

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 16, 2025

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M., TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN HALL, BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK 13903

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:

G. Middleton, Town Attorney	Patrick Wagner, Planning Board
Tracy Tokos, Town Clerk	Eric & Colleen Sturdevant, Residents
Zach Soboleski, Code Enforcement	Jake Burachalk, Resident
M. Leighton, Highway Superintendent	Bob & Nancy Byce, Residents

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 no Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS:

ABSTRACT # 21

Councilperson Nye made a motion to adopt a Resolution to approve the following claims as audited: There was discussion regarding a \$100.00 charge due to a call to 911 in July during the hail storm, that charge was credited after Supervisor Rounds called and requested a credit.

General	Claim No. 721 - 743	\$ 12,926.02
Highway	Claim No. 713 - 720	\$ 5,629.82
Lighting	Claim No. 709	\$ 24.54
Sewer	Claim No. 710	\$ 954.28
Water	Claim No. 710 - 712	\$ 1,512.18
TOTAL		\$ 21,046.84

The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. 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
Declared adopted. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:

- Work Session Minutes of September 2, 2025

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC: Supervisor Rounds opened the floor at 6:03 P.M. There were no others in attendance wishing to speak. Supervisor Rounds gave the floor to Attorney Middleton to discuss the public hearing.

NOTIC OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BINGHAMTON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Binghamton, Broome County, New York has approved a resolution calling for a public hearing to consider input on the Town of Binghamton's proposed declaration at that the building at 1858 Peckham Road, Binghamton, New York 13903 (Tax Map No.: 176.17-1-43) is unsafe and dangerous, which said public hearing will be at the Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, New York on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 6:01 p.m., at which time all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be heard. The purpose of the public hearing shall be to receive public input on this issue and to evaluate and consider adoption of the foregoing.

Please take further notice that the information which is the subject matter of the public hearing is available for inspection at the Town Hall in the Town Clerk's Office Tuesday through Thursday.

Dated: September 2, 2025

Tracy Tokos, Town Clerk

Attorney Middleton initiated the hearing by presenting the first exhibit A to the board which is a copy of the prior notice hand delivered to Mr. Lafever informing him of this hearing occurring this evening. Enclosed were copies of the Minutes, the Public Hearing, and an affidavit of service that he was personally served and handed to him on September 8, 2025.

The Board called Zach Soboleski, Code enforcement officer as the 1st witness. Mr. Soboleski stated that the Code Department has been to the property numerous times, the initial time was on June 6, 2025 Mr. Lafever was notified that he needed to start cleaning up the property i.e. all sorts of junk, tall grass, etc. They went back to the property on June 17th after there was no response from the initial visit, with the Broome County Health Department who deemed the property as inoperable and a notice of violation was posted. A Do Not Occupy and a Stop Work Order posting were also issued from the Town of Binghamton Code Enforcement Department.

Mr. Lafever came into the Town Hall today, September 16, 2025 to apply for a permit to repair a foundation wall. The Code department will visit the property and assess the interior along with the exterior and determine if there will be the need to involve an Engineer. The permit is pending.

Attorney Middleton marked presented Exhibit B, which is a Memorandum that was presented to the Board from Zac with regards to the issues that exist on the property and making the recommendation that the property be deemed unsafe.

Attorney Middleton also marked photographs of the property presented by Zach as Exhibit C.

There were no objections to the admittance of the Exhibits.

Colleen Sturdevant spoke regarding the property and the illegal repairs being done to the property.

There were no others in attendance wishing to speak. Supervisor Rounds closed the floor at 6:16 P.M and brought it back to the Board.

A Motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to declare the structure at 1858 Peckham Rd. an unsafe structure pursuant to the Town of Binghamton local code and in accordance to the memorandum. 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

Declared adopted. Motion carried.

Supervisor Rounds closed the Public Hearing at 6:29 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.
- Town of Binghamton Clean up days will be Tuesday September 23 & Wednesday September 24th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Town Hall 279 Park Ave, and the Electronics drop off will be held only on Tuesday September 23rd at the Community Center on Coleman Road from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. More information is available on the TOB website.
- Maynard Fahs is proposing to divide some property on Brown Rd. It is in a very preliminary stage right now. Supervisor Rounds, Kathy Kiekel, and Nick Pappas will be meeting with him Wednesday evening. If decided it will be referred to the Planning Board.

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board – Next joint meeting scheduled for October 28, 2025

Zoning Board of Appeals – Next joint meeting will be October 28, 2025

Youth Commission – No report.

Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds –

- Zach met with Rita Ernstrom, John Mastronardi and several neighbors who have concerns of water running off due to new construction in the South Mountain area. Zach will be referring the concerns to Attorney Middleton. There is a lot of questions from concerned residents, Gina will be working through them all and get back to them as soon as she has information.

- Zach reached out to several companies for quotes to seal the Community Center parking lot. one quote has come back. Attorney Middleton instructed him to reach out one more time to the others. If to no avail then an approval will be made for the quote he has at the next Work Session on October 7, 2025.

Highway:

- Work being done on Brinkman and A. Cline Rd – Patching, shoulder repair, ditching etc. also, continuation work on Mill Rd. prepping roads for the winter weather.
- Brush, branch and leaf pick up will be starting on Tuesday October 14 until Friday November 14, 2025
- Brookside Rd. and Parkwood Lane will be pushed to the spring for blacktop. Mark will bring an engineer report to the next meeting.

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

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

TOB Volunteer Fire Co: No report.

Supervisor:

- Budget meetings have taken place in each Department. The next meeting will be a Town Board Executive Session on Tuesday September 23, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss personnel matters.
- Tracy Tokos, Town Clerk will present the Board Members with the tentative Budget by Friday October 3, 2025.
- The next meeting will be Tuesday October 7th at 9:00 a.m. Where the Board will go through all line items of the Preliminary Budget.
- A Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, November 6th at 4:01 p.m. at the regularly scheduled Work Session for the Public to have input. The Preliminary Budget will be available for the public to view in the Town Clerks office Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Senior Commission:

- The Book group is now reading "The sole survivor" by Dean Koontz.
- The Mosaics group is meeting on the last Thursday of each month; the group is growing substantially.
- A petting zoo trip is in the works, more info to follow.
- There are several activities in the planning midst for the fall and they will be posted as they are confirmed. Keep checking the website for future dates.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC: Supervisor Rounds opened the floor at 6:51 p.m.

- Patrick Wagner from the Planning board had a question regarding the preliminary meeting with Maynard Fahs and the water situation.

There were no others in attendance wishing to speak. Supervisor Rounds closed the floor at 6:53 P.M and brought it back to the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ONGOING:

ADJOURNMENT:


A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to adjourn the Board Meeting at 6:53 p.m. the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin, all those present voted in favor. Motion carried.

LOOKING AHEAD:

The next meeting of the Town of Binghamton Town Board will be a Work Session to be held on Tuesday October 7, 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 October 21, 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