

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
June 3, 2025, at 4:00 PM

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**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025 AT 4:00 P.M., TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN HALL, 279 PARK AVENUE, BINGHAMTON NEW YORK.**

**CALL TO ORDER 3:30 p.m. Posted Executive meeting started at 3:31 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**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.**

A Motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to go into Executive Session at 3:31 P.M. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A motion was made to enter back into the Work Session at 3:59 P.M. by Deputy Supervisor Bensley, the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

**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  
T. Hanna, Deputy Highway Superintendent

**APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS:**

There was some discussion on an invoice for steel and whether 3 quotes were obtained.

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

**ABSTRACT #14**

<b><u>AUDITED CLAIMS</u></b>	<b><u>CLAIM #'S</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
GENERAL	421 - 444	\$10,968.91
HIGHWAY	407 - 420	\$6,489.44
LIGHTING	401	\$918.01
WATER	402 - 406	\$2,841.97
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,218.33</b>

The motion was duly seconded by Deputy Supervisor Bensley, all those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Bensley, Donahue, and Conklin.

Nays: None

Absent: Nye

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

### **RECOGNITION OF MINUTES**

- There were no changes/corrections made to May 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The Broome County Association of Towns and Villages will hold their next Meeting on Thursday June 26, 2025 with a Representative from NYSEG as the speaker.

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

#### **Planning Board –**

#### **Zoning Board of Appeals. -**

- There will be a joint meeting on Tuesday July 22, 2025 Attorney Middleton will have a Legal Corner Presentation on Municipal liabilities and ethics.

**Youth Commission:** Baseball/Softball season is running a bit behind schedule due to the rainy season.

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

- There is building construction going on in South Mountain. A resident complained regarding the noise on Saturdays. There are no restrictions or limits on days that work can commence as long as it's not after 10 P.M.

#### **Highway Department:**

- The Highway garage is now on their 4 day, 10 hours per day schedule.
- The crews are busy Mowing, Paving etc.

**TOB Volunteer Fire Co.** – No one present.

**Supervisor report** – No Report

#### **Senior Commission**

- The Pot Luck luncheon went well with 15-20 residents attended. The office of the aging presented with some helpful information for Seniors.
- June 10<sup>th</sup> the book group will meet at the Community Center to discuss the book, The Storm of the Century by Al Roker.
- Mosaics class is the last Thursday of each month at the Town Hall.

Please refer to the website for additional activities.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Mapes Property – The Court is waiting for a response from the other Attorney.
- Sheridan Property – Waiting to hear back from Attorney.
- Rice Property - Franklin St. A Quitclaim deed was signed by Supervisor Rounds for the abandoned portion of Everline St.

A Motion was made to adopt a Resolution regarding the Quitclaim deed. (Resolution attached)

- Dr. Miller Property - it has been recommended that the Town Board approve survey work to be completed by Paul Koerts Land Surveying to map and survey the portion of the parcel commonly known as 196 Felters Road Row (Tax Map ID.: 161.19-1-2) and owned by Maplewood Miller Farm LLC on which the Town's water tank is located at a maximum cost of \$1,499.00.

A Motion was made to adopt a Resolution regarding Land Surveying to map and survey the parcel. (Resolution attached).

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- There was a discussion on drug testing for summer hires. At this point there is no testing.
- Code Enforcement/Building and grounds received 3 quotes for tree removal in the Pond area at Jackson Park.
  - Randav Tree and Landscaping \$6,850.00
  - Skuban Tree Specialist \$6,500.00
  - Cook's Tree Service &19,500.00

Lowest quote is accepted.

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to approve the quote from Scuban Tree Specialist in the amount of \$6,500.00 to cut down the dead trees on the proposed pathway surrounding Jackson Pond. The motion was duly seconded by Deputy Supervisor Bensley, all those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Bensley, Donahue, and Conklin.

Nays: None

Absent: Nye

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

A copy of the Budget Proposal for 2025-2026 Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) this year was passed out and reviewed by the Board. The estimated amount to be received is \$263,295.00

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilperson Bensley made a motion to adjourn the Work Session meeting at 4:43 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, June 17, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Town Board Work Session – Tuesday, July 1, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully recorded, Transcribed and submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tracy Tokos".

Tracy Tokos  
Town Clerk

## **RESOLUTION**

At a regularly scheduled work session of the Town Board of the Town of Binghamton, Broome County, New York, duly called and held at the Town Office Building, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, New York, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2025 at 4:00 o'clock P.M. of said day, the following were:

PRESENT: Supervisor Elizabeth A. Rounds  
Deputy Supervisor Michael Bensley  
Councilperson Michael Donahue  
Councilperson Vickie Conklin

ABSENT: Councilperson Nye

The Resolution set forth below was duly offered by Councilperson Donahue who moved its adoption, and was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Bensley.

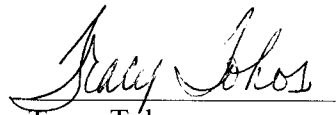
A vote was then taken upon the Motion for the adoption of said Resolution, which resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Elizabeth A. Rounds  
Deputy Supervisor Michael Bensley  
Councilperson Michael Donahue  
Councilperson Vickie Conklin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilperson Dean Nye

The Resolution was then declared adopted.

  
Tracy Tokos,  
Town Clerk

## **RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS**, it has been recommended that the Town Board approve survey work to be completed by Paul Koerts Land Surveying to map and survey the portion of the parcel commonly known as 196 Felters Road Row (Tax Map ID.: 161.19-1-2) and owned by Maplewood Miller Farm LLC on which the Town's water tank is located at a maximum cost of \$1,499.00.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approves the survey work to be completed by Paul Koerts Land Surveying to map and survey the portion of the parcel commonly known as 196 Felters Road Row (Tax Map ID.: 161.19-1-2) and owned by Maplewood Miller Farm LLC on which the Town's water tank is located at a maximum cost of \$1,499.00; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor and such other Town employees or officials are authorized to take such additional and further action as is necessary to implement this Resolution.

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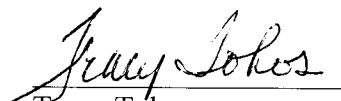
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NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilperson Dean Nye

The Resolution was then declared adopted.

  
Tracy Tokos,  
Town Clerk

### **RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS**, it has been recommended that the Town Board approve the Quitclaim deed from the Town of Binghamton to Martha Rice for the abandoned portion of Everline Street within the Town of Binghamton to the extent that the Town of Binghamton has any interest in the same, without any warranty from the Town of Binghamton as to any other or additional interests in the same, and authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the same.



**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approves the Quitclaim deed from the Town of Binghamton to Martha Rice for the abandoned portion of Everline Street within the Town of Binghamton, in the form attached, and to the extent that the Town of Binghamton has any interest in the same, without any warranty from the Town of Binghamton as to any other or additional interests in the same; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor and such other Town employees or officials are authorized to take such additional and further action as is necessary to implement this Resolution.