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Mr. Dumian stated that there is a temporary facility in which to park the plow trucks, but the contents, including tools, of the Highway Garage have not been cleaned and are not safe or usable. He added that he does not know yet if the insurance will pay for replacement of the tools or insist that they be repaired and cleaned. "We must follow the process and make good business decisions," stated Mr. Dumian.

In regard to the vehicles, Mr. Dumian stated that two different insurance inspectors have examined the damaged trucks but are "only looking at mechanical issues." He added that "New York State is only interested in the amount of damage, not the health and safety of the workers," adding that there is dust and soot in the ducts, headliners, etc., of the plow trucks. Mr. Dumian stated that Tracy Equipment, which does vehicle restoration, came to the Garage on January 19 to look at the trucks and give an estimate, which should be submitted by January 28. The insurance company is awaiting a report on the vehicles. Mr. Dumian stated that three vehicles are still operable.

Mr. Dumian stated that the Highway Superintendent wants to order trucks now, citing the long time it takes to build a truck from the frame up. Mr. Dumian stated that Truck 46, which burned down to the frame, still has not been given a determination even, and will not receive one until a determination is made on all of the vehicles. He stated that the fire inspector reported that no one was at fault for the fire. Mr. Dumian stated that it will cost approximately \$159,000 to replace Truck 46, a 2009 GMC, with a new truck. He stated that Blue Book value would be significantly less, perhaps \$40,000, although the stated value in the Town's insurance policy is significantly more than that. Mr. Dumian stated that both Truck 44 and Truck 48, both dump trucks, are questionable. Each would cost \$173,000 to replace new. Mr. Dumian explained that the stated value in the insurance policy is the purchase price, but the insurance company wants to pay Book price.

Mr. Dumian went on to explain that there are bonds being paid on each of the trucks being used currently: Truck 47 (2017 International) – has two more years to pay; Truck 49 (2018 International) – has two more years to pay; Truck 42 (2019 International) – has three more years to pay. He stated that it was suggested to pay off these bonds and then buy new trucks but Mr. Dumian stated this is not feasible. Town Attorney Cheryl Sacco added that some of the bonds are not callable (cannot be paid off early) without a penalty.

Mr. Dumian stated that he asked Highway Superintendent Brian Coddington to get quotes on used vehicles but has received none to date. Mr. Finch stated that Mr. Dumian is the business manager for the Town and sees the big picture. Mr. Dumian stated that without determinations from the insurance company to know how much they will pay, he has no cost basis on which to base decisions.

Mr. Dumian stated that the Town of Union is willing to loan a vehicle to the Town of Conklin, adding that this should be pursued. Code Officer Nick Pappas stated that the Town "won't see a new truck until fall." Mr. Dumian agreed, adding that it takes nine months to build a truck to order. Mr. Francisco commented that the Town has no dollar figure from the insurance company yet. Mr. Dumian stated, "It's a process," adding that the Town should look for used vehicles to get the Town through the next year or two. Mr. Farley asked about the possibility of leasing trucks and Mr. Dumian stated that he will research this option. Currently a trailer is providing a temporary work space, but the question remains of whether content (tools, etc.) of the building will be repaired or replaced.

SHARED SERVICES/TOWN OF UNION ASSESSOR

Mr. Dumian spoke about the Town's shared services agreement with the Town of Union for the Town Assessor, Joe Cook. Mr. Cook is hired by the Town of Union, which Mr. Dumian commented saves the Town of Conklin money. He added that Mr. Cook is "excellent" at his

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job. Mr. Cook will be at the February 9 meeting to speak about Wind and Solar Power utilities, one of his areas of expertise, and the opt-in/opt-out, PILOT/NO PILOT OPTIONS. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town is being proactive in looking at this situation, adding that it has not yet received any applications. He added that Mr. Boyle had recommended checking the zoning requirements. Of particular concern are toxic waste at disposal of the equipment and the question of who is responsible for disposal.

YOUTH SPORTS UPDATE

Mr. Dumian stated that, as of February 1, Governor Cuomo will allow basketball and wrestling to resume. He added that the Youth Commission will hold a meeting on January 27 to look for a practice venue, perhaps the Maines Community Center. Mr. Farley added that the Varsity Wrestling Coach at Susquehanna Valley High School is advocating for the school to allow the Town to use its building.

REPORT: CODE OFFICE

Code Officer Nick Pappas stated that he has filed the Annual Report with New York State and the annual MS4 (Municipal Sanitary Stormwater System) report with the DEC (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation). He stated that the Town must adopt a local law agreeing to follow the DEC MS4 guidelines, which was done in the early 2000's, and must provide a way to report illicit activity on the Town website, which can already be accomplished through the Town "Contact Us" page on the website. Mr. Pappas will meet with Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs on any other MS4 requirements for the website. Mr. Pappas stated that he has spoken with Mr. Coddington about the need for a silt fence around both the compost pile and the salt barn.

REPORT: PARKS/WATER/SEWER

Parks/Water/Sewer Superintendent Tom DeLamarter reported that the three emergency generators have been load-tested, adding that he will purchase quick connects for the generators.

NEW BUSINESS:

2020 AUDIT

Mr. Dumian stated that Mike Wolyniak, retired from the New York State Comptroller's Office is working on the 2019 Audit. He added that the Town Board can conduct the 2020 Audit, as the Town of Binghamton does. Mr. Dumian stated that there is a questionnaire from New York State to use as guidance and an AUD that must be sent to New York State. He stated that the 2020 Audit will probably occur during the middle or end of February.

RESO 2021-18: APPROVE 2021 ANNUAL PARK PERMITS/MOBILE HOME PARKS

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the 2021 Annual Park Permits for the following Mobile Home Parks located in the Town of Conklin:

Blue Ridge Parks Holdings, LLC – (Blue Ridge Mobile Home Park)
Pride Park Holdings, LLC – (Pride Manor Mobile Home Park)
Fountain Bleau MHP, LLC – (Fountain Bleau Mobile Home Park)

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Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2021-19: RATIFY ACH WIRE PAYMENT/PITNEY BOWES

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

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

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2021-20: APPROVE PAYMENT/BILL LIST/1-25-2021/\$34,300.06

Mr. Farley 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 January 25, 2021 (for 2020 expenses), in the total amount of \$34,300.06:

General	\$ 19,894.01
Highway	1,181.18
Water Districts	9,224.79
Sewer Districts	2,740.74
Light Districts	<u>1,259.34</u>
Total	\$ 34,300.06

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

VOTE: Finch – Abstain, Farley – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Dumian – Yes. Motion carried:3 – Yes, 1 – Abstain.

RESO 2021-21: APPROVE PAYMENT/BILL LIST/1-25-2021/\$105,391.27

Mr. Francisco 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 January 25, 2021 (for 2021 expenses), in the total amount of \$105,391.27:

General	\$ 9,924.92
Highway	9,123.80
Sewer Districts	82,766.72
Water Districts	<u>3,575.83</u>
Total	\$105,391.27

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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GARAGE FIRE

John Colley asked if a fire alarm system would be included in the repairs to the Highway Garage and Mr. Dumian stated that a suppression system would be included in the repairs to the building, which was constructed in 1958.

FORMER KLOCK TOWING BUILDING

Mr. Finch asked how the company with used cars was able to get approval so quickly to lease the building after the Town has struggled for years to have anyone claim ownership of the former Klock Towing building at the north end of Town. Mr. Dumian stated that the railroad finally claimed ownership of the building, not just the ground underneath it, and submitted documentation approving leasing of the building. Ms. Sacco stated that this change means the property is now subject to property tax.

DAMAGE TO FENCE/SHAWSVILLE CEMETERY

Mr. Francisco stated that he is waiting to hear from Broome County regarding the damage caused by one of its snow plows to the fence at Shawsville Cemetery. He added that the County is also responsible for cleaning the ditch in front of the Town Landfill, which has not yet been done.

NYSEG LIGHT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY/BRADY HILL ROAD

Mr. Francisco stated that he contacted NYSEG (New York State Electric and Gas Corporation) regarding Mr. William Brodsky's complaint at the January 12 meeting about a NYSEG light on private property. Mr. Francisco stated that NYSEG has no record of this light on Brady Hill Road, but it is on the Town's bill, and will be relocated or removed, probably relocated to shine on the road.

INSURANCE REVIEW

Mr. Dumian stated that he conducted an insurance review with insurance carrier Haylor, Freyer, and Coon, and found that one Water/Sewer building was insured but not the contents. He added that insuring the contents will only cost an additional \$50-\$60 per year, adding that insurance on contents was added to four buildings.

CABLE ACCESS/GRATSINGER ROAD

Mr. Dumian stated that he has been receiving correspondence from Spectrum regarding cable access for all of Gratsinger Road.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs
Town Clerk

