

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 19, 2025

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M., TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN HALL, BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK 13903

CALL TO ORDER: 6:01 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:

G. Middleton, Town Attorney	3 Peckham Rd. Residents attended
Tracy Tokos, Town Clerk	Roberta Armstrong - Resident
M. Leighton, Highway Superintendent	
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 # 19

Deputy Supervisor Bensley made a motion to adopt a Resolution to approve the following claims as audited: There was discussion regarding the water bill and the fact that it was extremely high and over budget. Supervisor Rounds reached out to the City of Binghamton water department, Voucher # 637 was pulled and will be discussed at a meeting next week.

General	Claim No. 653 - 674	\$ 12,500.16
Highway	Claim No. 640 - 652	\$ 127,513.93
Lighting	Claim No. 633	\$ 23.26
Sewer	Claim No. 634	\$ 1,241.75
Water	Claim No. 634 - 639	\$ 98,581.19
TOTAL		\$ 239,860.29

The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. 4 of those present voted in favor of the motion. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

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

Nays: Donahue

Abstained: None

Declared adopted.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:

- Work Session Minutes of August 5, 2025 - Approved.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC: Supervisor Rounds opened the floor at 6:07 P.M.

Roberta Armstrong resides at 2276 Mill Rd. Binghamton; NY 13903 is looking to rezone a 10-acre parcel of her property to commercial for the purposes of having a Spiritual event center. Attorney Middleton discussed the 2 options she would have i.e. rezoning or a use variance. She submitted an application for rezoning, once the Town Board has reviewed it and approved it, it will go to the Planning Board for review. Roberta will attend the Work Session.

3 Residents from Peckham Rd. spoke regarding some issues they are having with some neighbors. There are many reports and claims against the individuals. Supervisor Rounds reached out to the Broome County Sheriff's department and Attorney Middleton also has a few calls out and will continue to pursue the issue and to get it resolved as soon as possible.

There were no others in attendance wishing to speak. Supervisor Rounds closed the floor at 6:39 P.M.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Broome County Associations of Towns and Villages will have their next meeting at Tony's Restaurant on September 25, 2025. The speaker will be from NYSEG.
- Their annual Christmas dinner will be on December 4, 2025.

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board – No meetings scheduled at this time.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Next joint meeting will be August 27, 2025

Youth Commission –

- Football and cheer season is underway. First games will be August 31.
- Girls flag football starting next week with two teams; a third and fourth grade team and a fifth and sixth grade team. There will be two divisions in the league, east and a west. Games are anticipated to be in September and they will probably have a five-game schedule.
- Met with the SV varsity basketball coach this week. We are working together to combine the Town of Binghamton and town of Conklin youth basketball programs for both boys and girls into one junior Sabers program. We are looking create the Greater Binghamton

youth athletic conference (GBYAC) and play with other programs from Chenango Forks, Chenango Valley, Windsor and Whitney point to begin with. This program will put a priority on development and skill building over competition.

Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds –

- No report.

Highway:

- Chip sealing is done, road patching and shoulder work in progress.
- The new mower works great.
- The Felters Rd. pump station new pumps are in and running. The old motor is at K&J electric getting reconditioned. There was some bad news on the previous pump that was removed, a pump evaluation from H2 in Cortland showed that it will not be possible to refurbish the pump due to the parts being so worn. The good news is that the head is refurbish able. Mark is waiting on a quote for that.

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

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

TOB Volunteer Fire Co:

- July report – A total of 13 calls. 1 CO, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 4 possible house fires, 2 brush fires, 1 tree down and 3 EMS.
- The Chicken BBQ was a huge success. 702 half chickens were cooked and sold out!!

Supervisor: -

- September 23-24 is the Town clean up days at the Town Hall from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Tires will be collected, \$2.00 per tires at the Town Hall. And electronics will be taken at the Community Center on the 23rd from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Senior Commission:

- The Senior summer Picnic was a great success; everyone had a great time at Jackson Park.
- The Book group is now reading "The heart is a lonely hunter"
- The Mosaics group is meeting on the last Thursday of each month; the group is growing substantially.
- There will be an Ice cream social on August 26th at the Community Center from 1-4 pm.
- The next meeting for the Senior Commission will be September 2nd to plan the fall activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ONGOING:

- The Board approved 3 application requests for the CDBG program.

A motion was made by Councilperson Nye to approve the application request for George Gale 3563 Grandview St. Binghamton, NY 13903 in the amount of \$41,070.00 for Interior and Exterior carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical, Windows, doors, and Siding. The motion was duly seconded by Deputy Supervisor Bensley. All 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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to approve the application request for Deborah Kemberling 1891 Hawleyton Rd. Binghamton, NY 13903 in the amount of \$52,300.00 for Exterior Carpentry, Siding, Windows, Doors, Roofing, Masonry, detectors, and Insulation. 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, Bensley, Conklin, Donahue, and Nye Absent: None

Nays: None Abstained: None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to approve the application request for Morris & Dorita Lasky 3496 Margery St. Binghamton, NY 13903 in the amount of \$32,350.00 for Siding, Windows, Doors, Roofing, Exterior Carpentry, and Detectors. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye. All 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

Motion carried.

There was mention of the possibility of reinstating a Town of Binghamton Fair in the future. Supervisor Rounds stated that it was late in the season but that it would be discussed further in the near future.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC: Supervisor Rounds opened the floor at 7:00 P.M. There was no one in attendance wishing to speak. Floor closed.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to adopt a Resolution to schedule a hearing for the declaration of the structure located at 1858 Peckham Road unsafe pursuant to Chapter 106 of the Town of Binghamton Town Code to be held September 15th at 6:01 P.M. at the Town of Binghamton Town Hall 279 Park Ave. Binghamton, NY 13903. 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, Bensley, Conklin, Donahue, and Nye Absent: None

Nays: None Abstained: None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to approve Supervisor Rounds to approve/provide an alternate union contract with the change made by the board to the pay increase for each of the 3-year terms from the proposed rate to an even \$1.10 increase for each contract year. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye. All those present voted in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin at 7:00 P.M. to go into executive session. Deputy Supervisor Bensley duly seconded the motion. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley at 7:42 P.M. to exit the Executive session. Councilperson Conklin duly seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Nye at 7:45 P.M. to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Conklin 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 September 2, 2025 @ 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 September 16, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M. at Town of Binghamton Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, NY.

Respectfully Recorded, Transcribed, and submitted by,

Tracy Tokos,
Town Clerk