAPTER 140 OF TOWN CODE/ "ZONING"/**  
**SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 AT 6:35 P.M.**

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin schedules a Public Hearing at 6:35 P.M. on September 26, 2017, to receive input regarding proposed Local Law 3, 2017, "Amending Chapter 140 of the Town of Conklin Code Entitled 'Zoning'."

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

**SHEEP GRAZING ON TOWN LANDFILL**

Mr. Boyle asked for an update on Jerry Russell's proposal that he be allowed to graze sheep on the Town Landfill, which he had stated would save the Town time and money to mow the Landfill. Mr. Boyle asked if an overlay district would need to be created or changes made to the zoning to allow this to happen. He asked if the DEC had approved this proposal. Mr.

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DeLamarter stated that Shumaker Engineering and Consulting, which oversees maintenance compliance at the Landfill, had no issue with the sheep being allowed to graze. Ms. Sacco stated that the Town would need a letter stating this fact. Mr. DeLamarter stated Shumaker Engineering and Consulting had specified that the liner cannot be punctured. Mr. Vascello stated that New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets requires that a shelter be provided for the sheep and asked if Mr. Russell planned on putting a tarp on part of the fence. He added that residents may also want to use sheep or goats to mow their personal properties, if the Town allows sheep to graze on the Landfill. Ms. Sacco asked if the Board wants her to prepare a draft local law for the September 12 meeting and Mr. Dumian stated, "No." Mr. DeLamarter stated, "I don't want them there. They will make a muddy mess. We can brush hog. Or Jerry (Russell) can."

**SUMMER FUN PROGRAM**

Mr. Dumian stated that the Summer Fun Program is "going really well," adding that there is a "good split" between children from the Towns of Conklin, Kirkwood, and Binghamton. He stated that the program will be held at the Bell Elementary School in Kirkwood in 2018, as Donnelly Elementary School will be undergoing a capital project renovation. Mr. Dumian stated that the counselors are doing "a phenomenal job." He stated that he sent letters to the Town of Kirkwood and Town of Binghamton Town Boards asking them to add money to their 2018 budgets to help fund the program next year. Mr. Dumian stated that the food program connected to the Summer Fun Program is also going very well.

**DICK'S WAREHOUSE DISTRIBUTION CENTER EXPANSION (PHASE 2)**

Mr. Dumian stated that he has heard various concerns expressed regarding the Dick's Warehouse Distribution Center Phase 2 Expansion project and impacts it might have on local flooding. He stated that Mr. Vascello had compiled a report for him regarding precipitation for 2017. He stated that the report stated that by August 2, 2017, 37.08 inches of precipitation (rain and melted snow) had been recorded at the Broome County Airport. In comparison, by July 26, 2016, only 16.9 inches had been recorded, and only 36.11 inches for the entire year of 2016. Mr. Dumian stated that weather experts have stated that 2017 is the "wettest year on record," which accounts for the oversaturation of the ground and the increase in standing ground water. Mr. Dumian stated that this indicates that the change in topography at the Dick's site is not responsible for the increased ground water and ground saturation levels. He stated that the Dick's Warehouse project will bring more jobs to our area, noting that local businesses are already experiencing an increase in activity due to the construction crew working on the site. Mr. Dumian called the Dick's Warehouse project a "great project."

There being no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Farley moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Francisco. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs  
Town Clerk