

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
April 1, 2025 at 4:00 PM

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**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, April 1, 2025 AT 4:00 P.M., TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN HALL, 279 PARK AVENUE, BINGHAMTON NEW YORK.**

**CALL TO ORDER 4:00p.m.**

**ROLL CALL:**

E. Rounds, Supervisor	Present	D. Nye, Councilperson	Present
M. Bensley, Deputy Supervisor	Absent	M. Donahue, Councilperson	Present
V. Conklin, Councilperson	Present		

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

T. Tokos, Town Clerk  
G. Middleton, Town Attorney  
N. Pappas, Code Enforcement Officer/Buildings and Grounds.  
Z. Soboleski, Code Enforcement Officer/Buildings and Grounds  
M Leighton, Highway Superintendent  
R. Mastin, Planning Board

**A motion may be made to go into an executive session to discuss a legal matter and/or a personnel matter regarding a particular employee after the meeting is convened. There will be an Executive Session.**

**APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS:**

Councilperson Donahue made a motion to pass a Resolution to approve the following claims as audited:

**ABSTRACT #10**

<b><u>AUDITED CLAIMS</u></b>	<b><u>CLAIM #'S</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
GENERAL	228 - 257	\$ 92,879.01
HIGHWAY	215 - 227	\$ 11,507.89
LIGHTING	210	\$ 915.66
WATER	211 - 214	\$ 1,913.17
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$107,215.73</b>

The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin, all those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Donahue, Nye, and Conklin

Absent: Bensley

Nays: None

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

### **RECOGNITION OF MINUTES**

- There were no changes/corrections made to the March 18, 2025 Meeting minutes.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The Broome County Associations of Towns next meeting will be Thursday April 24, 2025 at Tony's in Endicott. This month's speaker will be the Executive Director of The New York State Associations of Towns. 5:30 Cocktails and 6:00 the Meeting will begin.

### **OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Planning Board** – There is a quarterly Joint meeting with the Zoning Board on April 22<sup>th</sup>  
**Zoning Board of Appeals.**

#### **Youth Commission**

- Baseball and softball season beginning.

#### **Code Enforcement/Buildings & Grounds**

- 31 letters were sent out for clean up days.
- The back stop fences are being installed at the Town Park.
- The Town of Binghamton will be holding "Municipal Cleanup Days" on Friday, April 25, 2025, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Town of Binghamton Town Hall, located at 279 Park Avenue. (Be prepared to unload your own items.)

***NOTE: A SPECIAL ELECTRONICS DROP OFF WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY ONLY, 4/25/25, FROM 8 A.M. TO 3 P.M. AT THE TOB COMMUNITY CENTER, LOCATED AT 1905 COLEMAN ROAD.***

#### **Highway Department**

- Driveway pipes have been done for a several residents.
- Ditch cleaning and clearing last week or so to get ready for the upcoming rain forecast.
- Spring cleaning around the shop.
- Still have a couple trucks set up for winter- Just in case.
- Felters Rd pump project is set to start May 1<sup>st</sup> or there about.
- New Volvo EWR130-E Excavator is here will be getting it out and about soon to do some ditching.
- Brush and branch pick up will be starting on Monday April 7 – May 2, 2025 no need to call for pick up. Leave on the curb and they will be around regularly to pick up.
- It is time for CPR Re-certification. We will look into setting up a class soon.

### **TOB Volunteer Fire Co.**

- Darin and Kevin are in Ohio looking over the plans for the new Fire truck.

### **Supervisor report**

- CDBG grant program is in process. Thoma Development has received applications which are being processed.

### **Senior Commission**

- Last week the senior group-built bird houses.
- Book group will be meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> - The book of the month is The Frozen River.
- April 10<sup>th</sup> will be Ukrainian egg decorating.
- **Please check the website for more events coming up in the future.**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- After looking a little further into and reviewing all information, it is decided that The Rezoning of Pierce Creek Rd. legislation will be withdrawn.

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to withdraw the Pending Proposed Legislation Local Law #2 of 2025. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye. All present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

- John Watson from Binghamton Solar, LLC sent a letter basically getting back with the Board to update the information requested regarding the materials being used and he confirmed that the materials are sourced by US suppliers.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- We have updated our contract with the Broome County Humane Society to make the change regarding the redemption fee of \$275.00 to be the owner responsibility after the 4<sup>th</sup> time and any subsequent confinements that a dog is picked up by our DCO and taken to the Humane Society in the dog's lifetime.

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to accept the Contract change with the Broome County Humane Society changing the Redemption fee of \$275.00 to be the owner responsibility after the 4<sup>th</sup> time and any subsequent confinements that a dog is picked up by our DCO and taken to the Humane Society in the dog's lifetime. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. All present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

- There was also discussion regarding the signage at Jackson Park regarding all dogs being on a leash and also that the dog owner is responsible to clean up and discard properly of all dog waste. There are fines in place and they will be strictly enforced.
- The Community Center will be re-opening on May 1, 2025 there are new fees imposed for rental.

TOB and Conklin residents the rental fee will be \$350.00 at the time of application and a \$200.00 security fee.

For NON-Residents the fee will be \$450.00 at the time of application and a \$200 security fee.

TOB Residents will have free bereavement rental.

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to accept the new Rental Fees for the Town of Binghamton Community Center. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

- The Highway Department recently discussed putting out for bid a new Plow truck. The Board had some concerns and questioned the necessity of putting this bid to meet the deadline due to the new Bill out from Donna Lupardo. It was discovered that we are exempt from the "Electric Plow truck" requirements. The decision was made to hold off on the new plow truck.
- The Highway Department will put out information seeking bids for a new 2025 Pick-up truck,

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to adopt a Resolution to authorize going out for bid for a new 2025 Pick-up truck for the Highway Department. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All present voted in favor. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Donahue, Nye, Conklin      Absent: Bensley

Nays: None      Abstained: None

Declared adopted.

Motion carried.

- The Park Terrace Sewer rehabilitation project: It was discussed with the Engineer that the scope of the entire design be incorporated to minimize the Engineering fees.

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to pass a Resolution to accept Hunt Engineering Park Terrace area Sewer Rehabilitation Proposal for Engineering Services. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye. All present voted in favor. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Donahue, Nye, Conklin      Absent: Bensley

Nays: None      Abstained: None

Declared adopted.

Motion carried.

- The South Mountain Hickory Common School District has requested to use the Town Hall for a budget meeting on Tuesday May 6, 2025 and Tuesday May 20, 2025 for voting.

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to authorize The South Mountain Hickory Common School District the use of the Town Hall on said dates. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

- The Code Department would like to sell the 2018 Chevy Pickup truck with plow along with a bathroom trailer on the auction site.

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to declare the 2018 Chevy pickup with plow and the Bathroom trailer as surplus to be listed on the Auction site for sale. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. All present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

A resident in Atherly Park has some interest in an easement near his property. He will come and speak to the Board and Attorney Middleton on the details.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilperson Nye made a motion at 5:15 P.M. to go into Executive session for Attorney/Client privilege. The motion was duly seconded by Council person Conklin. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Councilperson Conklin made a motion to Exit the Executive Session meeting at 5:40 P.M. Councilperson Donahue duly seconded the motion. All those voted in favor of the motion. Motion Carried.

Councilperson Nye made a motion at 5:41 P.M. to enter back into the Work Session meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. All those present voted in favor of the motion.

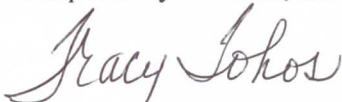
Motion Carried.

Councilperson Nye made a motion to adjourn the Work Session meeting at 5:42 P.M. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. All those present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion Carried,

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Town Board Regular Meeting – Tuesday, April 15, 2025 @ 6:00p.m.  
Town Board Work Session – Tuesday, May 6, 2025 @ 4:00p.m.

Respectfully recorded, Transcribed and Submitted by:



Tracy Tokos  
Town Clerk