

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:30 P.M. on October 9, 2018, 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
Crew Leader Tom DeLamarter

GUESTS: Country Courier Elizabeth Einstein
Arlene E. Dubay
John J. Dubay
Laurie Francisco
LeRoy Jenkins
Tracey Evans
Betty Caskey
Merton Caskey
Tom Kelly
John Colley
Dakota May
Donna Pflanz-May

MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Mr. Francisco moved to approve the September 11, 2018 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.

MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 WORK SESSION & REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Board decided to hold over approval of the September 25, 2018 Work Session and Regular Town Board Meeting minutes until the October 23, 2018 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Dumian stated that he received notification that a kick-off meeting with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) will be held on October 17 to introduce FEMA's new electronic portal for filing claims and requesting funding. He stated that he will be attending this meeting, along with Secretary to the Supervisor Lisa Houston, Highway Superintendent Brian Coddington, and Crew Leader Tom DeLamarter, who has oversight of Water and Sewer and Parks. Mr. Dumian stated that the remediation funding is only available to mitigate to pre-flood conditions, not for making improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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SPEEDING ON CORBETTSVILLE ROAD

Arlene Dubay of 54 Corbettsville Road began by thanking Mr. Coddington and his crew for cleaning the shoulder of the road on Corbettsville Road, as Mrs. Dubay had requested. She stated that she is concerned with the speeding that occurs on Corbettsville Road, as drivers use it as a shortcut between Montrose Drive and Conklin Road, or if they are coming down Banta Road onto Corbettsville Road. Mrs. Dubay stated that the speeding is a danger to children on the road, especially to an autistic child who lives in the area, as well as to school buses and the Town's leaf vacuum. She asked if better signage would help, noting that there is currently posted a "Local Traffic Only" sign, which she stated is ignored. Wendy Zaic stated that she will call Sheriff Harder to see if more patrols could be in the area. Mr. Dumian suggested that Mr. Coddington look at installing "Children at Play" signs and that Mr. Coddington ask the Sheriff's Department to station an electronic speed sign on Corbettsville Road. Mr. John Dubay commented that young children often cross Corbettsville Road to go to the Post Office.

Mr. Dubay asked how long it will be before the bridge on Snake Creek will be open and Mr. Dumian stated that New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) has not been able to get to the bridge to repair it because of the continual rain and high water level in the creek, noting that another storm is forecast for Thursday night, October 11.

REPORT: SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

Report is filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS:

2019 BUDGET

Mr. Dumian noted that there are some changes to Schedule A.

**RISING COMMUNITY GRANT PROJECTS/COMMUNITY CENTER &
STILLWATER ROAD DRAINAGE**

Mr. Dumian stated that the Town still needs an easement from the railroad company before it can begin the Stillwater Road Drainage Improvement Project. This project is scheduled to begin the last week in October.

Mr. Dumian stated that the Community Center project is "going nicely," with thirty percent of the design work completed and interior materials chosen. He added that the Town can't use the funding until the lease agreement is in place. The Day Care and Health Care pieces of the project are still being worked out. Mr. Dumian stated that the Community Center will be "red Cross ready" to use in an emergency, with showers and a nice kitchen. He stated that the Town is working with GOSR (Governor's Office of Storm Recovery) to meet necessary deadlines, with possible groundbreaking in mid-2019.

NEW BUSINESS:

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ASSISTANT FOR YOUTH COMMISSIONER

Mr. Dumian stated that the Board is going to hire an assistant to help Fran Bealo, Youth Commissioner, specifically with marketing, recruiting, and use of social media, providing better organization for Conklin Youth Sports. Mr. Dumian stated that adding Justin Parker to the staff will help to “grow the programs to where they used to be.” He added that the Town has “great facilities” for the Youth Sports Program. Mr. Dumian noted that currently the football and soccer programs are combined Sabers programs with youth from Conklin, Kirkwood, and Town of Binghamton. Mr. Parker would be hired at a salary of \$9,000 per year.

RESO 2018-134: APPROVING HIRING/JUSTIN PARKER/RECREATION LEADER
PART-TIME/EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 8, 2018

Mr. Dumian moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves hiring Justin Parker to the position of Recreation Leader Part-Time, effective October 8, 2018, at a pay rate of \$10.40 per hour not to exceed \$9,000 per year, pro-rated for the remainder of 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Platt.

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

FEMA DISASTER #4397/EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIRS

Mr. Dumian stated that the Town is seeking funding/reimbursement for repairs necessitated by the recent flash flooding, FEMA Disaster #4397. Highway Superintendent Brian Coddington stated that emergency road repairs are needed, especially on State Line Road, which he stated have five foot drop-offs. He estimated that these repairs would require 700 tons of blacktop, at a cost of \$14,400, from a supplier whose price is “lower than the State bid price.” Mr. DeLamarter stated that it “takes time to get money from FEMA. We should do the work now if it is necessary.” Mr. Dumian stated that other FEMA Disaster projects include Big Snake Creek, Banta Road, and Carlin Creek.

RESO 2018=135: DECLARE EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIR
SITUATION/AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO MAKE NECESSARY
REPAIRS/NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin declares an emergency situation in regard to necessary road repairs and authorizes the Highway Superintendent to make the necessary repairs, at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

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RESO 2018-136: APPROVE SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING/10-23-2018/6:40 P.M./PROPOSED 2019 MUNICIPAL WATER & SEWER RATES

Mr. Boyle moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves scheduling a Public Hearing at 6:40 P.M. on October 23, 2018, to receive input regarding proposed 2019 Municipal Water and Sewer rates.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

Mr. Dumian noted that neither water nor sewer rates will be increased for 2019.

RESO 2018-137: APPROVE SCHEDULING/PUBLIC HEARING/10-23-2018/6:45 P.M./PROPOSED 2019 FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves scheduling a Public Hearing at 6:45 P.M. on October 23, 2018, to receive input regarding the proposed 2019 Fire Protection Contract with the Conklin Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2018-138: APPROVE SCHEDULING/PUBLIC HEARING/10-23-2018/6:50 P.M./PROPOSED 2019 GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BUDGET

Mr. Boyle moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves scheduling a Public Hearing at 6:50 P.M. on October 23, 2018, to receive input regarding the proposed 2019 General and Highway Budget for the Town of Conklin.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2018-139: RATIFY PAYMENT/PITNEY BOWES/POSTAGE METER REFILL

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

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

Seconded by Mr. Platt.

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

RESO 2018-140: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT/BILL LIST/\$29,322.02

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 \$29,322.02:

General	\$ 9,880.37
Highway	10,216.36
Sewer District	16.98
Water District	5,807.31
Non-Budget	<u>3,401.00</u>
Total	\$29,322.02

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

**RESO 2018-141: APPROVE HIRING/KEVIN COATES/PERMANENT PART-TIME
GENERAL LABORER/PAY RATE \$16.00 PER HOUR/EFFECTIVE 8/30/2018**

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves hiring Kevin Coates to the position of Permanent Part-Time General Laborer, not to exceed 24 hours per week, at a pay rate of \$16.00 per hour, effective August 30, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

SURPLUS MINI-EXCAVATOR

Mr. Boyle asked about the forms for eligibility to purchase a surplus mini-excavator.

UPDATES

Mr. Francisco stated that the cables for the generator at the Town Hall were installed in July and asked when they would be tested. Mr. DeLamarter replied that A. C. Spear will test the generator.

Mr. Francisco stated that he received construction reports from NYSEG (New York State Electric and Gas Corporation), noting that he has requested repairs on Town street lights and is looking at the status of these requests.

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Mr. Francisco asked about the proposed re-zoning near Terrace Drive for a potential used car lot, noting that it is amid Residential zoning and is potentially spot zoning. The request has been forwarded to the Planning Board.

Mr. Francisco asked about repairs to the foundation of the former Dino's by the Susquehanna. It was noted that the owner has a building permit and has made some repairs.

Mr. Dumian asked about repairs to the roof at the Town Hall. Mr. Boyle stated that he has contacted a list of contractors who all say "next year," and they are "busy until the end of the season." He stated that he is concerned about the roof with snow season approaching.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Francisco moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Farley. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs
Town Clerk