

WORK SESSION
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CONKLIN CEMETERY

Mr. Francisco gave a brief history of the Conklin Cemetery, stating that the land was donated to the Town, and in the 1800's moved across Route 7 to its current location on what was then the Van Wormer Farm. In 2004, the remainder of the farm was donated to the cemetery. Mr. Francisco stated that the land for 400 plots was surveyed, fenced, and appropriate documents signed, adding that there are 250 to 300 more potential plots that are not yet surveyed. He stated that one requirement of the donation was that a Memorial Garden be established and maintained. Mr. Francisco stated that he has sold 35 to 40 graves in the new section, with six more recent inquiries. He stated that in 2013, the former Conklin Cemetery Association set the cost of a single grave at \$800, which he stated is \$400 to \$600 less than any other local cemetery. A benefit of the new section is that it does not flood.

Besides the cost of purchasing the grave, the family also pays the costs of opening and closing the grave, which would be \$300 on weekdays and \$350 on weekends for personnel to be present to repair the ground after burial, etc., which could take four to five hours. This cost would be for a full burial. For a cremation interment, the cost would be \$150 on a weekend or \$100 on a weekday. Mr. Francisco stated that two cremations are allowed above a full burial (vault) or a grave can hold two cremains. He stated that New York State charges \$5 per grave for a vandalism fee, adding that currently \$35 is owed to the State from burials done during the transition period between Conklin Cemetery Association and the Town having oversight of the cemetery. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town will pay the State the \$35 owed. The Cemetery Association also had an insurance policy/hold harmless policy through Smith Brothers Insurance.

Mr. Francisco presented a list of the rules and restrictions for the cemetery, including decorations and required size of headstones. He stated that an additional expense for the family is the \$600 to \$650 for grave digger Rick Keiser to open and close the grave. It was suggested that perhaps Storti Construction could be a backup option if Mr. Keiser is not available. Mr. Dumian asked if Mr. Keiser would allow the family to pay him directly for his services and Mr. Francisco stated that this is how it is handled at Shawsville Cemetery (also overseen by the Town).

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restoration fee. He stated that no burials were allowed on Sunday. Mr. Francisco stated that he will bring a chart of fees and regulations to the March 22 Board meeting. Mr. Brodsky stated that the Town should make the rates and regulations at Shawsville Cemetery match those at Conklin Cemetery.

REPORT: PARKS/WATER/SEWER

Mr. Platt stated that he is working on a date for electronic recycling for Town residents. He stated that both zero-turn mowers have been delivered, with delivery of the large mower due in May. Mr. Platt reported that Colin Casey in his department passed his CDL test and Cody Smith is registered for his Water Certification Class in April.

REPORT: SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

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

OLD BUSINESS:

CONKLIN/KIRKWOOD WATERLINE EXPANSION

As noted in the discussion during the Work Session, this is a much needed project. Mr. Finch asked how long the pipe is that will run under the Susquehanna River, and Mr. Dumian replied that it is 330 feet long. He added that the Town needs an estimate of labor costs. Mr. Mastronardi is working on the bid specifications.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESO 2022-40: INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 2, 2022

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a local law entitled "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE COLD WAR VETERANS TAX EXEMPTION TO REMOVE THE 10 YEAR TERM LIMITATION" was introduced at this meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to hold a public hearing with respect to the adoption of said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Conklin with respect to the adoption of the aforesaid Local Law on March 22, 2022, at 6:30 P.M.; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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 on March 8, 2022. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

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510 I Estimated Revenues:

A-99-0599-0	App Fund Balance	\$9,621.00 – Mower	
SW-99-0599-0	App Fund Balance	\$3,000.00 – To Correct Beginning Fund Balance	
SW-05-2140-0	Metered Sales	<u>(\$3,000.00)</u> – To Correct Beginning Budgeted	
		\$9,621.00	Revenue

960 Appropriations:

A08810-2-201	Cemeteries – Equipment – Carlin Road	<u>\$9,621.00</u> – Mower
		\$9,621.00

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2022-45: APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS #22-00152 - #22-00203/\$50,764.36

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 #22-00152 through #22-00203, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of \$50,764.36:

General	\$ 29,270.04
Highway	9,857.90
Light Districts	1,386.99
Water Districts	4,687.62
Sewer Districts	3,663.81
Non-Budgeted	<u>1,898.00</u>
Total	\$ 50,764.36

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

BUILDING CODE LAWS REGARDING FLOOD PLAINS

Town Attorney Cheryl Sacco stated that she will contact Mr. Mastronardi and bring information regarding Building Code Laws in flood plains to the March 22 meeting.

LORETTA TREVARTHAN MEMORIAL STONE

Mr. Finch stated that he will be picking up the memorial stone for Loretta (Lettie) Trevarthan this week. The stone will be placed in the big lighted field and dedicated on Opening Day of Softball/Baseball.

FENCE LAWS

Mr. Boyle stated that the Town Board should look at laws regarding placement of fences on private property, such as where the fence can be placed and which side should face the neighbor. Code Officer Nick Pappas stated that fences can go right on the property line, and the “good” or

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“nice” side of the fence faces the street or the neighbor’s property. Installing a fence does not require a building permit, so there is no real way to be aware a fence is being installed until it is already completed. Mr. Dumian stated that he will discuss this issue with Mr. Boyle at a later time.

CONKLIN YOUTH SPORTS

Mr. Farley reported that baseball and softball signups are happening, adding that the wrestling season ended with a banquet on March 7. He stated that the Youth Sports Commission decided not to go with Williamsport Rules for baseball for 2022. Mr. Dumian added that the important thing is that “every kid gets to play.”

TOWN ACTIVITIES

Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs reported that the bands for the 2022 Concert in the Park series are all booked and that the Town Easter Children’s Party, scheduled for April 9, is “coming together,” with many organizations in the Town working together to create this fun event.

Ms. Jacobs asked if the pool rates will change for the 2022 season and Mr. Dumian stated that he will need to talk to Mr. Platt about that question. She asked if the new pavilion in Sullivan Park will be ready for rentals this summer and Mr. Dumian stated that this is not currently the plan.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Farley moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Francisco. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs
Town Clerk