REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2026

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on November 10, 2026. 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 Johnson
	Planning Board	Sandra Beam
	Zoning Board of Appeals	Elizabeth Einstein
GUESTS:	Broome County Clerk	Aaron Martin
	Deputy Clerk	Chris Dziedzic
		John Hellmers
		Milton Martir
		Mary Martir
		Laurie Francisco
		Jamie Brannan
	David Walsh	Kim Hoskins
	Jamie Hoskins	Maria Fabrizi
	Lloyd Boyle	Mary Boyle
	Josh Nichols	Nikole Hurlbert
	Devin Link	Leah Pappas
	Lauren Lewis	Mia Smith
	Rachel Rychlewski	Addie Ruffo
	Machara Sharpe	Evolette Jenkins
	Ava Palmer	Glen Elliot
	Quintin Oches	Tierra Starkweather
	Patrick Shattuck	Abigail Leighton
	Riley Morris	Sakina Husseini
	Madelyn Zitsmann	Lillian Ingraham
	Genevieve Brewa	

MINUTES: OCTOBER 27, 2026 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Mr. Farley stated that a statement regarding the grant money awarded to the Town of Kirkwood for their water treatment plant was wrongly attributed to him. A review of the recording of the October 27, 2026 meeting determined that the statement was actually made by William Brodsky of the Zoning Board of Appeals, not by Mr. Farley.

Mr. Boyle moved to approve the October 27, 2026 Regular Town Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.
VOTE: Boyle – No, Finch – No, Francisco – No, Farley – No, Dumian – No. The motion failed.

Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs asked what the issue is with the October 27, 2026 minutes. Mr. Dumian stated that, although he did not dispute what the minutes stated and that he realized that minutes do not have to be compiled verbatim, he felt parts of the discussion were left out and so

an inaccurate depiction of the conversation was presented. Specifically, he stated that the fact that the Town has applied for grants and been refused was left out, although there is discussion of grants in the second paragraph of the Public Hearing on the proposed 2027 Water and Sewer Rates, in which Mr. Dumian explained that a grantwriter had stated that the Town's median income is too high for Conklin to qualify for grants and that the Town did not apply this year because it does not qualify. He also stated in that paragraph that he plans to research more grants when the final estimate for the water line connection to the City of Binghamton has been determined. Mr. Dumian also stated that he thought more should have been written about the Town's aging water infrastructure and the many water main breaks. He is quoted as saying that "the Town has to upgrade the water and sewer system," which necessitated the increase in the water rates for 2027. Mr. Dumian also stated that it should have been noted that Tony Marascia, who had questioned the need for the increase, understood and agreed with the increase once the facts were explained to him.

Ms. Jacobs noted that the Board felt the content in that section of the minutes was lacking some pertinent information. She explained to the Board that, per New York State Municipal Law, the Town Clerk's minutes do not require Board approval, adding that it is a courtesy extended to the Board. Town Attorney Mark Spinner concurred. There is also no requirement that the minutes by compiled verbatim.

AARON MARTIN/BROOME COUNTY CLERK

Broome County Clerk Aaron Martin visited the Town Board meeting to explain some of the responsibilities of his office. He stated that his office manages two offices of the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles, one in Binghamton and one in Endicott, as well as a mobile unit that travels to various towns, including Conklin. Mr. Dumian commented that the Conklin community appreciates the mobile DMV unit. Mr. Martin stated that the Endicott office is currently closed due to structural damage and is anticipated to re-open in mid-December.

A second responsibility of the Broome County Clerk's Office is to record land and legal records, such as deeds, mortgages, property purchases, and divorces. Mr. Martin is also the Records Access Officer for the County's records storage. Another task of the County Clerk is the processing of passport applications. Mr. Martin stated that he would like to hold a passport fair in Conklin in 2027. Lastly, Mr. Martin stated that the Broome County Clerk's office provides the public with information regarding potential fraud, including home title theft and identity theft. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town would be happy to host a passport fair next year. Mr. Francisco asked if a recently expired passport can be renewed. Mr. Martin stated that it can be renewed if it has been expired less than six months, but if longer than six months, a new application is required.

Mr. Boyle asked why the DMV workers take a half hour lunch break when they are only here from 9 AM until 1 PM. Mr. Martin explained that, as civil service employees, it is required that they be allowed to take a lunch break. He added that although they arrive in Conklin at 9 AM, they actually begin work at 8 AM, picking up the mobile unit vehicle and loading equipment. He stated that he would be hesitant to ask an employee who started work at 8 AM to wait until 12:30 or 1 PM to eat lunch, adding that he would need to check their contract.

Mr. Finch asked if the hours at Conklin could be extended to 2 PM. Mr. Martin stated that the employees still have to return to the County building, unload and close out their day. He stated that an option might be to send two people if there is enough staffing to do so, and then the two workers could stagger their lunch times.

Kim Hoskins asked if digitizing deeds would make it easier for criminals to commit fraud. Mr. Martin stated that there are far more legitimate needs for digitized records than illegal uses. Glen Elliot asked if one would file in person with ID or file online. Mr. Martin stated that there is a formal process and protections for e-filing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

VETERANS TAX EXEMPTION

Jamie Brannan asked if the Board is aware of recent changes to the Veterans Tax Exemption, adding that New York State corrected some confusions in the law. She explained that the new law would provide total exemption from property tax for 100% disabled veterans only. She stated that 6.3% of New York's population are veterans, and 6.6% of the population of the Town of Conklin are veterans. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town's portion of the tax bill is small, adding that Mr. Spinner will research it and the Town Board will most likely adopt the new local law. Mr. Dumian stated that the Veterans Exemption will be posted on the Town website once it has been approved. Mr. Spinner stated that, since it will be a new local law, a Public Hearing will be required.

ABUNDANT SOLAR POWER/SCOFIELD ROAD

John Hellmers asked if there is an update on Abundant Solar Power's Hardship Variance application for the proposed Scofield Road project. Mr. Spinner stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals accepted the Hardship Variance application on November 3. He stated that a Public Hearing of the ZBA will be held at 7 PM on January 5, 2027, adding that 30 days were required to obtain the comments from the Broome County Planning Board, before the Public Hearing could be held.

TOBACCO AND VAPE LAWS

Tierra Starkweather of Tobacco Free Broome and Tioga at the Health Department spoke about complaints regarding violations at One Dream service station, stating that they were illegally selling flavored vape juice to minors, adding that the problem was addressed with the store but it is still selling the same products. Ms. Starkweather stated that her group met with Mr. Spinner in September to discuss a potential licensing process by the Town of Conklin, adding that her group will partner with the Town to monitor compliance. Another suggestion is more smoke-free signage.

Mr. Dumian stated that Mr. Spinner will look at examples of licensing processes from other municipalities, and signage at Schnurbusch Park will be updated to reflect "No Vaping" as well as the current "No Smoking." He is also in favor of stricter zoning for stores that sell tobacco and vape products. Mr. Dumian asked if the One Dream store is still selling even though it violated State regulations. Ms. Starkweather stated that it is not illegal to sell flavored vape juice, per New York State, although it is illegal to sell it to minors. She added that the Town of Conklin could make it illegal to sell flavored vape juice at all, via a local law. Mr. Spinner asked what local enforcement would look like if such a local law were enacted. Ms. Starkweather stated that there could be fines, etc., attached to the law. A store could also be defined as a "nuisance" and closure orders issued. Mr. Spinner asked if this would be handled by the Town of Conklin Court and Ms. Starkweather stated that it would be. Mr. Spinner stated that it would be better for the New York State Supreme Court to sign off on these cases.

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CORRESPONDENCE: None.

REPORT: HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Dumian thanked the Highway Department for the cleanup at the Cross property at 1298 Conklin Road, adding that the Town is looking at hiring outside help for the cleanup of the interior of the building. Highway Superintendent Jeff Hayes thanked the Parks Department for taking over the leaf collection while his department was working at 1298 Conklin Road, adding that the leaf pickup will continue through the end of November, weather permitting. Mr. Dumian also thanked the Broome County Sheriff's Deputies for being present while the cleanup took place to ensure the safety of Town employees.

REPORT: CODE OFFICE

Mr. Dumian stated that the Code Office has received multiple complaints, adding that the Town is working toward mediation and resolution for the Code issues on Clearview Avenue. As stated earlier, the Town is researching a company to clean the interior of 1298 Conklin Road.

REPORT: PARKS/WATER/SEWER

Mr. Dumian stated that the Parks/Water/Sewer Department has been busy with many projects. He stated that there was a problem at Corporate Park and the Broome County Highway Department was very helpful in finding the valve openings, etc.

REPORT: SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

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

OLD BUSINESS:

SOLAR MORATORIUM

Mr. Spinner provided some suggestions for changes to the existing solar law. Mr. Dumian stated that the current law allows solar facilities to be built in the flood plain but not in the floodway. He would like to see construction banned in the flood plain as well as the floodway. Mr. Spinner stated that limiting solar projects to areas zoned Commercial/Industrial, which are sometimes located in the flood plain, could lead to adopting a law that effectively bans solar power facilities, something the Town cannot do. Mr. Dumian stated that it is a matter of safety, asking who would take care of shutting off power, etc., if the area flooded. Mr. Spinner stated that he will introduce a resolution at the December 8 meeting to extend the solar moratorium another six months.

UPGRADES TO WATER & SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. Dumian stated that two fire hydrants were inoperable and required emergency repair in order to provide fire protection for the residents. He stated that the Water Department has been flushing the hydrants throughout the Town.

WATER LINE CONNECTION TO CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Mr. Dumian stated that he spoke with Griffiths Engineering and part of the flow study has been completed, adding that this needs to be completed and some areas near the Colesville Road

Extension bridge need to be revised. Mr. Dumian stated that he will look for grants, as well as money from State Senators' project funds to help finance the project.

1298 CONKLIN ROAD

Mr. Dumian again thanked the Highway Department for their hard work in cleaning the exterior of 1298 Conklin Road.

He stated that they also fixed the light at the back of the Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESO 2026-115: APPROVE REPAIR/CIRCULATOR PUMP/TOWN HALL

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the repair of a circulator pump at the Town Hall by Postler & Jaeckle for a total cost of $3,900.00.

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

Mr. Dumian stated that a circulator pump at the Town Hall was bad and Postler & Jaeckle are recognized by Trane, who installed the system, as legitimate vendors. He stated that glycol affects all the seals in the system, which is why the glycol flush was needed.

RESO 2026-116: APPROVE POSTLER & JAECKLE/PERFORM GLYCOL FLUSH/TOWN HALL

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves Postler & Jaeckle to perform a glycol flush at the Town Hall for a total cost of $3,950.00.

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

RESO 2026-117: RE-APPOINT SANDRA BEAM/TOWN PLANNING BOARD/ 01-01-2027 – 12-31-2031

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin re-appoints Sandra Beam to the Town Planning Board for a five-year term to run from January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2031.

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

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RESO 2026-118: RE-APPOINT DANIEL SMITH/TOWNPLANNING BOARD/ 01-01-2027 – 12-31-2031

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin re-appoints Daniel Smith to the Town Planning Board for a five-year term to run from January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2031.

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

RESO 2026-119: RE-APPOINT CHRISTOPHER OSTROWSKY/TOWN PLANNING BOARD/01-01-2027 – 12-31-2031

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin re-appoints Christopher Ostrowsky to the Town Planning Board for a five-year term to run from January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2031.

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

RESO 2026-120: RE-APPOINT CAROL ARMSTRONG/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/01-01-2027 – 12-31-2031

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin re-appoints Carol Armstrong to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term to run from January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2031.

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

RESO 2026-121: RE-APPOINT HAROLD COLE/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/ 01-01-2027 – 12-31-2031

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin re-appoints Harold Cole to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term to run from January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2031.

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

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RESO 2026-122: APPOINT JOSEPH WIEGAND/ALTERNATE FOR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/01-01-2027 – 12-31-2031

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin appoints Joseph Wiegand as an Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term to run from January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2031.

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

RESO 2026-123: RE-APPOINT HAROLD COLE/BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW/ 10-01-2026 – 09-30-2031

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin re-appoints Harold Cole to the Board of Assessment Review for a five-year term to run from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2031.

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

RESO 2026-124: CANCEL REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETINGS/ 11-24-2026 & 12-22-2026

Mr. Dumian moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin cancels the Regular Town Board Meetings scheduled for November 24, 2026, and December 22, 2026.

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

RESO 2026-125: APPROVE INSTALLATION OF "NO PARKING" SIGNS ON JR BOULEVARD

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the installation of "No Parking" signs on JR Boulevard.

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

Mr. Dumian explained that the signage is to ensure that EMS vehicles can access houses on JR Boulevard in the event of an emergency.

RESO 2026-126: RATIFY & APPROVE EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION BY TOWN SUPERVISOR/REPLACEMENT OF TWO FIRE HYDRANTS

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies and approves the emergency authorization by the Town Supervisor for the replacement of the two fire hydrants by Pritchard Development, at a total cost not to exceed $20,192.35, including any necessary valve replacements, pursuant to General Municipal Law 103(4) and Section 1(A)(3)(b) of the Town's Procurement Policy, and further finds that the emergency circumstances justified immediate action to restore adequate fire protection and safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of Town residents.

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

RESO 2026-127: RATIFY PAYMENT/NYSEG/1163 CONKLIN ROAD

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 $76.35 to NYSEG for 1163 Conklin Road for September and October 2026.

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

RESO 2026-128: RATIFY PAYMENT/BINGHAMTON-JOHNSON CITY JOINT SEWAGE BOARD/4TH QUARTER 2026 WASTEWATER SERVICE

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 $84,044.00 to the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board for 4th Quarter 2026 Wastewater Service.

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

RESO 2026-129: RATIFY PAYMENT/DAVID SCHOONOVER/SECURITY/ 1298 CONKLIN ROAD/11-02-2026

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 $490.00 to David Schoonover for security at 1298 Conklin Road on November 2, 2026.

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

RESO 2026-130: RATIFY PAYMENT/DAVID SCHOONOVER/SECURITY/ 1298 CONKLIN ROAD/11-04-2026

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 $490.00 to David Schoonover for security at 1298 Conklin Road on November 4, 2026.

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

RESO 2026-131: RATIFY PAYMENT/ADAM BRONSON/SECURITY 1298 CONKLIN ROAD/11-03-2026

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 $490.00 to Adam Bronson for security at 1298 Conklin Road on November 3, 2026.

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

RESO 2026-132: RATIFY PAYMENT/ADAM BRONSON/SECURITY/ 1298 CONKLIN ROAD/11-05-2026

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 $490.00 to Adam Bronson for security at 1298 Conklin Road on November 5, 2026.

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

Mr. Dumian again thanked the off-duty officers for providing security during the exterior cleanup of 1298 Conklin Road.

RESO 2026-133: APPROVE 2027 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

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Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the following 2027 Holiday Schedule:

Friday, January 1, 2027	New Year's Day
Monday, January 18, 2027	Martin Luther King Day
Monday, February 15, 2027	Presidents' Day
Friday, March 26, 2027	Good Friday
Monday, May 31, 2027	Memorial Day
Monday, July 5, 2027	Independence Day
Monday, September 6, 2027	Labor Day
Thursday, November 11, 2027	Veterans' Day
Thursday, November 25, 2027	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 26, 2027	Day after Thanksgiving
Friday, December 24, 2027	Christmas Day

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

RESO 2026-134: APPROVE PAYMENT/CLAIMS #26-01110 - #26-01164/$31,040.95

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves payment of the following Claims #26-01110 through #26-01164, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of $31,040.95:

General	$	13,473.92
Highway		9,339.53
Light Districts		1,993.75
Sewer District #1		1,534.67
Water District		4,699.08
Total	**$**	**31,040.95**

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1298 CONKLIN ROAD

Mr. Finch asked if Nathan Cross will have access to his property at 1298 Conklin Road and Mr. Dumian replied that he will have access to the property as he still owns it and the Town cannot limit his access.

SOLAR LAW REVISIONS

Mr. Spinner asked that the Board look at his suggestions for revisions to the solar law and send in their comments.

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LIGHT BEHIND TOWN HALL NEAR COURT ENTRANCE

Mr. Finch asked if the light behind the Town Hall near the Court entrance has been fixed and Mr. Dumian stated that it is a work in progress.

SCHNURBUSCH PARK

Mr. Francisco asked if the Parks Department will be closing the gates to Schnurbusch Park after hours and Mr. Dumian replied that they will be closed when possible.

Mr. Dumian stated that the new lights at the park are “awesome,” adding that the Town will see a return on its investment sooner, as NYSEG is asking for another rate increase.

YOUTH SPORTS

Mr. Farley stated that wrestling has started, with 40 youth signed up so far. He stated that the Minions start after the December 6 tournament.

THANK YOU TO VETERANS

Mr. Dumian thanked the veterans for their service.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Farley moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Francisco. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs
Town Clerk