REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2026

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on October 27, 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
	Secretary to the Supervisor	Teresa Johnson
	Highway Superintendent	Jeff Hayes
	Planning Board	Sandra Beam
	Zoning Board of Appeals	William Brodsky
GUESTS:	Conklin Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc.	Paul Jacobs
	Conklin Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc.	Nick Platt
		John Hellmers
		Laurie Francisco
		Milton Martir
		Mary Martir
		Tony Marascia
		Mary Boyle
		Lloyd Boyle
		Maria Van DeWeert
		Derek Pavelski
		Meg Jacobs

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Mr. Farley moved to approve the October 13, 2026 Regular Town Board Meeting minutes as presented.

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

PUBLIC HEARING
TO RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING PROPOSED 2027 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 6:01 P.M. and asked those present to speak either for, or in opposition to, the proposed 2027 Fire Protection Contract with the Conklin Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Tony Marasica asked what the percentage of increase will be with the proposed contract and Fire Department Treasurer Paul Jacobs stated that it will be an increase of 3.61 percent.

There being no further questions or public comments, Mr. Dumian declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:02 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING
TO RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING PROPOSED 2027 MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER RATES

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 2027 Municipal Water and Sewer Rates.

Meg Jacobs asked why the first option was to raise rates, citing several federal and New York State options for funding. Mr. Dumian replied that the grantwriter hired by the Town had stated that the "median income is too high." Ms. Jacobs asked, "When was the last time you applied for a grant?" "We didn't apply because we don't qualify," replied Mr. Dumian. How long ago did the grantwriter state that the median income is too high, asked Ms. Jacobs. Mr. Dumian replied that it has been "three or four years" since the topic of grants was addressed. He added that a survey had been done and the issue of bonds discussed with residents. Ms. Jacobs replied, "Qualifications for grants and median incomes change." Mr. Dumian stated that the Town "needs to build the fund balance in the Water and Sewer Budget." Ms. Jacobs stated, "The research should have been done before deciding to raise the rates." Maria Van DeWeert stated, "There are many funds for public safety and the environment, and other federal grants. More could have been done with grants." Mr. Dumian stated that he will research grant possibilities when the Town has an estimate of the cost for the water line connection with the City of Binghamton, reiterating that the Town "has to upgrade the water and sewer system."

Mr. Farley asked Mr. Dumian if he had looked at the Town of Kirkwood, adding that the Town received $5 million out of the needed $15 million for its water treatment plant. Mr. Dumian reiterated that he will have Griffiths Engineering's new engineer look at the plan for the water line connection. He added that money is sometimes available through elected officials. Mr. Marascia stated that New York State recently released $500 million for water infrastructure upgrades and asked if the Town of Conklin was included. Mr. Dumian stated, "You have to have a plan in place first in order to apply."

Mr. Marascia asked for clarification of the new rate for 2027. Mr. Dumian stated that he had proposed raising the rate $.50 but Mr. Francisco felt an extra $.25 was needed, so the new rate will be an increase of $.75 per gallon for residential use and an increase of $1.50 per gallon for commercial use. Mr. Marascia stated that the rates went up in 2026, asking, "Now another increase? Are we that far behind?" Mr. Dumian replied that yes, the Town is behind in the water and sewer fund balance and needs to catch up.

Mr. Marascia stated that it is good that the trailers parked on Terrace Drive near the Town wells have been moved. Mr. Dumian replied that the trailers were moved 100 feet, not the 300 feet requested by the Broome County Health Department, so the issue is "a work in progress." Mr. Marascia asked if the Town is aware that the sodium levels posted for the Town water are high, adding that the level should be 20 ppm for those on a strict sodium-restricting diet, and the Town's sodium level is 38 ppm, with an increase where Town of Kirkwood water is added to

supplement the water supply. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town of Kirkwood only supplies water to a few houses on Stillwater Road and to the two mobile home parks on Conklin Road. Mr. Marascia suggested a notice be posted advising residents of the higher sodium level. He asked when the next samples would be taken and Mr. Dumian explained that samples are taken every day, adding that the results are published annually but the information is always available by contacting the Town Water Department. Mr. Marascia asked what the lead line study was and Mr. Dumian explained that it was a requirement to look for all old lead piping, adding that the Town is in compliance.

Ms. Jacobs asked if the Board is still "waiting for numbers" before applying for grant money and Mr. Dumian replied, "Only on the water line connection," adding that the Town has the estimated costs for the upgrades to the water and sewer systems.

There being no further questions or public comments, Mr. Dumian declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:22 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING
TO RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2027 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 6:23 P.M. and asked those present to speak either for, or in opposition to, the proposed 2027 General and Highway Budget for the Town of Conklin.

Mr. Marascia asked what the percentage of increase will be for the 2027 Budget and Mr. Dumian replied that it will be 1.9%, adding that the Town stayed below the tax cap. He stated that some employees are retiring next year, so the cost to replace them may be higher, as the present shared services agreements may not be possible.

There being no further questions or public comments, Mr. Dumian declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:25 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

STILLWATER ROAD

Sandra Beam of the Planning Board stated that she was told there is an unlicensed vehicle back at 116 Stillwater Road, a site that had many Code violations in the past. She asked if the property owner still owned the property and could bring vehicles, etc., back onto the property and Mr. Dumian replied that that is the case. He stated that there are many liens against the property.

Mr. Dumian stated that cleanup of 1298 Conklin Road will begin next week, adding that the property owner can be on site during the cleanup as long as he doesn't obstruct the cleanup process.

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SOLAR POWER

John Hellmers asked if Abundant Solar Power has filed its application for a Hardship Variance for the proposed solar project on Scofield Road. Mr. Dumian stated that Abundant Solar Power has contacted Town Attorney Mark Spinner. Mr. Spinner confirmed that the application has been submitted, adding that he will meet with the Zoning Board of Appeals on October 29 to give the ZBA information about the case. Mr. Spinner stated that this variance is different from a property variance. He stated that it is a use variance, and is only granted if the requestor can prove it is the only possible way to generate income from the proposed property and it cannot be self-created. Mr. Dumian commented that if the solar company began the original solar application, it is self-created. Mr. Spinner stated that the next scheduled meeting of the ZBA would be on Election Day, so it will have to be rescheduled. He stated that a Public Hearing and SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review) will be required.

Mr. Hellmers stated that the federal government sent an envoy of landowners to Albany to ask for the dissolution of ORES (Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission), stating that the agency ignored home rule of municipalities in dealing with solar facility sitings. ORES has oversight of solar facilities over 25 megawatts.

Mr. Hellmers stated that the Plant Creek Solar Company defaulted after NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority) committed a very large amount of money to the project over 25 years. He added that proceeds were used to fund a pension plan in Canada. Mr. Dumian stated that all of the projects approved so far in Conklin have changed hands before the facility is even built, which is why the Town makes sure to get the funding upfront.

Mary Martir asked the status of the Delaware River Solar Project, now GS Solar Partners, on Fallbrook Road. Mr. Dumian stated that the Board must approve the fee structure then the building permit can be issued. William Brodsky of the Zoning Board of Appeals asked if the solar law could require a permit before the project is sold. Mr. Spinner stated that all requirements on the original application travel to the new owners. He suggested filing the decommissioning agreement in the office of the Broome County Clerk as part of the deed/title. Mr. Dumian stated that the Board cannot make a permit a requirement of selling the project.

BROOME COUNTY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CLASS

Ms. Martir stated that she recently completed a Broome County Emergency Preparedness Class, which are available through the Broome County Public Library.

DEVELOPMENT OF FORMER SITE OF CONKLIN POOL

Maria Van DeWeert asked about the plans for the area that is the former site of the Conklin Pool. She stated that Binghamton, Johnson City, and Endicott all have splash pads and no lifeguards are required. She noted that price is also a factor in the Board's decision. Mr. Dumian stated that a splash pad is a "hard no,' because of safety concerns. Ms. Van DeWeert asked who will make the decision regarding the future development of this site and Mr. Dumian stated that the Town Board will make that decision.

Meg Jacobs stated that she worked for the Town of Kingston, Pennsylvania, as a teenager, noting that Kingston had a splash pad consisting of sprinklers, with no lifeguard, as there was no drowning hazard. She added that it provided free water activities for the town's children, adding that local teenagers were employed to clean the parks and turn the water for the sprinklers on and

off. Ms. Van DeWeert stated that whatever is put in that space needs to be inclusive to children of all ages, rather than a pickle ball court or a baseball/softball field. Ms. Jacobs commented that the children would play on the splash pad at their own risk, just as they do at the playground in Schnurbusch Park. Mr. Dumian stated that he would want an adult on site at all times. Ms. Jacobs asked, "Does someone monitor the playground all the time?"

Mr. Brodsky asked if the Town has discussed this idea with the Town's insurance provider and Mr. Dumian stated that it would be covered under the umbrella of the Town's general insurance policy, adding that the increase in cost would be minimal if there was any increase at all. Ms. Van DeWeert stated that the Board "needs to make a decision." Mr. Dumian replied, "There's lots going on. It's going to take awhile."

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Dumian stated that he received a phone call from John Hurley of Solar Energy Partners. He stated that Mr. Hurley is "pushing to see the revised solar law" and "adamant to submit an application" for their site on Conklin Road. Mr. Dumian stated that Mr. Hurley had submitted a FOIL request for "a lot of information," adding that commercial upgrades to the site are part of Solar Energy Partners' proposed site plan.

Mr. Dumian stated that he had a conversation with the paving company that accidentally paved over an access point to the Town's infrastructure, adding that in the future, paving companies need to make sure the Town can access its infrastructure.

REPORT: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent Jeff Hayes stated that his department has completed the paving for the year and is working on ditch and shoulder maintenance and leaf pickup. Mr. Dumian thanked Mr. Hayes for leading the cleanup of 1298 Conklin Road, which will begin next week.

REPORT: CODE OFFICE

Mr. Dumian stated that he met with Code Officer Nick Pappas to discuss the issues On Clearview Avenue, which Mr. Pappas is investigating.

REPORT: PARKS/WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

The Parks/Water/Sewer Department provided a written update of their current projects, which include: installation of new light fixtures at the well site; completing the wiring for the backup generator at the Ahern Road water tank; flushing and winterizing the hydrants for the season; locating and cleaning valve boxes; installation of water meters; installing a new level sensor at Sewer Station 2; building and testing the SCADA cabinet for Sewer Station 5 so that it is ready for installation; mowing and trimming the Town parks; winterizing the pool bathrooms and the concession stands; installing stones around the new electric panel by the Little League Field; and installation of an LED light by the main flag at Schnurbusch Park. The report noted that the main bathrooms at Schnurbusch Park are still open.

Mr. Dumian stated that the upgrade to Sewer Station 5 will be completed by January 1, 2027. He stated that the Town received the insurance payment for the hydrant in Corporate Park that was hit by a car.

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REPORT: SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

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

OLD BUSINESS:

SOLAR MORATORIUM

Mr. Spinner sent recommendations for changes to the solar law. Mr. Dumian stated that the Board must "research this in depth to protect the Town of Conklin residents as much as possible," adding that the Town "must have just cause to reject solar" facilities. He stated, "I'm not a fan of solar." Mr. Dumian added that "AI is driving energy and is putting a drain on the grid." Mr. Spinner stated that the Town will need to extend the solar moratorium at the December 8 meeting. A copy of the proposed changes to the solar law will be available on the Town website.

TOBACCO AND VAPE LAWS

Mr. Spinner stated that Maria Fabrizi and her group want to work with the Town to try to restrict access to vaping materials to middle school and high school students. She will be at the November 10 meeting to provide an update. Mr. Spinner stated that options include the Town overseeing the permitting process, including inspections, noting that there are currently five licensed facilities that sell tobacco and vaping supplies in the Town. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town could adjust zoning and setback requirements to prevent facilities from being too close to schools or parks. Mr. Spinner stated that the Town can update its Code to include vaping, as well as tobacco smoking. He noted that the changes to zoning would only apply to new shops, with the existing facilities being grandfathered in.

WATER & SEWER UPGRADES

Mr. Dumian stated that there is money in the 2027 Budget for the water and sewer upgrades, adding that he is trying to build the Fund Balance for that department. Mr. Marascia asked if the system has security built in. Mr. Dumian stated that it is a new system, adding that the Town has a contract with TCSI Solutions for backup. He stated that a fence will be installed around the entire facility in 2027.

PERMIT FEES/GS SOLAR PARTNERS/FALLBROOK ROAD

Mr. Dumian proposed a fee schedule of $1500 per megawatt for the building permits for solar facilities, starting with GS Solar Partners on Fallbrook Road. He added that the Town will ask for the money upfront. Mr. Spinner stated that the Town Code Officer will conduct inspections after construction starts to ensure that the conditions of approval are being followed. Mr. Dumian noted that the fees must be reasonable. Mr. Spinner stated that the purpose of the fees is not to make a profit but to cover the expenses of the Town in processing the application. Mr. Dumian commented that the Town of Conklin's fee structures are higher than those of many other municipalities.

NEW BUSINESS:

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RESO 2026-110: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN PROPOSED 2027 FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT WITH CONKLIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

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

ABSENT: None

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

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 27, 2026, at 6:01 p.m. on the 2027 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 27, 2026, at 6:01 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 2027 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 27th day of October, 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

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Dated: October 27, 2026

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Sherrie L. Jacobs, Town Clerk

Town of Conklin

RESO 2026-111: APPROVE PROPOSED 2027 MUNICIPAL WATER & SEWER RATES

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 Francisco

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 27, 2026, at 6:03 p.m. on the proposed 2027 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 27, 2026, at 6:03 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 resolve and adopt the 2027 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

UNMETERED	$132.00/Qtr.

WATER RESIDENTIAL

Quarterly Basic Fee:	$27.50
Unit Charge not to exceed	$ 5.75 per Thousand Gallons

WATER SMALL BUSINESS Non-Mfg.

Quarterly Basic Fee:	$27.50
Unit Charge not to exceed	$6.00 per Thousand Gallons

WATER CORP PARK and MFG Companies

Quarterly Basic Fee	$47.50
Unit charge not to exceed	$8.00 per Thousand Gallons

This billing change becomes effective November 1, 2026, and will be billed starting the first billing cycle in 2027; February 2027.

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 27, 2026

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Sherrie L. Jacobs, Town Clerk

Town of Conklin

RESO 2026-112: APPROVE PROPOSED 2027 GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BUDGET FOR TOWN OF CONKLIN

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

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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 27, 2026, at 6:05 p.m. on the 2027 Preliminary Budget submitted and approved by the Town Board and filed with the Town Clerk for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2027; 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 27, 2026, at 6:05 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 2027 Preliminary Budget submitted, approved, and filed as aforesaid, be and the same is hereby adopted and established as the Year 2027 Annual Budget for the Town of Conklin for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2027. 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 2026-113: APPROVE PAYMENT/CLAIMS #26-01070-#26-01105/$34,071.06

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 #26-01070 through #26-01105, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of $34,071.06:

General	$	12,281.82
Highway		10,468.27
Sewer District #1		918.35
Water District		6,856.14
Water District #6		565.48
Non-Budgeted		2,981.00
Total	**$**	**34,071.06**

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

RESO 2026-114: ESTABLISH BUILDING PERMIT FEE FOR COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin, pursuant to Section 138-17(E) of the Town Code, establishes a building permit fee for commercial solar energy systems in the amount of $1,500.00 per megawatt, which shall be in addition to any other applicable fees established by the Town.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

SOLAR LAW

Ms. Martir asked if the revisions to the solar law will be available on the Town website and Mr. Spinner said it will be made available but to remember that it is "a work in progress." Public comment is welcome. Mr. Brodsky asked if Griffiths Engineering has hired a new engineer to replace John Mastronardi and Mr. Dumian stated that he will contact Griffiths Engineering to find out who will be assigned to Conklin. Mr. Brodsky stated that there needs to be "a transfer of knowledge" to handle new applications.

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AI (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE)

Meg Jacobs proposed enacting a law banning AI data centers in the Town of Conklin, in order to protect the environment and resources in the Town. Mr. Dumian stated that Mr. Spinner will work on this law. Mr. Spinner stated that New York State already has a moratorium in place regarding AI data centers, so "there is no reason the Town cannot ban them." Maria Van DeWeert, a teacher, stated that classes are being offered on how to use AI. "Yes," stated Ms. Jacobs, "until we have no more drinking water."

Mr. Boyle stated, "AI is just part of doing business. The water is just used for cooling." Mr. Spinner stated that the Town would only need a moratorium if it were already processing applications. Since no applications for an AI date center have been submitted, the Town can just ban them outright. A straw poll of the Board showed four opposed to AI, with one (Dell Boyle) in favor of allowing data centers in Town. Mr. Spinner will write a law banning AI data centers in the Town of Conklin.

Mr. Hellmers stated that there are other problems with AI besides the environmental damage. Mr. Brodsky asked if, in addition to data centers, the Town Code could be revised to limit water usage by any company in order to protect the Town's water supply. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town's water supply is large and there is not a lot of land available to commercial development, so he does not see the need for this restriction.

MORE SOLAR QUESTIONS

Derek Pavelski stated that Bruce Blakeman, who is campaigning for Governor, was in Broome County asking to tour a Town of Conklin solar facility. Mr. Pavelski stated that he thinks this is a "suspicious idea." Mr. Dumian stated that he was also invited to this tour but declined because it was a political event.

Mr. Pavelski also asked what the permit fee was that was charged for the solar facility on Hardie Road (Abundant Solar Power). Mr. Dumian stated that he would have to check with Administrative Assistant Mary Plonski. Mr. Pavelski asked if there is an update on the Hardie Road project, adding that there is "major activity occurring."

Mr. Marascia asked if there is sodium runoff into the wetlands from the salt pile on Hardie Road. Mr. Dumian stated that the salt pile is covered and must be monitored, adding that the DEC and Army Corps of Engineers have oversight of the wetlands.

Ms. Van DeWeert asked what is planned for the property on Conklin Forks Road opposite the fire station. Mr. Dumian stated that this property is privately owned and no applications of any kind have been submitted to the Town.

PAVING OVER INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. Boyle stated that a pet peeve of his is companies paving or pouring concrete over infrastructure access points, adding that it should be part of the permitting process to notify the municipality if the company finds a shutoff, etc. He added that any problems concerning the infrastructure arising from the company's work should be the company's responsibility to remedy.

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FOLLOW UP OF ONGOING ISSUES

Mr. Finch stated that the area on Terrace Drive near the well head "looks better," adding that "hard work pays off."

Mr. Finch stated that the stone has been installed around the light pole at Schnurbusch Park.

Mr. Francisco reminded those present to call the Town with a pole number or address if they find a street light that is out and he will relay the information to NYSEG.

YOUTH SPORTS

Mr. Farley stated that wrestling season has started and signups are out, adding that the first tournament will be on December 6. He stated that basketball will be combined with the Town of Binghamton again this year. Mr. Farley stated that soccer season is over but the nets have been left out until October 30 for anyone wanting to use them for practice.

CONKLIN FIRE AUXILIARY SAFE TRICK OR TREAT

Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs stated that the Conklin Fire Auxiliary will host its annual Safe Trick or Treat on October 31 from 5 to 7:30 P.M. at Fire Station 1 on Conklin Road. Mr. Finch asked if the Town had asked for extra patrols from the Broome County Sheriff's Office and Mr. Dumian confirmed that the extra patrols will be in Conklin on Halloween night.

DOG PROTECTION LAW

Mr. Dumian stated that the Board needs to revisit the Dog Protection Law that was tabled last spring. He stated that his main concern is that no dog can be allowed to live on a property where there is no residence, business, or agricultural activity. He stated that the Dog Control Officer could take control of the dog after a certain number of days of it being left alone on the property.

CAMPERS

Mr. Dumian stated that the Board also needs to revisit the issue of campers, adding that there has been an increase in the number of incidents in which people are living in campers year-round.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Farley moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Francisco. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs
Town Clerk