

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
JULY 14, 2026

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Regular Town Board Meeting on July 14, 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
	Planning Board	Sandra Beam
	Zoning Board of Appeals	William Brodsky

GUESTS:	John Hellmers
	Laurie Francisco
	Naomi VanHart
	Daniel VanHart
	Lloyd Boyle
	Mary Boyle
	Josh Nichols
	Lincoln Boyle
	Kennedy Wilson
	Mary Martir
	Brian Dunlevy
	Jim Krenoler

MINUTES: JUNE 9, 2026 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Mr. Finch moved to approve the June 9, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

DRAINAGE ISSUES/CONKLIN FORKS ROAD

John Hellmers asked if Broome County Highway could be contacted to create a second diversion ditch as runoff on Conklin Forks Road is washing out driveways and creating a dangerous situation.

COST TO MAINTAIN BOYLE BOULEVARD

William Brodsky of the Zoning Board of Appeals asked what the annual cost to the Town is to maintain Boyle Boulevard. Highway Superintendent Jeff Hayes stated that he would have to research that question., Mr. Brodsky stated that the cost must be quite high with the amount of salt and sand mix needed. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town can use CHIPS money for road maintenance. Mr. Brodsky asked why the Town maintains Boyle Boulevard, as it is a “private road.” Mr. Dumian stated that this question has been researched, adding that it “takes a long time to remove a road from the status of ‘public road.’”

CORRESPONDENCE:

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Mr. Dumian stated that he has had a lot of correspondence regarding the proposed solar projects on Boyle Boulevard, including two formal complaints that filling was occurring on the property without a Fill Permit. Code Officer Nick Pappas followed up and issued a ticket because there was no Fill Permit in place. A Fill Permit for the site has since been obtained.

Mr. Dumian stated that he has also received a lot of correspondence regarding Councilman Boyle and questions of ethics and timeline of information received, adding that the Board must research this further and is seeking legal advice later this evening during Executive Session.

Mr. Dumian stated that he has received queries as to why the pool is closed and has explained that it would cost too much to repair it – more than \$750,000 - and it was not being used by enough Conklin residents to make it worthwhile.

Mr. Dumian also stated that he received and passed on appreciation to the Highway Department for cleanup after the last big storm.

Mr. Dumian stated that he had received correspondence regarding the solar project on Fallbrook Road regarding the Host Community Agreement and timeline to start the project.

REPORT: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Mr. Hayes reported that his crew had been busy with paving roads and cleaning up shoulders and brush. He stated that Frank Falank has resigned so the department will be looking for a replacement Laborer. Mr. Hayes would like to talk to recent graduates from Susquehanna Valley High School about job opportunities with the Town. Mr. Dumian noted that the newer trucks purchased by the department do not require a CDL to drive.

Mr. Dumian commented that one of the Temporary Summer Laborers also resigned and that department will be looking for a new hire.

REPORT: CODE OFFICE

Mr. Dumian stated that it is the season of grass and brush complaints and the Code Office has been addressing these complaints. Regarding the Nathan Cross property on Conklin Road, Town Attorney Mark Spinner stated that inspections have been completed and reports filed, adding next he will submit an order to the NYS Supreme Court.

REPORT: PARKS/WATER/SEWER

The written report from the Parks/Water/Sewer Department stated that they have been busy with mowing and trimming the parks, building new soccer nets, painting guardrails, painting both walking bridges, installing new swing set seats, painting the dugout boards at the pool field, taking monthly water samples, replacing the curb box on Woodcrest Way, doing markouts, installing the new meter at International Paper, doing final reads on sold properties, mowing and trimming the sewer stations, resolving a float issue at Sewer 3, working on float and SCADA problems at Sewer 5, and mowing and trimming the cemeteries.

REPORT: SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

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

OLD BUSINESS:

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EMPLOYEE MANUAL

Mr. Dumian wanted it clarified that Part-Time Elected Officials are only eligible for a single person health plan, not a two-person or family plan. There will be a resolution confirming this later in the evening.

BOYLE BOULEVARD SOLAR PROJECT

Mr. Dumian reiterated that he has received many phone calls and emails regarding the ethics and timeline of this project. “It’s a real concern,” stated Mr. Dumian, adding that the Board will seek advice from Mr. Spinner as to their legal standpoint.

Mr. Dumian stated that Matt McGregor of Abundant Solar Energy has suggested potentially moving the project to Scofield Road, where Mr. Boyle also owns property. Mr. Spinner stated that this would be treated as a completely new project and application, and, with the solar moratorium in place, would require a Public Hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals to request a Hardship Variance. Mr. Dumian reiterated the Board’s concern about the distance between the proposed Boyle Boulevard project and the already-approved Fallbrook Road project.

FALLBROOK ROAD SOLAR PROJECT

Mr. Dumian stated that he has had multiple conversations with the representatives of the Fallbrook Road Solar Project and they want to start clearing the land as soon as possible. He stated that at the August 11 meeting the Board will be handling the business end of the project: the Host Community Agreement, decommissioning agreement, and the PILOT. Mr. Spinner stated that he is “still negotiating.” Mr. Dumian stated that he is “disappointed with the numbers (per megawatt) offered to the Town in the Host Community Agreement.”

NEW BUSINESS:

TOWN HALL LIGHT POLE REPLACEMENT

Mr. Dumian stated that the cost to replace the broken light pole at the Town Hall will be estimated at \$3,538.98, adding, “We will need to do this.” Mr. Finch asked if someone hit the pole and Mr. Dumian stated that the pole was rotted and came down in the last windstorm. Mr. Francisco asked if the Town needs to call NYSEG and Mr. Dumian replied that it is private and not a NYSEG pole.

**RESO 2026-69: ACCEPT RESIGNATION/ALTON PRENTICE/
TEMPORARY SUMMER LABORER**

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin accepts the resignation of Alton Prentice from the position of Temporary Summer Laborer, effective July 13, 2026.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

**RESO 2026-70: ACCEPT RESIGNATION/FRANK FALANK/
HIGHWAY LABORER**

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

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Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin accepts the resignation of Frank Falank from the position of Highway Laborer, effective July 17, 2026.

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

RESO 2026-71: RATIFY PAYMENT/KATHRYN SCOTT-HLAVAC
CONCERT IN THE PARK/06-24-2026

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment in the amount of \$400.00 to Kathryn Scott-Hlavac for Concert in the Park on June 24, 2026.

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

RESO 2026-72: RATIFY PAYMENT/CLAIMS #26-00593-#26-00641/\$55,488.27

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 #26-00593 through #26-00641, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of \$ 55,488.27:

General	\$ 24,727.88
Highway	13,252.51
Sewer District #1	5,993.02
Water District	7,951.86
Non-Budgeted	<u>3,563.00</u>
Total	\$ 55,488.27

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

RESO 2026-73: APPROVE PAYMENT/CLAIMS #26-00648-#26-00731/\$79,409.21

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves payment of the following Claims #26-00648 through #26-00731, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of \$79,409.21:

General	\$ 33,887.39
Highway	23,393.83
Light Districts	1,926.54
Sewer District #1	10,280.28
Water District	<u>9,921.17</u>
Total	\$ 79,409.21

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2026-74: APPROVE REPLACEMENT OF TOWN HALL LIGHT POLE

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the replacement of the pole at the Town Hall at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2026-75: ACCEPT CHANGES TO POLICY MANUAL

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin accepts changes to the Employee Policy Manual in Article 15, Section f, specifying that Part-Time Elected Officials are only eligible for Town-paid single health insurance coverage, effective July 14, 2026.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2026-76: SUBMIT RESOLUTION REQUESTING NYSDOT REVIEW OF INTERSECTION OF NEW YORK STATE ROUTE 7 AND POWERS ROAD

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

WHEREAS, a temporary traffic signal has been installed at the intersection of New York State Route 7 and Powers Road in connection with an ongoing construction project; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received positive feedback regarding the operation of the temporary signal, including observations relating to traffic flow, safety, and school transportation operations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes it is appropriate for the New York State Department of Transportation ("NYSDOT"), as the agency having jurisdiction over Route 7, to evaluate whether the temporary signal should remain as a permanent traffic control device;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin hereby requests that NYSDOT conduct such traffic engineering reviews, studies, and analyses as it deems appropriate to evaluate whether permanent signalization is warranted at the intersection of New York State Route 7 and Powers Road; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to submit a petition and supporting documentation, including a certified copy of this Resolution to NYSDOT in support of this request;

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 14th day of July, 2026. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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Supervisor William Dumian, Jr.	YES
Councilman Dell Boyle	NO
Councilman William Farley	YES
Councilman Charles Francisco	YES
Councilman James E. Finch	YES

Dated: July 14, 2026

Town of Conklin Seal

Sherrie L. Jacobs, Town Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

FLOCK CAMERAS

Mary Martir stated that she has seen an increase in flock cameras in the City of Binghamton and wondered if they are allowed in Conklin. Mr. Dumian stated that he is not aware of any such cameras in Conklin but added that it would be a decision of the New York State DOT. Ms. Martir asked if the Town would be consulted before such cameras were installed. Mr. Spinner stated that installation of flock cameras is a local decision involving law enforcement rather than the DOT. Ms. Martir stated that these cameras use facial recognition as well as license plate scans. Mr. Spinner stated that he will research this issue. Mr. Hellmers stated that it is an independent company that installs flock cameras and then “shares information with law enforcement.” He added that the company “gathers information to sell,” adding that it is “an invasion of privacy.”

UPDATE ON CONKLIN-KIRKWOOD BRIDGE

Mr. Brodsky asked if there is an update on the status of the (currently closed) Conklin-Kirkwood Bridge and Mr. Dumian stated that the NYS DOT says the project is “on schedule.”

FALLBROOK ROAD SOLAR PROJECT

Daniel VanHart stated that he is “disappointed that the project is going forward” and asked if there are any updates. Mr. Dumian stated that there is information on the Town website.

RESO 2026-77: EXECUTIVE SESSION/LEGAL ADVICE

Mr. Finch moved to close the Regular Town Board Meeting and move into Executive Session at 6:40 P.M. to seek legal advice.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

Mr. Dumian closed the Executive Session and re-opened the Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:13 P.M.

RESO 2026-78: REFER BOYLE BOULEVARD ETHICS MATTER TO BROOME
COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS FOR REVIEW AND OPINION

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

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Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin refers a matter to the Broome County Ethics Board for a review and opinion regarding the Boule Boulevard Solar Project.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

HYDRANT NEAR FORMER JOHNSON OUTDOOR/CONKLIN ROAD

Mr. Boyle commented that the building that formerly housed Johnson Outdoor on Conklin Road is under new management, adding that the new company would like a price to purchase the approximately one acre that the Town owns next to their building, as well as the right of way to the Town fire hydrant located there. Mr. Boyle asked if that hydrant can be eliminated. Mr. Dumian stated that he will look into the cost of doing so.

WATERLINE CONNECTION WITH CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Mr. Boyle asked if there is an update on the waterline connection with the City of Binghamton. Mr. Dumian stated that he is setting a meeting with the County to do a flow study, which is the first step. Mr. Boyle stated that the pipe running down Woodside Avenue is a six-inch pipe, which changes to 12 inches on Conklin Road at the hydrant at Holmes Crossing. The water line would still have to go under the railroad. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town will still have to find the money for this project and Mr. Boyle stated that he spoke with Josh Riley and there is money available through Mr. Riley's office. Mr. Boyle stressed that this is a priority. Mr. Finch asked if the Town has contacted Ron Lake, the City of Binghamton Engineer, and Mr. Dumian replied that the Town is working with Mr. Lake. Mr. Dumian stated that the flow study is the next step in the process.

CLEANUP OF EASEMENTS TO SEWERS/MANHOLE COVERS

Mr. Boyle asked if the Highway/Parks Departments could clean up the easements to the sewers and manhole covers.

TRUCKS PARKED NEXT TO WELL HOUSE

Mr. Boyle asked about the trucks parked in the lot near the Town's water source, citing concerns of contamination.

POLE AT SCHNURBUSCH PARK

Mr. Francisco stated that one of the poles at Schnurbusch Park is rotted at the base. He added that he has contacted NYSEG and will follow up on the matter.

YOUTH SPORTS

Mr. Farley stated that soccer signups have begun. He stated that next year athletes from the Towns of Conklin, Binghamton, and Kirkwood will be split into Saber teams to make the teams more even and thus more fair. Mr. Dumian stated that the question of Williamsport baseball will probably need to be addressed again.

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MOVING CONCERTS IN THE PARK TO PAVILION 3

Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs stated that the Parks Department has asked that Concerts in the Park be moved to Pavilion 3 instead of the band setting up in Pavilion 1 as usual. Ms. Jacobs stated that the Town will try that and see how the public responds.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Farley moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Finch. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs
Town Clerk