

WORK SESSION
JUNE 11, 2024

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Work Session at 6:00 P.M. on June 11, 2024, at the Conklin Town Hall; Town Supervisor William Dumian presiding.

PRESENT: Town Board Members Boyle, Farley, Finch, Francisco, Dumian

Town Counsel	Mark Spinner
Planning & Zoning Board Secretary	Mary Plonski
Highway Superintendent	Jeff Hayes
Secretary to the Supervisor	Teresa Bamber
Zoning Board of Appeals	Bill Brodsky
Planning Board	Sandi Beam

GUESTS: Abundant Solar Matthew McGregor
Andrew Van Doorn
Laurie Francisco

DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED SOLAR LAW FOR 2024

Supervisor Bill Dumian told the Board that the first item on the work session agenda would be the solar moratorium and the proposed solar law. He asked Town Attorney Mark Spinner to go over any changes from the May 2024 meeting. The Attorney said the proposed law is set up with two parts. The first part deals with the Zoning code where changes deal with non-commercial solar energy systems being a customary accessory use in residential district. The way the Town Code is set up, each subsequent district incorporates the prior districts' permitted uses. The new law is being proposed under Zoning Law 265. Mr. Spinner has been cross-referencing between the solar law, a new chapter in the Town Code (Chapter 138) and the Zoning Code (Chapter 40) "so there is no question that this is a Zoning law, not a land use law." He added that there are five articles within the law and the law is broken down into commercial and non-commercial energy systems (under 25 watts). The Planning Board will be reviewing both non-commercial and commercial solar site plans.

Mr. Dumian asked what kind of guidelines will the Planning Board have to go by in regard to non-commercial energy systems. He proposed more tools be provided. Spinner replied that there are specific site plan requirements. He said the Board will likely pass the Uniform Solar Permit Application for non-commercial, and the five-six-page application will lay out all the required documentation. He is willing to attend the first Planning Board meeting at which the new law is in force to ensure everything goes well. He went over many of the requirements that will be in play. Commercial solar energy systems are permitted in all zoning districts with a wide range of setbacks based on parcel size. Spinner said several permits are required, and the Supervisor or Town Attorney could sit down with the applicant beforehand and go over all the permits required. Attorney Spinner mentioned the different types of agreements that could be entered into, including the possibility of a road use agreement during the construction phase. There is a requirement for a Host Community Agreement. The Board will establish the paradigm for permitting fees and the security fee to cover decommissioning fees. The fee structure will be in place by the time the proposed resolution is adopted.

Mr. Francisco said he apologizes in advance because he was going to get on his soapbox and address a NYSERDA solar program he is enrolled with that is disappointing. He also addressed the effectiveness of solar saying, "Reading some articles on solar, depending on wind, rain, snow, weather conditions, and clouds, the only time solar is at its maximum capacity is 20% per day." He said he had a hard time seeing the real benefit of solar energy and did not believe it was mandated by the State for the Town to do this.

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Both the Supervisor and Attorney said a NYS law listing all the state's Climate Goals for 100% renewable energy by 2040, leaves little choice for NYS municipalities. Plus, New York is giving very strong support to solar companies. Mr. Francisco said that having worked with the power plants in New York State, the two that were shut down generated almost 750 megawatts. He said 2500 acres of land would be needed to generate that power equivalent resulting in property loss, construction area loss, and deflation of people's properties. The attorney agreed that the acreage-per-megawatt ratio is not great. It takes a lot of acres of solar panels to create one megawatt of solar energy, but the Town must have some kind of oversight of these energy systems to be certain they do not impact the Town negatively, said Mr. Spinner.

The Supervisor said he did not disagree with some of Mr. Francisco's points, but emphasized the importance of putting a process in place that says, "Here is what we need to do to minimize the impact and make it feasible for our residents and their surrounding areas." He said he believed the Board was taking the right and necessary steps to meet the challenge issued by New York State.

SAFETY CONCERNS REVIVE POLICY DISCUSSION FOR DOG PARK

Supervisor Dumian told the Town Board that there was another unfortunate incident at the dog park since the last Board meeting. "It's not good," said Dumian. He reminded all that at one time the Board discussed putting a policy in place to be sure all the dogs had up-to-date shots, where they were coming from—were they registered, and proposed dog owners paid a fee to use the dog park so the Town knew who was there. Dumian said in the past six to eight weeks there had been two major incidents at the dog park. He did not think the Town could continue with the policy that "Anyone from anywhere gets to bring their dog to the park." He continued, "As things stand, the dog park is a law suit waiting to happen."

The Supervisor said when this topic was discussed before, there was some pushback from residents about fees, and the discussion was dropped. He stressed that the park has become a safety concern and the town does not have the resources to have someone at the dog park managing these situations on a daily basis. The Dog Control Officer is already extremely busy. Mr. Dumian stressed that there has to be some type of registration process. He will be in contact with the Board members to begin to put together ideas for a dog park use-policy to be presented at the July 9th Town Board meeting. Said Dumian, "We have to do something at this point. . . We have a responsibility to our resident pet owners who use that park."

Councilman Jim Finch agreed that a policy is necessary. "We have a nice park, so the news travels, and we have people coming from all over the place," said Finch. The Board agreed a policy is needed, but struggled with where to draw the line. They agree that their main concern should be the safety of Conklin residents and their dogs. There was discussion as to what steps other municipal dog parks take to minimize these problems. Expect dog park policy ideas and the ways to implement them to be discussed at the July meeting.

UPDATE ON NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

The Supervisor noted that Attorney Spinner had provided an update to his springboard for the establishment of a Neighborhood Commercial Transportation District. Both Dumian and Spinner asked Board members to go over that information carefully and come to the next meeting with their thoughts and ideas for additions and subtractions. Spinner said he only presented a basic outline for permitted uses and said they need to consider what types of vehicles would be permitted, as well as how many, as they try to get the ball rolling to establish the district. Dumian asked that Board members make sure the comments go to everyone on the Board to keep them all abreast of the suggestions made.

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 June 11, 2024, at the Conklin Town Hall with Supervisor William Dumian presiding. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Town Board Members Finch, Boyle, Francisco, Dumian
Farley (Absent)

Town Counsel	Mark Spinner
Planning & Zoning Board Secretary	Mary Plonski
Highway Superintendent	Jeff Hayes
Secretary to the Supervisor	Teresa Bamber
Zoning Board of Appeals	Bill Brodsky
Planning Board	Sandi Beam

GUESTS: Abundant Solar Matthew McGregor
Andrew Van Doorn
Laurie Francisco
Gary & Joanne Huntley

MINUTES: MAY 14, 2024, REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Councilman Jim Finch moved to approve the May 14, 2024, Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

Seconded by Councilman Dell Boyle.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Supervisor said with the onset of the grass and brush growing season, he had a lot of correspondence in regard to properties that were not being taken care of. He said the Town is actively pursuing property owners and management companies in violation. “It is just unfortunate that we have to continue to send out letters and take that management piece under our wings. I wish we did not have to.”

REPORT: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent Jeff Hayes reported that his department has been busy mowing and ditching. The mower was down for a week, but they now had that under control. They would be paving with both the paver and the grader, depending on circumstances.

Mr. Dumian said there was some unfortunate activity at the Highway Garage and it was hard to understand because the use of cameras is posted and easily seen. Surveillance showed people taking things out of the metal scrap dumpster. This makes three different violators this year. Also, authorities were called when someone entered with a U-Haul trailer full of construction debris and dumped the trailer-load. They were required to come back and pick up everything they had dumped.

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REPORT: CODE OFFICER

Dumian said he and Code Officer Nick Pappas discussed moving forward on the 1298 Conklin Road property violations in terms of taking it through the Supreme County process. The property owner was to come in on June 17th. The Town has never received the promised timeline and there have been no improvements.

The Code Office continues to keep after grass and brush violations. Changes in management companies is always a challenge.

REPORT: PARKS/WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

Parks Superintendent Dave Kilmer asked if the Town was going to purchase new flags and poles to be up for July 4th. The Supervisor asked Councilman Francisco about his count on the flags. He said it looked like the town purchased 20 new flags and poles last fall. It is plain to see the toll the wind and weather takes on the flags each year. Mr. Francisco did not remember offhand how many flags and poles were used in previous years. Mr. Dumian said the Board had to keep in mind that there were a number of telephone poles changed out, per NYSEG and its subcontractors, and the town's hardware for hanging the flags went with the poles. Dumian suggested the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$2,000 to purchase flags and necessary equipment. "I don't think we want to do away with that. It looks absolutely awesome," said Dumian. "Unfortunately, we did not get them up prior to Memorial Day, our typical process, and they will remain up until after Labor Day."

RESO 2024-104: APPROVE PURCHASE OF UNITED STATES FLAGS WITH POLES AND BRACKETS AS NEEDED FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2000.00

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the purchase of United States Flags, with Poles and Brackets as needed, for an amount not to exceed \$2000.00.

Seconded by Mr. Finch

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

Councilman Finch said he thought the Town originally started with at least 30 flags on display. Mr. Francisco said the flags are ordered through Heritage Flags.

WATER METERS ARE THE BUSINESS OWNER'S FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Mr. Dumian said old water meters on commercial businesses are their responsibility to replace. Several businesses have not responded to the need for new water meters. Dumian said it was necessary to notify the businesses that have not updated their water meters and asked the Attorney and the Board for a suggested timeline to get the replacement completed. Dumian suggested 60 days. Attorney Spinner suggested that the notice also state that if there were extenuating circumstances, the Town would be understanding if notified. Otherwise, those commercial services would have 60 days to comply.

CONKLIN MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL CLOSED FOR 2024

Supervisor Dumian said he did not have good news about the town pool. He said the year started with a discussion on the needed repairs to be able to open the pool for the 2024 summer season. They started with information from last year that did not include the cost of a new liner for the pool. The liner this year will cost \$250,000. This cost did not cover any of the other needed

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repairs. There is a leak behind the trough and the only way to look at the leak is to pull the liner and then it cannot be reused because it is older. Water meter showed they were leaking 14,720 gallons of water each day. Within a two-week period, they used 230 gallons of chloride. Nearly \$10,000 was spent so far this year on mechanical repairs at the pool-- prior to the vacuum pump failing. Parks Superintendent Dave Kilmer had an appointment to have the Broome County Health Department's annual inspection. However, once the vacuum pump failed, algae buildup started, as well as problems with the pool liner bottom. Several pool businesses were called to see if they would clean the pool. The companies were all too far into a busy season to clean the pool. Now, the only way the pool could pass a Health Inspection was to clean the pool by draining 44,000 gallons of water and start all over again with water and chemicals. Another challenge centered around availability of lifeguards. The Parks Department had started earlier than usual on getting the pool into shape with the goal of holding lifeguard certification classes. Only four lifeguard applications were submitted for the 2024 season and only two people had their certification. The Certification Classes MIGHT have resulted in more lifeguards, but in the meantime Dumian said, "We were spending an excessive amount of money on chemicals, just to get to a point where we could open."

The Kiddie Pool has been a problem in the past, and there is not enough pressure to run that this year. "It's all these problems."

Mr. Dumian said Councilman Francisco had reached out for grant money through NYS. Francisco said while searching and literally fumbling through the requirements for consolidated funding, he found the Town would have to front 20% of the cost of all needed repairs before being granted any funding. He said the poverty level in the town would also be a factor for getting a grant. Said Francisco, "The poverty level for Broome County is at Number 4, but I haven't been able to zero down on the poverty level for Conklin. Between that unknown and the requirement of fronting money, the possibility of a grant does not look good."

Dumian said he recently met with the Valedictorian from a local school who asked what the greatest challenges were for the Town of Conklin when there were projects that needed to be done. Dumian replied, "Funding and resources. We are told our median income level is too high for the Town to be eligible for grant funds." He has trouble with how the state figures this out. He said when it comes to free breakfast and lunch programs at SV schools, he has been told that somewhere near 59% of the children in Conklin, and the Susquehanna Valley School District as a whole, are living below the poverty level. Yet a few years ago when the Town wanted to extend the water line down Route 7 to those with poor water, the determination was Conklin would not qualify for funding because of the "too high" median income level. When Dumian reaches out to higher government officials for help, they send him to websites, with the result of facing the same dilemma that Councilman Francisco is facing.

So, when asked about the pool situation, the Supervisor is saying, "Financially it is not responsible for us to open the pool at this time, according to the Board who has agreed on this." He also says that funding is still being sought but should not be counted on. "Once we peel back the onion, we have no idea what will be found," said Dumian. "Let's see what we can do, but we have done everything possible to try and provide this service, but now the battle is too great . . . if we had hundreds of kids from Conklin at that pool every day, we would have to look at things differently."

Moving on to other youth activities, the Supervisor said baseball and softball season was coming to an end this week—or next, depending on the weather and resulting game cancellations.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: The Supervisor's Report in on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS:

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UPDATE ON SOLAR LAW

The Supervisor asked Town Attorney Mark Spinner to give an update on the proposed solar law and progress made. Attorney Spinner said he had a draft of the Solar Law, covering both non-commercial and commercial solar energy systems that the Board would be introducing that evening. Dumian said to keep in mind, this was not the application but what the Board had done with the solar moratorium to put the needed requirements in place to minimize the impacts as much as possible for any surrounding neighbors, based on solar projects. “We looked at everything” setbacks, decommissioning requirements, fencing, upkeep, all of that is built into the local law that we will be introducing.”

Attorney Spinner said a public hearing will be set on the proposed law for August 13, 2024, at 6:30 P.M., allowing time for the Conklin Planning Board and the Broome County Planning Board to review the proposed law and make comments. Both Boards have 30 days to respond with comments. Once that information has been received the Board will vote on accepting the new town law. Spinner said a copy of the law will be available to read in the Code Office at the Town Hall, and it will be posted on the Town website.

Attorney Spinner said the Board would also vote to extend the moratorium for another three months to ensure there is enough time to complete the process necessary for adoption of a new town law. Should the process move along fairly quick, the moratorium will end at that time.

In the meantime, the Board was asked to look over the update on the Neighborhood Commercial Transportation District and be ready for discussion at the July 9, 2024, meeting. Also at that meeting, the Board will continue discussion on Building & Code Laws within the Flood Plain and look at ideas for a safer dog park.

RESO 2024-105: AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL & EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON SOLAR DEVELOPMENT/CONSTRUCTION IN THE TOWN OF CONKLIN

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin renews and extends the temporary moratorium on the development and construction of solar energy systems until September 27, 2024, pursuant to Section 2-D of Local Law Number 1 of 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2024-106: INTRODUCE LOCAL LAW 2, 2024, “SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS LAW,” / SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING/ 6:30 P.M. ON AUGUST 13, 2024

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a local law entitled “SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS LAW” was introduced at this meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Town Code requires referral of the proposed Local Law to the Planning Board for recommendation. The Town Board hereby refers it; and

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WHEREAS, the Town Code requires referral of the proposed Local Law to the Broome County Planning Department for review. The Town Board hereby refers it; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to hold a Public Hearing with respect to the adoption of said Local Law.

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 August 13, 2024 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. Boyle.

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 at Conklin Town Hall, 1271 Conklin Road, Conklin, New York on June 11, 2024. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Dated: June 11, 2024

Town of Conklin Seal

Sherrie L. Jacobs, Town Clerk

RESO 2024-107: RATIFY PAYMENT OF \$1,580.00 TO TRANS K9

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 \$1,580.00 to Trans K9 for purchase of C50 Double Door Crate, Purchase Order R2-00070, for DCO.

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

RESO 2024-108: RATIFY PAYMENT/ PITNEY BOWES/POSTAGE METER REFILL

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 \$500.00 to Pitney Bowes for postage meter refill.

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Seconded by Mr. Francisco

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

RESO 2024-109: RATIFY PAYMENT/OSTROWSKY BUILDERS, LLC/REPAIRS TO DUGOUTS

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 \$5,400.00 to Ostrowsky Builders, LLC, for repairs to the dugouts at Schnurbusch Park.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2024-110: RATIFY PAYMENT/AMERICAN BANKERS INSURANCE COMPANY/FLOOD INSURANCE/18 MILLER STREET

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 \$861.00 to American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida for flood insurance for 18 Miller Street.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2024-111: RATIFY PAYMENT OF CLAIMS #24-00479 - #24-00513/\$20,847.91

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 #24-00479 through #24-00513, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of \$20,847.91:

General	\$ 14,241.96
Highway	1,808.04
Sewer District #1	4,459.28
Water District	<u>338.63</u>
Total	\$ 20,847.91

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2024-112: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS #24-00518 -#24-00566/\$38,727.79

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

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Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves payment of the following Claims #24-00518 through #24-00566, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of \$38,727.79:

General	\$ 18,546.13
Highway	1,836.34
Light Districts	1,554.92
Sewer District #1	2,905.70
Water District	<u>13,884.70</u>
Total	\$ 38,727.79

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

RESO 2024-113: RATIFY THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS/USE ARPA FUNDS
TO PURCHASE 69 SENSUS RADIO READERS

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies the transfer of funds, effective June 11, 2024, to use ARPA Funds to purchase 69 Sensus Radio Readers.

A 691-0000	Deferred Revenues-ARPA	Db \$10,315.00
A 980	Revenues	Cr \$10,315.00
	A4089 Federal Aid, Other	
A 9901.9	Transfer to Other Funds	Db \$10,315.00
A 200-0002	Cash-Deferred Revenue ARPA	Cr \$10,315.00
SW 200-0001	Cash-PSBT Checking	Db \$10,315.00
SW-5031	Interfund Transfers In	Cr \$10,315.00

Seconded by Mr. Dumian

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

RESO 2024-114: RATIFY MODIFICATION TO 2024 BUDGET, EFFECTIVE 06-11-2024

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies modification to the 2024 Budget, effective June 11, 2024, as follows:

510 Estimated Revenues		\$20,630.00
A-4089	Federal Aid, ARPA	\$10,315.00 To Use ARPA
Funds for Sensus Radio Readers		
SW 5031	Interfund Transfers In	\$10,315.00 To Use ARPA
Funds for Sensus Radio Readers		
960 Appropriations		\$20,630.00
A 9901	Transfer Other Funds	\$10,315.00 To
Use ARPA Funds for		
		Sensus
		Radio Readers

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SW 8320-2-200 Source of Supply -Equipment Basic \$10,315.00To
Use ARPA Funds for

Sensus Radio Readers

Seconded by Mr. Finch

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

DISCUSSION/CHANGES TO EMPLOYEE POLICY MANUAL

As we evolve in the ever-changing, evolving labor market these days, Mary Plonski will be retiring soon. However, she is not leaving. There are gaps in our policy manual. The manual is not prepared to deal with this. The policy manual now reads: “Upon retirement any retiree or elected official can be paid for vacation and sick time in the following ways:”

Mr. Dumian suggests it read: “Lump sum or they can do a structured payment over so many months, OR if the employee is returning to work, they can keep that time in a bank of time available to use within the town guidelines.”

They would not have to have a pay-out, they can keep their vacation and sick time in the bank, and then use it as needed. Upon request, if the employee decides to leave and just take the lump sum, that is their option.

RESO 2024-115: RESOLUTION AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE POLICY MANUAL

Mr. Dumian moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes amending the current Town of Conklin Employee Policy Manual to reflect when an employee retires-- or retires and returns to work as a town employee-- in regards to sick and vacation time, he or she be offered the following three options: Lump Sum Payment, Structured Payment over so many months, or years, OR retaining that time in a bank of sick time and vacation time available for use upon request; also allowing the employee at any time to take a lump sum or structured payment of their time. (Final Employee Policy Manual Language subject to attorney review).

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bill Brodsky, Chairman of the Town of Conklin Grievance Board, reported that the Board had a successful Grievance Day and was able to close everything out for the year with seven cases reviewed.

Gary Huntley asked what would happen with all the unsightly tree limbs/wood lying on the side of the road by the Nelson Company as they worked on electrical wires. The Supervisor replied that it was a challenge, and work was also done in front of his home. A log truck took some of the bigger pine pieces away. Brush and limbs remained. It is his understanding the contractors were supposed to come back in a week or two. He wondered if perhaps some property owners had requested trees be left. Mr. Huntley heard that some residents had asked Nelson when the debris was going to be removed and were told it was the property owner’s responsibility. The Supervisor said people should call NYSEG, and let NYSEG know the property was left in a

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mess and ask for it to be cleaned up. There was concern that some of the trees were valuable wood—some hard wood like cherry and maple, and it should be left with the property owner.

Mr. Boyle said he would like to see the time frame for hydrant replacement bumped up should there be any infrastructure funding remaining. He also encouraged Board members to look at the actual condition of the pool facility. “You will be surprised,” said Boyle. Most of the equipment is easily 50 years old. “It’s way outdated.”

Mr. Francisco commended the Parks Department on the commendable job maintaining the cemetery, ballfields and grass. He said June was a busy month with burials and a good number of gravesites had been purchased.

Mr. Dumian said he is working with Legislator Kelly Wildoner and Broome County, hoping to get a small community grant for batting cages at Schnurbusch Park.

The Supervisor asked residents to please to take care of their properties as best they could.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Finch moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Francisco. The meeting adjourned 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Einstein
Deputy Town Clerk

