

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN

JUNE 3, 2026

MINUTES OF THE DARIEN TOWN BOARD: Supervisor Stephen Ferry, Council Members Timothy Benten, Michael Fix, Michael Grant, David Krzemien, and Town Clerk Alice Calmes.

A special meeting of the Darien Town Board, County of Genesee, and State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 10569 Allegany Road, Darien Center, NY on June 3, 2026

PRESENT:	Stephen Ferry	Supervisor
	Timothy Benten	Councilman
	Michael Fix	Councilman
	Michael Grant	Councilman
	Alice Calmes	Town Clerk
ABSENT:	David Krzemien	Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the public

At 7:30 PM, the meeting was called to order and recited the Pledge to the Flag.

RESOLUTION #69

MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Grant offered a resolution to waive the formal reading of the minutes in lieu of the minutes being posted on the website and approve the minutes from the May 6, 2026, meeting as submitted; second by Councilman Benten.

AYES 4 Grant, Benten, Fix, and Ferry

NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #70

Support of Williams' Constitution Pipeline Project

WHEREAS, Williams is a national energy infrastructure company that handles approximately one third of the natural gas used each day in the United States to heat homes, cook food, and generate electricity;

WHEREAS, the Northeast region faces persistent energy affordability challenges and natural gas supply constraints that have resulted in higher electricity and heating costs for families and businesses;

WHEREAS, currently much of the Northeast region relies on foreign sources of energy;

WHEREAS, dependence on foreign sources of energy leave consumers more susceptible to price spikes caused by global affairs;

WHEREAS, domestically produced energy supports the American workforce and provides consumers with insulation from energy market impacts of international conflicts;

WHEREAS, increased interstate natural gas pipeline capacity alleviates energy supply constraints, improves system reliability during peak demand periods, and places downward pressure on energy costs for residential, commercial, and industrial customers;

WHEREAS, the Constitution Pipeline is a proposed natural gas transmission line designed to transport energy from the Marcellus Shale region in northeastern Pennsylvania to support key markets across New York and New England;

WHEREAS, the project adds approximately 650,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of pipeline capacity, equivalent to the daily energy needs of about 3 million homes in the U.S. Northeast;

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WHEREAS, the Constitution Pipeline strengthens the Northeast's energy infrastructure by enhancing energy security and supporting economic growth, and provides a cleaner, lower-emitting alternative to heating oil;

WHEREAS, construction activities span Pennsylvania and New York and include pipeline installation, metering and regulating stations, and connecting new infrastructure to existing transmission systems;

WHEREAS, the Constitution Pipeline is associated with approximately 1,500 construction jobs and \$295 million in direct labor income;

WHEREAS, the project is associated with \$13 million in property tax revenues and \$100,000 in additional New York and Pennsylvania income tax revenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, on a motion by Timothy Benten which was duly seconded by Michael Fix;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Darien Town Board supports the Constitution Pipeline Project and urges timely consideration and approval of necessary authorizations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Darien Town Board supports investments in energy infrastructure projects that promote U.S. energy independence, improve reliability, affordability, and economic opportunity for residents and businesses.

AYES 4 Benten, Fix, Grant, and Ferry

NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #71

**TOWN OF DARIEN
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UDIG CONTACTS FOR THE TOWN OF DARIEN SEWER
DISTRICT NO. 1**

Adopted: June 3, 2026

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Darien met at a regular board meeting at the Town Hall of the Town of Darien, located at 10569 Alleghany Road in Darien Center, New York on the 3rd day of June, 2026, commencing at 7:30 p.m. at which time and place the following members were:

Present: Supervisor Stephen Ferry, Jr.
 Councilmember Timothy Benten
 Councilmember Michael Fix
 Councilmember Michael Grant

Absent: Councilmember David Krzemien

WHEREAS, all Board Members, having due notice of said meeting, and that pursuant to Article 7, §104 of the Public Officers Law, said meeting was open to the general public and due and proper notice of the time and place whereof was given as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Corfu owns, operates, and maintains one sanitary sewer system with adequate excess capacity to provide service to the Town of Darien; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Darien has created a Sewer District, to be known as Darien Sewer

District No. 1, which will include the construction of adequate facilities to connect to the Village of Corfu; and

WHEREAS, an Agreement for Sanitary Sewer Service was executed and adopted by the Town of Darien and Village of Corfu on June 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, an Amended Agreement for Sanitary Sewer Service was executed and adopted by the Town of Darien and Village of Corfu on June 11, 2025; and

WHEREAS, per 16 CRR-NY 753-3.1, detailed notice must be provided to the on-call notification system, UDig NY, before commencing any excavation or demolition in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Darien has been advised that the Village of Corfu will be responsible for contacting and notifying UDig NY regarding excavation activities undertaken on behalf of both the Town of Darien and the Village of Corfu, and will serve as the primary point of contact for such notifications; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Town Board of the Town of Darien have been notified of, and are in agreement with, this change in the designated contact for UDIG NY notifications ; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds it to be in the best interests of the Town of Darien to authorize and empower the Village of Corfu to serve as primary contact for UDig NY notifications regarding excavation activities conducted on behalf of the Village of Corfu and Town of Darien; and

NOW ON MOTION OF Stephen Ferry, Jr. which has been duly seconded by Timothy Benten, now, therefore be **it**

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Darien hereby authorizes and empowers the Village of Corfu to authorize and empower the Village of Corfu to serve as the primary contact for UDig NY notifications related to excavation activities conducted on behalf of the Village of Corfu and the Town of Darien in connection with Darien Sewer District No. 1.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent/Abstain: 1

Quorum Present: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Dated: _____, 2026

(SEAL)

Alice Calmes, Clerk
Town of Darien

RESOLUTION #72

RE-ZONE

Supervisor Ferry offered a resolution to send the Re-Zone application for parcel 9.-1-34.21 to the County Planning Board and the Town Planning Board for their input; second by Councilman Grant.

AYES 4 Ferry, Grant, Benten, and Fix

NAYS 0

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RESOLUTION #73

CONFERENCE

Supervisor Ferry offered a resolution for court personnel to attend the NYS Magistrates Conference and Court Clerk's Conference at Desmond Hotel in Albany September 28 – 30, 2026 according to the employee handbook at reasonable town expense; second by Councilman Fix.

AYES 4 Ferry, Fix, Benten, and Grant

NAYS 0

Notifications

Sewer update: Pumps turned on and working; waiting for a dialer and add on box. We are keeping the bugs alive in case something happens during the test period.

Democratic Primary on June 23, 2026, polls are open from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm.

HIGHWAY – report read. Everything is in good working order. Had one week of taking trees down with a bucket truck. Helped the County pave; put the banners up; hauled some 1A stone; and started roadside mowing. TREATMENT PLANT – numbers are good; started pumping sewage to Corfu.

HISTORIAN – has patriotic displays up.

Councilman Fix discussed information from the GAM meeting. Bethany is doing a moratorium on Data Centers; looking into Countywide Code Enforcements; there is concern about solar storage batteries; and there is a concern about the acreage of farmland being lost to solar.

RESOLUTION #74

CASH REPORT

Councilman Fix offered a resolution to accept the Supervisor's Cash Report dated April 2026; second by Councilman Benten.

AYES 4 Fix, Benten, Grant, and Ferry

NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #75

ABSTRACT

Councilman Fix offered a resolution to pay the bills in accordance with the abstract; second by Councilman Grant. General Fund 128 – 154 for \$26,110.25; Highway Fund 67 – 80 for \$24,165.43; Sewer 31 – 38 for \$3,928.50; and Capital Checking – Sewer 17 – 18 for \$9,917.24.

AYES 4 Fix, Grant, Benten, and Ferry

NAYS 0

Comments from the Public

Mr. Bruce LeRoy asked who was in the Primary. Mrs. Deborah Kwiatowski asked where the pipeline was.

RESOLUTION #76

ADJOURN

At 7:54pm, Councilman Grant offered a resolution to adjourn; second by Councilman Benten.

AYES 4 Grant, Krzemien, Fix, and Ferry

NAYS 0

Alice E. Calmes, Town Clerk