

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 24, 2026**

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on February 24, 2026, 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
Code Officer	Nick Pappas
Administrative Assistant	Mary Plonski
Dog Control Officer	Rick Murray
Town Engineer	John Mastronardi
Planning Board	Sandra Beam
Zoning Board of Appeals	William Brodsky

**GUESTS:**

John Colley  
John Hellmers  
Michael O'Reilly  
Don O'Reilly  
Lloyd Boyle  
Mary Boyle  
Joseph Senigla  
Derek Pavelski  
Dennis J. Pavelski  
Maria Van DeWeert  
Milton & Mary Martir  
Kennedy Wilson  
Lincoln Boyle  
John Coniglio

**MINUTES: FEBRUARY 10, 2026 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Mr. Finch moved to approve the February 10, 2026 Regular Town Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

VOTE: Boyle – No, Finch – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Farley – Yes, Dumian – Yes. Motion carried: 4 – Yes, 1 – No.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Dumian stated that he received correspondence regarding concerns that garbage is being left in the parking area for the walking trail in Corporate Park, adding that this is Broome County's jurisdiction.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**TO RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDED LOCAL LAW 1, 2026/**  
**“A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 119 REGARDING TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR**  
**SENIOR CITIZENS”**

**PRESENT:** Same as on page one.

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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, proposed amended Local Law 1, 2026, "A Local Law Amending Chapter 119 Regarding Tax Exemptions for Senior Citizens."

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

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**CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING FROM 02/10/2026/**  
**TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING PROPOSED SOLAR PROJECT**  
**AT 50 BOYLE BOULEVARD**

**PRESENT:** Same as on page one.

Mr. Dumian stated that Abundant Solar Power is planning to downsize the project to 2.3 MW, a decrease in size of 35-40%. He added that the company is working on the new drawings. Mr. Dumian read the following letter into the minutes:

"Hi, Bill and Mark,

"We wanted to update you further on the progress of the redesign of the project. After the last public hearing and after further discussion with the property owner, we have decided to significantly downsize the project to address concerns raised by neighbors in addition to those raised by the Town.

"We consulted with NYSEG last week and they indicated that a downsizing to 2.3 MW from the current size of 3.6 MW would be feasible and allow us to avoid some of the work they had intended to do on the substation. This is a reduction of about 35-40% in overall system size.

"We are currently working with our engineers to produce the drawings and deliverables for this redesign, however these typically take about two weeks to produce and will not be ready for review for tomorrow's Board meeting. We are happy to attend the meeting tomorrow to explain this to the Board directly, or if the Board would like to postpone further discussion until the new plans are received that would be fine with us as well.

"We will get the updated materials to you as soon as possible.

"Thanks.

"Matt"

Matt McGregor  
Senior Director  
Business Development

John Hellmers asked if there are variances to the Code that have been applied for and what they are. Town Attorney Mark Spinner stated that there have been no formal applications for variances. Mr. Dumian stated that the Board is waiting for the redesign.

Joseph Senigla asked if the interconnect will be buried in the Town right of way, which would need an easement. He asked how the property owner could grant an easement if the road is owned by the Town, adding that it is a private road and he doesn't know why the Town maintains it. Mr. Dumian explained that this has been sorted by our legal counsel several times and the

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Town is responsible for Boyle Boulevard. Mr. Senigla asked why another line is needed and Mr. Dumian stated that he is unsure why it is needed.

Mr. Hellmers asked if there will be another Public Hearing and Mr. Dumian stated that the Public Hearing will be kept open. William Brodsky of the Zoning Board of Appeals asked Mr. Dumian if he received the comments he sent and Mr. Dumian stated that he received them but hasn't yet had an opportunity to read them.

Mr. Dumian stressed that the Town must follow the process. He asked if the new design needs to be re-submitted to Broome County Planning and Mr. Spinner stated that if there is material change to the plans, the new design and new SWPPP must be submitted to Broome County for Form 239 Review. He added that he will re-notice the Public Hearing. Mr. Dumian stated that the Public Hearing will remain open until the March 10 meeting.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**REPORT: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Superintendent Jeff Hayes is requesting to purchase a CAT 306 excavator for his department. He explained that the backhoe cannot be trailered but the excavator could be, which would mean less wear and tear on the vehicle. Mr. Hayes stated that the CAT 306 is approximately \$91,000, while other brands are all in the high \$90,000s. Mr. Senigla asked about maintenance and Mr. Hayes replied that maintenance is done in house. Mr. Dumian added that the Town is bidding on a machine to make hydraulic hoses for the equipment in house.

**REPORT: CODE OFFICER**

Code Officer Nick Pappas stated that he has received two calls on the property on Conklin Road belonging to Nathan Cross. Mr. Spinner is working to expedite the case to the State Supreme Court. Mr. Pappas stated that there was a question about open storage on Woodside Avenue, which is not allowed.

**REPORT: PARKS/WATER/SEWER**

Parks/Water/Sewer Team Leader David Kilmer submitted a design for an ice rink in the vicinity of the former pool. It could also serve as a pickle ball court in the summer. Mr. Dumian stated the Board will look at the cost of the project, adding that he thinks concrete is a better surface than blacktop, and agreeing with Mr. Kilmer about installing a drain.

**REPORT: SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE**

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**POLE AT LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD**

Mr. Francisco stated that replacement of the pole is on the agenda for this week or next, adding that NYSEG has its Dig Permit.

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**MEIER SUPPLY EXPANSION APPLICATION**

Mr. Spinner led the Board through the SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) review for the Meier Supply expansion application as follows:

1. Impact on Land – Proposed action may involve construction on, or physical alteration of, the land surface of the proposed site. – The Board answered “Yes.” Town Engineer John Mastronardi stated this would be general grading for the expansion.
  - a. The proposed action may involve construction on land where depth to water table is less than three feet. – “No, or small impact.”
  - b. The proposed action may involve construction of slopes of 15% or greater. – “No, or small impact.”
  - c. The proposed action may involve construction on land where bedrock is exposed, or generally within 5 feet of existing ground surface. – “No, or small impact.”
  - d. The proposed action may involve the excavation and removal of more than 1,000 tons of natural material. – “No, or small impact.”
  - e. The proposed action may involve construction that continues for more than one year or in multiple phases. – “No, or small impact.”
  - f. The proposed action may result in increased erosion, whether from physical disturbance or vegetation removal (including from treatment by herbicides). - “No, or small impact.” The SWPPP mitigates erosion.
  - g. The proposed action is, or may be, located within a Coastal Erosion hazard area. – “No, or small impact.”
  - h. Other impacts. – “None.”
2. Impact on Geological Features – The proposed action may result in the modification or destruction of, or inhibit access to, any unique or unusual land forms on the site (e.g., cliffs, dunes, minerals, fossils, caves). – “No.”
3. Impact on Surface Water – The proposed action may affect one or more wetlands or other surface water bodies (e.g., streams, rivers, ponds or lakes). – “Yes.” Mr. Mastronardi stated that the footprint of the proposed building is not on the wetlands and that there would be no impact on Carlin Creek.
  - a. The proposed action may create a new water body. – “No, or small impact.”
  - b. The proposed action may result in an increase or decrease of over 10% or more than a 10-acre increase or decrease in the surface area of any body of water. – “No, or small impact.”
  - c. The proposed action may involve dredging more than 100 cubic yards of material from a wetland or water body. – “No, or small impact.”
  - d. The proposed action may involve construction within or adjoining a freshwater or tidal wetland, or in the bed or banks of any other water body. – “No, or small impact.”
  - e. The proposed action may create turbidity in a waterbody, either from upland erosion, runoff or by disturbing bottom sediments. – “No, or small impact.”
  - f. The proposed action may include construction of one or more intakes(s) for withdrawal of water from surface water. – “No, or small impact.”
  - g. The proposed action may include construction of one or more outfall(s) for discharge of wastewater to surface water(s). – “No, or small impact.”
  - h. The proposed action may cause soil erosion, or otherwise create a source of stormwater discharge that may lead to siltation or other degradation of receiving water bodies. – “No, or small impact.”
  - i. The proposed action may affect the water quality of any water bodies within or downstream of the site of the proposed action. – “No, or small impact.”

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- j. The proposed action may involve the application of pesticides or herbicides in or around any water body. – “No, or small impact.”
  - k. The proposed action may require the construction of new, or expansion of existing, wastewater treatment facilities. – “No, or small impact.”
  - l. Other impacts. – “None.”
4. Impact on Groundwater - The proposed action may result in new or additional use of ground water, or may have the potential to introduce contaminants to ground water or an aquifer. – “Yes.”
- a. The proposed action may require new water supply wells, or create additional demand on supplies from existing water supply wells. – “No, or small impact.”
  - b. Water supply demand from the proposed action may exceed safe and sustainable withdrawal capacity rate of the local supply or aquifer. – “No, or small impact.”
  - c. The proposed action may allow or result in residential uses in areas without water and sewer services. – “No, or small impact.”
  - d. The proposed action may include or require wastewater discharged to groundwater. – “No, or small impact.”
  - e. The proposed action may result in the construction of water supply wells in locations where groundwater is, or is suspected to be, contaminated. – “No, or small impact.”
  - f. The proposed action may require the bulk storage of petroleum or chemical products over ground water or an aquifer. – “No, or small impact.”
  - g. The proposed action may involve the commercial application of pesticides within 100 feet of potable drinking water or irrigation sources. – “No, or small impact.”
  - h. Other impacts: Proposed action will include construction of a new stormwater treatment system. Stormwater will be collected, treated and infiltrated into the ground during runoff (rainfall) events.
5. Impact on Flooding – The proposed action may result in development on lands subject to flooding. – Yes.”
- a. The proposed action may result in development in a designated floodway. – “No, or small impact.”
  - b. The proposed action may result in development within a 100 year floodplain. – “No, or small impact.”
  - c. The proposed action may result in development within a 500 year floodplain. – “No, or small impact.”
  - d. The proposed action may result in, or require, modification of existing drainage patterns. – “No, or small impact.”
  - e. The proposed action may change flood water flows that contribute to flooding. – “No, or small impact.”
  - f. If there is a dam located on the site of the proposed action, is the dam in need of repair or upgrade? – “No, or small impact.”
6. Impact on Air – The proposed action may include a state regulated air emission source. – “No.”
7. Impact on Plants and Animals – The proposed action may result in a loss of flora or fauna. – “No.”
8. Impact on Agricultural Resources – The proposed action may impact agricultural resources. – “No.”
9. Impact on Aesthetic Resources – The land uses of the proposed action are obviously different from, or are in sharp contrast to, current land use patterns between the proposed

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project and a scenic or aesthetic resource. – “No.” Mr. Mastronardi stated that the property owners will be planting evergreen trees on the site.

10. Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources – The proposed action may occur in or adjacent to a historic or archaeological resource. – “No.”
11. Impact on Open Space and Recreation – The proposed action may result in a loss of recreational opportunities or a reduction of an open space resource as designated in any adopted municipal open space plan. – “No.”
12. Impact on Critical Environmental Areas – The proposed action may be located within or adjacent to a critical environmental area (CEA). – “No.”
13. Impact on Transportation – The proposed action may result in a change to existing transportation systems. – “No.”
14. Impact on Energy – The proposed action may cause an increase in the use of any form of energy. – “Yes.” Mr. Mastronardi stated that 15 KW will be required.
  - a. The proposed action will require a new, or an upgrade to an existing, substation. – “No, or small impact.”
  - b. The proposed action will require the creation or extension of an energy transmission or supply system to serve more than 50 single or two-family residences or to serve a commercial or industrial use. – “No, or small impact.”
  - c. The proposed action may utilize more than 2,500 MW hours per year of electricity. – “No, or small impact.”
  - d. The proposed action may involve heating or cooling of more than 100,000 square feet of building area when completed. – “No, or small impact.”
15. Impact on Noise, Odor, and Light – The proposed action may result in an increase in noise, odors, or outdoor lighting. – “Yes.”
  - a. The proposed action may produce sound above noise levels established by local regulation. – “No, or small impact.” Mr. Mastronardi stated that the only noise will be during the construction phase.
  - b. The proposed action may result in blasting within 1,500 feet of any residence, hospital, school, licensed day care center, or nursing home. – “No, or small impact.”
  - c. The proposed action may result in routine odors for more than one hour per day. – “No, or small impact.”
  - d. The proposed action may result in light shining onto adjoining properties. – NO, or small impact.” – Mr. Mastronardi stated that the lighting will be minimal downward-shining lighting on the buildings.
  - e. The proposed action may result in lighting creating a sky-glow brighter than existing area conditions. – “No, or small impact.” Mr. Mastronardi stated that the lighting will be Dark Sky compliant.
16. Impact on Human Health – The proposed action may have an impact on human health from exposure to new or existing sources of contaminants. – “No.”
17. Consistency with Community Plans – The proposed action is not consistent with adopted land use plans. – “No.”
18. Consistency with Community Character – The proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character. – “No.”

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**RESO 2026-26: ISSUE A SEQRA NEGATIVE DECLARATION**  
**FOR THE MEIER SUPPLY CO. INC., WAREHOUSE EXPANSION,**  
**275 BROOME CORPORATE PARKWAY, CONKLIN, NY (SBL 194.11-1-29)**

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Farley:

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Conklin received an application from the Applicant, Meier Supply Co. Inc., on or about July 31, 2025, for Special Permit and Site Plan Approval for a warehouse expansion to be located at 275 Broome Corporate Parkway, Town of Conklin, Broome County, New York, Tax Map No. 194.11-1-29; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed action includes construction of 75,000 sq. ft. expansion to Applicant's existing facility; and

**WHEREAS** the Town Board of the Town of Conklin, by Resolution adopted on October 25, 2025, declared its intent to serve as Lead Agency for the SEQRA review of the proposed warehouse expansion submitted by Meier Supply Co. Inc at 275 Broome Corporate Parkway (SBL 194.11-1-29), and classified the action as a Type I Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.4(b)(2); and

**WHEREAS**, Lead Agency Notice and the FEAF were circulated to involved and interested agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the application was referred to the Broome County Department of Planning and Economic Development on November 6, 2025, pursuant to General Municipal Law §§ 239-1 and 239-m, and a response dated December 11, 2025, was received indicating no significant countywide or intercommunity impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, written comments were received from involved and interested agencies and departments and were reviewed and considered by the Town Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Planning Board conducted advisory review on December 15, 2025, and transmitted its written recommendation to the Town Board on December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, revised and corrected FEAF submissions were provided on December 22 and December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board scheduled and duly noticed a public hearing for January 27, 2026, at 6:05 p.m., which notice was published in the Press & Sun Bulletin on January 19, 2026, and posted at Town Hall, and said hearing was opened and closed without public comment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has reviewed and considered the entire administrative record, including the application materials, FEAF, advisory recommendations, agency correspondence, and professional review comments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has prepared the attached Parts 2 and 3 of the Long Environmental Assessment Form.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing:

1. The Town Board of the Town of Conklin finds that the Project will not have a significant impact on the environment and a Negative Declaration is hereby adopted.
2. The Town Board will cause notification of this resolution as required by 6 NYCRR Part 617.
3. This resolution will take effect immediately.
4. The Town consultants are directed to publish the Negative Declaration in the Department of Environmental Notice Bulletin.

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**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 24th day of February, 2026. 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: February 24, 2026

Town of Conklin Seal

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Sherrie L. Jacobs, Town Clerk

Mr. Spinner stated that the site plan is consistent with the Town Comprehensive Plan and with Corporate Park development and that there will be no negative environmental impact. He stated that a condition would be added of adding vegetation to the site. Mr. Francisco asked if the lighting would impact nearby Tracy Drive and Mr. Mastronardi stated that it is all wall wash lighting only.

**RESO 2026-27: GRANT SPECIAL USE PERMIT AND SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR**  
**THE MEIER SUPPLY CO. INC. WAREHOUSE EXPANSION,**  
**275 BROOME CORPORATE PARKWAY, CONKLIN, NY (SBL 194.11-1-29)**

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Farley:

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Conklin received an application from the Applicant, Meier Supply Co. Inc. on or about July 31, 2025, for Special Permit and Site Plan Approval for a proposed warehouse expansion to be located at 275 Broome Corporate Parkway, Town of Conklin, Broome County, New York, Tax Map No. 194.11-1-29, within the Town's Economic Development District Zone (EDDZ); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to §140-76 and related provisions of Chapter 140 of the Town of Conklin Zoning Ordinance, proposed uses within the EDDZ require Town Board review and issuance of a Special Use Permit following referral to the Planning Board for advisory comment and to Broome County pursuant to General Municipal Law §§ 239-1 and 239-m; and

**WHEREAS** the application was referred to the Broome County Department of Planning and Economic Development on November 6, 2025, pursuant to GML §239-m, and a response dated December 11, 2025, was received indicating no significant countywide or intercommunity impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, written comments were received from involved and interested agencies and departments and were reviewed and considered by the Town Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Planning Board conducted advisory review on December 15, 2025, and transmitted its written recommendation to the Town Board on December 31, 2025; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Town Board conducted a duly noticed public hearing on January 27, 2026, at 6:05 p.m., which was published in the Press & Sun Bulletin on January 19, 2026, and posted at Town Hall, and said hearing was opened and closed without public comment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has issued a SEQRA Negative Declaration for the proposed action; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has reviewed and considered the entire administrative record, including the application materials, site plans, revised Environmental Assessment Form, advisory recommendations, agency correspondence, professional review comments, and all submissions made during the review process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board finds that the proposed warehouse expansion:

- Is consistent with the purpose and intent of the Economic Development District Zone;
- Is consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan;
- Is compatible with the established development pattern of the Broome Corporate Park;
- Will not adversely affect the public health, safety, or welfare;
- Provides adequate access, utilities, drainage, and emergency services;
- Is appropriately mitigated through conditions of approval;
- Satisfies the criteria set forth in Chapter 140 for issuance of a Special Use Permit;
- Meets the specific standards and review criteria set forth in §140-76 of the Town of Conklin Zoning Ordinance, including but not limited to compatibility with surrounding land uses, adequacy of public facilities and infrastructure, traffic access and circulation, environmental protection measures, and protection of the health, safety, and general welfare of the community;
- Will not create undue adverse impacts upon adjacent properties by reason of noise, lighting, drainage, visual character, traffic generation, or operational intensity;
- Provides for safe and adequate ingress and egress and internal circulation consistent with site plan review standards under Chapter 140; and
- Is subject to reasonable conditions necessary to minimize potential impacts and ensure continued compliance with applicable law.
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**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing:

1. The Conklin Town Board hereby grants Special Permit and Site Plan approval to Meier Supply, Incorporated, for the warehouse expansion at 275 Broome Corporate Parkway, subject to the conditions set forth herein.
2. This approval is expressly limited to and conditioned upon compliance with:
  - The Site Plan and all supporting application materials;
  - The Full Environmental Assessment Form, including revisions;
  - The Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP);
  - All representations made by the Applicant during the review process;
  - All professional review comments addressed during review; and
  - The findings adopted herein pursuant to §140-76 and applicable provisions of Chapter 140.

No material modification to building footprint, building height, grading limits, drainage patterns, impervious surface area, lighting configuration, access points, or operational

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intensity shall occur without prior review and approval by the Town Board and, if required, supplemental SEQRA review.

Any modification determined by the Town Board or Code Enforcement Officer to constitute a material change in use, intensity, or site design shall require further Special Use Permit review.

3. The Applicant shall comply with all applicable federal, state, county, and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to:
  - SPDES stormwater permit requirements;
  - MS4 requirements;
  - NYS Building Code and Fire Code;
  - General Municipal Law §239-m directives; and
  - All required permits from involved agencies.

Failure to obtain or maintain required permits shall constitute a violation of this approval.

Failure to comply with any condition of this resolution shall constitute grounds for enforcement action under Chapter 140 and other applicable provisions of the Town Code.

4. All grading and excavation shall be limited to that shown on the approved plans and shall be conducted in compliance with NYSDEC requirements and the approved SWPPP. Stormwater facilities shall be installed, certified by a licensed professional engineer, and maintained in perpetuity to ensure continued functionality. Any modification that alters drainage patterns shall require Town review. Stormwater management facilities shall not be removed, relocated, or modified without prior Town approval.
5. The Applicant shall install additional vegetative screening along the project boundaries within the viewshed of adjacent properties, or at such other location(s) as determined appropriate by the Town Board in consultation with the Town Engineer. A landscaping plan showing species selection, spacing, and installation details shall be submitted prior to issuance of a building permit. Plantings shall be of sufficient size to provide meaningful visual buffering; maintained in healthy condition and replaced if failure occurs. Any required screening shall be maintained for the life of the project and shall not be removed without Town approval.
6. Prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, the Applicant shall demonstrate compliance with Section 510 of the New York State Fire Code regarding emergency responder radio coverage testing. Any required system shall be installed prior to occupancy.
7. Construction shall commence within twelve (12) months of this approval, or the Special Use Permit shall expire unless extended by the Town Board upon written request.
8. This Special Use Permit is subject to continuing jurisdiction of the Town Board. Violation of any condition may result in enforcement action, suspension, or revocation following notice and opportunity to be heard.
9. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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**SOLAR MORATORIUM**

Mr. Dumian broached the question of consolidating solar districts. He also explained the State's proposed challenge to Home Rule, which would effectively negate the municipality's ability to determine where solar facilities would be allowed, adding that "this issue is big." Mr. Dumian mentioned John Hurley, whose company, Solar Energy Partners, wants to install a solar facility on property partially located in the flood plain on Conklin Road. He stated that the Board is listening to public input regarding the placement of solar facilities within the Town.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MUNICIPAL CLEANUP DAYS**

Municipal Cleanup Days will be held on September 11 and 12 for tires, trash, and electronics.

**PURCHASE OF MILTON CAT 306 EXCAVATOR FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

A decision regarding purchase of the Milton CAT 306 Excavator for the Highway Department was tabled until the March 10, 2026 Town Board meeting to allow requests for more price quotes on the equipment.

**DISCUSSION/HOME RULE AUTHORITY RESOLUTION**

Mr. Dumian shared a resolution supporting Home Rule, as opposed to New York State being able to site solar facilities 25MW or larger. Home Rules states that the municipality gets to make decisions regarding placement of such solar facilities. If Home Rule is overridden by the State, the Town would go through its process but have no authority on the final decision. A new bill has been proposed in the State Legislature for 5 MW and smaller solar facilities (community solar) in which New York State will write the municipal solar law for every municipality in the State and the municipality's current solar law would be null and void. Mr. Dumian stated that the resolution will be on the March 10 agenda for discussion and vote. In the meantime, he encouraged constituents to contact their State representatives to oppose this new bill.

**DISCUSSION/DOG PROTECTION ORDINANCE**

Mr. Dumian presented a prototype of a dog protection ordinance, based on the law recently passed by the City of Binghamton. Dog Control Officer Rick Murray brought it to the Board's attention after his involvement in a case where a dog was left outside in single digit temperatures without adequate shelter and water on a property where there is no primary residence. Mr. Dumian stated he would like to adjust the temperatures stated in the ordinance and would like it to include the condition that dogs cannot be housed on non-residential property, but must be housed at the owner's primary residence. Exceptions would be made for working dogs. Mr. Spinner will revise the language to be able to present the proposed law at the March 10 meeting.

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**DISCUSSION/PRIOR NOTICE LAW**

Mr. Spinner spoke about the Prior Notice Law, stating that a “notice” provision is needed in the Town Code for insurance purposes. He explained that if someone is injured in a pothole in the road, for example, and the Town has no prior notice of the existence of the problem, the Town has no liability. However, if the Town has been notified and failed to repair or cordon off the area and someone gets hurt, the Town is liable for damages. Mr. Spinner stated that the Town needs to define what is a “notice.” He stated that it should state in Chapter 112 that a notice is to be a manually written and signed notice either mailed via certified mail or delivered in person to the Town Clerk at the Town Hall. The Town Clerk would then give the notice to the appropriate person. This means that voicemail, social media, and website inquiries are all not valid notices. Mr. Finch asked if the notice would go to anyone in the Town and Mr. Spinner reiterated that it would be delivered to the Town Clerk. Mr. Spinner stated that he will have the proposed law ready to introduce at the March 10 meeting.

Mr. Dumian commented that the Town is at good levels with its insurance carrier, citing new training requirements and background checks, including in the sports programs.

**RESO 2026-28: ADOPT LOCAL LAW 1, 2026/**  
**“A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 119 REGARDING TAX**  
**EXEMPTIONS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS”**

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Conklin, held at Conklin Town Hall, 1271 Conklin Road, Conklin, New York on the 24th day of February, 2026, the following resolution was offered by Mr. Francisco and seconded by Mr. Farley:

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board scheduled a public hearing for February 24, 2026, at 6:03 p.m. for Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2026 entitled “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 119 REGARDING TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS”; 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 the 24th day of February, 2026, at 6:03 p.m. and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, it has been determined by the Town Board that adoption of the proposed Local Law constitutes a Type II action as defined under 6 NYCRR 617.5(26) and (33); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Town to adopt said Local Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin hereby adopts said Local Law as Law No. 1 of the Year 2026 entitled “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 119 REGARDING TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS”, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and further

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk be and hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State; and further

**RESOLVED** that this resolution will take effect immediately upon filing with the Department of State.

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**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 24th day of February, 2026. 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: February 24, 2026

Town of Conklin Seal

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Sherrie L. Jacobs, Town Clerk

**RESO 2026-29: 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 \$800.00 to Pitney Bowes for postage meter refill.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

**RESO 2026-30: AUTHORIZE TOWN CLERK TO ATTEND NYSTCA CONFERENCE/  
APRIL 19-22, 2026/ALBANY, NEW YORK**

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs to attend the annual New York State Town Clerks Association Conference from April 19 through 22, 2026, in Albany, New York, at a cost of \$562.00 for registration fee and all meals, plus all necessary travel and lodging expenses, account code A1410.4.

Seconded by Mr. Dumian

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

**RESO 2026-31: APPROVE PAYMENT/CLAIMS #25-01419 - #25-01420  
& #25-01423/\$4,661.86**

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approving payment of the following Claims #25-01419 through #25-01420 and #25-01423, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of \$4,661.86:

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General	\$ 2,161.86
Highway	<u>2,500.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,661.86</b>

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

**RESO 2026-32: APPROVE PAYMENT/CLAIMS #26-00133 - #26-00182/\$46,337.68**

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin Conklin approves payment of the following Claims #26-00133 through #26-00182, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of \$ 46,337.68:

General	\$ 19,494.59
Highway	19,635.19
Sewer District #1	565.08
Water District	<u>6,642.82</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 46,337.68</b>

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**NIGHT RATE FOR ELECTRICITY SAVINGS/ DOG LAW**

Mary Martir suggested switching to night rate to save electricity costs. She also asked about the proposed Dog Protection Law and Mr. Spinner stated that the Binghamton law allows dogs to be left outside for two hours if the temperature is below 32 degrees or above 95. Joseph Senigla commented that “the supply chain of electricity in New York State is screwed up.”

**LOBBYING FOR AGRICULTURAL ISSUES**

Derek Pavelski stated that he and the Farm Bureau have been lobbying for funding for multiple agricultural issues but added that it is a challenge. He asked if the Town will extend the solar moratorium beyond its initial six months and Mr. Dumian stated that it will be extended.

**SOLAR PROJECTS**

Mr. Spinner stated that the rewritten application for 50 Boyle Boulevard has been sent to the County for the Form 239 Review. He stated that a PILOT program is required for the approved solar facility on Fallbrook Road, adding that the Town must respond within 60 days but it is already included in the Town’s solar law.

**CAT EXCAVATOR**

Mr. Pavelski asked if the tracks on the CAT Excavator being considered for purchase are rubber and Mr. Hayes stated that they are rubber. Mr. Pavelski stated the Town should get bids from all the companies in Broome County and Mr. Hayes stated that he has them from all except John Deere.

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**SPORTS**

Mr. Boyle congratulated the Olympic medalists. Mr. Farley stated that the Youth Sports younger wrestling team, the Minions, have completed their season but the older wrestlers are still competing. He added that baseball and softball signups have started. Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs asked if the date has been set yet for Opening Day, adding that the Conklin Kiwanis Club is looking for a date for its annual Pitch, Hit, and Run competition. Opening Day has not been scheduled yet.

**CROSS HOUSE/CONKLIN ROAD**

Mr. Finch asked about the Code case with the Cross house on Conklin Road and Mr. Dumian stated that Mr. Spinner is getting ready to take the case to the State Supreme Court.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Farley moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Finch. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs  
Town Clerk