

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
JUNE 9, 2026

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on June 9, 2026, at the Conklin Town Hall. Mr. William Dumian, Supervisor, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Town Board Members Boyle, Finch, Francisco, Farley, Dumian

Town Counsel	Mark Spinner
Deputy Town Clerk	Elizabeth Einstein
Highway Superintendent	Jeff Hayes
Assistant to the Supervisor	Teresa Bamber
Administrative Clerk	Mary Plonski
Planning Board	Sandra Beam
Grievance Board of Review	William Brodsky

GUESTS: Susquehanna Valley School District Superintendent Natalie Brubaker
Broome County Sheriff Fred Akshar
Broome County Deputy Sheriff Captain Kevin Moore
Prevention Coalition of Broome County Maria Fabrizi, CPP
Coordinator
Broome County Health Department Nikole Hurlbert
Broome County Health Department Tierra Starkweather
Kara Kasmarcik
Catherine Kacyrenski
John Hellmers
Judy Kelly
Laurie Francisco
Kyle Garrehy
Donovan Jackson
Brodie Strong
Andrew Strong
Sarah Jackson
Jamie Brannan
Kim Hoskins
Alexis Brannan
Nick VanDeWeert
Luke (unreadable)
Sandi Beam
Josh Nichols
Devin Link
Megan Olmstead
Rhmda Ruhm
Becky Vanderlinde
Cameron Vanderlinde
Lincoln Boyle
Kennedy Wilson
Mary Boyle
Lloyd Boyle

MINUTES: MAY 12, 2026 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Mr. Farley moved to approve the May 12, 2026, Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

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Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

PRESENTATION BY MARIA FABRIZI, BOCES REGIONAL PREVENTION PROGRAM DIRECTOR, ON THE PRESENT-DAY VAPING EPIDEMIC AND HOW COMMUNITIES CAN PARTNER WITH BROOME COUNTY TO FIGHT BIG TOBACCO AND RESCUE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Maria Fabrizi, BOCES Regional Prevention Program Manager, said she is working with the Susquehanna Valley School District to help students who have been vaping, some since 3rd, 4th & 5th grade, and now find themselves addicted to nicotine and looking for help. She said that there are a lot of school districts in her region that are struggling with the vaping epidemic. Fabrizi said it is a problem that runs deeper than most people understand, largely because of the marketing techniques of “Big Tobacco.”

Fabrizi continued, “Prevention happens with wonderful community partners.” She explained how the tobacco market targets youth and how she is working to fight Big Tobacco.

Broome County Health Department’s Tobacco Free Broome & Tioga Program Manager Nikole Hurlbert addressed how community policy changes can help with this problem, urging the Town to protect the community environment by reducing or eliminating access to tobacco products that are showcased to attract young people. She brought an example of a vape instrument with a built-in game mode. She said that vaping, in addition to setting young people up for lifelong addiction to other substances, interferes with student’s learning, attention, moods, and impulse control.

Ms. Natalie Brubaker, Superintendent of Susquehanna Valley Schools, said she wanted to add her voice to the request for community support, and especially municipality participation, in a process that would reduce youth access to vaping and other tobacco products. Ms. Brubaker said she started her teaching career as a health teacher and this project is especially dear to her heart. She agreed that the prevalence of youth vaping is a critical community concern. “Based on our current data and recent events in the district, vaping is not merely a school disciplinary issue. It is a significant public health and community safety challenge.” Data shows that nearly 30 percent of the students have tried vaping by the time they are in eleventh grade. “Students as young as first and second grade are getting access to tobacco products. She said teachers see vaping interfering with learning, increased anxiety, difficulty concentrating, and significant losses in instructional time. She continued, “Students are not using vapes just for the sake of looking cool, they are using their vapes because they are addicted to the nicotine that is in them.” She lauded the Broome County Sheriff’s Office for their partnership and responsiveness to the District’s concern related to the illegal activity at the One Dream convenience store on Conklin Road. The recent seizure of thousands of unlawful nicotine and other products indicate that this is a community-wide issue. These products are unregulated by the FDA and often contain toxic chemicals including heavy metals, lead, nickel, herbicides and benzene, posing severe health risks to any user.”

“The more access students have to illegal or harmful substance and the more opportunity to make use of those things, simply magnifies the risks that they are taking. Reducing access and opportunity are the keys to dealing with this problem,” said the District Superintendent. “When you talk to people who are addicted to heroin and are alcoholics, or are addicted to things like methamphetamines, they did not start out by using those products. They started out with these gateway substances like alcohol, like nicotine and like marijuana.”

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She concluded, “This collaboration between the school district, the Broome County Sheriff’s office, our local health departments and prevention professionals is the most effective way to eliminate access and opportunity. When community members, business owners and local leaders are aligned, we ultimately create a safer environment for our youth.”

Tierra Starkweather, Public Health Educator, also addressed the Town Board with ways to help such as through zoning ordinances, definition of products that are illicit and what is allowable, registration and fees.

Supervisor Bill Dumian said he did have a question about enforcement, the key piece. He asked how putting legislation in place is working in other counties. Ms. Starkweather said the partnership is going well, and stressing that municipal support is really huge.

He promised the Board would have a conversation about the proposal. He is very aware of the issue.

**RESIDENT QUESTIONS HOW YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS
TO VAPING PRODUCTS IN CONKLIN**

Conklin resident Judy Kelly asked where else, in Conklin, were young people getting a hold of illegal vaping products. She said gas station sales are pretty public knowledge. The Supervisor said he believed a lot of it was access through back door policies. “They are all over the place. There are no smoking or vaping signs at the park, but people just think vaping is acceptable.” Also, a lot is coming from homes as well. He said to think back to the time before cannabis was legal but it was certainly an issue then as well. Kelly also gave kudos to the water department for their quick response to an issue on Carol Court and said she loves the flags up and down Conklin Road.

**RESIDENT WARNS USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS CAN LEAD TO NICOTINE
ADDICTION AND OTHER SERIOUS ISSUES; ENCOURAGES WORKING
TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS THE VAPING PROBLEM**

Kara Kasmarcik said she works with the Prevention Coalition and also has a criminal justice background. She works in the Windsor School District and lives in Conklin. She wanted to comment on where the students are getting the vapes. She believes a lot is coming from both home and older students, but she has students as young as in the 4th grade who have said they purchased vapes at gas stations. Kasmarcik also addressed how substance abuse, like vaping, can lead to other serious issues. “I see the after affects of what happens when people 14-15 years old begin using substances like nicotine. This is something that can progress into serious issues.” She emphasized how students are struggling. “If you think that they are only using tobacco products, that is absolutely false. There is a huge problem with substance abuse. Prevention, education, teaching, and reducing their access is key. We need to work together as a community.”

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

BOYLE BOULEVARD SOLAR PROJECT

Nick VanDeWeert asked if there were any updates on the proposed solar project on Boyle Blvd. Supervisor Bill Dumian said Town Attorney Mark Spinner had met with Matt MacGregor from Abundant Solar to discuss the next steps for Abundant Solar. Attorney Spinner said he and MacGregor discussed the SEQRA process and the next steps after the Town Board’s declaration on the zoning setback issue. The next step would be a scoping document from the Town citing exactly what the Town Board wants Abundant Solar to look at. Then, Abundant Solar would provide an Environmental Impact Statement and address the particular concerns. The Attorney

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said that later in the meeting, Part 3 of the SEQRA Review would be up for a resolution, a required action in the process.

John Hellmers told the Board that an “awful lot of activity, a lot of fill dirt” has been seen on Calabrizi Road heading in the direction of Boyle Boulevard. Mr. Hellmers asked if any site preparation was going on or any work going on regarding DEC wetlands. Both Hellmers and Nick VanDeWeert commented that a lot of questions have been raised as to what was going on with some 50 trucks going to that neighborhood over the last two days.

The Supervisor said that as far as the solar piece on Boyle Boulevard is concerned, there is nothing moving forward at this time. Attorney Spinner said the Board is a long way from issuing a permit so there cannot be any type of site work specific to the solar project at this time.

BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF FRED AKSHAR & CAPTAIN KEVIN MOORE
SHARE PUBLIC SAFETY DATA WITH TOWN OFFICIALS/PUBLIC
AS PERTAINS TO THE RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS LIKE CONKLIN

Broome County Sheriff Fred Akshar said he and his Captain, Officer Kevin Moore, have been visiting with elected officials in the villages, towns and cities sharing specific public safety data as it pertains to respective jurisdictions. He said he also wanted to acknowledge the good work going on between the Broome County Sheriff’s Office, the Broome County Health Department, and the area school districts. He said the vaping/tobacco problem is a significant issue that he and his department are committed to addressing.

The Sheriff introduced Captain Kevin Moore, who proceeded to highlight information in the Broome County Public Safety Data that he believed would be of interest to Conklin officials and residents. He explained the data was compiled from the many arms of the department such as the Patrol Division, Detective Division, the School Resource Officer (SRO) program, and the Strategic Response Group (SRG).

Captain Moore said that Calls for Service continue to increase countywide. In 2025, Conklin had approximately 1,332 calls for service. He explained that in Broome County, law enforcement operates by a “closest car concept.” Both NYS police and the Sheriff’s Office co-respond to any incident in a community. The Captain pointed out that calls to the Town of Conklin have decreased over the last four years. In 2022, Conklin had 1131 calls for service. In 2023, the calls decreased to 920, increased a bit to 1045 in 2024, and down to 988 in 2025. The Safety Data report actually details the types of calls that the Sheriff’s Dept responded to: everything from a bomb threat to building checks to domestic abuse to mailbox destruction. Last year 111 traffic tickets were issued in Conklin and the Captain said DWI arrests were up, countywide. “Recognizing this is a continual problem, the Sheriff brought on a full-time deputy, solely focused on DWI enforcement. The deputy works nights, weekends, holidays, really wonky hours, and has been very effective.”

As far of the Types of Calls for Service in Conklin, the majority are for domestic issues—42 calls in 2025. The captain explained how calls are prioritized and assigned. He also said the Sheriff’s office is now using traffic warnings to enable them to interact more with the public. However, those warnings go into the department’s data base. If you get pulled over two weeks later, obviously the warning ticket was not effective and you are not going to get a second warning. “The warning ticket is a way for us to interact with the community without always making it a monetary thing with court fines and fees.”

Captain Moore said more efforts are being made to interact with the community in positive ways as the Sheriff’s Office builds trust and rapport with residents. All the safety data information, including information on the new canine and Strategic Response Group, and the amazing use of drones & GPS, was due to be posted on social media the next day and can be found on the

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Broome County Sheriff's Department's Facebook page. A brief question and answer period followed.

The Supervisor thanked Sheriff Akshar and Captain Stone for the information and for doing what he considers a tough job. "Our communities have changed drastically over the past ten years," said Mr. Dumian. "We get a lot of calls and there is only so much the town can do or that law enforcement can do." He thanked them for the good response from the Sheriff's department whenever the town has had to reach out.

A resident asked what the deterrent was when a business gets closed down for something illegal one day, but is back up and running the next. Akshar addressed the issue. He said "there is also oversight from NYS when you sell gasoline, cigarettes or beer. Collectively we look to leverage those relationships." But, in the end, from his perspective, fines and fees make the difference.

POSSIBILITY OF SHARING BROOME COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF

The Supervisor said he had been contacted multiple times about having a local/town police officer. He did not feel that was a good idea. However, he wondered if there was a potential for towns to get together and cover the funding cost to bring on more officers in the Sheriff's Dept. He said he was just thinking off the cuff, and felt community leaders would be interested. He was just not sure how to facilitate it. Akshar said the Village of Deposit once had something similar years ago. They paid the office of Sheriff to employ a full-time deputy for the purposes of law enforcement in the Village. However, it eventually got to be financially unviable. Akshar said he would be willing to sit down and discuss the idea—and also applauded something along the same line—School Resource Officers.

TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE CONKLIN ROAD/POWERS ROAD

Councilman Chuck Francisco said that Conklin Road/NYS Route 7 is currently a detour because of the closure of the Conklin/Kirkwood bridge for repairs. NYS has changed the flashing light to a regular traffic light. Mr. Francisco explained that this intersection is also where people exit a busy Schnurbusch Park after many, many youth events. While some are not happy with the new light, he said many people have expressed to him that they believe the new traffic light makes the intersection much safer. He sees the traffic light as a positive move. He asked Sheriff Akshar if he could help make this a permanent move instead of temporary during bridge repair. "We see a decrease in speeding, and a safer environment, especially pertaining to school buses. The new light slows down the traffic in a crucial area," said Francisco.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Supervisor said the correspondence he had received from both Julia Ely and Maria Van DeWeert. had to do with the town pool. The Town Board had discussed what would be done with the space. Finding a use for the space was a difficult decision that came down to what funding was available, and the scope of repairs needed for the continuation of a municipal pool. Dumian said Councilman Chuck Francisco had pursued grant funding with no success. "We have been down this before. We spent approximately \$5000 looking into water grants. The pretty high median income here in Conklin eliminates us for a lot of grants associated with those type of projects."

Another correspondent suggested a splash park and Dumian said the Board looked at that. However, another side of having a water facility is the challenge when it comes to safety. The last few years when the pool was open, law enforcement had to be called many times. He said, "In today's culture there are a lot of people who are not respectful and not behaving well."

The Board has looked into several different options. The Parks/Water/Sewer leader, Dave Kilmer, suggested pickleball courts. However, Mr. Dumian would like to see the unused tennis courts at J.R. Park used for pickleball. Another Kilmer idea was moving T-Ball and smaller youth activities into the fenced in space. "That would be awesome because right now we are so limited on ball fields," said Dumian. He concluded saying the Board has looked into the pool

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issue “in detail finding no easy solution.” Costs were close to a million dollars to try to update the pool facility.

REPORT: PARKS/WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

The Supervisor said the team is doing a great job, as usual, with the fields and has done a great job with keeping up the cemeteries. Mr. Dumian said there had been some water issues mostly due to some expansion going on in the Town of Conklin, and challenges with the contractors. He believed everything will work out. The Supervisor expressed some concerns about SCADA planning and updating at JR Park Sewer Station where he said everything is currently running on emergency flow and not a good situation. He said Scott Zaino has been heavily involved with multiple contractors getting the system back up to where it needs to be.

REPORT: HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent Jeff Hayes reported his team has been busy with ditching and road shoulders. Presently they are paving on the south end of Town and working to the north. The team is out mowing every day. Mr. Hayes said he has been fielding calls for the last week on all the construction jobs in Conklin, and the change in the traffic light at the intersection of Conklin and Powers Roads. He has been referring the callers to the proper authorities.

Supervisor Dumian sympathized with Hayes about all the calls saying he is getting them, too. “The challenge is getting used to the fact that the traffic light is now there,” said Dumian. “If that light was not there, we would have a serious problem.”

Dumian also told the Highway Superintendent that there is a lot of grumbling on a social media platform because people were not notified that streets in their neighborhood were going to be paved. He said from now on paving schedules would be discussed at Town Board meetings, although this time the scheduling was not up to the highway dept, so discussion at the meeting would not have helped.

Hayes replied that this time as soon as they learned the paving was starting the next day, they put the information on the digital sign at Schnurbusch Park trying to work with the public.

REPORT: CODE DEPARTMENT

Dumian said that when it comes to the Code Department, this time of year calls come in about grass, brush and trash; “It’s the season.” Dumian said there is a challenging property on Carlin Road and Code Assistant Mary Plonski has been working hard to connect with the banks. “We do have the ability to act. After we send a letter telling people to mow their property, and it is ignored, we can go in and mow. The problem is that we don’t know where things are located in that yard: wellheads, septic covers, a septic tank that someone could fall through—we are working around those liabilities. Please keep that in mind.”

REPORT: SUPERVISOR’S OFFICE;

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

OLD BUSINESS:

CODE VIOLATION CASE ON CONKLIN ROAD

The Supervisor and Town Attorney Mark Spinner said a Court Date has been set for June 16 regarding the Supreme Court Case against Nathan Cross, who is the owner of property on Conklin Road that has been cited for numerous code violations. Mr. Spinner said he received confirmation from the Broome County Sheriff’s Office Civil Division that Mr. Cross had been served.

EMPLOYEE MANUAL REVISIONS

Mr. Dumian did not feel the Board members had sufficient time to go over the proposed changes to the Employees Manual. He suggested the agenda item be held over to the July Town Board

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meeting. He said he was trying to make sure nothing was left to guesswork. “I just want to be sure everyone understands the difference between benefits packages available for full and part time employees and also full and part time elected officials. This has always been understood, I would like it to be written clearly in the policy manual.”

J.R. SEWER STATION GENERATOR

Mr. Dumian said he agreed with the Sewer/Water Department’s concerns about the \$60,000 quote for a portable generator, but he felt that in the end it would be worth the cost. He looked back a year ago with the Station was without power last summer. “We all know what the repercussions could be,” said the Supervisor.

The old generators require an electrician to be on site to set up the generators in the event of an emergency. He said, “It is not ideal. I don’t think we can operate efficiently.” He said this generator could also be utilized at the Town Hall. There would also be a cost with MO Electric for a transfer switch, but another benefit of the new generator is that someone from the Town could operate it. The Board agreed to move forward and not delay.

**RESO 2026-61: APPROVE PURCHASE OF PORTABLE OUTDOOR ATLAS
40kW GENERATOR SET, AND COST OF TRANSFER SWITCH INSTALLATION**

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the purchase one (1) 40kW Mobile Generator Set: New Outdoor Atlas Copco Model QAS 45 Diesel-Fueled Mobile Packaged Generator Set, Sourcewell Contract #020923-PWT, with the total with the cost of an Install Transfer Switch not to exceed \$67,500.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

TOWN HALL ELECTRONIC SIGN QUOTES

The Supervisor said he was a little taken back when Assistant to the Supervisor Teresa Bamber got quotes for a digital sign board for in front of the Town Hall. He was hoping the cost would come in somewhere in the \$15,000-\$20,000 range. Instead, the cost of the sign came in at \$30,000. He said he would like to continue to look at all the options. For now, electronic signs will go on the back burner.

DISCUSSION ON SOLAR MORATORIUM

The Supervisor told the Board that he felt it was necessary to extend the solar moratorium. The first time a solar law was being discussed there was not a lot of feedback from the public, but it had still been necessary to extend the initial moratorium. Public input has changed significantly, along with new state fire codes, and knowledge gained since the initial solar law was put in place. The projects coming along now have also changed, and funding is more available at the state level for solar projects. “We have a lot of things to consider now with the feedback and the community input from the two projects that were approved and one that is currently being considered.”

He urged the Board to give the solar issue a lot of thought and be prepared to hunker down and get to work. He also suggested that the Board consider allowing these solar projects (excluding pending applications already submitted) only in Commercial districts. “We have done a really good job of being a partner for green energy and we have to make sure that we don’t take away from the character of the community.”

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NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION ON CHILD SAFETY POLICY

Mr. Dumian said that having a Child Safety Policy came up when the Town of Conklin changed insurance carriers this year. “We know that the hundreds of volunteers we have are doing a great job, but it is still necessary to be sure we are protecting our families, our coaches, our kids—everyone involved in Town events,” said Dumian. “Our programs are growing with a lot of great, dedicated people.”

RESO 2026-62: ADOPT A TOWN OF CONKLIN ABUSE PREVENTION, REPORTING, AND CHLD SAFETY POLICY

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the adoption of the Town of Conklin Abuse Prevention, Reporting, and Child Safety Policy governing Town-sponsored youth programs, activities, and events.

Second by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2026-63: EXTEND LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2025 IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON NEW COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM APPLICATIONS FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX (6) MONTH PERIOD PURSUANT TO SECTION 69(A) THEREOF.

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the extension of Local Law No. 2 of 2025 imposing a temporary moratorium on new commercial solar energy system applications for an additional six (6) month period pursuant to Section 6(A) thereof.

Second by Mr. Francisco.

VOTE: Boyle--Abstain, Finch—Yes, Francisco—Yes, Farley--Yes, Dumian—Yes. Motion carried: 4—Yes, 1 Abstention

LITTLE LEAGUE SCOREBOARD

Mr. Farley said the scoreboard went down at the Little League Field. The punch pad would not work. He asked the Supervisor’s Assistant, Teresa Bamber, who sometimes works miracles with town computer equipment, to take a look at it to see what could be done. She found that the scoreboard system was 26 years old. With her research information, Parks/Water/Sewer team member Christopher Johnson got the system up and running for now. Mr. Farley said Teresa found a new scoreboard would cost around \$7,500, but it looks like the problem could be repaired by replacing the receiver for \$1,500.

Mr. Dumian said he did not have a problem with the \$1,500, but said it did look like they were putting a band-aid on something that was 26 years old. He suggested they hold the discussion over to the July 2026 meeting. He said a new scoreboard would be well worth the investment when it comes to getting kids outdoors and away from their electric devices. The Board members agreed.

RESO 2026-64: RATIFY PAYMENT /PITNEY BOWES/POSTAGE METER REFILL

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

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Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment in the amount of \$800.00 to Pitney Bowes for postage meter refill.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2026-65: RATIFY PAYMENT OF \$1,750 TO POSTLER & JAECKLE FOR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE ON HVAC SYSTEMS AT THE TOWN HALL AND COMMUNITY CENTER

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment in the amount of \$1,750.00 to Postler & Jaeckle for preventative maintenance on the HVAC systems at the Town Hall and Community Center.

Second by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2026-66: RATIFY PAYMENT OF CLAIMS #26-00494 through #26-00540

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment of the following Claims #26-00494 through #26-00540, which has been audited and approved for payment, in the amount of \$33,774.62:

General	\$20,795.04
Highway	3,567.87
Light Districts	2,009.94
Sewer District #1	2,240.55
Water District	<u>5,161.22</u>
TOTAL	\$33,774.62

Second by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2026-67: APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS #26-00545 through #26-00589

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment of the following Claims #26-00545 through #26-00589, which has been audited and approved for payment, in the amount of \$270,922.80:

General	\$9,917.17
Highway	247,997.14
Sewer District #1	7,788.72
Water District	2,502.77
Non-Budgeted	<u>2,717.00</u>
TOTAL	\$270,922.80

Second by Mr. Francisco.

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

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RESO: 2026-68: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CONKLIN ADOPTING THE SEQRA FULL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM PART 3, FINDINGS NARRATIVE FOR THE BOYLE BOULEVARD SOLAR PROJECT

Mr. Dumian moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin adopt into the record the SEQRA Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 3, of the findings narrative for the Boyle Boulevard Solar Project following review thereof by the Town Board and incorporating the same into the administrative Record of the project.

Second by Mr. Farley.

VOTE: Boyle – Abstain; Finch—Yes; Francisco—Yes; Farley—Yes; Dumian—Yes. Motion carried: 4—Yes, 1—Abstention.

TOWN OF CONKLIN BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Mr. William Brodsky, Chairman of the Conklin Board of Assessment Review (BAR), reported that the Grievance Board met on Wednesday May 27, 2026, and heard two cases. All the necessary paperwork has been completed and handed in to the Assessor's Office. The only thing left is to get the notarized signatures of all the BAR members on the 2026 Statement of Changes that will be filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

AROUND THE TABLE

In closing, Attorney Spinner asked the Board to look at Zoning Districts in regard to changes the Board wishes to make to the Solar Law.

Mr. Finch asked if a letter could go to businesses in the Corporate Park asking that trucks use the Broome Corporate Parkway to access Powers Road, and then turn left at the new traffic light to avoid traveling past Donnelly Elementary School.

Mr. Francisco said he also wanted to address the traffic light. He said when the bridge construction no longer requires a detour to Conklin Road, "all of the sudden it will become the norm for traffic coming out of Powers Road. It will create a hazardous position for school buses." He would like the Board to petition to have the current light be a permanent installation. Mr. Dumian agreed that it was a great idea. Francisco said the light has had a positive effect on the traffic flow, especially during school hours. Mr. Dumian surveyed the Board and all were in favor of petitioning for the present traffic light to remain.

Mr. Farley said baseball and softball playoffs were in process. Conklin Kiwanis' Pitch, Hit & Run competition took place on June 7 and all went well. He was drafted to chase baseballs and softballs for the batting portion of the competition. He added that an "8 & Under" Tournament was coming up.

The Supervisor said the Board members should do a deep dive into the existing solar law, and start looking at the AI processing centers.

There being no more business to come before the Board, Mr. Farley made a motion to close the June 9, 2026, Town Board meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Mr. Finch made the second.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Einstein
Deputy Town Clerk

