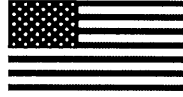


TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 18, 2025



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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 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:

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| E. Rounds, Supervisor | Present |
| M. Bensley, Dep. Supervisor | Present |
| D. Nye, Councilperson | Absent |
| M. Donahue, Councilperson | Present |
| V. Conklin, Councilperson | Present |

OTHERS PRESENT:

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| G. Middleton, Town Attorney | Colleen Sturdevant - Resident |
| Tracy Tokos, Town Clerk | Kyle White - Resident |
| Nick Pappas, Code Enforcement | |
| Zach Soboleski, Code Enforcement | |
| M. Leighton, Highway Superintendent | |
| Kevin Olds, TOB Fire Department | |

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 # 25

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

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| General | Claim No. 920 - 935 | \$ 9,639.35 |
| Highway | Claim No. 909 - 919 | \$ 19,086.29 |
| Sewer | Claim No. 900 - 904 | \$ 18,935.40 |
| Water | Claim No. 903, 905 - 908 | \$ 6,035.79 |
| TOTAL | | \$ 53,696.83 |

After some discussion it was noted that Voucher #908 will be charged 50% to the water dept. and 50% to the Highway department. 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, and Donahue.
Absent: Nye Nays: None Abstained: None
Declared adopted. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:

- Work Session Minutes of November 6, 2025

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Thanksgiving** – All TOB Municipal offices will be closed on Thursday November 27th & Friday November 28th in Observance of Thanksgiving Day.
- The Town of Binghamton employee Christmas luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 11:30 A.M.

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board – Nothing in the near future.

Zoning Board of Appeals –

- There is a scheduled hearing for 2410 Maria Blvd for an area variance for construction of a shed. There is the possibility of a 2nd case being added to the agenda.

Youth Commission –

- Football & Cheer has concluded. Basketball practices have begun. Games will begin on Dec 6. All games will be on Saturdays. Home games will be played at SV High School.
- There is a group of individuals exploring the possibility of officially aligning youth baseball with the national Little League organization. An informational meeting is being held at the Conklin Community Center on Nov. 24 at 7:30. The public is encouraged to attend.

Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds –

- The bleachers at Jackson Park and Veterans fields will be adjusted to 30” height to avoid the need of a hand railing.
- It was discussed regarding installing lighting at the lower field of Jackson Park. It was stated that parents are aiming their vehicles down to the field with their headlights on to be able to see, that is very dangerous and practice should be wrapped up and over with before dusk.
- 1858 Peckham Rd. The judge signed the order, Attorney Middleton, Nick, and Zack have a meeting with Chief Genter at the Broome County Sheriff’s department on Wednesday November 19, 2025 to decide on the proper procedures to handle the eviction.
- Councilperson Conklin discussed a few minor “repairs” that are needed at the Community Center i.e. climate, door sweeps, lighting, etc. Zack made a list and will take care of the items mentioned.
- It was mentioned that a camper is now parked at a vacant residence. Nick will look into it.

Highway:

- Mark will prepare a request for proposal from 3 engineers to update the Town of Binghamton Street & Road specifications.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to approve a Resolution for Mark to request proposals for any services needed to update the Town of Binghamton Street & Road specifications. The proposals will be due back by noon on December 16th to be opened at 12:01 P.M., the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

- The Highway department is prepared for winter while still clearing some ditches and picking up leaves, brush and branches.
- There was a water main break on Felters Rd on Veterans Day. The crew caught it pretty early in the am.
- There was a meeting with a man from the County who is assisting us with what is needed for grants for the MS4 system. Mark presented a map identifying all Town owned facilities i.e. catch basins, small utilities, water tanks, etc. There are a few grants available, depending on the system issues, to identify and remediate the issues. Mark will continue to work on and compile information to determine what work needs to be done and what grants we can apply for.

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

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

TOB Volunteer Fire Co:

- Kevin Olds - October report - There were a total of 22 calls, 4 house fires - minor, 7 wires down, 1 brush, 1 odor, 5 trees down, 1 water and 3 EMS.

Supervisor:

- December 4, 2025 is the Broome County Towns and Villages Holiday dinner.
- Supervisor Rounds will be attending the Backpack repack in Whitney Point. It is at the Eagles Cupboard where they will pack bags and backpacks for the kids to have food during Christmas break.
- The CDBG grant funds are starting to become available with the 1st draw being approved for payment at today's meeting.

Senior Commission:

- The Book group met last week.
- Chair yoga is going well with more and more people attending.
- The Holiday luncheon will be Thursday December 11, 2025 from Noon to 3:00 P.M.
- 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:

- CDBG drawdown #4 in the amount of \$42,870.00 was approved.

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to adopt a Resolution to approve Drawdown #4 in the amount of \$42,870.00 from the Housing Trust Fund Corporation Community Development Block Grant Program. 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, and Donahue.

Absent: Nye Nays: None Abstained: None

Declared adopted. Motion carried.

- Proposed Local Law __-2025 entitled “A Local Law Affecting a Temporary Moratorium Within the Town of Binghamton on the Development and Construction of Solar Energy Systems” was introduced to the Board and is already scheduled for a public hearing to be held on December 2, 2025 at 4:01 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- New plow quote for the Highway department.

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to adopt a Resolution to approve the purchase of a New Western Blade 9' Pro Plus plow in the amount of \$6,680.00 from Trux Outfitter-Binghamton – Frank George & Son, Inc. The motion was duly seconded by Deputy Supervisor Bensley, after some discussion the roll call vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Rounds, Conklin, and Donahue.

Absent: Nye Nays: Bensley Abstained: None

Declared adopted. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to adopt a Resolution to approve the purchase of a LANDPRIDE MOWER OFM2660 60” Offset Flail Mower – from ADMAR Construction Equipment & Supplies, Vestal, NY in the amount of \$13,441.00 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, Bensley, Conklin, and Donahue.

Absent: Nye Nays: None Abstained: None
Declared adopted. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to pass a Resolution to sell the 2025 list of Surplus Equipment from the TOB Highway Garage. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin, after some discussion it was decided that line item 5 – Onan Generator on trailer, Military. All those present voted in favor of the motion., a roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Bensley, Conklin, and Donahue.

Absent: Nye Nays: None Abstained: None
Declared adopted. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to approve Nick and Zack from the Code Department to attend STBOA – Southern Tier Building Officials Association training at Tioga Downs on December 10-12th at the total cost of \$500.00. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. All those present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC: Supervisor Rounds opened the floor at 7: 13 p.m.

Kyle White – 2041 Chesire Rd.

Mr. White has an open drain easement in his back yard that he stated that the “Town should install a culvert and restore the land to its original state”. There was discussion between the Town Board and Mr. White with regard to the easement and the maintenance of the same. An attorney currently represents the Town Board through insurance with regard to this matter following Mr. White’s filing of a Notice of Claim. The Town Attorney recommended limited discussion based on their representation and the pending Notice of Claim.

Colleen Sturdevant - 1858 Peckham Rd.

Colleen was inquiring about the ongoing issues regarding when the “people” that are living in the house are being removed. Attorney Middleton informed her that she, Nick, and Zack have a meeting with Chief Genter at the Broome County Sheriff’s department on Wednesday November 19th to decide on the proper procedures to handle the eviction. Attorney Middleton explained to her that the Sheriff’s department are the only ones that are authorized to remove them and Chief Genter wanted to get all the info together and have a plan before they actually proceeded with the eviction. She questioned the Board and Attorney Middleton regarding the code violations and

the noise ordinance. Supervisor Rounds explained to her that she has to prove to the Town that the noise level is higher than the noise ordinance law states in the Town code book. She would have to hire someone to measure the noise level and prove that they are in violation and that it is not up to the Code Department to do so.

There were no more people wishing to speak. Supervisor Rounds closed the floor and brought it back to the Board at 8:01 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

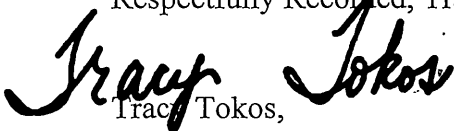
A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:02 p.m. the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin, all those present voted in favor. Motion carried.

LOOKING AHEAD:

The next meeting of the Town of Binghamton Town Board will be a Work Session to be held on Tuesday December 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 December 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