

WORK SESSION
MARCH 14, 2023

Town of Conklin might be able to borrow, but questioned whether or not Broome Bituminous would be willing to mill the lots if they were not also doing the blacktop work. He added that an easement will be needed for the building near the Community Center currently owned by Justin Marchuska.

CASTLE

Mr. Francisco asked if there are any plans to address the issues with the Castle part of the Town Hall, specifically the roof. Mr. Kilmer stated that most of the leaks in the roof have been stopped. Mr. Dumian stated that he “would love to see the Castle restored.” He stated that he will have KB Services look at the roof and give the Board an estimate of cost to repair it. Mr. Dumian stated that he has been advised to look for historical grants for the renovation of the Castle, but have found historical grant writers to not be optimistic of the Town’s probability of receiving grants. It was noted that the walls, damaged by water from the leaky roof, also need to be repaired.

UPDATES

Mr. Dumian stated that he has seen evidence that the County may be doing a speed study on Murphy Road near the intersection with Ketchum Road, which hopefully means the County will work to improve the sight line and conditions at that intersection.

Mr. Dumian stated that the Town needs to do the bore test to see if it is possible to run a water line under the Susquehanna River to tie into the Town of Kirkwood water system, as an additional water supply in case of emergency. He stated that this test will cost approximately \$12,000.

Mr. Boyle stated that the Upstate Association of Towns is planning a trip to Albany.

Mr. Dumian stated that the server will be moved to a different room, rather than its current location under the air handling equipment on the roof.

LAWSUIT/116 STILLWATER ROAD

Mr. Dumian stated that he received updates from the Code Department and the Town’s legal counsel regarding the lawsuit against the property owner of 116 Stillwater Road. He stated that the paperwork was submitted for the State Supreme Court action last week, adding that a date for the hearing will be set soon. If the property owner does not comply with the order and address the issues on the property, the Town will have the right to inspect it and board it up, if necessary. Mr. Dumian explained that the Dog Control Officer must get a new seizure order for the dogs on the property each time there is an incident, as every time he has gone to seize the dogs they have been temporarily removed.

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Dumian suggested adding a minimum charge. Town Attorney Mark Spinner will research the Town's options for handling this problem.

Mr. Kilmer stated that the paperwork has been filed with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, adding that Ms. Bamber was also a "huge help" with that project. He stated that his crew has started painting Pavilion 1 at Schnurbusch Park, and started preparing for baseball and softball season. Mr. Dumian stated that the new pavilion near the Community Center needs to be stained and the pavilion at Conklin Forks Park needs work.

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 the Town is waiting for a contract from Poster and Jaeckel for the updates to the boiler system.

MUNICIPAL CLEAN-UP DAYS

Mr. Dumian stated that he will get more information about the Municipal Clean-up Days and the Board will discuss it at the March 28 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

**RESO 2023-44: INTRODUCE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 2, 2023/
"FIREFIGHTERS EXEMPTION"/SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a local law entitled "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 119 OF THE TOWN CODE ENACTING A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 466-a OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW" 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, as amended,

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 28, 2023 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. Farley.

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 14, 2023. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Dated: March 14, 2023

Town of Conklin Seal

Sherrie L. Jacobs, Town Clerk

RESO 2023-45: APPROVE PAYMENT/CLAIMS #23-00183 - #23-00238/\$50,206.67

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 #23-00183 through #23-00238, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of \$50,206.67:

General	\$ 11,064.19
Highway	6,952.14
Sewer District #1	33.99
Water District	28,110.35
Non-Budgeted	<u>4,046.00</u>
Total	\$ 50,206.67

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

**RESO 2023-46: APPROVE MONTHLY CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT/
SEAN CODDINGTON**

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves a monthly cell phone reimbursement in the amount of \$50.00 per month to Sean Coddington, effective March 1, 2023.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

**RESO 2023-47: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR/SIGN TRANE PROPOSAL/UPGRADES
TO TOWN HALL HVAC SYSTEM**

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

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Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes the Supervisor to sign Trane Proposal #7166093 for upgrades to the Town Hall HVAC system for a cost not to exceed \$225,695.00, using cooperative bidding with Broome County or New York State.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

MILLINGS FOR CONKLIN CEMETERY ROADS

Mr. Boyle stated that he contracted the Town of Kirkwood and they would be willing to sell the Town of Conklin millings to use for improving the muddy roadways in the Conklin Cemetery, if necessary. Mr. Boyle estimated the Town would need four loads of millings.

YOUTH SPORTS

Mr. Farley stated that Girls Softball evaluations are completed, with the Boys Baseball evaluations to be held later this week or early next week. He stated that there were 70 wrestlers in the program this year, adding that 10 wrestlers will go on to the New York State Tournament in Syracuse on March 24 and 25.

OPENING DAY CEREMONY

Mr. Francisco asked if the Town is returning to hosting an Opening Day ceremony for baseball and softball. Mr. Dumian stated that he would like to see that happen, with a parade around the park, and perhaps a DJ. He stated the Town would need to check with the Youth Boosters to see if they are doing a fundraiser with food before planning to serve hamburgers and hot dogs as the Town has done in the past.

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Mr. Francisco asked if the Town would consider expanding the playground equipment in Schnurbusch Park, perhaps adding some new pieces. Mr. Dumian asked Mr. Francisco to research options, with the intent of possibly adding it to the Budget for 2024. Mr. Farley stated that he would talk to the youth sports participants to see what their wishes might be. Mr. Dumian stated that he has requested plans from Youth Commissioner Justin Parker for batting cages.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs stated that all of the acts for the 2023 Concerts in the Park series have been booked and the program is typed and ready to give to the printer. The first concert will be June 14, 2023.

RESO 2023-48: EXECUTIVE SESSION/SPECIFIC PERSONNEL ISSUE

Mr. Dumian moved to close the Regular Town Board Meeting and move into Executive Session at 7:09 P.M. to discuss a specific personnel issue.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

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RESO 2023-49: RE-OPEN REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Mr. Finch moved to close the Executive Session and re-open the Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:31 P.M.

Seconded by Mr. Dumian.

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

There was a discussion regarding personnel matters, but the Board took no action at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Francisco moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Boyle. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs
Town Clerk