

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
August 5, 2025, at 4:00 PM

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MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 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	Present
M. Bensley, Deputy Supervisor	Present	M. Donahue, Councilperson	Present
V. Conklin, Councilperson	Absent		

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 2 Peckham Rd. Residents attended.
 G. Middleton, Town Attorney
 N. Pappas, Code Enforcement Officer/Buildings and Grounds.
 Z. Soboleski, Code Enforcement Officer/Buildings and Grounds
 M. Leighton, Highway Superintendent

APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS:

Deputy Supervisor Bensley made a motion to pass a Resolution to approve the following claims as audited:

ABSTRACT #18

<u>AUDITED CLAIMS</u>	<u>CLAIM #'S</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL	608 - 632	\$21,574.96
HIGHWAY	595 - 607	\$203,661.86
LIGHTING	583	\$1,057.22
SEWER	584	\$220.00
<u>WATER</u>	<u>585 -594</u>	<u>\$9,728.30</u>
	TOTAL	\$236,242.34

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

A roll call vote resulted in the following: Ayes: Rounds, Donahue, Nye, Bensley

Nays: None Absent: Conklin
 Declared adopted. (Resolution Appended)

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES

- There were no changes/corrections made to July 15, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board –

Zoning Board of Appeals. -

- There was a joint meeting on Tuesday July 22, 2025 Attorney Middleton gave a Legal Corner Presentation on Municipal liabilities and ethics.
- There will be a ZBA meeting on August 27, 2025 which will include 2 cases. Further details will be posted on the Town Website.

Youth Commission:

- Baseball/Softball season has concluded.
- Football and cheerleading practice have begun.
- There are 2 new girls flag football teams a 3rd and 4th grade team and a 5th and 6th grade team.
- Chris Streno will be meeting with the SV Varsity Basketball coaches regarding a new Youth basketball league called the greater Broome County Youth Athletic conference.

Code Enforcement/Buildings & Grounds-

- 1858 Peckham Rd. resident has requested an attorney so a new court date for the end of August has been set. Neighboring residents are having a lot of issues with the people that are living there, several complaints have been filed. The property has been deemed uninhabitable.

Highway Department:

- Chip sealing preparations are complete and it will begin this Thursday on Webb, Ingraham Hill, Foland, Brown, and Morgan to Saddlemire Roads.
- The crews have been working on back filling shoulders.
- Sink holes have been repaired at Cheryl Dr., Theresa, and Felters Rd.
- More patch work, grinding problem areas, and patching is in process.

TOB Volunteer Fire Co. – No one present.

Supervisor report –

- Supervisor Rounds spoke with John Watson regarding the Binghamton Solar project they will be closing on financing within 10 days and the plan to start construction is in October.
- The TOB Municipal Clean up days will be Tuesday September 23 and Wednesday September 24th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. for Town residents only. Please visit the Town website for more details.

Senior Commission – No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- There was discussion of the purchase of a Tractor /Arm Mower combo and the decision to purchase it with CHIPS money was made.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to adopt a Resolution to approve the purchase of a 2025 110A Alamo Tractor/ Arm Mower in the amount of \$190,000.00 from Monroe Tractor. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Bensley and Nye.

Nays: Donahue

Absent: Conklin

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

NEW BUSINESS:

- There was discussion regarding the Union Contract and it was tabled to discuss it further when all Board members are present.
- The Board members approved the re-appointment of Joe Cook as Town Assessor and Ray Mastin as a Member of the Board of Assessment review.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to re-appoint Joe Cook as the Town of Binghamton Assessor, 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 re-appoint Ray Mastin as a member of the Board of Assessment Review, the motion was duly seconded by Deputy Supervisor Bensley, all those present voted in favor. Motion carried.

- Chris Streno Will be attending a NYS Magistrate conference on September 14-17, 2025 There is a Scholarship that he applied for that will contribute \$500.00 if awarded.

A motion was made by Councilperson Nye to approve Chris Streno to attend the NYS Magistrate conference in Niagara Falls on September 14-17, 2025 for \$925.00 including food, lodging and registration fee. The motion was duly seconded by Deputy Supervisor Bensley, all present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

- Highway Superintendent Mark Leighton to attend Highway NYSAOSOH (NYS Association of Superintendent of Highways) from September 23-26, 2025 in Niagara Falls for the amount of \$1,200.00.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to approve Mark Leighton to attend the Highway NYSAOSOH (NYS Association of Superintendent of Highways) from September 23-26, 2025 in Niagara Falls for the amount of \$1,200.00. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye, 3 members present voted in favor, 1 member abstained, Motion carried.

- The Board discussed the hourly rate of new hires and current employees in the same position. It was brought to the attention of the Board that John Manley is not at the current rate that he should be.

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to increase John Manley from \$27.97 to \$28.47 to bring him to the current rate. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye, all present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to adjourn the Work Session at 5:32 P.M. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion Carried.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Town Board Regular Meeting – Tuesday, August 19, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall 279 Park Ave. Binghamton, NY 13903

Town Board Work Session – Tuesday, September 2, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully recorded, Transcribed and submitted by:

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Town Clerk