

WORK SESSION
JANUARY 28, 2020

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Work Session at 6:00 P.M. on January 28, 2020, at the Conklin Town Hall. Mr. Dumian, Supervisor, presided.

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

Town Counsel	Cheryl Sacco
Town Clerk	Sherrie L. Jacobs
Secretary to the Supervisor	Laurie Gregory
Highway Superintendent	Brian Coddington
Parks/Water/Sewer Superintendent	Tom DeLamarter

GUESTS: Country Courier Elizabeth Einstein
Laurie Francisco

FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR 2019 FISCAL YEAR

Mr. Dumian began the discussion regarding the 2019 Audit by stating that two years ago the Town hired Mike Wolyniak, retired from the New York State Comptroller's Office, to audit the Town books instead of an accounting firm, saving the Town \$10,000. He stated that it is legal for the Town Board to audit the books, unless the Town spends more than \$750,000 in grant money, at which time an external audit is required. Mr. Dumian stated that Mr. Wolyniak will be hired to assist the Town for one or two days, probably in June, to help with auditing the minor number of transactions required for the audit, for a cost of approximately \$500.00. He added that this will save the Town \$13,000. Mr. Dumian stated that the New York State-mandated AUD report will be completed by the accounting firm usually employed by the Town.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SALT BARN

Mr. Dumian stated that he and Highway Superintendent Brian Coddington are working on changes to the Salt Barn contract, adding that Mr. Coddington has a quote from a second building supplier as well. Construction is predicted to begin in mid to late April.

AIM (AID AND INCENTIVE FOR MUNICIPALITIES) FUNDING

Mr. Dumian stated that he attended a meeting of the New York State Association of Towns and Villages at which Broome County Executive Jason Garnar was the guest speaker, and the topic of AIM (Aid and Incentive for Municipalities) funding was discussed. He stated that New York State saw an increase in Internet sales tax revenue, yet AIM funding was taken away from municipalities, adding that the Town of Conklin lost \$60,000. He stated that Governor Cuomo used the Internet sales revenue, which was never shared with the municipalities, to "make it look like AIM funds were restored." Mr. Dumian commented that "laws and decisions made downstate have a negative impact on Upstate New York," and urged residents to contact local Assemblymen and State Senators to urge them to strongly represent the interests of Upstate.

Mr. Dumian stated that the New York State Association of Towns and Villages keeps up to date on pertinent issues affecting municipalities and urged Board members to attend the meetings, adding that Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs will make sure to forward meeting invitations to all the Board members. "We need change from the ground up," stated Mr. Dumian, adding that many issues are caused by unfunded mandates passed down by the State government. He also mentioned the tax cap, with which the Town of Conklin has been in compliance, even reducing

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the General Budget for 2020. Mr. Dumian stated that “we need a bipartisan approach to get things done,” such as shared Highway services with Broome County. Mr. Boyle stated that he is going to Albany on February 10 with a group from the Upstate Association of Towns to discuss some of these issues with State legislators, adding that some of the legislators of both parties are willing to work with the Association but the Governor is not willing to do so. He cited the people of Puerto Rico not getting aid that was sent to them by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) because of corruption in the government.

LED STREET LIGHTS

Mr. Dumian stated that NYSEG (New York State Electric and Gas Corporation) is almost finished with installation of the new replacement LED street lights. Mr. Francisco commented that some of the new lights are not functioning properly. He stated that NYSEG issues a work order for each pole, so some lights that have not yet been replaced may be on a different work order. Mr. Francisco stated that he will check with NYSEG on the timeline for completion, as well as the angle of the light to the road.

PROPERTY AT 29 JR BOULEVARD

Mr. Dumian stated that the Town of Conklin is willing to sell the property located at 29 JR Boulevard for a minimum cost of \$300. Town Attorney Cheryl Sacco stated that a permissive referendum is required for the Town to sell the property, but no public hearing is required. She stated that the law requires that the Town not accept less than fair market value, assessed at \$300 for this parcel. The Town has a prospective buyer but Mr. Dumian and other Board members felt that the owners of adjacent properties should be given a chance to make an offer on the parcel.

The Work Session was adjourned at 6:25 P.M. for a five minute break before the Regular Board Meeting.

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The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:30 P.M. on January 28, 2020, 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
Secretary to the Supervisor	Laurie Gregory
Highway Superintendent	Brian Coddington
Parks/Water/Sewer Superintendent	Tom DeLamarter

GUESTS: Country Courier Elizabeth Einstein
Laurie Francisco
John Colley
Kim Mitchell
Brian Mitchell
Glen Elliott

MINUTES: JANUARY 14, 2020 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Mr. Francisco moved to approve the January 14, 2020 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Dumian acknowledged receipt of a letter from Dawn Shafer-D’Introno resigning from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

TRAILER ON FEMA LAND/SHIPMAN ROAD

Brian Mitchell of 32 Shipman Road stated that he and his family survived the floods of 2006 and 2011 and raised their house on “stilts,” and have tried to stay in Conklin and make the neighborhood in their area better. He stated that someone has a trailer on FEMA property belonging to the Town and is trespassing and littering, producing pictures for the Board of the property in question with the trailer and bags of garbage around the outside of it. He stated that there were extension cords running from the trailer to the nearby flood house, adding that the owner of the trailer is turning their neighborhood into a “dump.” Mr. Mitchell stated that Code Officer Nick Pappas “needs to get that trailer moved out,” adding that the Town installed “No Trespassing” signs on all the FEMA properties and should enforce that rule. Mr. Dumian replied that he had only become aware of this problem within the last three hours, but he has called the New York State Police and the trailer was supposedly moved off FEMA land about an hour prior to tonight’s meeting. He added that if the trailer is still on FEMA property it will be moved again. He stated that he is aware of recent “activity” on FEMA land, adding that more “No Trespassing” signage may help.

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REPORT: SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

The Supervisor's report is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS:

UPDATE/PETITION TO NYS DOT/PASSING ON SHOULDER IN SCHOOL ZONE

Mr. Dumian reported that he received an update regarding the petition filed with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) asking for the State to take action to prevent drivers from passing on the shoulder of the road in front of the Susquehanna Valley High School and Richard T. Stank Middle School. He spoke with the lead engineer of NYS DOT and was told that a plan has been submitted to address the situation and is pending Executive approval, which he was told typically takes about two weeks.

UPDATE/1539 CONKLIN ROAD

Mr. Dumian stated that he spoke with Douglas Ritter, owner of the property located at 1539 Conklin Road, adding that Mr. Ritter has been given the specific lists he had requested, which list all of the internal and external repairs that need to be completed. Mr. Dumian stated that Mr. Ritter has had these lists for over one month and the Town has received no response from him. In the recent conversation with Mr. Dumian, Mr. Ritter states that he wants the "condemnation" status removed from the building or he will not make any repairs. The repair work is supposed to be completed by February 3. Mr. Dumian stated that Mr. Ritter "cannot dictate what safety concerns the Town of Conklin can have with his property."

Mr. Dumian stated that the Town is "doing due diligence" and is "trying to work with the property owner, but Mr. Ritter is not willing to work with the Town." Mr. Dumian stated that he will set up one more meeting with Mr. Ritter, Mr. Boyle, Code Officer Nick Pappas, and himself to establish a timeline within which the necessary repairs must be completed. Mr. Ritter stated that he thinks he can "beat the 'condemnation' status in court," adding that if he doesn't, he will "board up the building and cover it in signs." "It doesn't work that way," stated Mr. Boyle. Mr. Dumian stated that he thinks it is time that Mr. Ritter "fix it or we take the next step." Mr. Francisco agreed, adding that "he thinks his ideas are more valid than professional opinion."

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS/RECEIPTS

Mr. Dumian explained that, although she books rentals of the Community Center, Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs cannot write receipts for rental payments and deposits out of her receipt book because the money does not go into and out of her office account. All receipts written for the Town Clerk's office must match deposits in the accounting records, in order to satisfy the annual audit. This means that someone from the Supervisor's office must currently sign the receipts for the Community Center rentals, which becomes a problem if those staff members are out of the building for some reason. After discussing several alternatives, it was decided that Ms. Jacobs would have a separate, generic receipt book to use only for the Community Center rentals, and would be authorized to write a receipt on behalf of the Supervisor's office, with the payment, a copy of the receipt, and a copy of the contract still going to the Supervisor's office to be deposited in the General Account.

NEW BUSINESS:

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SALES TAX REVENUE/FUNDING FOR NEW COMMUNITY CENTER

Mr. Dumian stated that sales tax revenue was greater than anticipated, which he stated might make funding the new Community Center somewhat easier. He added that not much has changed since the last Board meeting with regard to the financial situation for the project, adding that he is still looking for short-term and callable bonds. Mr. Dumian reiterated that he is working with Broome County to obtain assistance with funding for the project, which would provide a Red Cross ready emergency shelter. He agreed with Mr. Boyle's statement from the January 14 meeting that architectural and engineering costs were very expensive, so there should not be many, if any, change orders, adding that GOSR (Governor's Office for Storm Recovery) will pay for 7.3% of the cost of change orders. Mr. Dumian is looking for approval to bond for up to \$3,500,000.00, adding that the bids for construction of the Community Center must be awarded by the end of February, or the project will have to go back out to bid. He explained that there is \$2,480,000.00 left in the Rising Communities grant money from GOSR, which would be used first for the project, with the bond being a last source of funding. Ms. Sacco stated that GOSR acted as lead agency for the project and issued a negative declaration for SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act), so no further action would be required under SEQRA for the bond resolution.

**RESO 2020-16: BOND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING OF
THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WELLNESS CENTER AND STATING THE ESTIMATED
MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$3,500,000.00, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT
THEREFORE, AND AUTHORIZING THIS ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED
\$550,000.00 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO FINANCE A PORTION OF SAID
APPROPRIATION**

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Conklin is contemplating the construction of a new Wellness Center (the "Project"), and

WHEREAS, the New York State Governor's Office of Storm Recovery completed an environmental review of the Project on or around February 5, 2019, and issued a negative declaration regarding the environmental significance of the Project, and therefore no further action under SEQRA needs be taken by the Town Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CONKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF BROOME, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Town Board) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Town of Conklin, in the County of Broome, New York (herein called "Town"), is hereby authorized to finance the construction of a new Wellness Center. The estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto (including but not limited to associated accessories and attachments) is \$3,500,000.00, and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. The plan of financing includes funding from GOSR and funding from Broome County, and the issuance of not to exceed \$550,000.00 serial bonds to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable. Said Bonds may be issued with a prior right of redemption.

Section 2. Serial bonds, which shall be deemed to include Statutory Installment Bonds pursuant to Section 61.10 of the laws of the Town of Conklin, in the principal amount of \$550,000.00, are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law"), to finance said appropriation.

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Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

- (a) The period of probable usefulness applicable to the specific object or purpose for which serial bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00, a.11 of the Law (Buildings) is twenty-five (25) years, and
- (b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department, and
- (c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will be twenty-five (25) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the Town, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town without limitation of rate or amount. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Town by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provision of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and of section 50.00, Section 56.00 to 60.00 and Section 62.10 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Town Board relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes, statutory installment bonds, and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewal of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer of the Town.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or summary thereof, are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the objects or purposes described herein.

Section 8. This bond resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

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Section 9. Upon this resolution taking effect, a summary thereof shall be published in full in the official newspaper of the Town for such purpose in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Law.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will take effect immediately.

Seconded by Mr. Platt.

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 January 28, 2020. 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: January 28, 2020

Town of Conklin Seal

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

RESO 2020-17: DECLARE 29 JR BOULEVARD SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZE SALE,
FOR A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF \$300.00/CONTACT OWNERS OF ADJACENT
CONTIGUOUS PROPERTIES

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin declares the property located at 29 JR Boulevard surplus and offers it for sale at a minimum price of \$300.00, and agrees to contact owners of adjacent, contiguous properties to determine if there is interest in purchase of the parcel.

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

It was noted that the responsibility for payment of the sewer bond attached to this property will belong to the purchaser, as all sewer bonds are assessed to the property owners of the Sewer District for which the bonds were issued. The current payment for the bond on the property in question is \$184 per year and the bond will be completely paid in 2021. It was also noted that real property transfer costs will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Mr. Dumian commented that the parcel is "not large enough to build on."

RESO 2020-18: AMEND ARTICLE 17 OF EMPLOYEE POLICY
MANUAL/CLOTHING & SHOE ALLOWANCE

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

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Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin amends Article 17 of the Employee Policy Manual, regarding Clothing Allowance and Shoe Allowance, to read as follows:

“Employees shall be dressed in the clothing and footwear appropriate to their job duties and with the weather conditions of that day. A department head has the discretion to send any employee home without pay that is not appropriately dressed. A department head has the discretion to recommend purchases using these allowances.

“Full-time employees of the parks, water and sewer, and highway departments shall each receive an annual allowance of \$700.00 for work clothing, \$350.00 of which shall be paid on January 1st of each year and \$350.00 of which shall be paid June 1st of each year. Because of their duties and responsibilities, an additional shoe allowance of \$200.00 per year will be paid to each Full-time parks, highway, and water and sewer employee for work shoes to be worn during the hours of employment; this allowance may be accessed at any point in the calendar year- but such shoe allowance is at the discretion of the department head.

“Part-time employees of the parks, water and sewer, and highway departments may receive up to \$200 in clothing/shoe allowance based on department head approval.

“In the event a full-time employee of the eligible departments is no longer employed by the Town as of June 1st, then such employee shall not receive any amount of the clothing allowance otherwise payable on June 1st of that year and shall not receive any amount of the money still available under the shoe allowance.

“New parks, water and sewer, and highway department employees who have completed their probationary period shall receive prorated amounts of their eligible allowance(s); but such amounts shall be at the discretion of the department head.

“The shoe allowance for the fulltime employees and the clothing/shoe allowance for the part time employees shall be paid only upon presentation of a receipt indicating that appropriate work clothing or shoes have been purchased.”

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2020-19: EXECUTIVE SESSION/SPECIFIC PERSONNEL ISSUE

Mr. Boyle moved to close the Regular Town Board Meeting and move into Executive Session at 7:20 P.M. to discuss a specific personnel issue.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

An Executive Session of the Town Board of the Town of Conklin was held at the Conklin Town Hall at 7:20 P.M. with Supervisor William Dumian, Jr., presiding. Present were: Supervisor Dumian, Mr. Boyle, Mr. Farley, Mr. Platt, Mr. Francisco, and Attorney Cheryl Sacco. Ms. 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 the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person of corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

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RESO 2020-20: RE-OPEN REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Mr. Francisco moved to close the Executive Session and re-open the Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:32 P.M.

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

RESO 2020-21: ACCEPT RESIGNATION/DAWN SHAFER-D'INTRONO/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin accepts the resignation of Dawn Shafer-D'Introno from the position of member of the Zoning Board of Appeals., effective January 28, 2020.

Seconded by Mr. Platt.

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

RESO 2020-22: APPOINT DAWN SHAFER-D'INTRONO MEMBER/PLANNING BOARD

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin appoints Dawn Shafer-D'Introno to the position of member of the Planning Board, effective January 29, 2020, to fill the unexpired term of Lyle Fassett.

Seconded by Mr. Platt.

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

RESO 2020-23: 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 of an ACH wire payment, account codes to various departments, in the amount of \$500.00 to Pitney Bowes for a postage meter refill.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2020-24: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT/BILL LIST/\$213,411.82

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 for 2020 dated 01/23/2020 in the total amount of \$213,411.82:

General	\$ 28,745.06
Highway	15,643.90
Water Districts	6,960.11
Sewer Districts	89,722.75
Non-Budgeted	<u>72,340.00</u>
Total	\$213,411.82

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Seconded by Mr. Platt.

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

RESO 2020-25: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT/BILL LIST/\$26,081.92

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 for 2019 dated 01.23.2020 in the total amount of \$26,081.92:

General	\$ 20,844.34
Highway	68.73
Water Districts	2,348.58
Sewer Districts	486.32
Light Districts	<u>2,333.95</u>
Total	\$ 26,081.92

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

RESO 2020-26: AUTHORIZE MODIFICATION/STATED FROM AND TO BUDGET LINES/12-31-2019

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes modification of the stated From and To Budget lines as of December 31, 2019 (see attached).

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2020-27: AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATION/UNANTICIPATED REVENUES

Mr. Boyle moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes appropriation of the following unanticipated revenues (see attached).

Seconded by Mr. Platt.

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

RESO 2020-28: RATIFY PAYMENT/MEDICAL ABSTRACT PAYMENTS/2019

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment of the following medical abstract payments for 2019, account codes A9060.802, DA 9060.802, and SW 9060.802 (see attached).

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

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RAILROAD CROSSING/CARLIN ROAD

Mr. Farley stated that he is working with the railroad company to make the Carlin Road railroad crossing a “no whistle” zone. The crossing has been closed to traffic for years but the trains still blow their whistles when approaching the crossing.

Mr. Francisco stated that often trains block both the Terrace Drive railroad crossing and the one at Shaw Road simultaneously. Mr. Farley stated that a train can only block a railroad crossing for five minutes WITHOUT MOVING, but it can block the crossing longer if it is in motion. Mr. Francisco expressed concern about emergency vehicles not being able to cross the tracks without taking a long detour into the City of Binghamton or to the south end of Corporate Drive.

CONKLIN KIWANIS ICE SKATING PARTY

Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs announced that the Conklin Kiwanis Club will host a free ice skating party at the Conklin Ice Rink on Saturday, February 8, 2020, from 11 A.M. until 2 P.M., weather permitting. If the ice is not frozen, the skating party will be rescheduled to February 22.

YOUTH BASEBALL

Mr. Dumian stated that if the Little League program adopts the Williamsport Rules, it will cost each player an additional \$10 to participate, and would be a “Sabers” program. However, he stated, every child would still get a chance to play.

Mr. Dumian stated that there has been conversation about combining the Town baseball teams into one program, but added that this will not happen for the 2020 season. He stated that one reason is that the Town of Binghamton charges \$40 per player while the Town of Conklin only charges \$20 per player, and Conklin has a number of lower income families. Mr. Dumian stated that there may be an “All Star” team but added “Town ball is Town ball.” He feels it is important for the Town to keep control of the program to ensure that “every kid can play.” He commented that the Town of Kirkwood does not charge children to play Town sports. Mr. Platt asked if the Town could set up a fund for anonymous donations but Ms. Sacco stated that the municipality cannot do that. Mr. Dumian stated that one of his goals for 2021 will be to not charge any money for youth to play Town sports.

PLAQUE FOR FOOTBALL TEAM

Mr. Francisco stated that he will call the District Office of the Susquehanna Valley School District to let them know the Town would like to present a plaque to the State Champion Sabers Football Team at the February 19 School Board meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs
Town Clerk

