

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 24, 2020**

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:30 P.M. on November 24, 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  
Code Officer Nick Pappas  
Parks/Water/Sewer Superintendent Tom DeLamarter

**GUESTS:** Country Courier Elizabeth Einstein  
Laurie Francisco  
John Colley  
Peter Motsavage  
Ike Sturgeon

**MINUTES: NOVEMBER 10, 2020 WORK SESSION & REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Mr. Farley moved to approve the November 10, 2020 Work Session and Regular 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 stated that he received correspondence from the Town of Kirkwood regarding potential plans to celebrate Christmas with fireworks and/or parades, adding that the information was sent to the Town of Windsor as well as to the Town of Conklin.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**REPORT – SUPERVISOR’S OFFICE**

The Supervisor’s Report is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY PARTY**

Mr. Dumian and the Board stated that the Town Employee Party could take place, but would be for current staff only, due to COVID restrictions.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MEDICAL POOL/HEALTH INSURANCE UPDATE**

Mr. Dumian distributed information to the Board regarding medical pools and health insurance for Town employees, including a cost sheet. He stated that there will be no increase in cost to employees in 2021, adding that the Town is in good shape financially, in part because of its conservative estimation of sales tax revenue.

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**FALL SPORTS/ACTIVITIES AT COMMUNITY CENTER**

Mr. Farley stated that the tentative plan to hold wrestling practice at the Maines Community Center has fallen through and the wrestling season will not happen this year. The Board confirmed that it will allow no rentals of the Community Center currently.

**COURT UPDATE**

Mr. Dumian stated that the State Court System is closing some processes in New York courts, one of which will be that no bench trials will be held at this time.

**RESO 2020-134: APPROVE SETTLEMENT/TAX CERTIORARI/TEMPLE INLAND**

Mr. Platt moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the settlement in the Temple Inland vs. The Assessor and the Board of Assessment Review of the Town of Conklin, et al.; and also authorizes the Town representatives to execute and take what other action is necessary to settle this matter.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

**RESO 2020-135: CANCEL TOWN BOARD MEETING/DECEMBER 22, 2020**

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin cancels the Town Board meeting scheduled for December 22, 2020.

Seconded by Mr. Platt.

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

**RESO 2020-136: RATIFY PAYMENT/ONEONTA BLOCK COMPANY/DUGOUT MATERIALS**

Mr. Boyle moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment of check #17444, account code A 7110.4, in the amount of \$789.30 to Oneonta Block Company for dugout materials.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

**RESO 2020-137: RATIFY PAYMENT/ALPINE MATERIALS, INC./DUGOUT ROOFING MATERIAL**

Mr. Boyle moved for the following resolution:

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Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment of check #17544, account code A 7110.4, in the amount of \$318.69 to Alpine Materials, Inc., for dugout roofing material.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

**RESO 2020-138: RATIFY PAYMENT/U.S. POSTAL SERVICE/POSTAGE FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER WATER & SEWER BILLING**

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment of check #17545, account codes SW 8310.4 and SS1 8314.4, in the amount of \$306.25 to the United States Postal Service for postage for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Water and Sewer billing.

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

**RESO 2020-139: APPROVE PAYMENT/BILL LIST/\$41,374.73**

Mr. Platt moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves payment of the following Bill List dated November 20, 2020, in the total amount of \$41,374.73:

General	\$ 30,086.58
Highway	2,033.40
Water Districts	301.75
Sewer Districts	<u>8,953.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 41,374.73</b>

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

**RESO 2020-140: RATIFY PAYMENT/NYSEG/NOVEMBER BILLING**

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment of check #17593, various account codes, in the amount of \$7,268.40 to NYSEG for the November billing.

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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**EMPLOYEE POLICY HANDBOOK**

Town Attorney Cheryl Sacco asked if Section 7A of the Employee Policy Handbook, concerning medical pools and health insurance, would need to be changed, and Mr. Dumian replied that this is not necessary as employees are only being offered options for health care.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

Mr. Boyle wished everyone a Happy and safe Thanksgiving.

**TRAINS BLOCKING RAILROAD TRACKS**

Mr. Farley stated that he spoke to the Superintendent of the railroad company regarding the trains blocking crossings at Terrace Drive, Shaw Road, and Powers Road, expressing concern that emergency vehicles would have to travel around the blocked crossings to the northern or southern ends of the Town, losing precious time in an emergency. He was told that trains leave the station between 8 and 9 A.M. and between 7 and 8 P.M. The railroad Superintendent stated that trains are now 9,000 feet long, with no limit imposed on the length of the trains, so they take longer to pass through the crossings. Mr. Farley stated that the Fire Department has a contact phone number for the railroad so that a train could be cut if absolutely necessary, although it was noted that it may be just as fast to drive around the crossings. Mr. Farley stated that the Town of Conklin has no authority over the railroad company.

**DUGOUTS AT SCHNURBUSCH PARK**

Mr. Platt stated that the new dugouts at Schnurbusch Park “look great.”

**PIPE UNDER ROAD AT CONKLIN FORKS ROAD & CONKLIN ROAD**  
**INTERSECTION**

Mr. Platt asked if there is any news from New York State regarding replacing the pipe under the road at the intersection of Conklin Forks Road and Conklin Road, as the area floods every time there is a heavy rain. Mr. Boyle stated that there is currently a freeze on projects at the State level.

**CANCELLATION OF COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT**

Mr. Dumian stated that he is working on the closeout with GOSR (Governor’s Office for Storm Recovery) of the cancellation of the Community Center/Wellness Center project.

Mr. Dumian stated that the Town has a good budget for 2021 and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Francisco moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Platt. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs  
Town Clerk

