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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M., TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN HALL, 279 PARK AVENUE, BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### **ROLL CALL**:

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

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Tracy Tokos, Town Clerk	D. Vest, Planning Board	
N. Pappas, Code Enforcement, Buildings & Grounds	R. Mastin, Planning Board	
Zack Soboleski, Code Enforcement, Buildings & Grounds	W. McGowan, Planning Board	
M. Leighton, Highway Superintendent	P. Wagner, Planning Board	
K. Olds, TOB Volunteer Fire CO.		

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 was an Executive Session.

### **APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS:**

#### ABSTRACT # 15

Councilperson Nye made a motion to adopt a Resolution to approve the following claims as audited:

		TOTAL	\$ 108,382.88
<u>Water</u>	<u>Claim No. 450 - 456</u>		\$ 3,437.78
Sewer	Claim No. 446 – 450		\$ 3,876.50
Lighting	Claim No. 445		\$ 25.63
Highway	Claim No. 457 - 465		\$ 25,600.56
General	Claim No. 466 - 491		\$ 75,442,41

The motion was duly seconded by Deputy Supervisor Bensley. Those present voted in favor of the motion. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Bensley, Conklin, Donahue, and Nye Absent: None

Nays: None Abstained: None Declared adopted. Motion carried.

#### **RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:**

• Work Session Minutes of June 3, 2025 - Approved.

**VOICE OF THE PUBLIC**: Supervisor Rounds opened the floor at 6:02 P.M.

John Watson, Luis and Andi from the Binghamton Solar Project were in attendance via Zoom. The discussion was regarding expanding the access road. 4 Planning Board members, Listed above were in attendance and requested more specific drawings of the proposed adjustment. John will provide better photos and more information at the next meeting on July 1st. There was also discussion regarding the verbiage in the Community Host Agreement. Attorney Middleton will reach out to their attorney and discuss the change.

There were no others in attendance wishing to speak. Supervisor Rounds closed the floor at 6:38 P.M.

# **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

• The Broome County Associations of Towns next meeting will be Thursday June 26, 2025 at Tony's in Endicott this month's speaker will be from NYSEG. Cocktails are at 5:30 and the meeting will begin at 6:00 P.M.

# **OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Planning Board - Zoning Board of Appeals - Next joint meeting July 22, 2025.

<u>Youth Commission</u> – Baseball season is wrapping up and the end of season party is scheduled for next week.

# Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds -

- The trees are all down at Jackson Pond. The path is almost cleared.
- New gutters are on the concession stand and highway department.

#### Highway:

- The new pump for the Felters Rd. Pump station is in Syracuse and will be transferred to the contractor this week. The plan to start the installation is the week of June 30<sup>th</sup>, tear out to install is only a couple day turn around and they don't foresee any issues for the Holiday weekend.
- It is recommended that the Park Terrace Sewer Rehabilitation Project go out for re-bid. There was 1 bid received and the bid was rejected due to different specifications.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to adopt a Resolution to authorize the re-bid of the Park Terrace Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Sealed Bids being received at the Town Clerks office, Town of Binghamton, Town Hall 279 Park Ave. Binghamton, NY 13903 until Tuesday July 8, 2025 at 2:00 P.M. at 2:01 P.M. the bids received will be publicly opened and read. The

motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. Those present voted in favor of the motion. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Bensley, Conklin, Donahue, and Nye Absent: None

Nays: None Abstained: None

Declared adopted. Motion carried.

- A Flail Mower was purchased last year and has had several maintenance issues.
  Superintendent Leighton is looking to purchase a new mower. There was some discussion regarding where to look and if we can get a trade offer. He will continue to look and bring it back to the board.
- The crews are busy with mowing, ditching, cleaning, branches, trees, etc.
- Paving will resume beginning of the week.

# **Receipt of Reports:** Supervisor Rounds is in receipt of the following reports:

- Town Clerk's Monthly Report for May 2025
- DCO Monthly Report for May 2025
- Code Enforcement Officer's Monthly Report for May 2025

# **TOB Volunteer Fire Co:**

- April report 3 mutual aid calls, 3 wires down, 4 House files, 2 Brush fires, 1 water and 1 EMS.
- May report 2 CO calls, 2 house fires, 2 wires down, 1 mutual aid and 3 EMS.
- The Chicken BBQ is scheduled for August 16, 2025 Tickets are on sale.

### Supervisor: - No Report

#### **Senior Commission:**

- Book group met last Tuesday at the Community Center.
- Mosaics class meets on the last Thursday of each month.
- Senior Summer Picnic will be July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Jackson Park from 1-4 P.M. Hot dogs, Hamburgers, condiments, paperware and drinks are provided, Residents are asked to bring a dish.

#### <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS:</u>

• Updates to the pending litigation relating to the Montrose Ave properties were discussed in the Executive Session.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

• THOMA -- CDBG Applicant Approval Request -- Colleen Horan

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to approve the Application for Colleen Horan at 12 Beechknoll Rd. for the 100% deferred loan in the amount of \$37,525.00 for Windows & Doors, Exterior Carpentry, Heating, Plumbing and Interior Carpentry. The motion was duly seconded by Deputy Supervisor Bensley. Those present voted in favor of the motion. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Bensley, Conklin, Donahue, and Nve Absent: None

Nays: None Abstained: None

Declared adopted. Motion carried.

Upgrade on the Felters Rd. Pump Station Circuit Board.

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to approve the purchase of the Circuit Board in the amount of \$6,895.00 from Scadatek Inc. The motion was duly seconded by Deputy Supervisor Bensley. Those present voted in favor of the motion. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Bensley, Conklin, Donahue, and Nye Absent: None

Nays: None Abstained: None

Declared adopted. Motion carried.

**<u>VOICE OF THE PUBLIC:</u>** Supervisor Rounds opened the floor at 7:21 P.M. No one present wished to speak. The floor closed at 7:21 P.M.

#### **ONGOING:**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin at 7:21 P.M. to go into executive session. Councilperson Nye duly seconded the motion. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Nye at 7:55 P.M. to exit the Executive session. Councilperson Donahue duly seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin at 7:56 P.M. to adjourn the meeting. Deputy Supervisor Bensley duly seconded the motion. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

# **LOOKING AHEAD:**

The next meeting of the Town of Binghamton Town Board will be a Work Session to be held on Tuesday July 1, 2025  $\widehat{a}$ , 4:00 P.M., at the Town of Binghamton Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, NY.

The next regular Town Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday July 15, 2025 (a) 6:00 P.M. at the Community Center. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully Recorded, Transcribed and submitted by,

Tracy Tokos, Trown Clerk