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again, as the resident has been to Court multiple times, and has been fined an extensive amount, and it has not changed his behavior. “It’s not right,” stated Mr. Dumian. Code Officer Nick Pappas stated that he cannot go on private property without a search warrant, and he cannot condemn the building without being able to inspect it. Mr. Dumian stated that he will call the Broome County Health Department to see if the Town can get the structure condemned. Mr. Palmer stated that the property owner is “eight years behind in his taxes” and wondered why the County hasn’t taken the property. Mr. Dumian stated that this property owner is “very evasive,” and has been a “no show” for Court appearances. He stated that he will work on getting the property condemned and will try to get the vehicle towed. The residents submitted a formal complaint form to the Town.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

REPORT: CODE OFFICER

Mr. Pappas stated that he is working on completing fire inspections, adding that 19 businesses have annual inspections, and 32 have to be inspected every three years. He stated that he will take pictures of non-functioning water meters in the businesses that he inspects.

REPORT: PARKS/WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

Mr. Dumian stated that he has begun discussion of starting the water line between the Towns of Conklin and Kirkwood but it could not be started until late 2024. He also stated that Parks/Water/Sewer Team Leader David Kilmer has obtained prices on an equipment trailer and three generators for the sewer stations.

Mr. Kilmer stated that his crew has been fixing picnic tables at Schnurbusch Park and “housecleaning” supplies in the storage areas around Town.

REPORT: SUPERVISOR’S OFFICE

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

OLD BUSINESS:

TOWN HALL REPAIRS

Mr. Dumian stated that he spoke with Ominia regarding adding “add alternates” to the bid specifications for the HVAC system. Options include: 1) putting the air handling equipment on the roof in racks, which would involve all new equipment; 2) slim units and heat pumps, which Mr. Dumian stated is too expensive and so is “off the table;” and 3) a hybrid system.

Mr. Dumian stated that Town Engineer John Mastronardi is writing the bid specifications for repair of the roof. He stated that there is a local company that works with Broome County that uses a two-part process which includes fixing the seams. Mr. Dumian stated that there will be “no peaked roof on either part of the Town Hall,” adding that Mr. Mastronardi is “not sure the walls will support the weight of a pitched roof,” and the project is too expensive.

EQUIPMENT TRAILER

Mr. Dumian stated that Mr. Kilmer contacted 44 different equipment dealers, with the choice coming back to the very first one he had found.

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TOWN-WIDE INSURANCE

Mr. Dumian stated that he is working on options for Town-Wide insurance and hopes to have a quote by late March.

GENERATORS

Mr. Dumian stated that the Town is saving between \$80,000 and \$100,000 per generator by installing the generators in house. CAT will set and level the generators when they deliver them. Mr. Kilmer stated that the tanks do not have to be removed but can be cleaned and filled with sand. Mr. Dumian thanked Mr. Kilmer for managing this project and saving the Town so much money. He stated that the generators will be purchased using ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds, of which \$180,000 will remain after the purchase of the three generators.

CONCRETE PIERS AT SHAWSVILLE CEMETERY

Mr. Kilmer researched using concrete piers for the fencing at Shawsville Cemetery, adding that the cost would be \$8,265, including black coated chain fencing. He stated that the piers, which weigh 750 pounds apiece, and the coated chain fence will last the longest. The company will deliver the piers.

PROPERTY TAX BREAK FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Mr. Dumian stated that he needs time to give this some more thought, having learned that a volunteer firefighters get a \$200 tax credit currently, but could lose that if they opt in for the proposed property tax break. They would have to choose one or the other. The Town, the County, and the SV School District can all decide to opt in to the program or not, either all, none, or any one of the entities.

UNIFORM CODE

Mr. Dumian wants to see a comparison between the current Uniform Code and the new version before offering an opinion.

COURT CLERK

Mr. Dumian stated that he spoke with Justice Dawn Shafer and there are multiple options for filling the Court Clerk position, which he will discuss later.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESO 2023-17: APPROVE 2023 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 2023 Annual Park Permits for the following Mobile Home Parks located in the Town of Conklin:

Blue Ridge Park, LLC	(Blue Ridge Mobile Home Park)
Pride Park Holdings, LLC	(Pride Manor Mobile Home Park)

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

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Mr. Dumian asked about increasing the price for the annual Park Permits, and Town Attorney Cheryl Insinga explained that the cost is meant to recoup administrative costs, not to make a profit. The price for the park permit is set by resolution of the Town Board.

RESO 2023-18: APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS #22-01274 - #22-01300/\$35,049.52

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 #22-01274 through #22-01300, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of \$35,049.52:

General	\$ 15,343.88
Highway	10,001.29
Sewer District	332.00
Water District	2,594.41
Water District #6	5,299.94
Non-Budgeted	<u>1,478.00</u>
Total	\$ 35,049.52

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2023-19: APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS #23-00019 - #23-00061/\$356,010.53

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves payment of the following Claims #23-00019 through #23-00061, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of \$356,010.53:

General	\$ 126,110.22
Highway	46,237.90
Fire Protection District	123.50
Sewer District #1	95,118.78
Water District	22,494.07
Water District #6	2,118.06
Non-Budgeted	<u>63,808.00</u>
Total	\$ 356,010.53

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2023-20: ACCEPT RETIREMENT/MICHAEL MOTT/HIGHWAY LABORER

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin accepts the retirement of Michael Mott from the position of Highway Laborer, effective January 28, 2023.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

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RESO 2023-21: AUTHORIZE PURCHASE/2023 CROSS COUNTRY TRAILER

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes the purchase of a 2023 Cross Country 16K 20-foot Deckover Trailer from J & J Trailer and Auto for a purchase price not to exceed \$10,090.00, with funding for the purchase coming from ARPA funds.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2023-22: AUTHORIZE PURCHASE/THREE GENERATORS/MILTON CAT

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes the purchase of one Caterpillar Model 125GC Diesel Generator at a cost of \$46,615.00, and of two Caterpillar 125GC Diesel Generators with ATS Switch at a cost of \$52,131.00 each, totaling \$104,262.00 for the two generators with switch, from Milton CAT for a total amount not to exceed \$150,877.00, pursuant to Sourcewell Contract #120617-CAT, with funding for the purchase coming from ARPA funds.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

TOWN-WIDE INSURANCE

William Brodsky asked if, in regard to the Town-Wide insurance, there is any insurance advantage for including fire prevention measures at the Highway Garage. Mr. Dumian stated that there is no insurance advantage as most of the fire prevention measures are required.

USE OF TOWN TRUCK/KILMER

Mr. Finch thanked Mr. Kilmer for all of his hard work on behalf of the Town and, noting that Mr. Kilmer is on call 24/7 for the Town water system, suggested allowing him to utilize the Town Parks truck to drive to and from his home. He noted that it would take less time for Mr. Kilmer to travel to a site if there is a water problem if he travels from his home to the site, rather than drive to the Town Hall and get a Town truck and drive to the site. The Board was all in favor of allowing Mr. Kilmer to take the Town truck home.

YOUTH SPORTS

Mr. Farley reported that the PeeWee Wrestling Tournament went well, adding that the wrestling program is having a good season.

CELL PHONE TOWER

Mr. Dumian stated that he put the attorney for the Cell Phone Tower applicant in direct contact with Dick Comi and the company reviewing the application for the Town.

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RESO 2023-23: EXECUTIVE SESSION/LEGAL ADVICE & PERSONNEL ISSUE

Mr. Finch moved to close the Regular Town Board Meeting and move into Executive Session at 7:39 P.M. to discuss a particular personnel issue and for legal advice.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2023-24: RE-OPEN REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Mr. Finch moved to close the Executive Session and re-open the Regular Town Board Meeting at 8:21 P.M.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs
Town Clerk