

WORK SESSION
JULY 11, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Work Session at 6:00 P.M. on July 11, 2023, at the Conklin Town Hall. Mr. Dumian, Supervisor, presided.

PRESENT:	Town Board	Finch, Boyle, Francisco, Dumian Farley – Excused
	Town Counsel	Mark Spinner
	Town Clerk	Sherrie L. Jacobs
	Code Officer	Nick Pappas
	Parks/Water/Sewer Team Leader	David Kilmer
	Planning Board	Dan Smith
	Planning Board	Sandra Beam
GUESTS:	Country Courier	Elizabeth Einstein Tommy Loveria John Colley Laurie Francisco Roseanne Davidson Judy Kelly Vicki Portz Dan Parker II Anne Aldra Bonnie Fernandez
	Joanne & Gary Huntley	
	Jennifer Page	
	Judy Frear	
	Jessica Baker	
	Randy Schuster	
	Jess Velazquez	

COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT PAYMENT

Mr. Dumian stated that the cost for the new parking lot paving at the Community Center will be approximately \$43,000. He stated that the Town received the material from Broome Bituminous for the County Bid Specification price, but the amount was more than the company had estimated, which was Broome Bituminous’ mistake. The Town compromised to save the relationship with the paving company and paid an amount that was reduced from the increase the paving company had wanted to charge to cover their error.

DOG PARK CODE ACCESS/REGISTRATION & SHOTS RECORDS

The Board is in agreement on moving forward to installing a Code Access Program for the dog park, charging a registration fee, and requiring up-to-date rabies vaccination records. Sentry Alarms will be providing a quote for the Code Access system and installation. The Town Clerk will oversee registration, fee collection, and keeping copies of rabies vaccination records. The Board discussed charging one fee for Town residents and a higher fee for non-residents. Mr. Finch suggested \$50 per year. Mr. Dumian suggested \$100 per year for non-residents and \$25 per year for residents. Parks/Water Sewer Team Leader David Kilmer will get pricing. Registered owners would not be allowed to bring in non-registered dogs. Doing so would make them financially liable for any damage done and they would lose their privileges at the dog park.

DRAINAGE AT SCHNURBUSCH PARK

Mr. Dumian stated that the Parks Department brush-hogged the area where the new trees were planted twice. He stated that he will call Broome County requesting that no more trees be planted at Schnurbusch Park. Mr. Boyle stated that he “didn’t approve the contract in the first place,” adding that “the Town should get out of the contract.” Mr. Dumian stated that the Town will “maintain the drainage ditch properly,” adding that Broome County and the Susquehanna River Watershed Coalition planted trees to stop erosion.

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REPAIRS AT CONKLIN FORKS PARK

Mr. Dumian stated that the pavilion at Conklin Forks Park is in dire need of repair. He was called to an event there recently when the party renting the pavilion had no water or electricity. He checked the electrical panel and the water supply and found a cracked/broken check valve. Mr. Kilmer replaced the electrical panel and repaired the posts.

TOWN HALL REPAIRS

Mr. Kilmer stated that the roof repairs will be completed tomorrow (July 12). He stated that the HVAC repair/replacement is ongoing, with 57% of the work completed. The new boilers have been installed. Mr. Kilmer stated he was told the slow progress is due to a shortage of manpower.

WATER AT CONKLIN CEMETERY

Mr. Francisco asked about the previously-discussed water extension to Conklin Cemetery, asking if it could be run from the hydrant on Conklin Road near the fence. Mr. Dumian felt it would be better to run a line from the Highway Garage. Dan Smith, a member of the Planning Board and a Highway Department Laborer, agreed, adding that there is an outside connection and the line would be in view of the security cameras. Mr. Dumian asked if there is water at Shawsville Cemetery and Mr. Kilmer stated that there is water at Shawsville except during the winter.

POTENTIAL TINY HOME MANUFACTURED HOME PARK

Code Officer Nick Pappas stated that a lumber company is interested in purchasing the property at 1598 Conklin Road and installing tiny homes in a manufactured home park. Mr. Dumian stated that the tax revenue from this would be different than if the home were on separate lots. The parcel involved 50 to 70 acres of land.

12U SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Mr. Dumian stated that the Town of Conklin Youth Sports will host a 12 and Under Softball Tournament, with the Youth Sports Booster Club selling concessions.

POTENTIAL BALL FIELD ON POWERS & CONKLIN ROAD

Mr. Dumian stated that there has been no word from the DEC (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) regarding the property on the corner of Powers Road and Conklin Road, the site of a potential new ball field. The property is one of several in New York State being tested for contamination as having at one time been a “dump.”

CONKLIN FAIR

Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs, a member of the Conklin Fair Committee, stated that the Conklin Fair will be held this week, July 13, 14, and 15. The Fair offers rides, music, local vendors, Fair food, a beer tent, a petting zoo, a kids' tent, and fireworks on Saturday to close the Fair.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
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The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:30 P.M. on July 11, 2023, at the Conklin Town Hall. Mr. Dumian, Supervisor, presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Town Board
Finch, Boyle, Francisco, Dumian
Farley – Excused

Town Counsel Mark Spinner
Town Clerk Sherrie L. Jacobs
Code Officer Nick Pappas
Parks/Water/Sewer Team Leader David Kilmer
Planning Board Dan Smith
Planning Board Sandra Beam

GUESTS: Country Courier
Elizabeth Einstein
Tommy Loveria
John Colley
Laurie Francisco
Roseanne Davidson
Judy Kelly
Judy Frear Vicki Portz
Jessica Baker Dan Parker II
Randy Schuster Anne Aldra
Jess Velazquez Bonnie Fernandez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 13, 2023 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING & WORK SESSION

Mr. Francisco moved to approve the June 13, 2023 Regular Town Board Meeting and Work Session minutes as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

NYS SUPREME COURT CASE/STILLWATER ROAD

Judy Frear of Stillwater Road asked for an update on the New York State Supreme Court case regarding the property owned by Robert Triolo on Stillwater Road. Mr. Dumian stated that the judgement had been made and the inspection conducted. Town Attorney Mark Spinner stated that the conditions outside were “not good,” adding that the conditions inside were worse. He stated that the Order was signed on June 21, and Mr. Triolo was given 30 days to clean up the property, meaning it must be done by July 21. Reports regarding the inspection have been filed. Mr. Triolo still has the right to clean up his property, but if he fails to do so, the Town will clean it up. Code Officer Nick Pappas stated that the house is not inhabitable, noting that the property could be condemned. He stated that Mr. Triolo was notified via FedEx on June 20, but has made no contact with the Town. Mr. Pappas stated that the electrical power to the property has been disconnected. Mr. Spinner explained that the Town has the right to clean the property and make it safe, possibly by condemning the building. A lien would then be put against the property to offset Town expenses in the cleanup. It was suggested that the fire department might be able to burn the building as practice. Mr. Dumian reiterated that Mr. Triolo has been served and the judge already issued the warrant to inspect the property. Judy Kelly stated that she delivers Meals on Wheels in the Stillwater Road area and was shocked at how “awful” the

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property looks. She asked who the Judge is that made the decision and Mr. Spinner replied that it was Judge Joseph McBride of Broome County. In answer to the question of why the process took so long, Mr. Dumian replied that the delay was due to the “limits of the legal system.”

TRAILERS/STILLWATER ROAD

Another property with Code issues on Stillwater Road was mentioned as having mobile homes in disrepair. It was stated that property owner Bonnie Fernandez was on her way to speak to the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

REPORT: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Laborer Dan Smith stated that everything is going well in the Highway Department, with the crew working on grading and patching roads. He mentioned that the Highway and Parks/Water/Sewer Department are working well together.

REPORT: CODE OFFICER

Mr. Pappas stated that other than the two properties on Stillwater Road, the only other thing he wanted to bring to the Board’s attention was the potential “tiny homes” manufactured homes park, discussed during the Work Session.

REPORT: PARKS/WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

Mr. Kilmer reported that the trees and old fence have been removed from Shawsville Cemetery, adding that the concrete pillars for the new fence need to be ordered, along with chain link fencing, with a total cost of approximately \$11,000. Mr. Dumian stated he would ask for a resolution later in the meeting to purchase the concrete piers from Masters Concrete in Pennsylvania for a cost not to exceed \$6,500, with a cost of \$350 for delivery.

Mr. Kilmer stated that his department has rebuilt fire hydrants, dug the electric line to the pavilion near the Community Center for a new electrical service, and changed out a water service.

REPORT: SUPERVISOR’S OFFICE

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

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMUNITY CENER CODE ACCESS

Mr. Dumian stated that the new Code Access System for the Community Center will not be installed until September due to a shortage in manpower.

WATER DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATIONS

Mr. Dumian stated that Eric Collins, Sean Coddington, and Mark Buchanan all passed their water certification tests and will receive an increase in pay rate.

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KIRKWOOD WATER LINE EXTENSION

Mr. Dumian stated that the Town had received a quote formerly for the water line extension to the Town of Kirkwood for approximately \$250,000 to \$300,000. He stated that the contact point with Kirkwood has now changed and the estimated new cost would be \$435,105. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town will now look at the possibility of connecting with the City of Binghamton water supply, to be used only in the event of an emergency.

NEW PROPOSAL/SOLAR FARM

Mr. Dumian stated that he had a meeting with the representatives of the proposed solar farm at 327 Hardie Road. He stated that the sticking point is the company's insistence that a PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) program is a "must." Mr. Dumian added that a commercial agreement with the Town would provide more than \$20,000 in tax revenue, which the Town would not see with a PILOT agreement. When asked about a rebate from NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority), Mr. Dumian was told "the numbers are coming." When asked about the possibility of contamination, the company representatives responded that it has a "history of no contamination." Recipients of electricity from the solar farm would receive a 10 percent credit on their electric bills. It was stated that the solar company owns the property at 327 Hardie Road, and that Public Hearing notifications would be sent to neighbors within 500 feet of that address. There are no zoning regulations in that area prohibiting a solar farm. Mr. Dumian commented that the Town "could have benefitted from gas extraction."

Mr. Boyle asked about runoff from the proposed facility and Mr. Dumian reiterated that the company stated there is "no contamination." A SWPPP (StormWater Pollution Prevention Plan) would be required. Tommy and Greg Loveria were present representing themselves and their other three siblings, who are original owners of the property in question. They stated that the property is under option until September and the sale has not been finalized. Mr. Dumian asked about benefits to neighboring properties and was told there would be a new shared driveway and "not much else." Tommy Loveria stated that this company has "not much history" and Greg Loveria added that there "may be judgements against them" in lawsuits for breaking PILOT agreements in other municipalities. They added that it is a 5 megawatt facility that is being proposed. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town needs to "make sure it's beneficial."

Joanne Huntley of Hardie Road asked if the company only has seven years' history of building solar farms, and the company has stated that it has a longer history of no contamination, adding that it leaves eight to twelve inches of foliage and "works with sheepherders and beekeepers." Greg Loveria stated that NYSEG has used a defoliant "almost as strong as Agent Orange" on the property. Company representatives have agreed to come back and speak to the public. Mr. Loveria stated that company representative Bartolo Morales has only been with Abundant Solar since April 2023, and the parent company's website has only been live since May 2023, with no voicemail set up for the contact phone number. The parent company is based in Toronto.

Randy Schuster asked about regulations for zoning for green energy moving forward, and Mr. Dumian replied that the Town needs to re-examine its zoning regulations. Mr. Dumian also asked about noise pollution.

TRAILERS ON STILLWATER ROAD

Bonnie Fernandez, owner of property on Stillwater Road that is home to several mobile homes, was present to discuss the Code violations in the mobile homes. She stated that she has started eviction proceedings but the Court date was adjourned, asking, "What can we do?" Ms. Fernandez stated that her attorney had the tenants served and they have ten days to vacate the property, adding that the conditions are "not acceptable." Mr. Dumian stated that New York

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State laws regarding eviction “lack teeth,” adding that “due process is tough.” One neighbor stated that one of the tenants is dumping human waste into the Susquehanna River. Jennifer Page of Stillwater Road stated that there is a travel trailer parked near the mobile homes in the Town right-of-way, adding that this is against Town Code. Mr. Dumian stated that Ms. Fernandez needs to maintain the properties, suggesting that she perhaps hire a property manager. “You need a plan,” he said. Ms. Page asked if the Town could move the trailer out of the Town right-of-way and Mr. Dumian replied that the Town could move it but the tenants might move it back again. A neighbor on Stillwater Road stated that the trailers were flooded in both 2006 and 2011 and no remediation work was ever done on them. Mr. Dumian stated that the property owner could allow the Town Code Officer to inspect them and condemn the trailers if they are not inhabitable. The neighbor stated that one trailer has two children with a leady roof and no running water and wondered if Child Protective Services should be contacted. Mr. Dumian stated the Town has tried to contact the property owner in the past to no avail but will work with them moving forward. Ms. Page asked that the travel trailer be removed immediately. Mr. Pappas stated that the property owner can have it towed, but the Town cannot remove anything from anyone’s property. It was also suggested that the Health Department be contacted about the living conditions. One of the tenants was present and stated he had offered to do repairs but was rebuffed by the property owner, adding that it costs \$665 per trailer per month to rent.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESO 2023-97: RATIFY PAY INCREASE/COLLINS, CODDINGTON, BUCHANAN

Mr. Boyle moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies the pay increase of \$.50 per hour for Eric Collins, Sean Coddington, and Mark Buchanan for obtaining their water certifications, effective June 24, 2023.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2023-98: RATIFY HIRING/TWO ADDITIONAL LIFEGUARDS/CAUDELL & MILLIGAN

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolutions:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies the hiring of two additional lifeguards for the 2023 Season, Shea Caudell and Angus Milligan, at a pay rate of \$14.20 per hour, effective July 5, 2023.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2023-99: RATIFY AGREEMENT/TOWN OF KIRKWOOD/DOG CONTROL

Mr. Boyle moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Kirkwood for Dog Control, for a fee of \$15,700 annually, to be billed quarterly.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2023-100: RATIFY PAY INCREASE/RICK MURRAY

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies a pay increase of \$8,500 annually for Rick Murray, effective July 1, 2023, as long as agreement with the Town of Kirkwood is still valid.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2023-101: RATIFY PAYMENT/KB SERVICES, LLC/1/2 DOWN PAYMENT FOR PHASE 2 & ½ DOWN PAYMENT FOR WORK COMPLETED/PHASE 2 ROOF REPAIR

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: That the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment in the amount of \$31,358.63 to KB Services, LLC, for ½ down payment for Phase 2 and ½ down payment for work completed and materials delivered for Phase 2 of Town Hall roof repair.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2023-102: RATIFY PAYMENT/JERROD TRUDELL/FUNERAL DIGGING

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment in the amount of \$100.00 to Jerrod Trudell for funeral digging for the Michael Godbout burial.

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

RESO 2023-103: RATIFY PAYMENT/UNION ENDICOTT LITTLE LEAGUE/YOUTH ALLSTARS TOURNAMENT

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment in the amount of \$800.00 to the Union Endicott Little League for the Youth Allstars Tournament held on June 9, 2023.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

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RESO 2023-104: RATIFY PAYMENT/PETTY CASH/TOWN POOL

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment in the amount of \$50.00 to Petty Cash for the Town Pool.

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

RESO 2023-105: RATIFY PAYMENT/RICOH USA, INC./COPIER RENTAL/7-14-2023
– 8-13-2023

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment in the amount of \$67.91 to RICOH USA, Inc., for copier rental for the period July 14 through August 13, 2023.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2023-106: RATIFY PAYMENT/JOEL SMALES/CONCERT IN THE PARK

Mr. Boyle moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratified payment in the amount of \$400.00 to Joel Smales for Concert in the Park June 28, 2023.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2023-107: RATIFY PAYMENT/RICHARD KAUFFMAN/CONCERT IN THE
PARK

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment in the amount of \$400.00 to Richard Kauffman for Concert in the Park June 21, 2023.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2023-108: RATIFY PAYMENT/WILLIAM
FARLEY/REIMBURSEMENT/YOUTH SPORTS PARTY & ASSOCIATION MEETING

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment in the amount of \$204.72 to William Farley for reimbursement for Youth Sports Party supplies and Association meeting.

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Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2023-109: RATIFY PAYMENT/CLAIMS #23-00589 - #23-00631/\$68,679.80

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 #23-00589 through #23-00631, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of \$68,679.80:

General	\$ 41,407.54
Highway	6,585.60
Light Districts	1,282.36
Sewer District	1,199.00
Water District	<u>18,205.30</u>
Total	\$ 68,679.80

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2023-110: APPROVE PAYMENT/CLAIMS #23-00636 - #23-00705/\$117,279.68

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 #23-00636 through #23-00705, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of \$117,279.68:

General	\$ 105,181.61
Highway	5,348.03
Sewer District #1	33.97
Water District	2,039.07
Non-Budgeted	<u>4,677.00</u>
Total	\$117,279.68

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2023-111: RATIFY TRANSFER OF FUNDS/TO CAPITAL RESERVE FOR TOWN HALL HVAC SYSTEM

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies the transfer of funds, effective July 6, 2023, to Capital Reserve for Town Hall HVAC system (see attached).

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

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RESO 2023-112: RATIFY MODIFICATION TO 2023 BUDGET

Mr. Boyle moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies modification to the 2023 Budget (see attached).

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2023-113: RATIFY TRANSFER OF FUNDS/USE ARPA FUNDS FOR 135 SENSUS RADIO READERS

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies transfer of funds, effective July 6, 2023, to use ARPA Funds for 135 Sensus Radio Readers (see attached).

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2023-114: RATIFY MODIFICATION TO 2023 BUDGET

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies modification to the 2023 Budget, effective July 6, 2023 (see attached).

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2023-115: RATIFY TRANSFER OF FUND BALANCE/USE ARPA FUNDS

Mr. Boyle moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies transfer of the fund balance, effective July 6, 2023, to use ARPA Funds (see attached).

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2023-116: RATIFY MODIFICATION TO 2022 BUDGET

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 July 6, 2023 (see attached).

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

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RESO 2023-117: APPROVE PAYMENT/BROOME BITUMINOUS/COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves payment in an amount not to exceed \$44,000 to Broome Bituminous for milling and pavement of Community Center parking lot.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2023-118: APPROVE PURCHASE/CONCRETE PIERS & FENCING/SHAWSVILLE CEMETERY

Mr. Boyle moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the purchase of concrete piers and fencing from Masters Concrete for Shawsville Cemetery for an amount not to exceed \$6,500.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

WATER/SOUTH END OF CONKLIN

Dan Parker asked about the availability of a grant to help provide municipal water for the southern end of Conklin. Mr. Dumian explained that the median income of property owners in the southern part of Town is too high for the Town to be eligible to receive grant money for that project. He added that there is a limit to the amount the Town is allowed to charge a property owner on the bond that would be needed to finance a new water district. Mr. Parker stated that the quality of the water in that part of Town is poor. Mr. Dumian reiterated that he has consulted grant writers and they agree that the Town is not likely to receive grant funding.

VACANT PROPERTIES/KABANEK ROAD

Rosanna Davidson of Kabanek Road spoke about two vacant properties on Kabanek Road, stating that she had heard that the property owner of one plans to build a motocross track and hold concerts on the land. She asked what is allowed in the Town Code. Mr. Pappas stated that the property owner must file a SWPPP to address any drainage issues, adding that the trailer on the property will have to be removed. He added that the property is not zoned for motocross, adding that the property owner has plans to build a house on the parcel.

Mr. Pappas stated that the vacant house at 13 Kabanek Road has a Medicaid lien against it, and so cannot be purchased. Ms. Davidson stated that there has been vandalism done to that house.

TREE REPLACEMENT AGREEMENT

Mr. Boyle referenced the replacement tree planting at Schnurbusch Park and his concerns about drainage that he discussed during the Work Session, reiterating that the Town should “get out of the contract.”

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CONKLIN FAIR

Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs reminded those present that the Conklin Fair starts this Thursday, July 13, and runs through Saturday, July 15, ending with a fireworks display.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Francisco moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Finch. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs
Town Clerk