

WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Work Session at 5:30 P.M. on September 27, 2016, at the Conklin Town Hall. Mr. Finch, Supervisor, presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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| PRESENT: | Town Board Members | Bullock, Boyle, Dumian, Francisco, Finch |
| | Town Counsel | Cheryl Sacco |
| | Town Clerk | Sherrie L. Jacobs |
| | Highway Superintendent | Brian Coddington |
| | Public Works Superintendent | Tom DeLamarter |
| | Assistant to the Supervisor | Lisa Houston |
| | Code Officer | Ron Lake |
| | Fire Inspector | John Rudy |
| | Administrative Assistant | Mary Plonski |
| | Planning Board | Chris Ostrowsky |

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| GUESTS: | Country Courier | Elizabeth Einstein |
| | BCIDA | Kevin McLaughlin |
| | | John Colley |
| | | LeRoy Jenkins |
| | | Todd Jenkins |
| | | William Gardner |
| | | Lora Gardner |
| | | Bill Farley |
| | | Gloria Galazyn |
| | | Willis Platt |
| | | Nick Pappas |

DICK’S SPORTING GOODS, INC./CDBG APPLICATION

Kevin McLaughlin of the BCIDA (Broome County Industrial Development Agency) reported that the Dick’s Warehouse Distribution Center project being constructed in Conklin is “making good progress.” He stated that there is \$750,000 available through the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and Dick’s Sporting Goods, Inc., would like to apply for this grant. Mr. McLaughlin explained that this grant is for equipment rather than construction, adding that a pre-application is needed. He stated that Dick’s is asking for the Town of Conklin’s permission to submit the pre-application, adding that the BCIDA will administer the grant. Mr. McLaughlin stated that the BCIDA would split the cost of administration of the grant 50/50 with the Town. He stated that if the Dick’s Warehouse Distribution Center does not generate the number of jobs that the company has predicted, New York State would be able to ask for money back from the company, but there would be no liability or responsibility to the Town to return money. The Board will schedule a Public Hearing on October 18, 2016, at 6:00 P.M.

DISCUSSION/PROPOSED LOCAL LAW/ “ZONING”

Town Attorney Cheryl Sacco explained the proposed local law, entitled “Zoning,” and the proposed Overlay District to be created in which manufactured homes would be allowed. She stated that this local law is needed to bring the Town Code into compliance with New York State, which allows manufactured homes “if they are on a permanent foundation.”

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Ms. Sacco explained that this proposed local law amends Chapter 140-11, "Permitted Uses," in the Town Code. Section A(1)(a) is changed from 24 feet to 14 feet, while Section A(1)(b) establishes a roof pitch of 5-foot-to-12-foot. She stated that Sections (c), (d), (f), and (g) are different from the New York State Building Code, while Section A(1)(h) remains unchanged. Ms. Sacco stated that Section A(1)(e) requires that exposed areas be covered. She added that the wheels and hitch connection must be removed. Ms. Sacco stated that creating an Overlay District adds to the permitted uses, adding that in Section 4 she would add "Zoning Districts" to the end of the Section.

Mr. Boyle stated that 4-foot-to-12-foot is a standard roof pitch, adding that some more elaborate homes utilize a pitch of 2-foot-to-12-foot. Ms. Sacco suggested addressing this issue by connecting the roof pitch to the square footage of the building, or requiring the owner to obtain an area variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Code Officer Ron Lake stated that pitch is addressed in the aesthetics portion of the local law. Ms. Sacco stated that the Town "cannot require from manufactured homes what it does not require from modular or stick-built homes." Mr. Finch commented that "flat roofs on mobile homes are only allowed in trailer parks." Mr. Lake stated that "on a permanent foundation, mobile homes are allowed anywhere." Mr. Dumian stated that manufactured homes must be constructed to HUD (Office of Housing and Urban Development) standards, which require a pitched roof.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

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The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on September 27, 2016, at the Conklin Town Hall. Mr. Finch, Supervisor, presided.

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| PRESENT: | Town Board Members | Bullock, Boyle, Dumian, Francisco, Finch |
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MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Mr. Bullock moved to approve the September 14, 2016 Regular Town Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Finch acknowledged receipt of correspondence from Time Warner Cable. The Town Board also received correspondence from Town Justice J. Marshall Ayres.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

PAINTING OF CASTLE

John Colley of Millburn Drive commented that the new painting of the Castle is “beautiful,” and he asked if repair work is being planned for the front porch. Mr. Bullock replied that the porch work can be completed at a later date and then painted at that time..

OLD BUSINESS:

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STILLWATER ROAD DRAINAGE PROJECT

Mr. Finch stated that the DEC (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) will hold a hearing on October 5 regarding the sewage issue at Fountain Bleau Mobile Home Park, adding that the Stillwater Road Drainage Project hinges on the outcome of this hearing.

TIME WARNER CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

The Town Board is looking at the newest version of the proposed Time Warner Cable Franchise Agreement, which Ms. Sacco stated is “worse than the last version.”

UPSTATE TOWERS

Mr. Finch stated that representatives from Upstate Towers met with him and Ms. Sacco. Ms. Sacco stated that one of the properties being considered for a cell tower is in the flood zone. Code Officer Ron Lake stated that the company is looking at moving that tower.

DOG PARK

Mr. Finch stated that the signs for the Dog Park have been delivered and the security cameras have been ordered.

CHICKENS IN CONKLIN

Mr. Dumian stated that the chicken issue is “not as simple as it looks,” adding that it is “not fair to limit all properties,” noting that there are “many different sized properties” within the Town. Ms. Sacco stated that the Board could also adopt an overlay zone to show where chickens could be allowed. Mr. Bullock stated that owners of larger properties could ask for a variance, adding that the chickens must be kept penned. Mr. Francisco echoed that the chickens must be confined. Ms. Sacco explained that sometimes deed restrictions are in place in residential developments that prohibit farm animals, with such restrictions enforced by neighbors, not the Town Code Office. She stated that she could draft a potential local law for the October 11 meeting, which would allow four hens, with no rooster, confined to the owner’s property, with provision for more hens allowed per square foot for larger properties. Mr. Dumian agreed to an overlay district but not to requiring a variance, adding that four hens should be allowed anywhere, with more than four allowed in districts zoned R-12, R-15 (both Residential), and Agricultural only. Mr. Boyle stated that there is an odor associated with poultry, so the animals must be well maintained. No ducks would be allowed. Mr. Lake asked if rabbits would be allowed.

In response to the recent complaints about chickens and ducks on June Street, Mr. Finch stated that the chickens must be confined and the owner must get rid of the ducks and rooster. Mr. Bullock suggested that the Town wait until the new local law has been enacted before this is enforced. Nick Pappas, Code Officer for the Town of Binghamton, stated that in his Town, a minimum of three acres is required for farm animals, adding that they are not allowed in areas zoned R-1, which requires a variance in order to keep farm animals.

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PROPOSED LOCAL LAW/ "ZONING"

Discussion continued on the proposed local law entitled, "Zoning," regarding manufactured homes. Mr. Dumian asked about the requirement for a 5-foot-to-12-foot pitch, and Mr. Boyle replied that the standard roof pitch is 4-foot-to-12-foot. Ms. Sacco stated that the Board could amend the proposed local law to require a minimum of 4-to-12 unless the square footage of the structure is greater than a particular size, or it could eliminate the pitch requirement altogether. Mr. Lake stated that the lower the pitch, the greater the requirement for snow load must be. Mr. Boyle stated that he thinks the pitch requirement should be eliminated, adding that the requirement for manufactured homes built after 1976 is a 4-12 pitch, required by HUD. Planning Board member Christopher Ostrowsky stated that the norm in the industry is 4-12, adding that he thinks a variance should not be required, because the applicant would be required to have stamped engineer's plans, which should ensure that the pitch is appropriate to the structure.

Mr. Dumian asked if, with the Overlay District in place, the required foundation can be a frost-free monolithic slab and Mr. Lake stated that this is correct. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town "could have had the overlay sooner," adding that "some residents have spent a lot of money unnecessarily." He added that the New York State Department of State ruling and State Law are "two different things."

RESO 2016-124: SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING/ PROPOSED LOCAL LAW/
"ZONING"/NOVEMBER 9, 2016/6:05 P.M.

Mr. Bullock moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin schedules a Public Hearing at 6:05 P.M. on November 9, 2016, to receive input regarding a proposed local law entitled, "Zoning," regarding manufactured homes.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

RESO 2016-125: AUTHORIZE TOWN SUPERVISOR/EXECUTE PRE-SUBMISSION
FORM/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT/CDBG/DICK'S MANUFACTURING &
SUPPLY CAIN PROJECT/SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING/OCTOBER 18, 2016 AT
6:00 P.M.

Mr. Dumian moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes the Town Supervisor, James E. Finch, to execute a Pre-Submission form for an Economic Development Grant administered by the New York State Community Development Block Grant Program on behalf of the Dick's Manufacturing & Supply Cain Project and scheduling a Public Hearing for 6:00 P.M. on October 18, 2016.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

DISCUSSION/2017 BUDGET

Assistant to the Supervisor Lisa Houston stated that there is one change to the proposed Budget because of a change in the Landfill payment and the addition of a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, from \$53,000 to \$60,000 per year for the two changes.

Mr. Dumian raised concerns regarding the Budget for the Code Office, noting that 66 hours per week are scheduled, including the additional inspections on the Dick's Warehouse Distribution Center project, including hours worked by Code Officer Ron Lake, Fire Inspector John Rudy, and Administrative Assistant Mary Plonski, for a total of \$80,860 budgeted for 2017. He questioned whether the required fire inspections are being completed. Mr. Lake stated that the \$140,000 from permits issued to Dick's covers the cost of the extra hours for inspections on the project. Mr. Boyle reminded the Board that it had agreed to hire two part-time workers for Code, instead of one full-time person, because it believed it would be less expensive to do so. Mr. Dumian stated, "Look at the numbers and the number of hours."

Mr. Finch stated that the Code Office has "more chicken calls, an unlivable house up in Conklin Forks, and tightened enforcement." Mr. Lake stated that the number of work hours will decrease once the Dick's Warehouse project is completed. He added, addressing Mr. Dumian, "I'm ready to leave whenever you want," a sentiment echoed by Mr. Rudy. Mr. Lake added that the "Code Office was in worse shape than I thought" (when he took over the job). Mr. Bullock asked Mr. Dumian, "What are you suggesting? Cut the hours?" Mr. Dumian replied, "I want to make it more efficient." "The department is running better than it ever has," replied Mr. Bullock. Mr. Francisco stated that, of the people they interviewed for the Code Officer position, "no one else was qualified." Mr. Finch asked, "What do you want to cut? How many hours do you think we need?" Mr. Rudy stated that he works from 7 A.M. until noon, but might have an inspection at 3 P.M., adding that he is not going to drive all the way home in between times. He stated that he "will not sign off on Dick's without proper time to do inspections."

Mr. Dumian stated that Mr. Lake was hired to perform Code work and Mr. Rudy to perform fire inspections, adding that the Board did not approve extra hours and that he wants the fire inspections done. Mr. Rudy stated that there are "extreme situations" regarding fire inspections. "Define the position," stated Mr. Lake. Mr. Boyle asked why the Town is required to inspect the Dick's Warehouse project. Ms. Sacco stated that it is a Department of State requirement in order to issue a Certificate of Occupancy.

Mr. Finch stated that, beginning October 3, Mr. Rudy should only do fire inspections, or that the Board should advertise for a full-time Code Officer. Mr. Boyle commented that fire inspections are important. Mr. Bullock asked, "What is the solution? How do they get work done with people, including you" (addressing Mr. Boyle), "sitting in their office?" Mr. Dumian stated that Mr. Lake should be inspecting the Dick's Warehouse project, rather than Mr. Rudy, because he is an engineer.

PLANNING BOARD MEETING/TUZZI & SALT DISTRIBUTION FACILITY

Mr. Lake stated that he met with Mr. Tuzzi and his attorney, Alan Pope, regarding the Salt Distribution Facility on Hardie Road, and added that Mr. Tuzzi is planning to submit a new site plan to the Town Planning Board. Mr. Tuzzi is asking the Town of take property near the

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bottom of his property by Eminent Domain in order to create a new road into the Salt Distribution Facility. Ms. Sacco stated that there is a “huge problem with truck traffic and the hours of operation and planned expansion” with neighbors on Hardie Road. She stated that the new road would avoid the residential area. Mr. Tuzzi has agreed to pay for construction of the road, which would enter the facility off Progress Parkway. Broome County would provide a temporary road use agreement. Ms. Sacco stated that the property could be taken through Eminent Domain due to concerns for public health and safety, due to the health issues the idling trucks cause some residents on Hardie Road, and the danger from increased truck traffic. Mr. Dumian commented that five houses would be impacted by this decision.

Mr. Dumian asked if the originally proposed railroad siding is “off the table” and Mr. Lake replied that it is, adding “Cargill (Salt) controls it.” Mr. Boyle stated that he does not like Eminent Domain, but added that the owner of the property in question was contacted with an offer to purchase the property and has not responded. Ms. Sacco stated that the Town could take the property through Eminent Domain and keep the road as a needed road in the Town. Mr. Dumian asked if that means the Town would then be responsible for maintaining the road, and Highway Superintendent Brian Coddington replied that the Town would have that responsibility. Mr. Finch stated that the property in question is 1.5 acres. Mr. Lake added that it is currently land-locked and this action would “open it up.” The Board asked about a road use agreement and Mr. Coddington replied that the Town “already has driveways it would like to get rid of. It’s not easy to abandon roads.” “It’s an ongoing problem,” commented Ms. Sacco, adding that she will research whether a Court would allow the Town to take property under Eminent Domain and then turn it over to a private owner. She added that an appraisal would need to be done and asked Mr. Lake to provide a map of the property in question. Mr. Boyle asked if the property owner can still currently sell the property and Ms. Sacco stated that the owner could sell the property to Mr. Tuzzi or to the Town of Conklin.

OUTSTANDING WATER BILL/TAX FORECLOSURE AUCTION/8 GEE STREET

Ms. Sacco stated that a lien was put on a house located at 8 Gee Street, but the resident continued to use municipal water, with a bill accruing to \$1,500. The case went to court and the Town received a judgment in its favor, but the resident did not pay the judgment amount. Because the property was auctioned due to foreclosure because taxes were not paid, there is now a new owner and the Board asked if the new owner is responsible for the old debt to the Town. Other options are to sue the new owner, at a cost to the Town of \$1,000, or try to force Broome County to pay the amount owed, since that is the entity that auctioned the property for taxes. Mr. Finch stated that “Broome County should be liable.” Ms. Sacco stated that she will follow up with this issue, adding that this is why the Town should hold tenant hearings when there are delinquencies in payment of water bills.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 2006 CHEVROLET PICK-UP TRUCK

Although it had originally been suggested that the Highway Department’s 2006 Chevrolet pick-up truck be transferred to the Code Department, Mr. Finch stated that the “truck needs a lot of work.” Mr. Coddington stated that he could “sell it somewhere else.” Mr. Dumian stated that the Town could buy the parts needed to repair it, with the Highway Department providing the labor, at a cost of approximately \$5,000. Mr. Bullock asked about the brakes, and Mr. Coddington stated that they need to be replaced. “Sell it,” stated Mr. Bullock. Mr. Rudy explained that the Code Department needs the truck because the Dog Control Officer van, sometimes used by the Code Department, is “too low to go to Dick’s” (Warehouse project). Mr. DeLamarter stated that the Code Office could use the old Parks truck for inspections, if

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necessary.

RESO 2016-126: DECLARE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT/2006 CHEVROLET PICK-UP TRUCK SERIAL NUMBER 1GCHK24U56E136190

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin declares as surplus equipment a 2006 Chevrolet pick-up truck, serial number 1GCHK24U56E136190.

Seconded by Mr. Dumian.

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

RESO 2016-127: AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT TO SELL/AUCTIONS INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE ONLINE/2006 CHEVROLET PICK-UP TRUCK

Mr. Dumian moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes advertisement on the Auctions International website online the intention to sell the 2006 Chevrolet pick-up truck, serial number 1CGHK24U56E136190, with plow “as is,” for a minimum of \$9,000.

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

RESO 2016-128: APPROVE APPLICATIONS TO FEMA/APPROVAL OF LEASES/BUYOUT PROPERTIES

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the Code Department to submit applications to FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) seeking approval for leases on the following Flood Buyout properties by the following individuals for the following uses, with each lease to be for a five year term for a total cost of \$25.00:

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| 11 MacGeorge Avenue, Binghamton, NY 13903 | LeRoy Jenkins | Mow & Maintain Property |
| 9 Shipman Road, Binghamton, NY 13903 | LeRoy Jenkins | Mow & Maintain Property |
| 17 Shipman Road, Binghamton, NY 13903 | LeRoy Jenkins | Mow & Maintain Property |
| 964 Conklin Road, Conklin, NY 13748 | Mary Plonski | Mow & Maintain Property |
| 2 Shipman Road, Binghamton, NY 13903 | Dorothy Polhamus | Mow/Maintain Property |
| 1076 Powers Road, Conklin, NY 13748 | Gerald Nemconsky | Mow/Maintain Property |

Seconded by Mr. Dumian.

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

Mr. Dumian asked who has first option on leasing a Buyout property and Mr. Finch stated original owners have first option, then adjoining neighbors, with the Code Department notifying these parties by letter. Ms. Sacco stated that if there were two prior owners, a partial lease could

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be given to each party. Gloria Galazyn, formerly of Lilac Place, stated that she owned both of the parcels in question on her former property. Mr. Lake stated that among the adjoining neighbors, first request would be given the lease. Administrative Assistant Mary Plonski asked about the liability and Ms. Sacco stated that it is covered in the lease agreement. Ms. Plonski also asked about maintenance and Ms. Sacco stated that maintenance is required or else the Town can exercise its opt out option.

RESO 2016-129: APPROVE PAYMENT/BILL LIST/\$40,636.13

Mr. Bullock moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves payment of the following Bill List in the total amount of \$40,636.13:

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| General | \$ 21,603.22 |
| Highway | 13,101.29 |
| Light Districts | 1,934.96 |
| Sewer District | 402.56 |
| Water District | <u>3,594.10</u> |
| Total | \$ 40,636.13 |

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2016-130: RATIFY PAYMENT/GREATER BINGHAMTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/REGISTRATION FEE/L. HOUSTON/DEPARTMENT OF LABOR LAWS UPDATE CLASS

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment of check #11380, account number A1220.4, in the amount of \$30.00 to the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce for registration fee for Lisa Houston to attend a class regarding updates to the Department of Labor laws.

Seconded by Mr. Bullock.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

SOUND SYSTEM

Mr. Dumian stated that the Board needs to find providers to improve the sound system in the Board room. Mr. DeLamarter stated that he will contact Bob Dengler to look at the problem.

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2017 RABIES CLINIC

Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs stated that the 2017 Rabies Clinic, hosted by the Broome County Health Department, had been held this evening, September 27, from 6 to 7 at the garage attached to the Community Center.

SPEED LIMIT ON CONKLIN ROAD

Mr. Bullock asked if there has been any update on the Town's request to lower the speed limit on Conklin Road between the high school and the Community Center, noting that there has been another accident in that area today.

RESO 2016-131: EXECUTIVE SESSION/PERSONNEL QUESTIONS OF TWO EMPLOYEES

Mr. Francisco moved to close the Regular Town Board Meeting and move into Executive Session at 7:35 P.M. to discuss job-related questions regarding two employees.

Seconded by Mr. Dumian.

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

An Executive Session of the Town Board of the Town of Conklin was held at the Conklin Town Hall at 7:35 P.M. with Supervisor James Finch presiding. Present were: Supervisor Finch, Mr. Bullock, Mr. Boyle, Mr. Dumian, Mr. Francisco, Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs, Highway Superintendent Brian Coddington, and Attorney Cheryl Sacco. Ms. Jacobs assumed duties of secretary of the meeting.

A discussion was held pursuant to Public Officers Law section 100 of the State of New York regarding the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.

RESO 2016-132: RE-OPEN REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

After this discussion, Mr. Bullock moved to close the Executive Session and re-open the Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Seconded by Mr. Dumian.

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

BUDGET DISCUSSION

A discussion was held regarding a new health insurance plan for Town employees that is being considered by the Board. The new plan would include a one-item hospitalization cost of \$250 deductible for an individual or \$500 for a family plan. The new plan would cost an increase of 11.8% to the Town for 2017, as opposed to renewing the current plan, which will cost an increase of 13.97% for 2017. Options of offering Gold, Silver, and Premium plans to employees were discussed, as everyone might not need the same insurance coverage. Giving employees more options could save the employees and the Town money. Assistant to the Supervisor Lisa

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Houston stated that there is \$16,000 to offset increases to keep the Town under the mandated tax cap. She stated that even if there is zero increase to the Budget, there would still be an increase in the tax rate because the Town is receiving less money from Universal Instruments. Mr. Bullock commented that the Board should put money away for maintenance of the Town's buildings, noting that there is no money set aside for this in the proposed 2017 Budget.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Bullock moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Dumian. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs
Town Clerk