

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 21, 2025



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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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	Absent
M. Bensley, Dep. Supervisor	Present
D. Nye, Councilperson	Present
M. Donahue, Councilperson	Present
V. Conklin, Councilperson	Present

OTHERS PRESENT:

G. Middleton, Town Attorney	Colleen Sturdevant, Resident
Tracy Tokos, Town Clerk	Jake Burachalk, Resident
Zach Soboleski, Code Enforcement	Kevin Olds, TOB Fire Department
M. Leighton, Highway Superintendent	

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:

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Councilperson Nye made a motion to adopt a Resolution to approve the following claims as audited:

General	Claim No. 833 - 852	\$ 18,370.42
Highway	Claim No. 823 - 832	\$ 15,188.60
Lighting	Claim No. 807	\$ 27.65
Sewer	Claim No. 808 - 812	\$ 304,201.55
Water	Claim No. 812 - 822	\$ 86,386.10
TOTAL		\$ 424,174.32

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: Bensley, Conklin, Donahue, and Nye	
Absent: Rounds	Nays: None Abstained: None

Declared adopted. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:

- Work Session Minutes of October 7, 2025

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC: Deputy Supervisor Bensley opened the floor at 6:03 P.M. There was no one in attendance wishing to speak. Deputy Supervisor Bensley Closed the floor at 6:03 P.M.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Due to Election Day being Tuesday November 4, 2025 the upcoming TOB Work Session will be held on Thursday November 6, 2025 at 4:00 P.M. There will be a Public Hearing for the input on the 2026 Tentative TOB Budget at 4:01 P.M.

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 –

- Trial was held for the Peckham Rd. property; some fines were imposed for maintenance codes and multiple revisions of our local code. The fines total \$4,675.00 The judge reserved his decision with regards to the fines, Attorney Middleton was asked to submit them in writing and have to him prior to November 8th. Supreme Court action was filed; Attorney Middleton received a certification of County records. There is a Court date of Oct 30th to show cause and Mc Lafever was served to appear.
- Colleen Sturdevant questioned the noise ordinance and the fact that a generator is running night and day.
- Mr. Pappas spoke to the resident at 446 Park Ave. He does have intentions of repairing the roof. He is in discussions with a realtor od his options for the future of the house.
- Mr. Pappas discussed the Mapes property on Montrose Ave. The new owner is planning to renovate the house.

Highway:

- Random Road work has been in progress. Some tree removal from the previous wind, nothing major. A couple trucks have been down to Scranton for some service, several of the bigger trucks now have the winter tires on.
- The update on the Parkwood septic issues- Mark has been in touch with Matt from the DEC, Microbac will be there towards the end of the week to do some testing.
- A resident had reached out to Councilperson Donahue regarding the expensive equipment sitting outside rather than in the garages. It was discussed with Mark and agreed that the equipment will be parked in the garages as often as practical.

- There was a meter replacement on E. Hamton Rd. They ran into some water issues and the City crews were working on it.

Receipt of Reports: Deputy Supervisor Bensley is in receipt of the following reports:

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

TOB Volunteer Fire Co:

- Reports for August and September were a total of 21 calls, 3 mutual aid, 1 smoke, 4 possible house fires, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 7 trees/wires, 2 service and 2 EMS.

Supervisor: No report

Senior Commission:

- The Book group is now reading "Something to look forward to" by Fannie Flagg
- A senior Christmas luncheon is in the works.
- A friends giving is also in the planning stages.
- There are several more activities in the planning stages for the fall and they will be posted as they are confirmed. Keep checking the website for future dates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to adopt a Resolution to set a Public Hearing for the Tentative 2026 Town Budget to 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. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CDBG Payment Draw #3 Disbursement requests were signed by the Board members.
- The Board approved Shannon and Susan Soboleski and stated that Zack Soboleski has no input whatsoever in the approval of the grants, He does not view any paperwork, nor does he have any recommendation in the grant process therefore there is no conflict of interest.

A motion was made by Councilperson Nye to adopt a Resolution to approve the CDBG recipients Shannon & Susan Soboleski for the 2024 CDBG Grant Program. 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: Bensley, Conklin, Donahue, and Nye

Absent: Rounds

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Declared adopted.

Motion carried.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC: Deputy Supervisor Bensley opened the floor at 6:34 p.m. There was no one in attendance wishing to speak. Deputy Supervisor Bensley Closed the floor at 6:34 P.M.

ONGOING:

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to adjourn the Board Meeting at 6:37 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 Thursday November 6, 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 November 18, 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