

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2025

REPORT: PARKS/WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

In a written report, Parks/Water/Sewer Department Team Leader David Kilmer gave an update on his department's activities. He stated that the radio reads "went very well," and took about an hour to read all the installed radios. The department has installed and repaired more meters and is working with businesses to change out old meters and install radios. His department painted the plumbing inside the wellhouse. Lights inside the garage at the Community Center were installed, bringing them into compliance with PESH requirements. Stumps were removed from the front of the Community Center. Major in-house repairs were completed on the John Deere tractor. The estimate for the repairs was over \$5,000, but the Parks crew was able to fix the problems for just the price of parts. The tractor had an antifreeze leak, which entailed taking off the entire front end of the tractor to complete repairs.

REPORT: SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

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

OLD BUSINESS:

116 STILLWATER ROAD/TRIOLO

Mr. Dumian stated that "multiple attempts" had been made to contact Mr. Triolo, owner of 116 Stillwater Road, so that his property could be inspected for improvements in mediating the various Code violations. On the February 18 deadline, Mr. Triolo called Mr. Boyle to say he "couldn't be there." Mr. Dumian stated that the Town had asked the bare minimum – that the house be cleaned and the trip hazards be removed for the safety of any fire or EMS personnel that might need to enter the building. He stated that "nothing has been done." Mr. Dumian stated that the property will be boarded up on February 26 and will be re-placarded, with law enforcement officials present on site.

POTENTIAL CEMETERY/SCOFIELD ROAD/SCHILLING

Mr. Dumian stated that Robert Schilling is applying to the Planning Board and will attend their meeting on March 17. Mr. Dumian stated that he feels Mr. Schilling's request for re-zoning from Residential to Agricultural-Rural is spot zoning, which the Town Code does not allow. He stated that the potential buyer wants to know if the re-zoning will be approved before he purchases the property. The recommendations from the Planning Board will be sent to the Town Board, which will make the final determination.

LED LIGHTING/SCHNURBUSCH PARK

Mr. Dumian stated that Mr. Boyle is going to work with the Conklin Volunteer Fire Department to look at the fixtures at Schnurbusch Park, as the Board considers upgrading to LED lighting. He stated that MO Electric has found some information on the current fixtures and replacement bulbs, and a Town resident who works for an alternative lighting company has also provided information. Mr. Dumian stated that he is researching this option. Mr. Dumian stated that it appears likely that NYSERDA rebates will be discontinued. He stated that the Board needs to consider return of investment, asking, "Is it cost effective to upgrade?"

NEW BUSINESS:

RESO 2025-64: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR/ENTER AGREEMENT/WILLIAMS & EDSALL LAND SURVEYORS/SURVEY CONKLIN CEMETERY

Mr. Finch 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 enter an agreement with Williams and Edsall Land Surveyors, PC, to survey Conklin Cemetery for a cost of \$1,000.00.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

Mr. Dumian stated that the surveying will be completed before the GPR mapping is done.

RESO 2025-65: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR/ENTER AGREEMENT/W2O/ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FOR SEWER AND WELLHOUSE PUMPS

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes the Supervisor to enter an agreement with W2O to provide annual maintenance for 10 sewer pumps and 2 pumps in the well house (two full days' work) for a cost of \$8,500.00.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2025-66: RATIFY PAYMENT/PITNEY BOWES/POSTAGE METER REFILL

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 \$800.00 to Pitney Bowes for postage meter refill.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2025-67: APPROVE 2025 ANNUAL PARK PERMIT/FOUNTAIN BLEAU MHP

Mr. Boyle moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the 2025 Annual Park Permit for the following Mobile Home Park in the Town of Conklin:

Fountain Bleau MHP, LLC (Fountain Bleau Mobile Home Park)

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2025-68: ADOPT 2025 BROOME COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Conklin recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the Town of Conklin; and

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WHEREAS the Town of Conklin has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the 2025 Broome County Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS the 2025 Broome County Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the Town of Conklin from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Conklin demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2025 Broome County Hazard Mitigation Plan:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Town Board of the Town of Conklin, New York, that:

Section 1. In accordance with majority vote, the Town Board of the Town of Conklin adopts the 2025 Broome County Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan, approved by the community, may be edited or amended after submission for review, but will not require the community to re-adopt any further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in five years.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

Mr. Dumian added that there are no fees associated with the adoption of the Broome County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

RESO 2025-69: APPROVE PAYMENT/CLAIMS #25-00144 - #25-00183/\$148,086.62

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the payment of the following Claims #25-00144 through #25-00183, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of \$148,086.62:

General	\$ 31,874.85
Highway	107,792.09
Sewer District #1	2,921.00
Water District	<u>5,498.68</u>
Total	\$148,086.62

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

HEALTH INSURANCE

Mr. Dumian stated that Town retirees really need to be looking at alternative plans for health insurance for 2026. He added that the Board may need to look at changing the Employee Policy Manual so that retirees or employees, if they leave the Town-provided health insurance plan, would have the opportunity to re-enlist in the plan if they leave to pursue an alternative health care plan and it does not work out.

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HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Mr. Hayes stated that the new RAM 5500 truck is due to be delivered in May. He stated that the loader should be viable for another five years, with its current maintenance schedule.

PUBLIC HEARING/NATHAN CROSS/CODE VIOLATIONS/1298 CONKLIN ROAD

Nathan Cross appeared at his hearing at 6:30 P.M. to address Code violations at his property at 1298 Conklin Road. Mr. Dumian stated that Mr. Cross needs to present a timeline in which violations will be addressed. Mr. Cross stated that the list of violations he received is incorrect. He stated that he has Town of Conklin water service, when the list says there is no water available. Mr. Dumian stated he understood that the water has been turned off, which Mr. Cross stated is true. Mr. Cross stated that he is “working on cleaning up out back” and “selling stuff to pay taxes.” He stated that he has no funds to clean or repair the property, but added that he will “start to work in the next two weeks.” Mr. Cross stated that he does not have electricity from NYSEG in the building but is using a generator. He admitted that he is living in the house part-time. Code Officer Nick Pappas stated that he needs a timeline and a plan for cleanup and repair of the premises. Attorney Mark Spinner stated that Mr. Cross must set times for Mr. Pappas to inspect both the interior and exterior of the building to determine the necessary abatement of the Code violations, and he must provide a timeline and allow monitoring of his progress. Mr. Pappas agreed to provide Mr. Cross another copy of the list of Code violations, and asked him to start outside, cleaning up around the building and the porch. Mr. Finch asked if Mr. Cross is bringing more materials to the site and he stated that he is not doing that. Mr. Finch stated that it looks more spread out. Mr. Dumian stated that the outside must be cleaned up by March 31, 2025. Mr. Spinner reiterated that Mr. Cross must allow Mr. Pappas to make inspections. Mr. Francisco agreed that Mr. Cross must “address the appearance immediately.” Mr. Cross questioned the mention of weeds in the violations list and Mr. Dumian explained that there are regulations about the height of grass and brush in the Town Code. He stated that Mr. Cross needs to get rid of the unregistered vehicles on his property. The hearing closed at 6:40 P/M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

ABUNDANT SOLAR POWER

Mr. Spinner stated that he has been working on the decommissioning bond and agreement with Abundant Solar Power. He stated that Susquehanna Valley School District and the Town of Conklin have agreed to the PILOT agreement and the issue is on the agenda for the Broome County March meeting.

YOUTH SPORTS

Mr. Farley stated that baseball and softball signups are now open. He stated that ten Town of Conklin wrestlers will be competing in the New York State Tournament.

CEMETERIES

Mr. Francisco stated he would like to hold off on any burials until April 1 because of the frost layer and Mr. Dumian agreed. Mr. Dumian stated that the new survey will plot everything, including gravesites, roads, and the tree in the cemetery. Mr. Francisco stated that the Town is attempting to maintain the trees at the southern boundary as a buffer for nearby residents. Mr. Dumian suggested selling plots area by area, rather than scattered.

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RESO 2025-70: EXECUTIVE SESSION/LEGAL ADVICE

Mr. Dumian moved to close the Regular Town Board Meeting and move into Executive Session at 6:46 P.M. to seek legal advice.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2025-71: RE=OPEN REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Mr. Boyle moved to close the Executive Session and re-open the Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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. Francisco moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Dumian. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs
Town Clerk