

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2025

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on October 28, 2025, at the Conklin Town Hall. Mr. Dumian, Supervisor, presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:	Town Board Members	Boyle, Finch, Francisco, Farley, Dumian
	Town Counsel	Mark Spinner
	Town Clerk	Sherrie L. Jacobs
	Highway Superintendent	Jeff Hayes
	Secretary to the Supervisor	Teresa Bamber
	Administrative Assistant	Mary Plonski
	Planning Board	Sandra Beam
	Zoning Board of Appeals	Elizabeth Einstein
	Zoning Board of Appeals	William Brodsky

GUESTS:	Conklin Vol. Fire Dept, Inc.	Bill Gorman
	Conklin Vol. Fire Dept., Inc.	Paul Jacobs
	PWGC/Delaware River Solar	Marty Meriwether
	Abundant Solar	Matt McGregor
	Abundant Solar	Bartolo Morales
	GS Power Partners	Melissa Jomas
	B & L	Rebecca Minas
		Laurie Francisco
		Jim Kreold
		Derek Pavelski
		Naomi R. VanHart
		Daniel VanHart
		Peter J. Motsavage
		Lincoln Boyle
		Mary Boyle

MINUTES: OCTOBER 14, 2025 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Mr. Farley moved to approve the October 14, 2025 Regular Town Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

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PUBLIC HEARING
TO RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING PROPOSED
2026 FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT WITH
CONKLIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

PRESENT: Same as on page one.

Notice of Public Hearing having been duly advertised, Mr. Dumian declared the Public Hearing open at 6:03 P.M. and asked those present to speak either for, or in opposition to, the proposed 2026 Fire Protection Contract with the Conklin Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

There being no public comments or questions, Mr. Dumian declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:04 P.M.

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NEW SOCCER GOALS

Mr. Farley stated that he has three quotes for new soccer goals. They are as follows:

\$4,730.38 for two regular size soccer goals similar to the current ones

\$2,069.58 for two 10 and Under size goals

\$5,718.20 for two regular size goals somewhat heavier than the current ones

The Board will continue this discussion later in the meeting.

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PUBLIC HEARING
TO RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING PROPOSED
2026 MUNICIPAL WATER & SEWER BILLING RATES

PRESENT: Same as on page one.

Notice of Public Hearing having been duly advertised, Mr. Dumian declared the Public Hearing open at 6:05 P.M. and asked those present to speak either for, or in opposition to, the proposed 2026 Municipal Water and Sewer Billing Rates.

There being no public comments or questions, Mr. Dumian declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:06 P.M.

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PUBLIC HEARING
TO RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING PROPOSED
2026 GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF CONKLIN

PRESENT: Same as on page one.

Notice of Public Hearing having been duly advertised, Mr. Dumian declared the Public Hearing open at 6:07 P.M. and asked those present to speak either for, or in opposition to, the proposed 2026 General and Highway Budget for the Town of Conklin.

There being no public comments or questions, Mr. Dumian declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:08 P.M.

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CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING PROPOSED
DELAWARE RIVER SOLAR POWER FACILITY ON FALLBROOK ROAD

PRESENT: Same as on page one.

Mr. Dumian stated that Town Engineer John Mastronardi is reviewing the questions that were raised in previous meetings, adding that a fire response plan is now in place with the Conklin Fire Chief. Mr. Dumian added that the representatives from Abundant Solar, which has a solar facility approved for installation on Hardie Road, were introduced to Fire Chief Bill Gorman tonight and will work out a fire response plan with him. Daniel VanHart of Fallbrook Road stated that the fire response plan is “vague” and wants more details. Mr. Dumian stated that the requested fire break outside the fence of the facility has been added to the plan, adding that the site will be secured with the Conklin Fire Department and Delaware River Solar personnel. Mr. VanHart asked who the local Delaware River Solar personnel will be and how fast can they get to the site. Fire Chief Gorman stated that the fire department will protect the area around the site

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in the event of a fire at the facility. Derek Pavelski of Fallbrook Road asked about the use of foam in the event of a fire and Chief Gorman stated that the Conklin Fire trucks are equipped with foam.

Mr. Pavelski stated that the Project Owner is “TBD” (To Be Determined). Mr. Dumian stated that this is common, noting that the solar panels at the Abundant Solar Hardie Road site have already been sold to the manufacturer of the solar panels, so the manufacturer will own the equipment and Abundant Solar will own the operation. Mr. Pavelski asked Town Attorney Mark Spinner if he is looking at the solar laws of other municipalities. Mr. Spinner stated that he is looking at other laws, particularly the Town of Vestal’s solar law. Mr. Dumian commented that the Town of Conklin’s current solar law is a “good law,” but the Town needs the pause of a moratorium to take an even deeper dive. He reiterated that property owners with large amounts of land have the right to use their property for income. The Public Hearing on this application will remain open until the November 13 Board meeting. At that time, the remaining public comments can be made prior to the Board undertaking the SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) Review, during which only the Board may comment, not the public.

Under advisement from Mr. Spinner, Mr. Boyle, who owns the property of the proposed 50 Boyle Boulevard solar facility, will recuse himself and have no input in discussions or votes on either the Delaware River Solar facility or on the 50 Boyle Boulevard proposed solar facility, so as to avoid a conflict of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Dumian stated that Mr. VanHart had contacted him regarding the fire response plan for the proposed Delaware River Solar facility.

Mr. Dumian stated that Secretary to the Supervisor Teresa Bamber has contacted the Broome County Sheriff’s Department to request extra patrols in Conklin on Halloween.

REPORT: HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent Jeff Hayes stated that his department has been busy with daily leaf pickup, winter preparations for both equipment and sand/salt supplies, and with making repairs to shoulders and ditches. He stated that he received a call last week regarding an illegal trash dump on Felters Road, adding that the Sheriff’s Department was called because the trash contained hypodermics.

REPORT: CODE OFFICER

Mr. Dumian stated that Mr. Spinner is pursuing the Supreme Court case against Nathan Cross, owner of 1298 Conklin Road, which has serious Code violations. Mr. Finch asked if the Town is seeking access to clean up the inside of the building as well as the outside, and Mr. Spinner stated that the Town is seeking an administrative warrant so our Code Officer can at least look inside the building to determine its condition.

REPORT: PARKS/WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

Mr. Dumian stated that the Parks Department has installed the three pieces of playground equipment purchased by the Conklin Kiwanis Club. A fourth piece will be delivered in November. A ribbon-cutting celebration for the new park equipment is planned for spring 2026. In addition to the installation of the parks equipment, the department hauled more dirt to fill the pool, repaired the roof at Conklin Forks Park and removed the old wallball court, and started

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winterizing the parks. The sewer pump was repaired at Sewer Station 1, with the cost increasing from the anticipated \$13,000 to \$22,000. However, “it would cost over \$50,000 for a new pump,” stated Mr. Dumian. The sewer stations have been mowed and trimmed. The Parks/Water/Sewer Department reported that the Sensus upgrade and programming has been finished for the upcoming October 31 water meter read, which Mr. Dumian stated is “good progress.” The inspection by the SRBC was completed and water main breaks were repaired. Mr. Dumian stated that the water and sewer billing rates are being increased to help cover the costs of repairs, stating that the Town is planning to consolidate the districts. New meters have been installed in the Broome Corporate Park and valve box cleanouts in the Corporate Park area have been completed.

REPORT: SUPERVISOR’S OFFICE

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

OLD BUSINESS:

ABUNDANT SOLAR/50 BOYLE BOULEVARD

A representative from Abundant Solar Power stated that a visual assessment had been done of the proposed site, adding that the new layout meets the setback requirements. The representative stated that it is a “complete application,” with SWPPP, wetlands report, noise and visual reports all being included. Mr. Spinner stated that Town Engineer John Mastronardi is reviewing the application, adding that Broome County has some questions and an emergency response plan is needed. It was stated that the owner will maintain the existing vegetation so that the solar panels will not be visible from the neighbors’ properties. Mr. Dumian asked if it will be visible in the winter when the leaves have fallen, and the answer was that the “topography will hide it.” There will be minor areas of tree clearing.

NEW SOCCER GOALS

Mr. Farley stated that the Town can purchase two regular sized soccer goals for \$4,730.38 with free shipping and two 10 and Under sized soccer goals for \$2,069.58, which includes shipping. The Board will vote on this later in the meeting.

NEW RICOH PRINTER FOR CODE OFFICE

Mr. Dumian stated that the contract for the new printer would be the same whether the machine is leased or purchased. Mr. Francisco added that there would also be a maintenance contract and Mr. Dumian stated that the cost is the same either way.

NEW BUSINESS:

HALLOWEEN CURFEW

The Board reminded those present that the Halloween curfew, enacted by local law, is in effect October 30, October 31, and November 1.

RESO 2025-171: AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR OF THE TOWN OF CONKLIN TO SIGN THE FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2026

PRESENT: Supervisor William Dumian, Jr.
Councilman Dell Boyle
Councilman William Farley
Councilman Charles Francisco

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Councilman James E. Finch

ABSENT: None

Offered By: Councilman Farley **Seconded By:** Councilman Finch

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin, duly convened in regular session, does hereby resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Board scheduled a public hearing at Conklin Town Hall, 1271 Conklin Road, Conklin, New York for October 28, 2025, at 6:03 p.m. on the 2026 Fire Protection District costs; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town, and posted on the Town Clerk’s signboard; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on October 28, 2025, at 6:03 p.m. and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to be heard, and the matter of the said costs for the Town for such fiscal year was fully discussed and considered by the Town Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Conklin, duly convened in regular session, does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The Supervisor of the Town of Conklin is hereby authorized and empowered to sign and deliver on behalf of the Town of Conklin the Fire Protection Agreement for Fire Protection District No. 1 for the year 2026 between Town of Conklin and Conklin Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Section 2. Said Agreement shall be substantially in accordance with the version thereof which is now on file in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Conklin, and shall be subject to the approval of the Attorney for the Town of Conklin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately

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 the 28th day of October, 2025. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Dated: October 28, 2025

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Sherrie L. Jacobs, Town Clerk

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RESO 2025-172: ADOPT THE PROPOSED MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER
BILLING RATES FOR THE YEAR 2026

PRESENT: Supervisor William Dumian, Jr.
Councilman Dell Boyle
Councilman William Farley
Councilman Charles Francisco
Councilman James E. Finch

ABSENT: None

Offered By: Councilman Francisco **Seconded By:** Councilman Finch

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin, duly convened in regular session, does hereby resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Board scheduled a public hearing at Conklin Town Hall, 1271 Conklin Road, Conklin, New York for October 28, 2025, at 6:05 p.m. on the proposed 2026 Water and Sewer Billing Rates; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town, and posted on the Town Clerk’s signboard; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on October 28, 2025, at 6:05 p.m. and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to be heard, and the matter of the said billing rates for the Town for such fiscal year was fully discussed and considered by the Town Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Conklin, duly convened in regular session, does hereby resolves and adopt the 2026 Municipal Water and Sewer Billing Rates as follows:

SEWER RESIDENTIAL

Quarterly Basic Fee:	\$20.00
Unit Charge not to exceed	\$12.25 per Thousand Gallons

SEWER SMALL BUSINESS (Non-Mfg)

Quarterly Basic Fee:	\$20.00
Unit Charge not to exceed	\$14.20 per Thousand Gallons

SEWER CORP PARK and MFG Companies

Quarterly Basic Fee:	\$40.00
Unit Charge not to exceed	\$21.00 per Thousand Gallons

<u>UNMETERED</u>	\$132.00/Qtr.
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WATER RESIDENTIAL

Quarterly Basic Fee:	\$27.50
Unit Charge not to exceed	\$ 4.75 per Thousand Gallons

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WATER SMALL BUSINESS Non-Mfg.

Quarterly Basic Fee:	\$27.50
Unit Charge not to exceed	\$5.00 per Thousand Gallons

WATER CORP PARK and MFG Companies

Quarterly Basic Fee	\$47.50
Unit charge not to exceed	\$6.25 per Thousand Gallons

This billing change becomes effective November 1, 2025, and will be billed starting the first billing cycle in 2026; February 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately

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

Dated: October 28, 2025

Town of Conklin Seal

Sherrie L. Jacobs, Town Clerk

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RESO 2025-173: ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET
OF THE TOWN OF CONKLIN FOR THE YEAR 2026

PRESENT: Supervisor William Dumian, Jr.
Councilman Dell Boyle
Councilman William Farley
Councilman Charles Francisco
Councilman James E. Finch

ABSENT: None

Offered By: Councilman Farley **Seconded By:** Councilman Finch

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The Town Board of the Town of Conklin, duly convened in regular session, does hereby resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Board scheduled a public hearing at Conklin Town Hall, 1271 Conklin Road, Conklin, New York for October 28, 2025, at 6:07 p.m. on the 2026 Preliminary Budget submitted and approved by the Town Board and filed with the Town Clerk for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town, and posted on the Town Clerk's signboard; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on October 28, 2025, at 6:07 p.m. and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to be heard, and the matter of the said budget for the Town for such fiscal year was fully discussed and considered by the Town Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Conklin, duly convened in regular session, does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The 2026 Preliminary Budget submitted, approved, and filed as aforesaid, be and the same is hereby adopted and established as the Year 2026 Annual Budget for the Town of Conklin for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026. Said Annual Budget as so adopted and established shall be entered in detail in the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Board.

Section 2. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to attach to said Annual Budget an exemption report in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 258 of the Laws of 2008. Said report shall show how much of the total assessed value on the final assessment roll of the Town of Conklin used in the Town's budgetary process is exempt from taxation.

Section 3. The Town Clerk shall prepare and certify, as provided by law, duplicate copies of said Annual Budget hereby adopted and established, and shall deliver one of such copies to the Supervisor of the Town, and the Supervisor shall present such copy to the Board of Legislators of the County of Broome, as required by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately

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

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RESO 2025-174: RESCHEDULE NOVEMBER 11 REGULAR TOWN BOARD
MEETING TO NOVEMBER 13, 2025, DUE TO VETERANS DAY

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin reschedules the November 11, 2025 Regular Town Board Meeting to November 13, 2025, due to Veterans Day on November 11.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2025-175: CANCEL NOVEMBER 25, 2025 REGULAR TOWN BOARD
MEETING

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin cancels the November 25, 2025 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2025-176: APPROVE HIRING/BRIAN ACLY/HIGHWAY LABORER

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the hiring of Brian Acly to the position of Highway Laborer, effective November 3, 2025, at a pay rate of \$26.00 per hour.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2025-177: APPROVE HIRING/WILLIAM TOZER, JR./DEPUTY HIGHWAY
SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the hiring of William Tozer, Jr., to the position of Deputy Highway Superintendent, effective November 3, 2025, at a pay rate of \$30.50 per hour.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2025-178: RATIFY EMERGENCY REPAIR OF VAUGHAN CHOPPER
PUMP/SEWER 1

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

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Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies the emergency repair of the Vaughan Chopper Pump for Sewer 1 by W2O at the increased cost of \$20,200.00 (increased from the original \$13,450.00, approved at the October 14, 2025 meeting).

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

RESO 2025-179: RATIFY OSTROWSKY BUILDERS’ QUOTE/PAINT COURT ROOM

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies Ostrowsky Builders’ quote to paint the Court Room for a cost of \$3,000.00.

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

RESO 2025-180: APPROVE PAYMENT/CLAIMS #25-01049 - #25-01106/\$184,770.25

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 #25-01049 through #25-01106, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of \$184,770.25:

General	\$ 59,001.44
Highway	19,903.49
Light Districts	1,857.01
Sewer District #1	81,514.48
Water District	18,667.25
Water District #6	249.58
Non-Budgeted	<u>3,577.00</u>
Total	\$184,770.25

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

RESO 2025-181: APPROVE MODIFICATIONS TO 2025 BUDGET

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the following modifications to the 2025 Budget (see attached).

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

RESO 2025-182: APPROVE PURCHASE/1 PAIR 16X7 SOCCER GOALS/NET WORLD SPORTS

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

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Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the purchase of one pair of 16x7 soccer goals from Net World Sports for a cost not to exceed \$2,069.58.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2025-183: APPROVE PURCHASE/1 PAIR 12 AND UNDER SOCCER GOALS/EPIC SPORTS

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the purchase of one pair of 12 and Under (8x24) soccer goals from Epic Sports for a cost not to exceed \$4,730.38.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2025-184: APPROVE PURCHASE/RICOH IMC2510/CODE OFFICE

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the purchase of a RICOH IMC2510 printer/scanner for the Code Office for a price not to exceed \$2,800.00

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2025-185: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SITE PLAN AND FEAF FOR REVIEW, REFERRING APPLICATION, AND ESTABLISHING PROFESSIONAL REVIEW ESCROW FOR MEIER SUPPLY, INC.

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Conklin, held on the 28th day of October 2025, at Conklin Town Hall, 1271 Conklin Road, Conklin, New York, the following resolution was offered by Mr. Finch and seconded by Mr. Farley:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Conklin has received a Site Plan Application and Full Environmental Assessment Form (“FEAF”) from Meier Supply, Incorporated, for a proposed warehouse expansion located within the Town’s Economic Development District Zone (EDDZ); and

WHEREAS, under § 140-76 of the Town of Conklin Zoning Ordinance, all proposed uses within the EDDZ are subject to Town Board review and the issuance of a special permit following referral to the Town Planning Board for advisory comment and to the Broome County Department of Planning and Economic Development pursuant to General Municipal Law §§ 239-l and 239-m; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 140-153 of the Town Zoning Ordinance, the Town is authorized to recover from an applicant the reasonable costs of professional review services, including engineering, planning, legal, and environmental consulting, incurred by the Town in connection with its review of such applications.

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NOW THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Conklin hereby resolves as follows:

1. The Town Board accepts the Site Plan and FEAF submission from Meier Supply, Incorporated for review as complete for the purpose of commencing the review process under § 140-76 of the Town's Zoning Ordinance.
2. The application is hereby referred to the Town Planning Board for advisory review and recommendation, and to the Broome County Department of Planning and Economic Development for review under General Municipal Law §§ 239-l and 239-m.
3. The applicant shall deposit the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) into a Professional Review Escrow Account to cover reimbursable professional expenses incurred by the Town for engineering, planning, legal, and SEQRA-related review services associated with the application.
4. The escrow account shall be maintained at a minimum balance of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). If the balance falls below that threshold, the applicant shall promptly replenish the account to its original balance of \$5,000.
5. Upon completion of the Town's review and payment of all professional review costs, any unexpended balance shall be refunded to the applicant.
6. The Town Supervisor, Town Attorney, and Town Clerk are hereby authorized to take all administrative actions necessary to implement this Resolution, including execution of any required escrow agreements and authorization of professional review services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

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

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Sherrie L. Jacobs, Town Clerk

RESO 2025-186: A RESOLUTION OF INITIAL SEQRA CLASSIFICATION
AND INTENT TO DECLARE LEAD AGENCY STATUS

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Conklin, held on the 28th day of October 2025, at Conklin Town Hall, 1271 Conklin Road, Conklin, New York, the following resolution was offered by Mr. Boyle and seconded by Mr. Francisco:

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WHEREAS, the Town of Conklin is considering an application submitted by Meier Supply, Incorporated, for a proposed warehouse expansion located within the Town’s Economic Development District Zone (EDDZ); and

WHEREAS, adoption of said local law requires review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”).

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Conklin hereby resolves as follows:

1. The Town Board hereby determines that the action is subject to SEQRA; and
2. The Town Board hereby makes a preliminary classification of the action as Type I action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.4(b)(2); and
3. The Town Board hereby determines that it intends to serve as Lead Agency with respect to the SEQRA review and, in that capacity, will determine if the proposed action will have a significant adverse impact on the environment; and
4. A copy of this Resolution, the Environmental Assessment Form, and the Application will be sent to Involved Agencies and Interested Agencies, as applicable; and
5. Involved Agencies shall be given 30 days from the mailing of the Lead Agency Notice to challenge the Town Board’s Lead Agency designation and to provide written comments on the full Environmental Assessment Form.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Supervisor William Dumian, Jr. YES

Councilman Dell Boyle YES

Councilman William Farley YES

Councilman Charles Francisco YES

Councilman James E. Finch YES

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HIRING

Mr. Pavelski asked if the Town's wages are competitive for hiring new Highway Department Laborers. Mr. Hayes stated that William Tozer, a recent hire, was the Deputy Highway Superintendent in the Town of Kirkwood. Mr. Dumian replied that the Board looked at the wages other municipalities pay for that position and added that the Town of Conklin is competitive. He stated that the cost of insurance benefits is a deterrent in hiring, although people are not required to accept the Town's benefits. He added that insurance costs will increase 13.9% for 2026. Mr. Dumian stated that the Highway Department and Parks/Water/Sewer Department workers are all cross-trained and work well together. Mr. Finch commented that it is important to look at insurance and wages.

POLE AT LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD

Mr. Francisco stated that he contacted NYSEG regarding the pole at the Little League Field which was taken out of service on October 24. It will be out of service until the Town installs a new pole. Mr. Francisco stated that the new pole must be buried to 10% of its height plus two more feet. Mr. Dumian asked if the Town could look at the cost of underground wiring, but Fire Chief Gorman pointed out that the service goes under Route 7. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town needs to get pricing on a new pole. Mr. Francisco stated that he will contact NYSEG about where to get a new pole. Mr. Farley suggested asking NYSEG to donate a pole.

CONKLIN YOUTH SPORTS

Mr. Farley stated that Youth Wrestling begins in the Town of Conklin the first week of November and basketball starts in the Town of Binghamton. Both sports are Sabers teams (combined towns, not Town teams). Mr. Dumian stated that baseball and softball will probably need to become Sabers teams next year, adding that the sport is "for the kids, not the parents. It needs to be fair."

THANK YOU TO PARKS/INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs, who is also President of the Conklin Kiwanis Club, thanked the Parks Department on behalf of the Club for all of their work at installation of the new pieces of playground equipment recently purchased by the Conklin Kiwanis Club. There is one more piece that will be shipped in early November. Mr. Dumian stated that the new equipment is "awesome."

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

Mr. Dumian discussed the option of Excellus BlueCross/BlueShield Bronze 4 Plan vs. the current Platinum 2 Plan for 2026. The Bronze 4 Plan offers significant savings for both the Town and for the employees. Mr. Dumian stated that he has a little more research to do to ensure that current in-network doctors will still be in the Bronze 4 Plan and that the deductible will be little or no cost to the employee once the higher deductible, to be paid by the Town, is met.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Farley moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Finch. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs
Town Clerk

