

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
July 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, JULY 1, 2025 AT 4:00 P.M., TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN HALL, 279 PARK AVENUE, BINGHAMTON NEW YORK.

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS:

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

ABSTRACT #16

<u>AUDITED CLAIMS</u>	<u>CLAIM #'S</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL	513 - 550	\$16,774.90
HIGHWAY	500 - 512	\$12,283.64
LIGHTING	492	\$1,064.96
SEWER	493	\$56,652.29
WATER	494 - 499	\$2,351.47
	TOTAL	\$85,127.26

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

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Donahue, and Conklin.

Nays: None

Absent: Nye, Bensley

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES

- There were no changes/corrections made to June 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There is a Public Hearing on Tuesday July 15, 2025 at 6:01 P.M. at the Community Center to consider public comments on changing the Highway Superintendents position from elected official to appointed. Post cards will be mailed out Thursday July 3, 2025 inviting the public to come and give their opinion on the matter.
- There is a bid opening on July 8, 2025 at the town Hall for the Park Terrace Sewer Rehabilitation Project at 2:01 P.M.

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 complete.

Code Enforcement/Buildings & Grounds-

- There was a Court Case for a resident on Hawleyton Rd. The resident has made efforts to clean up the property.

Highway Department:

- The crews are busy patching, Paving etc.
- Tuesday July 2, 2025 Broome Bituminous will be starting the road paving on Campus, Drexel and Emerson rd.
- John Mastronardi will be contacted regarding the storm drain system.

A Motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to authorize John Mastronardi to put together the cost to review and analyze our Storm drain system. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. All those present voted in favor. Motion carried.

- There was discussion regarding the purchase of a new Flail Mower to replace the defective one purchased last year. There was also discussion of the purchase of a Tractor /Arm Mower combo and was decided to discuss that further at a future meeting.
The decision to purchase the flail mower was made.

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to adopt a Resolution to approve the purchase of a Land Pride OFM3690 Flail Mower for \$14,809.00, The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor of the motion.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Donahue, and Conklin.

Nays: None

Absent: Nye, Bensley

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

TOB Volunteer Fire Co. – No one present.

Supervisor report – No Report

Senior Commission –

- The book group is meeting Tuesday at 2:00 P.M. at the Community Center.
- Senior Summer Picnic will be Tuesday, July 22nd at Jackson Park from 1-4 P.M. Hot dogs, Hamburgers, condiments, paperware and drinks are provided, Residents are asked to bring a dish to pass.
- Mosaics class meets on the last Thursday of each month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The update from John Watson regarding the request to expand the access road was discussed, a more visual map was sent to Attorney Middleton, all Board, and Planning Board members. Supervisor Rounds discussed it with Tim from Hunt Engineering who agreed that it is not unusual to make changes once it is known what needs to be done and that the request to widen the access rd. will not impact any of the Environmental studies that have been done. He recommended that we accept and move forward with the change. Also, the revised language for the Community Host Agreement was sent to them from Attorney Middleton and they agreed to it.

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to approve the modification of the Host Community Agreement language and approving Supervisor Rounds to sign the agreement. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Broome County has increased the cost to do the TOB Property and School tax collection. It was discussed that maybe we should resume doing our own collecting, depending on the cost. Supervisor Rounds will look further into the matter.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson Conklin made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 4:45 P.M. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to enter back in to the Work Session at 5:12 P.M. the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to adjourn the Work Session at 5:13 P.M. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion Carried.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Town Board Regular Meeting – Tuesday, July 15, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. being held at the Community Center, 1905 Coleman Rd. Binghamton, NY 13903

Town Board Work Session – Tuesday, August 5, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully recorded, Transcribed and submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tracy Tokos".

Tracy Tokos
Town Clerk