

WORK SESSION
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is required to request three different quotes. Mr. Farley asked if the price includes labor, and Mr. Dumian stated that it does. Mr. Dumian added that the Town has already spent \$15,000 to \$18,000 on repairs to the roof. Chris Ostrowsky, a local builder, asked if the Town had considered a silicone coating, and Mr. Dumian stated that it was considered but not really feasible. Mr. Ostrowsky stated that he will get some more information about this process.

Mr. Dumian stated that the Board will make a decision at the January 10, 2023 meeting. Mr. Francisco stated that “we have to do something.” The repairs could begin in the spring, as soon as the weather breaks. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town should “do it right so we don’t have to do it over.”

MORE DISCUSSION ON EQUIPMENT TRAILER

Mr. Kilmer stated that he found a new equipment trailer at J & J Trailers in Waymart, Pennsylvania, for approximately \$10,060, adding that the Town could sell the landscape trailer to help pay for the new one. Mr. Boyle asked if Mr. Kilmer had contacted PJ Trailers near Greene, adding that the company builds trailers to specification on site. It was noted that trailers weighing over a certain amount require the driver to have a CDL.

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The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:30 P.M. on December 13, 2022, at the Conklin Town Hall. Mr. Dumian, Supervisor, presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:	Town Board Members	Finch, Boyle, Farley, Francisco, Dumian
	Town Counsel	Cheryl Insinga
	Town Clerk	Sherrie L. Jacobs
	Highway Superintendent	Brian Coddington
	Water/Sewer/Parks Team Leader	David Kilmer
	Code Officer	Nick Pappas
	Planning Board	Chris Ostrowsky
	Planning Board	Sandra Beam
	Zoning Board of Appeals	William Brodsky

GUESTS:	Country Courier	Elizabeth Einstein
		Laurie Francisco
		Wesley White
		Ashley Hinds-White
		Mark Eckea

MINUTES: NOVEMBER 7, 2022 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Mr. Francisco moved to approve the November 7, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

POTENTIAL RE-ZONING/PROPERTY ON CONKLIN FORKS ROAD

Chris Ostrowsky, owner of a parcel on the corner of Conklin Forks Road and Conklin Road, requested that the Board consider rezoning the parcel from R15 (Residential) to Neighborhood Commercial, adding that he has a potential sale of the property if the new owners could put a storage facility on the property. He added that fencing and trees would be added as a barrier to the neighboring Residential area and that lighting would be minimal. Mr. Dumian stated that Mr. Ostrowsky requested a similar rezoning for this same parcel several years ago and it was denied because it is considered spot zoning, which is a violation of Town Code. Mr. Finch asked the size of the parcel and Mr. Ostrowsky replied that it is almost four acres.

RESO 2022-167: EXECUTIVE SESSION/LEGAL ADVICE

Mr. Dumian moved to close the Regular Town Board Meeting and move into Executive Session at 6:40 P.M. to ask for legal advice from the Town Attorney, Cheryl Insinga.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

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RESO 2022-168: RE-OPEN REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Mr. Francisco moved to close the Executive Session and re-open the Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:48 P.M.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

Mr. Dumian stated that Mr. Ostrowsky's request is spot zoning, with Mr. Finch adding that spot zoning is not legal in Conklin. Mr. Boyle stated that "there is already a lot of spot zoning in Town, so why not allow this one?" Mr. Dumian countered by asking, "But what zoning laws were in place when this spot zoning occurred?" Ms. Insinga stated, "The Board said 'No' to rezoning this same parcel before." Mr. Ostrowsky asked if the law regarding spot zoning was a Town law or a New York State law and Ms. Insinga stated that it is a Town law. Mr. Dumian stated that to change that law, the entire Town would need to be considered. Mr. Ostrowsky stated that he could be granted a variance. Mr. Dumian stated that he would have to meet the criteria. Mr. Ostrowsky stated, "The Board doesn't want to stifle growth." "We haven't," countered Mr. Dumian. Mr. Farley stated that the Town is "locked-in" with the spot zoning regulation. Mr. Francisco stated that it is the same situation as other parcels on Conklin Road whose owners have requested a rezoning – it doesn't meet re-zoning requirements. The Board refused Mr. Ostrowsky's request to rezone his parcel.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Dumian stated that he has received many complaints about habitual offenders of the Town Code and people with aggressive dogs. He stated that in the dangerous dog case on Stillwater Road, the dogs were removed before they could be seized by the Dog Control Officer. Mr. Dumian stated that the car on the same site that was blocking plowing on the road has been removed. Mr. Dumian stated that the other complaints he has received involve truck traffic and the use of jake brakes.

REPORT: CODE OFFICER

Code Officer Nick Pappas stated that the Broome County Land Bank is interested in helping to demolish a damaged, vacant house on Millburn Drive. He stated that the house is registered as a vacant house, adding that the neighbors would be interested in buying the property if the building was demolished, although it could only be green space, as no one would be allowed to build on the parcel in the future. The Town could work with the Land Bank and donate \$1,500 toward the demolition. Most of the Board was in favor of this. Mr. Dumian stated that for him, it is a "safety issue."

RESO 2022-169: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO LAND BANK/DEMOLITION OF BUILDING ON MILLBURN DRIVE

Mr. Dumian moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes payment of \$1,500 to the Broome County Land Bank for, and contingent upon, the demolition of a property on Millburn Drive, as it is in the best interest of the residents of the Town.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

VOTE: Finch – Yes, Boyle – No, Farley – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Dumian – Yes. Motion carried: 4 – Yes, 1 – No.

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Mr. Pappas stated that he is working on the apartment building next to Schnurbusch Park, adding that it has been boarded up and the stairs removed. He added that it is owned by SEFCU, which is giving it to Broome County.

Mr. Pappas stated that the illegal trailer on Ketchum Road will be removed today or tomorrow, as Highway Superintendent Brian Coddington spoke to the owner. He stated that there are two Court cases coming up soon, adding that the owner of 1 Whiting Way has cleaned up most of the debris at that site, and must be finished by December 16.

Mr. Dumian thanked Dog Control Officer Rick Murray for his ongoing work dealing with aggressive dogs.

REPORT: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent Brian Coddington provided the Board with a list of surplus equipment to sell. He stated that he wants to purchase a new truck in place of the Kenworth, as the new truck will not require a CDL for the driver. The cost of the new truck would be approximately \$149,000. Some of the vehicles on the list were in the fire at the Highway Garage. Mr. Coddington noted that Cody Smith from the Parks/Water/Sewer Department now has his CDL and would be able to help the Highway Department in a snow emergency. Mr. Dumian reiterated his expectations that everyone helps each other depending upon the situation, so Parks employees might plow snow and Highway employees might help with a water main break, etc.

RESO 2022-170: DECLARE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT/HIGHWAY

Mr. Dumian moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin declares the following equipment as surplus:

2002 Volvo	Dump Truck	VIN 4V5K39GF02N334193	Value \$ 5,000
2010 Volvo	Dump Truck	VIN 4V5K39EG3AN288014	Value \$ 5,000
2010 Volvo	Dump Truck	VIN 4V5K39EGXAN292626	Value \$ 30,000
2008 John Deere	Tractor	VIN L06330H588536	Value \$ 60,000
	Tractor with Mower		
2009 Wacker	Roller	VIN 0620396	Value \$ 5,000
	3 Ton Ride on Roller		

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

Mr. Coddington stated that commercial vehicles are not allowed to bring dump trucks and dump trailers into the Highway Garage lot to dump brush, unless they are hired by a Town resident. He stated that commercial vendors are sneaking in to dump their brush and wants to put up signage to help deter this practice. Mr. Boyle stated that they should be re-directed to Boland's Excavating and Topsoil.

Mr. Coddington stated that he found a used paver for sale for a cost of approximately \$180,000. This piece of equipment would cost approximately \$525,000 new. He stated that the Town would see "big savings" within five years if it purchases the paver. Mr. Coddington stated that a CDL is required to drive the paver, but added that his workers could train with the Town of Binghamton. Mr. Dumian stated that the Board will discuss this at the January 10, 2023 meeting.

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Mr. Coddington asked again about the non-CDL truck he wants to purchase for the streets in the developments, asking if the Town would bond for the \$149,000 cost. Mr. Dumian stated that it would make a total of six big trucks, adding that the Board will discuss it further.

REPORT: PARKS/WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

Parks/Water/Sewer Team Leader David Kilmer stated that he is still trying to get a price on new generators, adding that Sourcewell declined to offer a bid, but Ominia is still working on a bid.

Mr. Kilmer stated that he has been looking at meters but needs more information. He explained that in the past, water usage has been estimated, but as the meters become less accurate over time, the estimations are incorrect and often undercharge the user. Mr. Kilmer stated that billing is being adjusted and the department will not be doing estimations moving forward. It was suggested that the Town give a credit on the user's water account rather than just forgive underpaid water bills. The Town will check with its legal department on the viability of this approach. Mr. Kilmer stated that most of the inaccurately billed accounts are also on the sewer system, which does not allow for credits to be applied. Mr. Kilmer stated that the large buildings in the Broome Corporate Park present a big loss in water revenue because the meters are old and inaccurate.

REPORT: SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

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

OLD BUSINESS:

ARPA MONEY EXPENDITURES

Mr. Dumian reiterated that ARPA money will go towards generators and improvements to the water and sewer system.

ASSESSOR CLERK/SUPERVISOR'S ASSISTANT POSITION

Mr. Dumian stated that Jennifer Griffis has been hired to the position of Assessor Clerk/Supervisor's Assistant.

NEW BUSINESS:

**RESO 2022-171: RATIFY HIRING/JENNIFER GRIFFIS/ASSESSOR CLERK-
SUPERVISOR'S ASSISTANT**

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies the hiring of Jennifer Griffis to the position of Assessor Clerk/Supervisor's Assistant effective December 13, 2022, at a pay rate of \$18.00 per hour.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2022-172: RATIFY CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT/CODY SMITH

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

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Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies approval of a cell phone reimbursement for Cody Smith, retroactive for November and December 2022, at a rate of \$50 per month.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2022-173: RATIFY ACH PAYMENT/PITNEY BOWES/POSTAGE

Mr. Boyle moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies and ACH payment in the amount of \$500.00 to Pitney Bowes for postage meter refill.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2022-174: RATIFY PAYMENT/CLAIMS #22-01078 - #22-01115/\$22,083.48

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment of the following Claims #22-01078 through #22-01115, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of \$22,083.48:

General	\$ 17,382.21
Highway	3,930.56
Water District	<u>770.71</u>
Total	\$ 22,083.48

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

RESO 2022-175: RATIFY PAYMENT/CLAIMS #22-01124 – #22-01195/\$347,995.91

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment of the following Claims #22-01124 through #22-01195, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of \$347,995.91:

General	\$ 127,520.02
Highway	204,009.33
Light Districts	1,434.33
Sewer District #1	1,404.35
Water District	<u>13,627.88</u>
Total	\$ 347,995.91

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

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RESO 2022-176: RATIFY TRANSFER OF FUND BALANCE/USE SULLIVAN PARK RESTRICTED ASSET

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies the transfer of Fund Balance, effective December 13, 2022, to use the Sullivan Park Restricted Asset (see attached).

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

VOTE: Finch – Yes, Boyle – Abstain, Farley – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Dumian – Yes. Motion carried: 4 – Yes, 1 – Abstain.

RESO 2022-177: RATIFY MODIFICATION TO 2022 BUDGET/USE RESTRICTED CASH/SULLIVAN PARK EXPENSES

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies modification to the 2022 Budget to use Restricted Cash for Sullivan Park expenses (see attached).

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

VOTE: Finch – Yes, Boyle – Abstain, Farley – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Dumian – Yes. Motion carried: 4 – Yes, 1 – Abstain.

RESO 2022-178: RAITFY TRANSFER OF FUND BALANCE/USE ARPA FUNDS

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies the transfer of Fund Balance, effective December 13, 2022, to use ARPA Funds (see attached).

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2022-179: RATIFY MODIFICATION TO 2022 BUDGET/USE ARPA FUNDS FOR PARK EXCAVATOR EXPENSE

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies modification to the 2022 Budget, effective December 13, 2022, to use ARPA Funds for Park Excavator Expense (see attached).

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2022-180: RE-APPOINT PAUL DEELEY/TOWN PLANNING BOARD/5-YEAR TERM

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

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Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin re-appoints Paul Deeley to the position of member of the Town Planning Board for a five-year term running from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2027.

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

RESO 2022-181: APPROVE GRIFFITHS ENGINEERING AS TOWN ENGINEERING FIRM FOR 2023

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves Griffiths Engineering as the Town Engineering Firm for the year 2023.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2022-182: APPROVE COUGHLIN & GERHART, LLP/TOWN LEGAL COUNSEL/2023

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP, as the Town Legal Counsel for the year 2023.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2022-183: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR/MAINTAIN ACCOUNTS AT NBT BANK & PEOPLES SECURITY BANK & TRUST/2023

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes the Supervisor to maintain a consolidated checking account at NBT Bank, as well as a consolidated checking and consolidated savings account at Peoples Security Bank and Trust for 2023.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2022-184: AUTHORIZE TERESA BAMBER & MARY PLONSKI/TRANSFER FUNDS ONLINE WITH SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes Teresa Bamber and Mary Plonski to transfer funds online, as needed, with the signed approval of the Supervisor, for 2023.

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Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2022-185: SET BI-WEEKLY PAY PERIODS/SATURDAY THROUGH FRIDAY/2023

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin sets bi-weekly pay periods to run concurrently from Saturday through Friday in 2023, with pay stub and Direct Deposit to be distributed the following Wednesday after the end of the pay cycle.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2022-186: DESIGNATE COUNTRY COURIER/OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER/PRESS & SUN BULLETIN AS ADDITIONAL NEWSPAPER/2023

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin designates the **Country Courier** as the Official Newspaper of the Town and the **Press & Sun Bulletin** as additional newspaper for 2023, when determined necessary by the Town Board.

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

RESO 2022-187: AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO USE HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT IN SPECIAL DISTRICTS IN 2023

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes the Highway Superintendent to use Highway equipment in 2023 for the Water Districts, Sewer Districts, Fire Protection District, Soil Conservation District, and the Town Parks.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2022-188: AUTHORIZE TOWN BOARD MEETINGS TO BE HELD 2ND & 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes Town Board meetings to be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 P.M. and Work Sessions to be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall in 2023.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

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RESO 2022-189: APPROVE PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CENTER DEPOSIT
REFUNDS/2023

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves payments for Community Center deposit refunds upon proper inspection for 2023, with post-rental inspections being performed by David Kilmer, Colin Casey, Cody Smith, and Sean Coddington, account code 688.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2022-190: DESIGNATE TERESA BAMBER/2023 HEALTH CARE POOL PLAN
ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin designates Teresa Bamber as the 2023 Health Care Pool Plan Administrator, and approves payments via ACH to recipients for eligible expenses.

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

RESO 2022-191: AUTHORIZE MONTHLY CELL PHONE
REIMBURSEMENT/VARIOUS TOWN EMPLOYEES & OFFICIALS

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes a monthly cell phone reimbursement to be paid monthly via ACH to William Dumian, Jr., Charles Francisco, Dawn Shafer, Daniele Vick, David Kilmer, Colin Casey, Cody Smith, Teresa Bamber, Mary Plonski, Jeff Hayes, and Elmer Murray in the amount of \$50.00 per month for 2023.

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

RESO 2022-192: AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT/SEASONAL LIMITED USE
HIGHWAYS

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes the advertisement of “Seasonal Limited Use Highways” for the entire length of Alta Road, the entire length of Lawrence Boulevard, and River Boulevard in the **Country Courier**.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

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RESO 2022-193: APPROVE 2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the following Holiday Schedule for 2023:

Monday, January 2, 2023	New Year's Day
Monday, January 16, 2023	Martin Luther King Day
Monday, February 20, 2023	Presidents' Day
Friday, April 7, 2023	Good Friday
Monday, May 29, 2023	Memorial Day
Tuesday, July 4, 2023	Independence Day
Monday, September 4, 2023	Labor Day
Friday, November 10, 2023	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 23, 2023	Thanksgiving
Friday, November 24, 2023	Day after Thanksgiving
Monday, December 25, 2023	Christmas

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

CHRISTMAS GREETING IN COUNTRY COURIER

Elizabeth Einstein asked permission to run the annual Christmas greeting from Town officials and employees in the **Country Courier**. The Board approved this request.

FLAGS STORED FOR WINTER

Mr. Finch asked if the American flags along Route 7 are being taken down to be stored for winter and Mr. Kilmer stated that this is being done.

BEAVER POND/OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY

In speaking of a specific area thought to be owned by Broome County, Mr. Boyle stated that the County does not own this land. It is privately owned and the pond, and the beavers damming the pond and causing flooding, are the landowner's responsibility.

YOUTH SPORTS

Mr. Farley stated that Town basketball is going well. He stated that the Susquehanna Valley wrestling tournament was held and the Town Sabers Tournament will be held on January 14, 2023.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs thanked the Town Board and the Town Parks Department for all of the support for the Children's Christmas Party which was held on December 10.

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YEAR-END THOUGHTS

Mr. Dumian stated that the Town basketball program, which he helps coach, is very strong, adding that the “kids love the Bulldog Stadium.” He added that the entire Youth Sports program is very strong.

Mr. Dumian stated that 2022 has been a good year, and the Town has good sales tax revenue. He stated that the Town looks strong for 2023.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Francisco moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Farley. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs
Town Clerk