

WORK SESSION
JANUARY 14, 2025

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Work Session at 6:00 P.M. on January 14, 2025, at the Conklin Town Hall. Mr. Dumian, Supervisor, presided.

PRESENT:	Town Board Members	Finch, Boyle, Farley, Francisco, Dumian
	Town Counsel	Mark Spinner
	Town Clerk	Sherrie L. Jacobs
	Town Engineer	John Mastronardi
	Highway Superintendent	Jeff Hayes
	Code Officer	Nick Pappas
	Secretary to the Supervisor	Teresa Bamber
	Administrative Clerk	Mary Plonski
	Dog Control Officer	Rick Murray
	Planning Board	Sandra Beam
	Zoning Board of Appeals	Elizabeth Einstein

GUESTS:	Abundant Solar Power	Matt McGregor
	Abundant Solar Power	Andrew Van Doorn
	Security	Dennis Rowlands
	Barton & Loguidice	Jillian Blake
		Laurie Francisco
	Stephanie Tompkins	Autumn Tompkins
	Marshall (Ric) Tompkins	Pam Freije
	Paul Basti	Brenda McDonough
	Judy Frear	Dale Frear
	Judy Kelly	Joanne & Gary Huntley
	Norma Heath	Robert Triolo
	Naomi VanHart	Daniel VanHart
	Marcella Jaworski	Jennifer Mosher
		Brad Mosher

UPDATE/KABANEK ROAD REDUCTION IN SPEED LIMIT REQUEST

Mr. Dumian stated that he received correspondence from the New York State Department of Transportation approving the request to reduce the speed limit on Kabanek Road to 45 miles per hour. Highway Superintendent Jeff Hayes will order signs advising the new speed limit.

WATER LINE/TOWN OF KIRKWOOD OR CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Mr. Dumian stated that he met with Town Engineer John Mastronardi and Parks/Water/Sewer Team Leader David Kilmer this morning to discuss options for connecting a water line to either the Town of Kirkwood or to the City of Binghamton. Mr. Mastronardi will coordinate a water flow study. Mr. Dumian stated that this is a goal for 2025 – to put a plan in motion and find a long-term solution to the issue of having a backup plan for water, since both wells that provide water for Conklin are next to each other. If one becomes contaminated, it is likely both would become contaminated. He noted that in the short-term, it would be hard to get to the controls if a potential flood occurred, unless the change to an alternate source of water occurred before the storm hit. Mr. Dumian stated that a monitoring system for incoming water would be required to make sure chemical levels are correct for public consumption. Mr. Dumian stated that there is a dead-end in the line at the Conklin-Kirkwood bridge to the Colesville Road extension, meaning that if there is a water main break, the entire northern end of town is without water. He would like to see this situation corrected. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town can borrow funds from the General Fund but cannot allocate General Fund money to a water or sewer district.

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UPDATE/TOWN COURT LAYOUT

Mr. Dumian stated that there has been no update on the grant for upgrades to the Town Court layout.

UPGRADE/LIGHTING AT SCHNURBUSCH PARK

Mr. Boyle will ask the Conklin Volunteer Fire Department for use of their ladder truck to evaluate the current lights. Mr. Francisco spoke with the supplier of the original lights and there are no old records about the lights. Mr. Dumian stated that if the fixtures are in good shape and the Town can just replace the existing bulbs with LED bulbs, the project can proceed, but if the fixtures need to be replaced, it will be too expensive.

INCREASE/SENIOR EXEMPTION/STAR PROGRAM

Mr. Dumian stated that the income limit for the STAR Program has not been increased in a number of years. A new local law will be required to enact this change. Town Attorney Mark Spinner will introduce this proposed local law at the January 28 meeting.

SEWER STATION 2 PUMP REBUILD

Mr. Dumian stated that there is not backup pump at Sewer Station 2, adding that W2O will rebuild an Ebara pump for a cost of \$12,750. Mr. Finch asked if the rebuilt pump would have a warranty and Mr. Dumian stated that Parks/Water/Sewer Team Leader David Kilmer will look into that issue. Mr. Dumian stated that the Board will discuss this further at the January 28 meeting.

CEMETERY FUNDS

Mr. Dumian stated that when the Town assumed oversight of the Conklin Cemetery, which it was required to do by New York State because the Board of Directors of the Cemetery Association had decreased below the required number, the monies held by the Cemetery Association were absorbed into the Town's General Funds to provide for care and maintenance of the cemetery. He added that the funds are healthy, noting that none of the income from burials or sales of gravesites since the Town assumed oversight has been used.

INCREASE LIMITS/PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Dumian stated that current Town policy requires three quotes if a purchase will cost more than \$1,000. He suggested raising the limit to \$1,500, citing a need for a new fireproof file cabinet for the Parks/Water/Sewer Department which will cost approximately \$1,440. The Board agreed with the increase of the limit to \$1,500.

REPORT: PARKS/WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

Mr. Kilmer provided a written report on the projects on which his department has been working. These include: cutting and removing trees and shrubs at Conklin Cemetery and filling in low spots; PESH inspection of Water Department; repairing water main break on Conklin Road; repairing fire hydrant on Conklin Road; locating and mapping curb boxes; replacing all meters and radios at Lineage; annual water tank inspection; replacing old meters in other businesses; preventive maintenance at generator sites; pumping water out of valve pits for winter; changing air filters at Town Hall; refurbishing two wooden swings; putting all refrigerators in new trailer; and drilling and pouring concrete for posts for batting cage near pool area. Mr. Dumian stated that the swing donated by the Conklin Kiwanis Club will be installed in the spring.

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DOG CASES

Mr. Dumian stated that the dangerous dog case involving Mr. Triolo's dog, Kimiko, was handled by the Town of Vestal Court, as that is where the incident occurred. He stated that the Vestal Court deemed Kimiko a dangerous dog, and fined Mr. Triolo \$100. He will have to pay all costs to the Humane Society and his dog must be muzzled at all times and must be evaluated by an animal behaviorist. The dog is licensed in the Town of Conklin.

The Town of Conklin Court has deemed Mr. Triolo's other dog, Aslan, a dangerous dog because it bit another person, and the same requirements of muzzling and evaluation are in place. The owner has been served notice. This dog does not have a current license.

OUTSIDE LIGHT AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Mr. Dumian stated that MO Electric is going to replace the non-functioning outside light at the Community Center. Mr. Finch suggested installing a dusk to dawn light on the dog park side of the building as well.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
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The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:30 P.M. on January 14, 2025, at the Conklin Town Hall. Mr. Dumian, Supervisor, presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:	Town Board Members	Finch, Boyle, Farley, Francisco, Dumian
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MINUTES: DECEMBER 10, 2024 WORK SESSION & REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Mr. Francisco moved to approve the December 10, 2024 Work Session and Regular Town Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

MINUTES: DECEMBER 16, 2024 SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Mr. Farley moved to approve the December 16, 2024 Special Town Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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TRIOLO DOGS

Judy Frear of Stillwater Road asked if Mr. Triolo's dogs have current rabies vaccinations. Mr. Dumian replied that Kimiko's are current and the status of Aslan's vaccination is unknown. Dog Control Officer Rick Murray stated that both dogs have been returned to Mr. Triolo. Ms. Frear asked if the dogs would be allowed back in the Stillwater Road area and Mr. Dumian stated that the owner would have to adhere to strict guidelines.

ACCESS TO CONKLIN CEMETERY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Autumn Tompkins of Cherry Drive spoke to the Board about her father, who she stated visits his deceased wife's grave in Conklin Cemetery every day. Mrs. Tompkins died in late 2024. Ms. Tompkins stated that her father, who is disabled, has to walk 300 feet to the gravesite, after being told he cannot drive up to the grave because his vehicle leaves tire marks. When he stated that he cannot walk that far, Ms. Tompkins stated that a Town employee told him to either "take breaks or don't come at all." She stated that denying her father access to her mother's grave is a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act, since a cemetery is considered a public area and is required to be accessible. Ms. Tompkins proposed that the Town install a new gate on Carlin Road, which would be closer to the gravesite. She asked, "Does the Town value compassion?"

Following is the statement Ms. Tompkins read into the minutes:

"I'm here today because my dad – a grieving widower with severe arthritis, bad knees, and a bad foot – has been denied reasonable access to my mom's grave. He's been told he can no longer drive closer to her grave because of 'tire marks' – a justification rooted not in genuine concern but in fabricated complaints and callous disregard for his mobility issues.

"Since my mom passed away on October 26, my dad has visited her grave every day except one. Rain, shine, or snow, he's made the effort – not just to mourn but to honor the woman he loved for over 45 years.

"Yet, despite his physical limitations, a town maintenance employee told him he had to park on the main path and walk 300 feet across uneven terrain. When he explained that he physically couldn't manage this distance, he was met with the heartless suggestion to 'take breaks' – or worse, to simply not come.

"Let me be perfectly clear: This is a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Cemeteries are places of public accommodations, and under Title 3 of the ADA, you are legally required to ensure equal access for people with disabilities. Denying my father the ability to visit his wife's grave isn't just cruel – it's illegal.

"Reasonable accommodations aren't optional – they're mandatory. So I'm requesting a gate be put on the Carlin Road side of the cemetery closer to my mother's grave. It's the simplest, lowest-cost solution. It's not an undue burden. It's not an expensive fix. It's common sense. But let's move beyond legality for a moment and talk about ethics.

"We are talking about a grieving man being denied the dignity of honoring his wife. This isn't about 'tire marks.' It's about whether this town values compassion and fairness, or whether it prioritizes pettiness and bureaucracy over basic human decency.

"What kind of precedent does this set? That disabled people are second-class mourners? That grieving only counts if you can physically meet the arbitrary standards of able-bodied people?

"Here's my ask: Install the gate. Do the bare minimum required to uphold the law, treat people with respect, and allow a grieving husband the dignity he deserves. Because if you don't, you won't just have failed ethically – you'll have invited a legal nightmare.

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“The ADA is clear, and the courts do not look kindly on towns that openly discriminate. The cost of defending this decision in court – and the PR backlash that will follow – far outweighs the minor inconvenience of installing a gate.

“I urge you to think about what message you want to send. Do you want to be the town that fights disabled resident in court over a \$500 gate? Or do you want to be the town that does the right thing without needing to be forced?”

“Nobody should have to fight this hard to grieve. And if it does...Grief’s getting a lawyer.”

There was no immediate response from the Board.

HEARING FOR ROBERT TRIOLO

The hearing for Robert Triolo to answer the Code violations listed by the Town began at 6:40 P.M. with Mr. Triolo in attendance. Mr. Spinner stated that Mr. Triolo had received a Notice of Hearing with a list of noted violations. Mr. Triolo stated that the property at 116 Stillwater Road had been sold under contract to Norma Heath, adding that there is a “plan to remediate the violations.” Mr. Spinner stated that there is a list of reasons why there are violations.

Mr. Triolo stated, “People are going in when I’m gone and doing damage.” Mr. Dumian replied, “There have been significant violations since 2018,” citing a State Supreme Court Order allowing the Town to clean up the outside of the property. Mr. Triolo stated that the Town put “stone in my yard” and Mr. Dumian stated that the Court Order allowed the Town to clean the exterior and the millings (not stone) were required to be able to removed illegal vehicles and refuse. Mr. Triolo stated that he needs “60 to 75 days to finish the house and close” on the sale. He added, “Someone put holes in the walls that were just plastered.” When asked if he filed police reports, Mr. Triolo stated, “The police said they are not allowed to take reports from me.” When asked if locks had been installed on the house, Mr. Triolo stated they had been “cut off.” Mr. Spinner reiterated the need for a plan to abate the violations, which would include Code Officer Nick Pappas being able to inspect the property periodically. Mr. Triolo stated that he is awaiting the abstract for the contract with Ms. Heath, adding that Ronald Benjamin is his attorney.

Mr. Dumian requested weekly inspections. Mr. Triolo stated that the electrical service and plumbing are new within the last two months, since the Town of Kirkwood Code Officer had inspected the property. Mr. Dumian reiterated that Mr. Pappas needs to be able to inspect the property by the coming Friday (January 17). Mr. Spinner stated that the Town needs to see a schedule of repairs. Mr. Dumian expressed concern for the safety of any fire or EMS personnel that might be called to the scene. Mr. Spinner suggested a timeline of 60 days, with Mr. Triolo and Ms. Heath only allowed there to clean, not reside. Mr. Dumian suggested an inspection every other day, with Mr. Triolo and Ms. Heath allowed to work until dark (since the electricity has been turned off). Mr. Triolo asked to be allowed to work until 8 or 9 PM, adding that the electricity needs to be turned on to provide water and lights. Mr. Spinner reiterated that the Town needs to see a written plan for repairs and must inspect the property before it will agree to the plan.

Norma Heath stated that she “wants the fence replaced and the stone removed.” Mr. Dumian replied, “That is not in the Court Order.” She stated that “garbage was thrown in the yard.” Mr. Dumian stated, “That is false. The garbage stayed in the yard for months.” Ms. Heath stated that is “tar in the yard.” Mr. Dumian reiterated that the Court Order allowed millings to be put in to access the cars that were stored there illegally. He stated that if Mr. Pappas is not allowed in to inspect the property within the next three days, the property will be boarded up as a safety hazard. Mr. Pappas is scheduled to inspect the property on Friday, January 17. Ms. Heath stated she wants the Town to “repair the landscaping.” “That’s not happening,” stated Mr. Dumian.

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Mr. Triolo addressed the issue of his two dogs, stating they are “26 miles up the road. They are not here.” Ms. Heath stated that the house “was broken into and the police were not allowed to take a report.” Mr. Finch asked what will happen if the house is not inspected within three days. Mr. Spinner replied that if that occurs, Mr. Pappas will board it up. Mr. Pappas is scheduled to perform an inspection and receive a written timeline for repairs at 1 PM on January 17.

(Recess 7:08 – 7:15 PM)

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING
ABUNDANT SOLAR POWER APPLICATION

The continuation of the Public Hearing for input regarding the Abundant Solar Power application to build a solar facility at 327 Hardie Road was declared open at 7:15 PM by Mr. Dumian. Pam Freije of Shaw Road stated she had sent a lengthy email to Mr. Dumian expressing several concerns about the proposed solar project. Among her concerns: Jonathan Cronell of the NYS DEC confirmed that no site visit was made by the DEC for the “blanket water quality certification;” only one well was tested for water quality; “wetlands on the property have not been addressed in enough detail;” disruption to wildlife, specifically bald eagles; concerns regarding runoff into Huntley Pond and the Susquehanna River. Ms. Freije stated that there is precedent for denial of the application for the solar project, citing several towns that have done so, and asked the Board to delay its decision on granting the Special Use Permit until after it meets with the various agencies that would have oversight. Mr. Spinner stated that the Board would work through the SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review) and that would answer many concerns that have been raised. Jillian Blake of Barton & Loguidice stated that the Army Corps of Engineers had examined the wetlands. Ms. Blake stated that a recent field delineation of the site was conducted in the late fall of 2024, adding that a walk on-site is not common practice. Ms. Freije stated that she wants an objective third party to review the site.

Town Engineer John Mastronardi stated that he had addressed his concerns with Abundant Solar Power, adding that a biologist and a geologist from Barton & Loguidice had conducted the field delineation. He added that the Army Corps of Engineers and the NYS DEC had issued Nationwide Permit #51, which states that establishment of a public service utility is allowable use in wetlands. Mr. Dumian stated that the Town had started this process with Abundant Solar Power in May 2023, and he cited cases in which either New York State or a town Zoning Board of Appeals overrode a Town Board’s denial of an application and the application was approved over the Town Board’s objections. Mr. Spinner explained that both residents and applicants have property rights for property that they own, adding that “public opposition is not enough” to deny an application, noting that denials cannot be “arbitrary or capricious.” Ms. Freije stated that “adverse environmental conditions are not ‘arbitrary or capricious.’ Do you feel you don’t have the right to ask for more information?” she asked the Board. Mr. Dumian declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:40 P.M.

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Mr. Spinner led the Town Board through the EAF (Environmental Assessment Form) part of the SEQR. The Board answered as follows:

- 1) Impact on Land – Yes; but subquestions a through h were answered “No, or Small Impact.” Questions 1-f regarding increased erosion was answered with the explanation that the SWPPP (StormWater Pollution Prevention Plan) would address runoff and limit erosion.
- 2) Impact on Geological Features – “No.”

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- 3) Impacts on Surface Water – “Yes,” but subquestions a through k were answered “No, or Small Impact,” again with SWPPP addressing surface area of any body of water or impact on wetlands. Mr. Mastronardi explained that water quality is addressed and silt fences or mulch bark will be used during construction, adding that runoff is addressed by level spreaders. Mr. Mastronardi or Mr. Pappas will verify that processes are followed.
- 4) Impact on Groundwater – “No.” Ms. Blake of Barton & Lougidice stated that the well testing took its baseline on site “because Abundant Solar can’t control other neighboring properties.” Mr. Spinner added that Abundant Solar must test every three years and recertify.
- 5) Impact on Flooding – “No.” Mr. Mastronardi stated that there will probably actually be a slight reduction in runoff.
- 6) Impact on Air – “No.”
- 7) Impact on Plants and Animals – “Yes;” with subquestions a (reduction of population of endangered species), b (reduction of habitat of endangered species), and h (conversion of more than 10 acres of forest, grassland, or other regionally or locally important habitat) being answered “No, or Small Impact May Occur,” specifically in regard to bald eagles. All other subquestions were answered “No.”
- 8) Impact on Agricultural Resources – “Yes;” but all subquestions were answered “No.” Mr. Dumian added that the site must be returned to its original state if the solar installation were to be decommissioned.
- 9) Impact on Aesthetic Resources – “No.”
- 10) Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources – “No.”
- 11) Impact on Open Space and Recreation – “No.”
- 12) Impact on critical Environmental Areas – “No.”
- 13) Impact on Transportation – “No.”
- 14) Impact on Energy – “No.”
- 15) Impact on Noise, Odor, and Light – “Yes;” but subquestions a through e were all answered “No.”
- 16) Impact on Human Health – “No.”
- 17) Consistency with Community Plan – “No.” The plan is consistent with the adopted land use plans.
- 18) Consistency with Community Character – “Yes;” but subquestions a through f were all answered “No, or Small Impact.” It was noted that the conditions for the site plan will include monitoring of the trees to be planted for screening and a plan for emergency services coordinated with the local fire department/EMS.

RESO 2025-1: ISSUE NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE UNDER SEQRA FOR APPLICATION OF ABUNDANT SOLAR POWER, LLC (US NY-327 HARDIE ROAD-001)

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Conklin, held on the 14th day of January, 2025, at the Conklin Town Hall, 1271 Conklin Road, Conklin, New York, the following resolution was offered by Mr. Farley and seconded by Mr. Finch:

WHEREAS, Abundant Solar Power (US Ny-327 Hardie Road-001) LLC submitted an application for the development of a 5MWAC solar photovoltaic (PV) facility located at 327 Hardie Road in the Town of Conklin; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board scheduled a Public Hearing for December 10, 2024, duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town and posted on the Town Clerk’s signboard, to receive comments from all interested parties; and

WHEREAS, the Broome County Planning Department reviewed the application pursuant to GML 239-m, and found no significant county-wide impacts; and

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WHEREAS, the Public Hearing was held on December 10, 2024, during which oral comments were received, and the hearing was subsequently continued to January 14, 2025, to allow for additional public input, including written comments, which were accepted through and including January 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, all written and oral comments received during the Public Hearing process were duly considered by the Town Board and provided to the applicant for response, and the applicant submitted detailed written responses addressing all comments, including those related to screening, potential visual and sound impacts, and other environmental concerns; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and its implementing regulations under 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Town Board has declared itself Lead Agency, determined that the proposed action constitutes a Type I Action, and completed Part 2 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF), evaluating potential environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board will include supplemental information in Part 3 of the FEAF, reflecting discussions and determinations made at its January 14, 2025 meeting, to be finalized and executed following the meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Board of the Town of Conklin hereby adopts a Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance in accordance with SEQRA for the proposed action, determining that no Environmental Impact Statement is required.
2. The Town Supervisor is authorized and directed to complete and execute the determination of significance, including supplemental information in Part 3 of the FEAF, which shall be incorporated into this Resolution by reference.

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 the Conklin Town Hall, 1271 Conklin Road, Conklin, New York, on January 14, 2025. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Dated: January 14, 2025

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Sherrie L. Jacobs, Town Clerk

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SITE PLAN/SPECIAL USE PERMIT

Mr. Spinner stated that the Town has received a complete application from Abundant Solar Power, LLC, adding that it aligns with the Town's solar law and is compatible with surrounding uses. He stated that it meets the solar law requirements and the traffic control and screening regulations. Mr. Spinner stated that there are no issues with public utilities and a decommissioning plan is in place, along with emergency access for public safety. In addressing economic or public benefits, Mr. Farley commented that it will bring "no new jobs." Andrew Van Doorn of Abundant Solar Power stated that his company "tries to hire local." Mr. Spinner stated that there will be a PILOT agreement, as well as a Host Community Agreement, adding that the project is compatible with the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Dumian added that residents can sign up and take advantage of a reduction in electric bills. The following conditions were established for the Site Plan:

1. Vegetation will be kept and 10 inches or less without agricultural use (animals being grazed on the site); and will be adjusted if agricultural use is added.
2. The buffer/screening will be reviewed. The plan is to plant 8 to 10-foot arborvitae.
3. The Fire Chief will review the EMS plan.
4. Abundant Solar Power will work with the neighbors to resolve any issues.

RESO 2025-2: GRANT APPROVAL OF SITE PLAN & SPECIAL USE PERMIT/ABUNDANT SOLAR POWER, LLC

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WHEREAS, Abundant Solar Power (US NY-327 Hardie Road-001), LLC, submitted an application for the development of a 5 MWAC solar photovoltaic (PV) facility located at 327 Hardie Road in the Town of Conklin, requiring site plan approval and a special use permit from the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board scheduled and held a Public Hearing on the application on December 10, 2024, at which oral comments were received, and continued the hearing to January 14, 2025, to allow for additional public input, including written comments, which were accepted through and including January 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, all written and oral comments received during the Public Hearing process were duly considered by the Town Board and provided to the applicant for response, and the applicant submitted detailed written responses addressing all comments, including those related to screening, potential visual and sound impacts, and other concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board reviewed the applicant's responses, as well as input from the Town Designated Engineer (TDE) and the Broome County Planning Department, which reviewed the application pursuant to General Municipal Law (GML) 239-m and found no significant county-wide impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, acting as Lead Agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), conducted an environmental review of the project, completed Part 2 of the FEAF, and adopted a Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance, finding that the project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board considered the proposed project's consistency with the Town's Solar Energy Systems Law (Town Code Chapter 138) and zoning regulations, including all applicable standards and requirements for site plan approval and special use permits, and its

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alignment with the goals of the Town of Conklin’s Comprehensive Plan and the New York State Community Solar Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed and deliberated on all relevant aspects of the proposed project, including but not limited to its potential environmental impacts, site layout, access, screening, visual and sound impacts, and compatibility with surrounding uses and properties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS;

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin hereby approves the site plan and special use permit application for Abundant Solar Power (US NY-327 Hardie Road-001), LLC, based upon its review of the application materials, including the FEAF, all public and written comments, the applicant’s responses, the recommendations of the Town Designated Engineer, and the Broome County Planning Department’s GML 239-m review.

The Town Board further reserves the right to impose reasonable conditions, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, including any conditions agreed upon at today’s meeting, which will be incorporated into a future resolution along with detailed findings.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Councilman William Farley	YES
Councilman Charles Francisco	YES
Councilman James E. Finch	YES

Dated: January 14, 2025

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Sherrie L. Jacobs, Town Clerk

It was noted that a housekeeping resolution will be offered at the January 28 meeting listing fees, etc.

(Break 8:40 – 8:45 PM)

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Dumian stated that he had received phone calls inquiring what he knew about the drones seen over New Jersey.

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REPORT: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent Jeff Hayes stated that the new quote for a new RAM 5500 truck with a salt box is \$110,342.45, with money allotted in the 2025 Budget. Further discussion regarding the truck will be held over until the January 28 meeting. Mr. Hayes stated that his crew has been plowing and salting roads and steaming open frozen pipes.

REPORT: CODE OFFICER

Code Officer Nick Pappas stated that, in addition to dealing with ongoing Code violations, he has been working on inspections.

REPORT: PARKS/WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

Report is in Work Session minutes.

REPORT: SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

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

OLD BUSINESS:

MEETING WITH CONKLIN FAIR COMMITTEE

Mr. Dumian stated that he met with the Conklin Fair Committee to discuss his vision for the future of the annual Fair. He stated that the Committee wants to expand the rides to the Fair Committee-owned property on the other side of the driveway to the Community Center, which he is opposed to see happen. Mr. Dumian stated that he does not want to see the Fair expand. He also stated that the field beyond the property owned by the Fair Committee is owned by a solar power company which has contacted him regarding development on the property. This lot is used by the Fair Committee for parking for the Fair. Mr. Dumian commented that there is the potential to create some soccer fields on that parcel. Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs, a member of the Conklin Fair Committee, stated that she would like to see more local groups, such as the school district, involved with the Fair. Mr. Finch asked if there is any compensation to the Town for use of its field for the Fair, and Ms. Jacobs, who is the Treasurer of the Committee, stated that the Fair does not make a profit, but rather loses money, so there is no money to compensate the Town, which it has never requested. She commented that the only way the Fair can be held is due to income from other fundraisers the Committee does throughout the year and rental income from the building it owns.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONKLIN CEMETERY

Mr. Dumian explained that the funds transferred from the now defunct Conklin Cemetery Association are used to maintain the cemetery. Mr. Francisco stated that he thinks the sale and burial rates for both Conklin Cemetery and Shawsville Cemetery should remain the same in 2025 as they were in 2024. He added that concrete vaults are a requirement.

ADDITIONAL PARTS FOR PARKS MULCHER

The Board considered different options for additional parts needed for the Parks Department mulcher. Mr. Boyle suggested purchasing the Case Drain Kit for a cost of \$542.05, which was the least expensive option.

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LIFT GATE FOR SERVICE TRUCK

Mr. Dumian stated that the Town received a quote from Binghamton Truck Body for a lift gate for the service truck for a cost of \$5,842.00.

TOPICS HELD OVER UNTIL JANUARY 28 MEETING

Mr. Dumian stated that the Sewer Station 2 pump rebuild and the amendment to the Senior Tax Exemption discussions will be held over until the January 28 meeting.

STEWART ROAD WATER TANK

The Department of Health requires that the Town water tanks be inspected every five years, and the water tank on Stewart Road is due for this inspection. Statewide AquaStore will perform the inspection for a cost of \$2,500.00.

FIREPROOF CABINET FOR PARKS GARAGE

The recent PESH inspection stated that the Town must purchase a fireproof cabinet for the Parks Garage.

RESO 2025-3: RATIFY PAYMENT/DEERE CREDIT, INC./JD WAM MOWER

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 \$1,773.30 to Deere Credit, Inc., for installment payments on the John Deere WAM mower.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2025-4: RATIFY PAYMENT/OSTROWSKY BUILDERS/SOFFIT REPAIR/COMMUNITY CENTER

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 \$29,900.00 to Ostrowsky Builders for soffit repair at the Community Center.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2025-5: RATIFY SALE/2002 VOLVO DUMP TRUCK

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies the sale of the 2002 Volvo Dump Truck on Auctions International for a price of \$1,250.00.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

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RESO 2025-6: RATIFY PAYMENT/RICOH USA, INC./LEASE OF TOWN CLERK
COPIER/01-14-2025 – 01-13-2026

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 \$814.92 to RICOH USA, Inc., for lease of the Town Clerk copier for the period January 14, 2025, through January 13, 2026.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2025-7: RATIFY PAYMENT/BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE/SERVICE OF NOTICE/ROBERT TRIOLO

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 \$36.00 to the Broome County Sheriff's Office for Service of Notice to Robert Triolo of 116 Stillwater Road.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2025-8: RATIFY PAYMENT/CURIOUS GROUNDS/CATERING FOR TOWN
EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY PARTY

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 \$597.50 to Curious Grounds for catering for the Town Employee Holiday Party.

Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

RESO 2025-9: RATIFY PAYMENT/PITNEY BOWES/POSTAGE METER REFILL

Mr. Boyle moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies payment in the amount of \$500.00 to Pitney Bowes for postage meter refill.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2025-10: RATIFY PAYMENT/AT YOUR PACE ONLINE/NY 30-HOUR A & B
COURSE TRAINING FOR DAVID KILMER

Mr. Finch 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 \$299.00 to At Your Pace Online for NY 30-hour A & B Course training for David Kilmer.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2025-11: RATIFY PAYMENT/CLAIMS #24-01244 - #24-01291/\$34,731.54

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies the following Claims #24-01244 through #24-01291, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of \$34,731.54:

General	\$ 21,198.78
Highway	3,350.27
Sewer District #1	2,820.76
Water District	5,765.73
Non-Budgeted	<u>1,596.00</u>
Total	\$ 34,731.54

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2025-12: RE-APPOINT WILLIAM BRODSKY/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/5-YEAR TERM/01-01-2025 – 12-31-2029

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin re-appoints William Brodsky to the position of member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term running from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2029.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2025-13: RE-APPOINT GEORGE WYLDE/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/5-YEAR TERM/01-01-2025 – 12-31-2029

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin re-appoints George Wylde to the position of member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term running from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2029.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

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RESO 2025-14: APPROVE PAYMENT/CLAIMS #24-01298 - #24-01355/\$85,995.21

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 #24-01298 through #24-01355, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of \$85,995.21:

General	\$ 36,987.07
Highway	28,463.35
Light Districts	1,720.46
Sewer District #1	4,618.65
Water District	7,975.37
Water District #6	4,932.31
Non-Budgeted	<u>1,298.00</u>
Total	\$ 85,995.21

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2025-15: APPROVE PAYMENT/CLAIMS #25-00006 - #25-00035/\$175,901.68

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves payment of the following Claims #25-00006 through #25-00035, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of \$175,901.68:

General	\$ 50,971.89
Highway	25,096.16
Fire Protection District	3.59
Sewer District #1	3,906.47
Water District	10,814.87
Water District #6	2,483.70
Non-Budgeted	<u>82,625.00</u>
Total	\$ 175,901.68

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2025-16: RETAIN COUGHLIN & GERHART, LLP/LEGAL SERVICES/2025

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin retains Coughlin and Gerhart, LLP, to provide legal services on behalf of the Town, effective January 1, 2025, for a term ending on December 31, 2025, and authorizes the Supervisor to execute the retainer agreement.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

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RESO 2025-17: APPROVE GRIFFITHS ENGINEERING/TOWN ENGINEERING FIRM/2025

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves Griffiths Engineering as the Town Engineering Firm for the year 2025.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2025-18: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR/MAINTAIN CHECKING & SAVINGS ACCOUNTS/PEOPLES SECURITY BANK AND TRUST/2025

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes the Supervisor to maintain a consolidated checking account and a consolidated savings account at Peoples Security Bank and Trust for 2025.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2025-19: AUTHORIZE TERESA BAMBER & MARY PLONSKI/TRANSFER FUNDS ONLINE AS NEEDED WITH SIGNED APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR/2025

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes Teresa Bamber and Mary Plonski to transfer funds online, as needed, with signed approval of the Supervisor, for 2025.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2025-20: SET BI-WEEKLY PAY PERIODS TO RUN CONCURRENTLY SATURDAY THORUGH FRIDAY/2025

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin sets bi-weekly pay periods to run concurrently from Saturday through Friday in 2025, with pay stub and Direct Deposit to be to be distributed the following Wednesday after the end of the pay cycle.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2025-21: DESIGNATE PRESS & SUN BULLETIN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF TOWN/COUNTRY COURIER AS ADDITIONAL NEWSPAPER AS NEEDED/2025

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

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Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin designates the **Press & Sun Bulletin** as the Official Newspaper of the Town and the **Country Courier** as additional newspaper for 2025, when determined necessary by the Town Board.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2025-22: AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO USE HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT IN SPECIAL DISTRICTS/2025

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes the Highway Superintendent to use Highway equipment in 2025 for the Water Districts, Sewer Districts, Fire Protection District, Soil Conservation District, and the Town Parks.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2025-23: AUTHORIZE TOWN BOARD MEETINGS TO BE HELD 2ND & 4TH TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH IN 2025

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes Town Board meetings to be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:00 P.M. including a Work Session to be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall in 2025.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2025-24: APPROVE PAYMENTS FOR COMMUNITY CENTER DEPOSIT REFUNDS UPON PROPER INSPECTION/2025

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves payments for Community Center deposit refunds upon proper inspection for 2025, with post-rental inspections being performed by David Kilmer, Sean Coddington, Scott Zaino, and Christopher Johnson.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2025-25: DESIGNATE TERESA BAMBER/2025 HEALTH CARE POOL PLAN ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

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Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin designates Teresa Bamber as the 2025 Health Care Pool Plan Administrator, and approves payments via ACH to recipients for eligible expenses.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2025-26: AUTHORIZE MONTHLY CELL PHONE
REIMBURSEMENT/ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES & ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes a monthly cell phone reimbursement to be paid monthly via ACH to William Dumian, Jr., Charles Francisco, Dawn Shafer, David Kilmer, Sean Coddington, Scott Zaino, Christopher Johnson, Teresa Bamber, Mary Plonski, Elmer Murray, Jeff Hayes, and Daniel Smith in the amount of \$50.00 per month for 2025.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2025-27: AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT/ “SEASONAL LIMITED USE
HIGHWAYS”

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes the advertisement of “Seasonal Limited Use Highways” for the entire length of Alta Road, the entire length of Lawrence Boulevard, and River Boulevard in the **Press & Sun Bulletin**.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2025-28: APPROVE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2025

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the following Holiday Schedule for 2025:

Wednesday, January 1, 2025	New Year’s Day
Monday, January 20, 2025	Martin Luther King Day
Monday, February 17, 2025	Presidents’ Day
Friday, April 18, 2025	Good Friday
Monday, May 26, 2025	Memorial Day
Friday, July 4, 2025	Independence Day
Monday, September 1, 2025	Labor Day
Tuesday November 11, 2025	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 27, 2025	Thanksgiving
Friday, November 28, 2025	Day after Thanksgiving
Thursday, December 25, 2025	Christmas

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Seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

RESO 2025-29: RATIFY AUTHORIZATION OF SUPERVISOR TO SIGN INSURANCE AGREEMENT/HAYLOR, FREYER & COON/2025

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin ratifies the authorization of the Supervisor to sign the insurance agreement for 2025 with Haylor, Freyer, and Coon.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2025-30: SET COMMITTEES/2025

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin sets up the following Committees for the Year 2025:

Town Hall Castle	Dell Boyle
Community Center Rental/Non-Profit Rental	Jim Finch
Community Center Building	Dell Boyle
Senior Citizen Liaison	Charles Francisco
Town Wide Electrical & NYSEG	Charles Francisco
Town Wide Insurance	Bill Dumian
Town Flood Insurance	Bill Dumian
Town Grounds & Flood Lots	Bill Farley
Drainage Districts	Dell Boyle
Cemeteries	Charles Francisco
Fire Department Liaison	Bill Farley
Youth Liaison	Bill Farley
Planning Board	Bill Farley
Zoning Board of Appeals	Jim Finch
Highway Department & Garage	Bill Dumian
Deputy Supervisor	Charles Francisco
Code Department	Bill Dumian
Public Works Department	Bill Dumian

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

RESO 2025-31: APPROVE BLUESTORM TECHNOLOGIES/TOWN IT SERVICES PROVIDER/2025

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves BlueStorm Technologies as the Town IT Services Provider for 2025.

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Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2025-32: AUTHORIZE OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT OF MILEAGE FOR USE OF PERSONAL VEHICLES FOR PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES/2025

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes the officers and employees herein named to receive reimbursement of mileage for use of personal vehicles at the current IRS Standard Mileage Rate per mile, for performance of their duties on official business only: Supervisor, Town Clerk, Town Board members, Zoning Board members, Planning Board members, Town Historian, Town Justice, Secretary to the Supervisor, Town Assessor, Youth Commissioner, Parks and Water Department Personnel, Code Department Personnel, Justice Clerks, and Deputy Town Clerk.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2025-33: APPROVE USE BY SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF TOWN COURT FOR MOCK TRIALS

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the use by Susquehanna Valley High School of the Town Court for Mock Trials on March 25, March 27, and April 1, 2025, in the evening.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

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

RESO 2025-34: APPROVE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION/LIFT GATE FOR SERVICE TRUCK/BINGHAMTON TRUCK BODY

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves the purchase and installation of a lift gate for the service truck from Binghamton Truck Body at a cost not to exceed \$5,842.00.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2025-35: AUTHORIZE WATER TANK INSPECTION/STEWART ROAD/STATEWIDE AQUASTORE

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes the inspection of the water tank on Stewart Road by Statewide AquaStore for a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00.

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Seconded by Mr. Farley.

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

RESO 2025-36: AUTHORIZE PURCHASE/FIRE CABINET FOR PARKS DEPARTMENT/JC SMITH, INC.

Mr. Francisco moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin authorizes the purchase of a fire cabinet for the Parks Department from JC Smith, Inc., for a cost not to exceed \$1,440.00.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ISSUES WITH PROPERTY AT 11 CLEARVIEW AVENUE

Marcella Jaworski of 18 Clearview Avenue presented some concerns she has with the property at 11 Clearview Avenue. She stated that the residents there run their generator at all hours of the night; there is trash and unmown grass, leading to rat infestation; setting a bonfire with no water available to put it out; numerous visits by the police; and the property being zoned residential but the resident operating a business from it. Mr. Dumian stated he will review the issues with Mr. Pappas. Ms. Jaworski also stated that the resident is discharging firearms within 1,000 feet of a residence, and Mr. Dumian told her she must call law enforcement to handle that issue.

WEBSITE REQUIREMENT

Mr. Spinner stated that a law has been proposed that any municipality with a population of over 1,500 will have to use the .gov domain for their Town website.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs stated that most of the bands for the 2025 Concerts in the Park have been booked.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Finch moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Francisco. The meeting adjourned at 9:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs
Town Clerk

