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was removed several years ago. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town will send a letter to the property owner requesting that they pay for the lost water and the extra cost of hiring an outside firm to find the leak.

Mr. Kilmer's department has also been busy with snow removal. They installed a new electrical panel at Conklin Forks Park, which leaves only the water service to be finished. Mr. Kilmer stated that a new generator will be installed soon at Sewer Station #3. He stated that his crew insulated the windows in the basement of the Castle.

**REPORT: SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE**

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW LOCAL LAW/SOLAR MORATORIUM**

Mr. Dumian spoke about the need for a new local law which would govern solar facilities and the need for a moratorium on solar development until such local law is in place. He stated that Mr. Pappas denied the application from Liberty Solar because the site they chose is in the Town well head area and in the flood plain, and because the installation of a solar facility is not a permitted use in the Town of Conklin. Mr. Dumian proposes a three-month moratorium on solar development in the Town, in order to give the Board time to put the necessary legislation in place. He added that the Town Code needs "clear definitions," adding that leaving situations "open to interpretation" creates problems.

Town Attorney Mark Spinner stated that the Town had two solar facility applications, Liberty Solar and Abundant Solar; however, Abundant Solar voluntarily withdrew their application until the new local law is in place so that they can be in compliance. Mr. Spinner stated that Liberty Solar wants to build their facility in an environmentally-sensitive area and is not willing to address this issues with this site. He added that applicants can apply for variances, but Mr. Dumian pointed out that this is a lengthy and difficult process. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town "needs a set of rules." No solar applications would be accepted during the moratorium. Mr. Dumian stated that this is not an absolute ban on solar development nor an attempt to legislate out any particular company or site, but rather a system so that all solar projects will operate under the same set of rules.

**UPDATE/TOWN PARCEL NEAR JOHNSON OUTDOOR**

Mr. Boyle stated that he "sent numbers" to Johnson Outdoor, listing the value of the parcel owned by the Town which Johnson Outdoor is interested in purchasing, and is "waiting to hear back." He stated that a hydrant is needed in the area, since the Town gets complaints from Johnson Outdoor about sediment in their water and there is no way to flush the line. Mr. Boyle stated that there is a three-foot by three-foot pit filled with water on the site, which he and Mr. Kilmer will make sure gets filled in.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CAMERAS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

Mr. Dumian stated that there was an incident involving a car parked at the Community Center which looks like it was broken into, and a police report was filed. Mr. Francisco will research the details of the incident. Mr. Dumian suggested installing cameras at the Community Center, including on the back of the building facing the dog park, to increase security. He stated that one

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issue is the lack of internet at the Community Center and suggested that maybe internet could be run to the building. Myers Security is researching information and cost of this project and will get the numbers to Mr. Dumian.

**INSURANCE ON LARGE TRUCKS**

Mr. Dumian stated that the insurance on the large trucks owned by the Town provides for total replacement cost.

**RESO 2024-14: RATIFY PAYMENT/THE HARTFORD/4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER 2023  
DISABILITY INSURANCE**

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment in the amount of \$149.94 to The Hartford for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023 Disability Insurance payment.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

**RESO 2024-15: APPROVE PAYMENT/CLAIMS #23-01404 - #23-01428/\$35,049.78**

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 #23-01404 through #23-01428, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of \$35,049.78:

General	\$ 25,618.34
Highway	1,727.81
Light Districts	1,866.19
Sewer District	2,182.37
Water District	<u>3,655.07</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 35,049.78</b>

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

**RESO 2024-16: APPROVE PAYMENT/CLAIMS #24-00022 - #24-00052/\$228,577.12**

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 #24-00022 through #24-00052, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of \$228,577.12:

General	\$ 138,442.14
Highway	9,259.32
Sewer District #1	4,630.56
Water District	8,452.83
Water District #6	1,437.27
Non-Budgeted	<u>66,355.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 228,577.12</b>

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Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

**RESO 2024-17: RATIFY TRANSFER/FUND BALANCE/TO 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 to use ARPA Funds, effective December 31, 2023 (see attached).

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

**RESO 2024-18: 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 December 31, 2023, as follows (see attached).

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**CODE VIOLATIONS/HOUSE ON CONKLIN ROAD**

Mr. Finch asked for an update regarding a house on Conklin Road that is the site of numerous Code violations. Mr. Dumian replied that the Town is going through the process and taking the property owner to Court.

**COMMUNITY CENTER HEAT/AC**

Mr. Finch stated that the Town of Binghamton Community Center has a control that turns either the AC or the heat up when you turn the light switch on. Mr. Francisco stated that he thinks this is a good idea for the Conklin Community Center and had contacted Sure Temp Heating and AC to get more information but has received no response. He will pursue getting information and cost from other sources.

**YOUTH SPORTS**

Mr. Farley stated that the Novice Wrestling Tournament will be held this weekend, adding that they expect 250 participants. Mr. Dumian stated that the Susquehanna Valley coach is helping with the youth basketball team, including organizing a knockout competition.

**CEMETERY RATES**

Mr. Francisco stated that he thinks the burial rates at Conklin and Shawsville Cemeteries should remain the same as last year, with the exception of a single cremation, which currently costs \$250, with the cost of two cremains buried at the same time being \$300.00. The Board decided the standard burial cost per cremation, whether one or two urns, will be \$200 on weekdays and \$250 on weekends. Mr. Dumian stated that they are still working on roads within the Conklin

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Cemetery, to allow access for burials. Mr. Francisco stated that in 2023 the Town received \$7,500 in burial fees and \$11,000 in cemetery plots that were sold. He added that the mats that Mr. Kilmer purchased to keep the heavy digging equipment from tearing up the ground are a huge asset.

**NEW START TIME FOR SECOND MEETING OF THE MONTH**

Mr. Dumian stated that the starting time for the second Town Board meeting of the month will be moved from 6:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., beginning in February. This gives consistency to the start time for each meeting. The first half hour of the first meeting of the month will still be reserved as a work session.

**RESO 2024-19: EXECUTIVE SESSION/LEGAL ADVICE**

Mr. Finch moved to close the Regular Town Board Meeting and move into Executive Session for legal advice at 7:10 P.M.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

**RESO 2024-20: RE-OPEN REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Mr. Dumian moved to close the Executive Session and re-open the Regular Town Board Meeting at 8:05 P.M.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

VOTE: Finch – Yes, Boyle – Yes, Farley – 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. Finch. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs  
Town Clerk