

WORK SESSION

MAY 9, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Work Session at 6:00 P.M. on May 9, 2023, at the Conklin Town Hall. Mr. Dumian, Supervisor, presided.

PRESENT:	Town Board Members	Finch, Boyle, Francisco, Dumian Farley – Absent
	Town Counsel	Mark Spinner
	Town Clerk	Sherrie L. Jacobs
	Parks/Water/Sewer Team Leader	David Kilmer

GUESTS:	Laurie Francisco John Colley
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BATTING CAGES/SCHNURBUSCH PARK

Mr. Dumian stated that the Youth Commissioner told him one of the coaches can get a local company to donate the poles, so the Town would only have to purchase the netting, which would cost between \$5,000 and \$6,000 for both batting cages. Another possibility would be to build the cages from 6-inch by 6-inch lumber. Mr. Boyle asked how much use the batting cages would get and Mr. Dumian stated that they will “get a lot of use.” He also like Parks/Water/Sewer Team Leader David Kilmer’s idea of using the blacktop at the wall ball court. Mr. Dumian stated that a plan is needed by the end of July.

COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT

Mr. Dumian stated that the bid for the Community Center parking lot, which was bid at \$30,000, was underbid by Broome Bituminous by \$20,000, with the company underestimating the amount of blacktop needed by 200 tons. The bid, which was for 3 and ½ inches of blacktop and no top coat, was submitted by Broome Bituminous and two people at that company missed the mathematical error and signed off on the bid. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town will not pay the extra \$20,000. Broome Bituminous suggested that they could put down 3 inches of blacktop, adding that the Town “shouldn’t have problems” without a top coat. Mr. Dumian told them the Town would pay an extra \$10,000, as an emergency expenditure, and they would put down 3 and ½ inches of blacktop as promised. Mr. Dumian stated that the parking lot has been completed, with 3 and ½ inches of blacktop, and it “looks great.”

Mr. Dumian stated that he was approached to allow a car show on the Community Center parking lot but declined to approve that event.

George Frailey from the Conklin Fair Committee will be installing an electrical service in a trench on the Community Center grounds, with assistance from the Town Parks Department.

COMMUNITY DAY

Community Day will be held on May 20, 2023, from 2 to 7:30 P.M. at the Community Center/Dublin’s Outdoor Theater grounds. It is an opportunity for local businesses and organizations to showcase what the Town of Conklin has to offer. Old-fashioned carnival games, food, music, and a beer tent will be featured, with a Meet and Greet of Star Wars characters and a free showing of a Star Wars movie at the drive-in theater to end the night.

OPENING DAY

Mr. Dumian stated that Opening Day was “great,” with a parade, an Opening Day welcome speech, and announcement of the teams and coaches. He thanked the Parks Department for all of their hard work getting the fields ready for play. Mr. Dumian stated that the Youth Booster Club

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made money from the concession stands, which will help in the purchase of equipment for the teams.

SCHNURBUSCH PARK

Mr. Dumian stated that the Town will be looking for a Crew Leader to whom Mr. Kilmer can delegate some of the Parks workload, as he is also head of the Water and Sewer Department.

Mr. Francisco stated that the Town should install more “No Smoking” signs at Schnurbusch Park.

Mr. Dumian stated that it will cost approximately \$5,000 to replace the entire unit where the slide is broken at Schnurbusch Park.

FLAGS FOR CONKLIN ROAD

Mr. Francisco stated that Heritage Flags has 3-foot by 5-foot American flags for \$40 per flag and mounting, which they would discount to the Town for \$38 per flag and mounting. He added that there are already brackets on many of the poles on Conklin Road, adding that Heritage Flags also has 2-foot by 3-foot flags for \$32 each. He estimates the Town needs 35 to 40 flags. The flags are typically displayed between the Community Center and the center of Town. They could be available by Memorial Day. Mr. Dumian suggested that the Town take an inventory of the brackets and flags that it already has, and then order what is needed for the project.

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Ms. Frear asked if Mr. Triolo would be forced to provide health records proving he has to have blood work every day, or that he, as he states, only has four months to live. Mr. Spinner stated that the Court cannot require those kind of medical records, but added that the “judge will know it’s a ruse.” He added that the judge will expect Mr. Triolo to have obtained an attorney by May 16, adding that the hearing will proceed either way. It was asked if he could use a Public Defender, but that only applies to criminal law. Mr. Dumian stated that every time the Town tries to seize the dogs, Mr. Triolo moves them temporarily, and the process must start all over again. Mr. Spinner stated, “It will come down to how much [nonsense] the judge is willing to believe.” He added that it is possible but not likely that Legal Aid will assist Mr. Triolo. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town has done everything it can, in terms of Code and Dog Control, adding that the Town is limited in power. Planning Board member Sandra Beam asked when the Town can go in and clean up the property, and Mr. Spinner stated not until after a search warrant is issued and the property condemned. Mr. Spinner stated that the Town is asking for a municipality to be able to enter private property, which is why this is such a serious matter. He stated that a timeline will be set to bring everything in order, adding that the judge has Mr. Triolo’s past timeline of non-compliance. John Colley of Millburn Drive stated that he and some other people are helping Mr. Triolo clean up, to the great disgust of Mr. Triolo’s neighbors on Stillwater Road.

OLD BUSINESS:

SLIDE AT SCHNURBUSCH PARK

Mr. Dumian stated that the new slide for Schnurbusch Park will cost \$5,047.91, including shipping, with the bill to be submitted to the Town’s insurance company.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Dumian stated that he has received correspondence from the New York State Department of Transportation stating that the Town’s request for speed limit reductions are being considered.

REPORT: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Mr. Dumian stated that one person from the Highway Department is pursuing their water certification, as cross-training between departments continues.

REPORT: CODE OFFICER

Mr. Dumian stated that Code Officer Nick Pappas is working on Code violation cases.

REPORT: PARKS/WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

Parks/Water/Sewer Team Leader David Kilmer stated that he met with a representative from Trane and with former Water Department personnel Chris Henderson today to discuss water meter equipment.

Concrete for the new condensers for the HVAC system will be poured next week.

Mr. Kilmer stated that 10 loads of millings were brought to Shawsville Cemetery from the work on the Community Center parking lot. He added that he has trapped six woodchucks from Shawsville Cemetery to prevent them from digging holes under the gravestones. Mr. Kilmer stated that it will cost \$350 to ship all of the concrete piers to be used for the new fencing at the cemetery.

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Mr. Kilmer stated that his crew prepared the fields for Opening Day, then spent the next two days repairing bathrooms at the park.

Mr. Kilmer stated that the Highway personnel are using the new excavator to install drainage pipes.

REPORT: SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

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

NEW BUSINESS:

RESO 2023-72: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS #23-00418 - #23-00469/\$34,731.01

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes payment of the following Claims #23-00418 through #23-00469, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of \$34,731.01:

General	\$ 20,022.73
Highway	2,713.20
Sewer District #1	49.09
Water District	2,183.91
Water District #6	6,052.08
Non-Budgeted	<u>3,710.00</u>
Total	\$ 34,731.01

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

NEW FLAGS

Mr. Boyle stated that he thinks the Town should purchase 3-foot by 5-foot American flags when purchasing the new ones, as the larger flags will look better.

RESO 2023-73: EXECUTIVE SESSION/PERSONNEL ISSUE

Mr. Dumian moved to close the Regular Town Board Meeting and move into Executive Session at 7:15 P.M. to discuss a particular personnel issue.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2023-74: RE-OPEN REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Mr. Francisco moved to close the Executive Session at 7:35 P.M. and re-open the Regular Town Board Meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

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RESO 2023-75: APPROVE \$.50 PER HOUR WAGE INCREASE/TERESA BAMBER

Mr. Dumian moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves a wage increase of \$.50 per hour for Teresa Bamber, retroactive to May 1, 2023.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Dumian moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Boyle. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs
Town Clerk