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REPORT: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Mr. Dumian stated that the Town received a quote for \$5,920.00 from Broome Bituminous Products, Inc., to mill two inches of asphalt from the Town Hall parking lot. The Town personnel will clean up the debris and pave the parking lot.

Highway Superintendent Jeff Hayes stated he received a quote from Broome Bituminous Products, Inc., for paving of seven streets within the Town but he needs more information before the Board makes a decision about this project.

Mr. Hayes stated that the Skidsteer needed to be repaired and the cost was approximately \$2,700.00. He stated that he is borrowing a sweeper from the Town of Union to sweep the newly paved area at Schnurbusch Park. Otherwise, his crew has been busy cleaning up trees, brush, and trash; repairing street signs; and cold patching roads. Mr. Hayes stated that the new speed limit signs have been posted on Kabanek Road.

REPORT: PARKS/WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

Mr. Dumian read the written report submitted by the Parks/Water/Sewer Department. The department completed the flow meter calibration at the well site, finished new and old Health Department reports, started the Scada system updates, completed meter and radio repairs, assessed needed wiring repairs and possible well pump repairs at the Landfill, turned on the water at the bathrooms at Schnurbusch Park and cleaned the bathrooms and concession stands, installed poles, pads, and Astro Turf for the batting cages, turned over the ball fields, and added rock for creek repair. Department Team Leader David Kilmer thanks the Highway Department for their help in installing the Astro Turf. He reported that the soffit and fascia at the Community Center is completed and the dusk till dawn lights have been installed.

REPORT: SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

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

OLD BUSINESS:

LED LIGHTING AT SCHNURBUSCH PARK

Mr. Dumian stated that the Town is still waiting for prices for the replacement bulbs for the LED lighting at Schnurbusch Park.

1298 CONKLIN ROAD/CROSS

Mr. Dumian stated that Mr. Cross has until the end of March to make progress on the cleanup of his property, but added that so far he has not seen much improvement.

DELAWARE RIVER SOLAR

Mr. Dumian stated that he has not received any updates from Delaware River Solar but added that he expects an application soon for the proposed solar facility on Fallbrook Road.

BROOME COUNTY GRANT

Mr. Dumian stated that the Town had originally planned to apply for a Community Grant from Broome County to help offset the cost of finishing the roads in Conklin Cemetery, but the Board

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has decided that the Town can use millings and complete the roads less expensively so it will apply for the grant for a different project. Mr. Dumian asked the Board for suggestions for what they think the best use of the grant would be.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Mr. Dumian stated that he had a “great meeting” with the representatives from Meals on Wheels, who wish to expand their Binghamton operation to work out of the Community Center. He stated that this is “an important service for seniors” and the Town will cooperate to make it work.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION/REGARDING INCREASE IN PRICE/REPAIR OF EBARA PUMP

Repairs to the Ebara pump were approved at the January 28, 2025 meeting through Resolution 2025-49 for a cost of \$12,750.00. Since then the supplier, W2O, has had to obtain parts from a different source and has increased the price to \$23,775.00. Mr. Dumian stated that it would cost approximately \$70,000.00 for a new pump. He added that he will talk more with the Water and Sewer Department about the best option, adding that the Board should consider not fixing this pump but utilizing the preventative maintenance program with W2O that was approved in February. Mr. Dumian stated that working with sole providers such as W2O can be problematic.

RESO 2025-79: APPROVE BROOME BITUMINOUS/PROVIDE MILLING/TOWN HALL PARKING LOT

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves Broome Bituminous Products, Inc., to provide milling for the Town Hall parking lot at a cost not to exceed \$5,920.00.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2025-80: APPROVE WIND RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL/REMOVE & CLEAN OIL & WATER SEPARATOR/HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the removal/cleaning of the oil/water separator from the waste tank for the Highway Department by Wind River Environmental for a cost not to exceed \$9,000.00.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2025-81: RATIFY PAYMENT/ALLISON LEVENE/SIX ROLLS OF ASTRO TURF FOR BATTING CAGES

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

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Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment in the amount of \$1,290.00 for six rolls (two purchases of 3 rolls each) of Astro Turf for the batting cages.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2025-82: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT/CLAIMS #25-00248 - #25-00299/\$32,072.55

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes payment of the following Claims #25-00248 through #25-00299, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of \$32,072.55:

General	\$23,477.93
Highway	2,630.89
Sewer District #1	2,607.80
Water District	<u>3,355.93</u>
Total	\$32,072.55

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

DOG ISSUES ON WOODSIDE AVENUE

Carrie Fiske of Woodside Avenue stated that there have been issues with her dogs, which she says are unlicensed because she cannot obtain their rabies vaccination records. She stated that there was “misrepresentation” when the Dog Control Officer came to talk to her household about the dogs. Ms. Fiske stated, “We are not being negligent on purpose.” Mr. Dumian explained that dogs are not “taken” without Court orders, adding that he is addressing issues with this whole situation, but reiterating that she must license her dog.

CODE VIOLATIONS ON POWERS ROAD

Mr. Finch asked about a Code violation on Powers Road which he had reported. Administrative Assistant Mary Plonski stated that Code Officer Nick Pappas looked at the site in question and will call Mr. Finch to discuss it.

ROADS IN CONKLIN CEMETERY

Mr. Francisco stated that he will work with Parks/Water/Sewer Team Leader David Kilmer to place stakes for the new roads in Conklin Cemetery.

WATER CONNECTION TO CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Mr. Dumian stated that he spoke with Town Engineer John Mastronardi about the flow study for the water connection between the Town of Conklin and the City of Binghamton, as well as about a possible timeline.

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ABUNDANT SOLAR POWER

Mr. Dumian stated that there is some housekeeping to be done with the Abundant Solar Power solar facility project in regard to the PILOT agreement, Host Community Agreement (HCA), and decommissioning. Recently, New York State has deemed that municipalities “need to evaluate PILOT agreements better. Town Attorney Mark Spinner explained this further, with the end result that the PILOTs are “on hold” until it gets sorted in the Courts. Mr. Dumian stated that Abundant Solar Power is negotiating the PILOT agreement with the Susquehanna Valley School District. A further development is that although Abundant Solar Power owns the property and will run the facility, a company from California will own the equipment. Mr. Dumian stated that he is seeking an “upfront lump sum HCA payment.”

RESO 2025-83: EXECUTIVE SESSION/PERSONNEL ISSUE & LEGAL ADVICE

Mr. Dumian moved to close the Regular Town Board Meeting and move into Executive Session at 6:41 P.M. to discuss a specific personnel issue and to obtain legal advice.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2025-84: RE-OPEN REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Mr. Farley moved to close the Executive Session and re-open the Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:15 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. Finch moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Dumian. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs
Town Clerk