

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:30 P.M. on September 12, 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
	Highway Superintendent	Brian Coddington
	Secretary to the Supervisor	Lisa Houston
	Code Officer/Dog Control Officer	Nick Vascello

<b>GUESTS:</b>	<b>Country Courier</b>	Elizabeth Einstein
	Conklin Vol. Fire Department	Bill Gorman
		Bev Collins
		Elizabeth Frear
		LeRoy Jenkins
		John Colley
		Laurie Francisco
		Arlene C. Dubay
		John J. Dubay
		Phil McKenzie
		Gary F. Leatso
		Linette Leatso
		Steven Sheptock
		Raymond Edmister
		Jackie Sickles
		Janet Pergl

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

Mr. Francisco moved to approve the August 8, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

**MINUTES: AUGUST 15, 2017 SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Mr. Platt moved to approve the August 15, 2017 Special Town Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Dumian acknowledged receipt of correspondence from the NYS DOT (New York State Department of Transportation) stating that the DOT conducted a traffic study in the area of

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Route 7 between the Susquehanna Valley High School and Middle School campus and Melody Lane, in response to a request from the Town to make it illegal to park on Route 7 on that portion of the road and to post “No Parking” signs accordingly. The DOT noted that during its traffic study three accidents occurred in that area, one involving a bicyclist. As a result of the traffic study, the State agreed to make it illegal to park on Route 7 from the school campus to Melody Lane and to post “No Parking” signs in the area.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESO 2017-159: AUTHORIZE USE/NBT BANK/PURCHASE**  
**2017 INTERNATIONAL 7500 TRUCK**

Mr. Boyle moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin, after seeking out quotes for competitive interest rates for the purchase of a 2017 International 7500 Truck, previously approved by the Board, hereby authorizes the use of NBT Bank at its non-callable rate at 2.7% for a term of 5 years, which was the lowest rate found.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

Town Attorney Cheryl Sacco stated that five banks had been contacted regarding quotes for this purchase, with NBT being the lowest rate found.



**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**TO RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 2, 2017**  
**“AMENDING THE TOWN OF CONKLIN ZONING MAP”**

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

Notice of Public Hearing having been duly advertised, Mr. Dumian declared the Public Hearing open at 6:35 P.M. and asked those present to speak either for, or in opposition to, proposed Local Law 2, 2017, “Amending the Town of Conklin Zoning Map.”

Ms. Sacco explained the background of the proposed local law, which would rezone 10 parcels from R15 (Residential) back to Agricultural, which they were originally zoned, before being zoned R15 sometime in the 1970’s. She stated that the Town Planning Board approves the proposed re-zoning and the response from Broome County’s 239 review was that there will be no County-wide impacts.

There being no questions or public comments, Mr. Dumian closed the Public Hearing at 6:36 P.M.



Ms. Sacco guided the Town Board through the SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review), with Questions 1 through 10 of Part 2 of the Environmental Assessment Form answered “No,” indicating no significant environmental impact.

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**RESO 2017-160: APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 2, 2017**

**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

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin, 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 September 12, 2017, commencing at 6:35 P.M. to hear all interested parties on a proposed local law entitled “A Local Law Amending the Town of Conklin Zoning Map”; 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 6:35 P.M. on September 12, 2017, 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 a Type I 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; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Town Board of the Town of Conklin hereby adopts said local law entitled “A Local Law Amending the Town of Conklin Zoning Map”; and

**RESOLVED**, the Town Clerk be and hereby is directed to enter said local law in the minutes of this meeting, publish notice of said adoption, 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

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Town Board of the Town of Conklin at a meeting thereof held at the Conklin Town Hall, 1271 Conklin Road, Conklin, New York, on September 12, 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: September 12, 2017

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**REQUEST TO REDUCE SPEED LIMIT ON ROUTE 7A**

Beverly Collins of 1893 Conklin Road presented the Board with a petition asking that the speed on Route 7A be reduced from 55 miles per hour to 40 miles per hour. She stated that a car hit her house in February 2016 travelling at a rate of 85 miles per hour, and then on August 1, 2017, a car hit her mailbox, became airborne and travelled 200 feet. Ms. Collins stated that there have been many accidents on that stretch of road, which is home to two mobile home parks. The Town Board agreed with Ms. Collins. Mr. Dumian stated that the increase in traffic in the area led to the Town Board sending a resolution to New York State DOT (Department of Transportation) requesting that the speed limit be reduced from Route 29 at the Pennsylvania border to the railroad bridge near Dick's Warehouse Outlet.

**REPORT: SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

On file in office of the Town Clerk.

**REPORT: HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Highway Superintendent Brian Coddington stated that he has a price for the 2018 Chevrolet Silverado, whose purchase was previously approved. He stated that the price will be \$33,846.09, including the delivery charge. Mr. Coddington stated that he may trade the old truck in on the new one or sell it through Auctions International. He added that he will buy the plow for the truck locally. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town is being proactive by replacing Highway equipment before it becomes an immediate problem.

Mr. Coddington stated that the CHIPS (Consolidated Highway Improvement Program) work has been completed. Mr. Francisco asked if there had been damage to the culverts on Banta Road during the recent storm and Mr. Coddington stated that the culverts did not sustain any damage. Mr. Dumian stated that he is working with State Senator Fred Akshar to secure grant money for

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the proposed water extension on Route 7A and to replace the double sluice pipe on Banta Road with a single pipe, a project that would cost approximately \$.5 million.

**REPORT: CODE OFFICER**

Code Officer Nick Vascello reported that he issued a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy to Dick's Warehouse Distribution Center for Phase 1 of the building. He also stated that he has 25 to 30 fire inspections left to complete throughout the Town.

Mr. Dumian stated that Mr. Vascello has been working with property owners to get certain properties cleaned up, adding that this is a better system for gaining cooperation. Mr. Dumian stated that the legal process of taking a property owner to court to force them to clean up their property is expensive, noting that the Board will have to decide how much it is willing to spend on legal fees to force cleanup. He explained that once a property owner is given final notice, the court process takes over. Mr. Farley asked how many Final Notices have been given and Mr. Vascello replied that he has issued two or three Final Notices and has one Court Order to Remedy.

**REPORT: PARKS/WATER/SEWER**

Speaking for Crew Leader Tom DeLamarter, who was not in attendance, Mr. Dumian stated that Mr. DeLamarter has been researching the cost of repaving the tennis, basketball, and handball courts at Conklin Forks Park and at Schnurbusch Park. He stated that Mr. DeLamarter contacted four paving companies and only received a response from one company, with a quote for \$19,000. The paving company warned that it may not be able to fit in the Town of Conklin projects this year, however. Mr. DeLamarter will research the County Bid List to see if a material provider is listed.

**RESO 2017-161: AUTHORIZE PARKS/WATER/SEWER OVERSEER/CREATE &**  
**APPROVE A PURCHASE ORDER TO MOVE PROJECT FORWARD TO**  
**RESURFACE PARKS**

Mr. Dumian moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes Tom DeLamarter, overseer for the Parks, Water, and Sewer Department, to create and approve a Purchase Order to move forward the project to resurface areas of the Town parks, at a cost not to exceed \$19,000, after conferring with the Highway Superintendent and researching the Broome County Bid List for a supplier of materials.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

In other news from this department, Mr. Dumian stated that the Board does not anticipate raising water and sewer rates for 2018.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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**DISCUSSION/SPEED & TRAFFIC CHANGES/ROUTE 7**

Mr. Dumian stated that he has been in contact with Tony Signorelli of the NYS DOT looking at reductions to the speed limit on sections of Route 7, with positive results. Discussions also include addition of turn lanes and reprogramming the traffic lights at the intersection of Route 7 and Corporate Drive. Mr. Signorelli stated that the turn lane from the bridge over the Susquehanna River cannot be lengthened because there is not enough room to do so. Mr. Dumian stated that he discussed the increase in truck traffic with Mr. Signorelli. Mr. Francisco asked if crosswalk markings are being considered, and Mr. Dumian replied that the markings are going to be installed, along with buttons for pedestrians. Mr. Dumian stated that there is no sight line from Corporate Drive turning south onto Route 7, so he is working with the BCIDA (Broome County Industrial Development Agency) and with Dick's Warehouse Distribution Center to see if some of the hill in that area can be cut back, adding that both the BCIDA and Dick's Warehouse are amenable to the idea.

**DISCUSSION/CREATION OF RESOLUTION/30 MPH SPEED LIMIT/CORPORATE DRIVE AND CONKLIN-KIRKWOOD BRIDGE**

Mr. Dumian stated that he will follow up with Broome County regarding this proposal.

**DISCUSSION/MINING SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

Mr. Dumian stated that even without the Town Board having a Special Use Permit procedure for mining, it would still receive notifications regarding mining applications, allowing the Board to hold informational meetings for residents and to express any concerns to the DEC (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation). He stated that having the Special Use Permit process in place for mining operations does not help the Town, but rather "makes it look like the Town has control and it does not." The DEC is the agency with the power to issue or deny mining permits. Mr. Farley stated that the current Special Use Permit for mining is "irrelevant." Mr. Dumian explained that meetings for the public would be informational, not Public Hearings. Ms. Sacco explained that, since eliminating the Special Use Permit for mining would be a change to the Town Code, a Public Hearing must be held and the proposal sent to the Town Planning Board, as well as sending a 239 Review Form to Broome County.

**RESO 2017-162: SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING/OCTOBER 24, 2017/6:35 P.M./TO RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING CHANGE TO TOWN CODE/ELIMINATION OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR MINING OPERATIONS**

Mr. Boyle 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 October 24, 2017, to receive input regarding a change to the Town Code which would eliminate the Special Use Permit for Mining Operations.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

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**SALT BARN/HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Dumian stated that he met with NYS Senator Fred Akshar regarding obtaining grant money to build a salt barn for the Town of Conklin Highway Department. He stated that Highway Superintendent Brian Coddington and Secretary to the Supervisor Lisa Houston met with representatives from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) on September 12. The salt barn will cost approximately \$100,000 and construction will not begin until one to two years from now.

**CLEANOUT OF CULVERTS & DRAINAGE DITCHES ALONG ROUTE 7 BY**  
**NYSDEC**

Mr. Dumian stated that Mr. Boyle attended a meeting at Mohawk Valley Community College where representatives from across the state discussed issues with drainage, and it was mentioned that many municipalities have gotten cooperation from the NYS DEC in getting culverts and drainage ditches cleaned out. Mr. Dumian stated that he called the DEC, whom he stated “responded quickly.” The work of cleaning out the culverts and ditches to the railroad tracks has been completed, with the south end near the dry bridge and the north end both flowing “as they should.”

Mr. Boyle commented that the problems with non-maintenance of these drainage ditches “began in 1965, when a law was passed saying that fish and crayfish are more important than people.” Mr. Dumian stated that it is a maintenance issue, adding that this cleanout of the drainage ditches and culverts addressed the concerns expressed by residents at the August 15, 2017 Joint Town Board and Planning Board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2018 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Secretary to the Supervisor Lisa Houston distributed copies of the 2018 Tentative Budget to the Town Board and explained the various funds. She stated that the tax cap for 2018 is 1.84%. Ms. Houston stated that the tax rate for 2017 was 5.8005 and the proposed tax rate for 2018 is 5.9478. She explained that this means a home worth \$100,000 would cost \$21.79 per \$1,000 in taxes, while a home worth \$80,000 would cost \$17.43 per \$1,000. Ms. Houston stated that the overall budget increase for 2018 over 2017 is \$40,000. Mr. Dumian stated that it is “fiscally responsible to increase taxes slightly.” He stated that medical insurance premium costs to the Town increased 8.2% for 2018. Mr. Dumian stated that \$61,000 has been allocated to the Building Fund. He stated that if the Board members have questions regarding the tax cap, they should ask Ms. Houston. A Schedule A of wages for employees and elected officials was distributed, listing both 2017 and proposed 2018 figures. Mr. Dumian instructed the Board members to “look through the Tentative Budget and bring questions” to the September 26 meeting. He added, “We will not exceed the tax cap.”

**BROOME COUNTY DOG SHELTER AGREEMENT**

Mr. Dumian explained that the Town has not had a contract in place with the Broome County Dog Shelter for 2017, adding that they are requesting a five year contract. He stated that he compared rates with the Broome County Humane Society, which charges a per dog rate, instead of a monthly rate. Dog Control Officer Nick Vascello stated that the number of dogs taken to the Shelter in the past two or three years is lower than normal for the Town of Conklin. Care at the

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Shelter includes veterinary care, temperament testing, attempts to locate the dog's owner, and adoption. Mr. Platt asked about the Shelter's process for finding a dog's owner. Mr. Vascello stated that the Shelter is required by law to hold the dog for five days to try to find the owner, if it has no license tags. The dog is scanned for a microchip, which, if found, is checked on the registry. Both Facebook and the newspaper are utilized to attempt to find the owner. Mr. Vascello stated that in 90% of cases, the dog's owner is found. If no owner is found, then temperament testing takes place and, in about three to four weeks, the dog is placed in the adoption pool. If a dog is brought to the Shelter with license tags, the Shelter issues a certified letter to the owner, who has three days in which to redeem the dog.

**RESO 2017-163: AUTHORIZE TOWN SUPERVISOR/ENTER AND SIGN/BROOME COUNTY DOG SHELTER AGREEMENT/JANUARY 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2021/RATE OF \$7,814 PER YEAR/DOG SHELTER SERVICES**

Mr. Francisco 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 enter into and sign the Broome County Dog Shelter Agreement CA 975-3-3E, with the term of agreement being from January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2021, for a rate of \$7,814 per year for Dog Shelter Services.

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

**RESO 2017-164: ACCEPT DONATION/DALE COOK/USE OF TOWN FIELDS**

Mr. Platt 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 \$200.00 from Dale Cook for use of Town ball fields.

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

**RESO 2017-165: RATIFY PAYMENT/U.S. POSTAL SERVICE/PAYMENT FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER WATER & SEWER BILLING POSTAGE**

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment of check #12761, account codes SW 8310.4 and SS1 8310.4, in the amount of \$306.00 to the U.S. Postal Service for payment for postage for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Water and Sewer Billing.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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



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**RESO 2017-166: RATIFY PAYMENT/LAURIE GREGORY/2017 ANNUAL NYSAMCC**  
**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION/LODGING/MEALS/SEPTEMBER 24-27, 2017**  
**/ELLCOTTVILLE, NEW YORK**

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment of check #12828, account code A1110.4, in the amount of \$939.00 to Laurie Gregory for the registration, lodging, and meals for the 2017 Annual NYSAMCC Conference to be held September 24 – 27, 2017, in Ellicottville, New York.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

**RESO 2017-167: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT/PRE-APPROVED AUGUST 22, 2017 BILL**  
**LIST/\$162,126.57**

Mr. Platt moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes payment of the following pre-approved August 22, 2017 Bill List in the total amount of \$162,126.57:

General	\$ 33,621.19
Highway	120,101.71
Light Districts	2,542.71
Sewer Districts	2,026.03
Water District	<u>3,814.93</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$162,126.57</b>

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

**RESO 2017-168: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT/BILL LIST/\$101,605.75**

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 \$101,605.75:

General	\$ 22,612.87
Highway	24,356.50
Light Districts	274.01
Sewer District	37,425.56
Water Districts	8,610.81
Non-Budget	<u>8,326.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$101,605.75</b>

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

**RESO 2017-169: APPROVE PURCHASE/2018 CHEVROLET 2500 PICK-UP TRUCK/JOE BASIL CHEVROLET/NYS BID AWARD #22898/\$33,846.09**

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the purchase of a 2018 Chevrolet 2500 Pick-Up Truck from Joe Basil Chevrolet, NYS Bid Award #22898, for the cost of \$33,846.09, account code DA5130.2.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

**RESO 2017-170: APPROVE BLUESTORM TECHNOLOGIES QUOTE/NEW SERVER AND OPERATING SYSTEMS/NOT TO EXCEED \$7,167.00**

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves BlueStorm Technologies Quote #BSTQ11085-01 for a new Server and Operating Systems, for an amount not to exceed \$7,167.00, account code A1989.2, including labor and installation charges.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

**RESO 2017-171: RECOMMENDATION TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC SAFETY ON NYS ROUTE 7A IN THE TOWN OF CONKLIN**

**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

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 September 12, 2017, a discussion was had and a petition with approximately 30 signatures was submitted (such petition is attached); that

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the speed limit on the entire length of NYS Route 7a (state line to the Corbettsville blinking light/intersection) is currently unsafe, and that a reduction should occur 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 the road in the Town of Conklin;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Conklin resolves to recommend to the New York State Department of Transportation that: 1) the speed limit on NYS Route 7a be reduced to 40 miles per hour, and 2) the speed limit be clearly posted; 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, and Jack Williams, (NYS DOT REGION 9 Director at 44 Hawley Street Binghamton, NY 13901); and it is further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall 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 September 12, 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: September 12, 2017

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

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**SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON ROUTE 7A**

Elizabeth Frear stated that she agrees with the need for a reduction of speed on Route 7A, stating that the current speed puts tractors and hay wagons at risk in the agricultural area through which Route 7A travels.

**UPDATE/BLACKTOPPING ROUTE 7**

Mr. Boyle asked if there is an update on the blacktopping project on Route 7. Mr. Coddington stated that it is "getting late" in the season but "NYS is still planning to do it." Mrs. Arlene Dubay stated that she spoke to a representative at NYS DOT about the low shoulder on Route 7 and was told the State "absolutely will do it." Mrs. Dubay also stated that she spoke to Lopke's Quarry, the New York State Highway Department, and the Police Department about enforcing the weight of loads of stones being trucked, as well as speed and the requirement that the stones be covered on the trucks. She stated that Mr. Lopke spoke to his drivers and they have decreased their speed.

**ZIP CODES**

Mr. Boyle stated that when Spectrum looks at the Town of Conklin regarding the need for infrastructure for cable and internet, it only considers the 13748 zip code area, combining the portion of Conklin with the 13903 zip code as part of the Town of Binghamton (also 13903). He wondered if perhaps all the zip codes in Conklin could be changed to 13748, giving a more accurate picture of the size of the Town.

**FEMA**

Mr. Boyle asked if there are any claims to submit to FEMA after the last local flooding on July 24, 2017. Mr. Dumian stated that he thought the deadline for submissions for this event was September 8, 2017.

**UPDATE/CEMETERIES**

Mr. Boyle stated that the Upstate Association of Towns will hold a meeting on September 14 in Afton and Mr. Brendan Stanton will be speaking about state-recognized not-for-profit cemeteries in New York State. Mr. Francisco stated that he is interested in attending, as he is President of the Conklin Cemetery Association.

**WILLIAMS/LIST OF LOCAL BUSINESSES**

Williams Gas Corporation, which will soon be working on a pipeline in Pennsylvania near the border with Conklin, is interested in supporting local businesses in the area and has asked for a list of the businesses in Conklin. Mr. Vascello, Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs, and her Deputy, Elizabeth Einstein, will compile this list and give it to Mr. Boyle to give to the Williams representative.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Boyle moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Platt. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherrie L. Jacobs, Town Clerk

