

## Town of Conewango Public hearing and Budget workshop meeting - October 22, 2025

In Attendance: Councilman Studley, Supervisor McGuire, Deputy Town Clerk McGuire, Town Clerk Belt, Councilman Adams, Councilman Finch, Deputy Highway Superintendent Patterson, open to public

### Meeting Objective:

- Finalization and Adoption of Town of Conewango Solar Energy System Law.
- Discussion & Approval of the 2025 Preliminary Budget.

### Decisions and Actions:

- **Local Law 3 of 2025 (Solar Energy System Law) Adopted:** Unanimous adoption to establish regulations for solar projects, including fees, engineering oversight, and end-of-life bonding.
  - motion made by Supervisor McGuire and seconded by Councilman Studley unanimously adopted via roll call vote
- **2025 Preliminary Budget Approved:** The preliminary budget was discussed approved, staying \$65 under the state tax cap.
  - Motion made to adopt preliminary Budget by Councilman Studley and seconded by Councilman Adams unanimously adopted via roll call vote.
- **Justice and Clerk Resignations Accepted:** Resignations of Town Justice Dave Johnson and Clerk Diane Graham accepted, effective December 31, 2025, creating two vacancies.
- **Conewango Fire District Contract with Randolph Fire District Canceled:** Notification issued for non-renewal of fire protection services after 2026, citing redundancy with mutual aid agreements.

### Meeting Agenda Items:

- Justice & Clerk Resignations: Acceptance of resignations from Town Justice Dave Johnson and Clerk Diane Graham, effective December 31, 2025.
  - Discussion: Urgency of appointing a new Town Justice by early December to ensure state training attendance and avoid loss of fine revenue from visiting judges. Motion Made by Supervisor McGuire to accept the resignations, seconded by Councilman Studley All ayes.
- Deputy Registrar Appointment: Appointment of Deputy Town Clerk Jennifer McGuire as Deputy Registrar for training purposes.
  - Motion made by Councilman Studley, seconded by Councilman Finch, all ayes except Supervisor Wayne McGuire who abstained.
- Dog Control Officer Performance: Supervisor McGuire to address the Dog Control Officer regarding the unfulfilled requirement of conducting a dog census.

### Action Items:

- Clerk Belt:
  - Publish advertisement in the Post Journal for the Preliminary Budget Hearing and for the rescheduled November meeting for November 5th.
- Supervisor McGuire:
  - Initiate search and vetting of candidates for the vacant Town Justice and Clerk positions.
  - Address the Dog Control Officer regarding census responsibilities.