

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2022

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

OLD BUSINESS:

ARPA FUNDS

Mr. Dumian stated that the first use of the ARPA funds will be for new water meter readers, which may be purchased in two phases. Water/Sewer/Parks Team Leader Nick Platt stated he is unsure about the delivery time for the new readers. The Town Board was unanimous in its approval of this project.

Another potential use of ARPA funding would be replacement of the Town generators, however, it would cost over \$100,000 to replace just one. Mr. Dumian asked if the generators can be reconfigured to get the tanks out of the ground and Mr. Platt replied that temporary tanks could be installed. He noted that Sewer Station 1 generator was replaced after the 2006 Flood.

A third potential use of the ARPA funds would be to establish a second water source for the Town by tying into the Town of Kirkwood water system, which would provide a dual water source. Mr. Platt commented that the systems between the two Towns are more compatible than the Town would be with the City of Binghamton water system, another alternative.

REPORTS: CODE DEPARTMENT AND WATER/SEWER/PARKS

Neither the Code Department nor the Water/Sewer/Parks Department had anything to report.

TOWN HALL ROOF

Mr. Dumian stated that plans for a peaked roof for the Town Hall will be going out to bid soon. Mr. Boyle stated that it will be a steel roof with a 2-12 pitch, and with six feet between the peak and the flat roof to allow access to the heating and cooling equipment on the roof. Mr. Dumian stated that there will be two bids sought: one for the roof and one for new heating and cooling equipment, adding that the Town wants to look at prices for each. The Town will bond for the new roof.

Mr. Francisco stated that NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority) is offering a webinar about new rebates, adding that he will research this option. Mr. Boyle stated that the new roof will be a hip design, starting just below the current windows, and will include two fire breaks. Mr. Francisco asked if it will overhang the edge of the building and Mr. Boyle stated that this will be the case, which will eliminate the roof drains. Mr. Dumian stated that the roof must be repaired this year, as the leaks are getting worse, adding that he will contact Town Engineer John Mastronardi to begin drawing up specifications for the bids. Mr. Boyle stated that wholesalers will design the heating and cooling system.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

**RESO 2022-16: RATIFY ACCEPTANCE/RESIGNATION/ARTHUR BOYLE/
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER/EFFECTIVE 01-21-2022**

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies acceptance of the resignation of Arthur Boyle from the position of member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective January 21, 2022.

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Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2022-17: RATIFY APPOINTMENT/WILLIAM BRODSKY/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER/EFFECTIVE 01-22-2022

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies the appointment of William Brodsky to the position of member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective January 22, 2022, to fulfill the unexpired term of Arthur Boyle, which expires on December 31, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2022-18: RATIFY APPOINTMENT/ARTHUR BOYLE/PLANNING BOARD MEMBER/EFFECTIVE 01-22-2022

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies the appointment of Arthur Boyle to the position of member of the Planning Board, effective January 22, 2022, to fulfill the unexpired term of Dawn Shafer, which expires on December 31, 2023.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2022-19: ASSUME MANAGEMENT/CONKLIN CEMETERY

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Conklin, held at Conklin Town Hall, 1271 Conklin Road, Conklin, New York, on the 25th day of January, 2022, the following resolution was offered by Mr. Francisco and seconded by Mr. Farley

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WHEREAS, the Conklin Cemetery Association is the owner of a cemetery located at 254 Carlin Road, Conklin, Tax Map #194.12-1-4, and is responsible for the cemetery's upkeep, including fencing and mowing requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Conklin Cemetery Association is now defunct and said cemetery is abandoned; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Town Law § 291, the Town of Conklin is required to take over the cemetery and assume the management of said cemetery. Management of the cemetery shall include, but not be limited to, establishing rates for services to be provided to the cemetery, reviewing and setting rules and regulations of the cemetery, and overseeing improvements and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Conklin hereby acknowledges the disbanding of the Conklin Cemetery Association and accepts that, by law, the cemetery defaults to the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, it has been determined by the Town Board that the takeover of the aforementioned cemetery does not constitute an action, as defined

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under said regulations; and further

RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary for the takeover and management of said cemetery by the Town of Conklin; and further

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 Town Board of the Town of Conklin at a meeting thereof held at Conklin Town Hall, 1271 Conklin Road, Conklin, New York, on the 25th day of January, 2022. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Supervisor William Dumian, Jr	YES
Councilman Dell Boyle	YES
Councilman William Farley	YES
Councilman Charles Francisco	YES
Councilman James E. Finch	YES

Dated: January 25, 2022
Town of Conklin Seal

Sherrie L. Jacobs, Town Clerk
Town of Conklin

RESO 2022-20: APPROVE 2022 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 2022 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)

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2022-21: APPROVE PAYMENT/CLAIMS #21-01479 – 21-01522/\$58,434.73

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves payment of the following Claims #21-01479 through #21-01522, in the total amount of \$58,434.73, which have been audited and approved for payment:

General	\$ 40,612.43
Highway	5,800.49
Water Districts	6,567.81
Non-Budget Section	<u>5,454.00</u>
Total	\$ 58,434.73

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Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

RESO 2022-22: RATIFY PAYMENT/ CLAIMS #22-00001 – 22-00011/\$211,424.03

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies approval of payment of the following Claims #22-00001 through #22-00011, in the total amount of \$211,424.03, which have been audited and approved for payment.

General	\$ 60,356.48
Highway	33,488.99
Light Districts	164.75
Sewer District	2,976.89
Water Districts	11,763.39
Trust & Agency	29,322.53
Non-Budgeted	<u>73,351.00</u>
Total	<u>\$211,424.03</u>

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2022-23: APPROVE PAYMENT/CLAIMS #22-00012 – #22-00044/\$449,842.47

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves payment of the following Claims #22-00012 through #22-00044, in the total amount of \$449,842.47, which have been audited and approved for payment:

General	\$ 69,236.07
Highway	5,739.23
Water Districts	1,355.62
Sewer Districts	89,261.55
Fire District	<u>284,250.00</u>
Total	<u>\$449,842.47</u>

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2022-24: APPOINT PAUL DEELEY/CHAIRPERSON/PLANNING BOARD

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin appoints Paul Deeley to the position of Chairperson of the Planning Board, effective immediately.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

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SEQR/LOCAL LAW 1, 2022

Attorney Cheryl Sacco led the Board through the SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review) process for the proposed Local Law 1, 2022, with the Town Board answering “No” to all eleven questions, meaning that there is no substantial environmental impact to be seen from passage of this Local Law.

RESO 2022-25: ADOPT LOCAL LAW 1, 2022/A LOCAL LAW REZONING TAX MAP NUMBER 162.03-1-35.1 FROM ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Conklin, held at Conklin Town Hall, 1271 Conklin Road, Conklin, New York, on the 25th day of January, 2022, the following resolution was offered by Mr. Farley and seconded by Mr. Finch:

WHEREAS, the Town Board scheduled a public hearing for January 25, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. for Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2022 entitled “A LOCAL LAW REZONING TAX MAP NUMBER 162.03-1-35.1 FROM THE ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT”; 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, the Local Law was referred to the Town Planning Board and the Planning Board recommended approval of the same; and

WHEREAS, the Broome County Planning Department reviewed the Local Law pursuant to GML § 239-m, and found no county-wide impacts; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on the 25th day of January, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. 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 Unlisted action, as defined under said regulations. The Town Board has considered the possible environmental impacts of the Local Law. 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, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin hereby adopts said Local Law as Law No. 1 of the Year 2022 entitled “A LOCAL LAW REZONING TAX MAP NUMBER 162.03-1-35.1 FROM THE ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY

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RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT”, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and further

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be and hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State; and further

RESOLVED that this resolution will take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

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Councilman Dell Boyle	YES
Councilman William Farley	YES
Councilman Charles Francisco	YES
Councilman James E. Finch	YES

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CONTRACTOR FOR HEATING & COOLING SYSTEM

Mr. Finch stated that he has a name of a contractor to be contacted for the heating and cooling system for the Town Hall.

TOWN YOUTH SPORTS

Mr. Farley stated that the Youth Sports program had 17 Novice wrestlers in a tournament recently, adding that the young athletes are doing a lot of hard work. He reported that February 20 will be the end of the season, adding that the basketball instructional season will also be ending soon.

ICE RINK

Mr. Francisco confirmed that the Conklin Ice Rink was not put up this year because members of the Parks Department were out of work with COVID, and it is now too late in the season to put it up.

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COVID GUIDANCE/SV SCHOOLS

Mr. Dumian stated that the COVID guidance, particularly regarding masks, is changing quickly and urged any parents who have specific questions or concerns contact the Susquehanna Valley School District directly and not discuss it on the Conklin Youth Sports social media page, as the Town Youth Sports Program has no impact on regulations set by the school district.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs
Town Clerk