

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
December 2, 2025 at 4:00 PM

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MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 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	*Absent for roll call entered meeting at 4:15 P.M *		
M. Donahue, Councilperson	Present		
V. Conklin, Councilperson	Present		

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	Jake Burachalk - Resident
G. Middleton, Town Attorney	Colleen Sturdevant - Resident
Z. Soboleski, Code Enforcement Officer/Buildings and Grounds.	Dan Rinker - Resident
N. Pappas, Code Enforcement Officer/Buildings and Grounds.	Tom Hohn - Resident
T. Hanna, Deputy Highway Superintendent	

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF BINGHAMTON**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Binghamton at the Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, New York 13903, on December 2, 2025 at 4:01 PM, to hear all interested persons who wish to speak on the Proposed Local Law 3 of 2025 Entitled "A Local Law Affecting a Temporary Moratorium Within the Town of Binghamton on the Development and Construction of Solar Energy Systems"

Supervisor Rounds opened the floor at 4: 03 P.M. for discussion there was no one present wishing to speak, the floor was closed at 4:03 P.M.

After some discussion,

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON

A RESOLUTION APPROVING LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2025 ENTITLED “A LOCAL LAW AFFECTING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM WITHIN THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

At a regular work session meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Binghamton held on the 2nd day of December, 2025, the following resolution was offered and seconded:

WHEREAS, notice was given that the Town Board scheduled a public hearing for December 2, 2025 at 4:01 p.m. at Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, New York for public input on proposed Local Law NO. 3-2025 entitled “A Local Law Affecting a Temporary Moratorium Within the Town of Binghamton on the Development and Construction of Solar Energy Systems.”, and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the Official newspaper of the Town and posted on the Town Clerk’s signboard; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on the 2nd day of December, 2025 at 4:01 p.m. and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), it has been determined by the Town Board that adoption of the proposed Local Law constitutes a Type II Action as defined under 6 NYCRR 617.5 (36) requiring no further SEQRA review; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Town to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Binghamton hereby adopts said local law as Local Law 3 – 2025 entitled “A Local Law Affecting a Temporary Moratorium Within the Town of Binghamton on the Development and Construction of Solar Energy Systems,” a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be and hereby is directed to enter said Local Law to the Secretary of State; and be it

RESOLVED that this resolution will take effect immediately upon filing with the Department of State.

CERTIFICATION

I, Tracy Tokos, do hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk for the Town of Binghamton and that the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Binghamton at a meeting thereof held at 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, New York on December 2, 2025. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Supervisor Elizabeth Rounds - Aye
Deputy Supervisor Mike Bensley - Absent
Councilperson Vickie Conklin - Aye
Councilperson Michael Donahue - Aye
Councilperson Dean Nye - Aye

Dated: December 2, 2025

Town of Binghamton Seal



Tracy Tokos, Town Clerk

APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS:

Councilperson Donahue made a motion to pass a Resolution to approve the following claims as audited:

ABSTRACT #26

<u>AUDITED CLAIMS</u>	<u>CLAIM #'S</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL	953 - 970	\$59,814.79
HIGHWAY	944 - 952	\$74,910.62
LIGHTING	936	\$1,032.19
SEWER	937 - 938	\$33,926.00
WATER	938 - 943	\$11,774.36
	TOTAL	\$181,457.96

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, Donahue, Nye, Conklin

Nays: None

Absent: Bensley

Declared adopted.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:

There were no changes/corrections made to the November 18, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Broome County Associations of Towns and Villages Holiday party will be Thursday December 4, 2025 at Atrio's on Hooper Rd. in Endwell. \$20.00 per person, Spouses are welcome.
- The holiday luncheon for Town employees will be on December 16, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at the Town Hall.

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board –

There is a meeting January 27, 2026

Zoning Board of Appeals. –

There are 2 Public Hearings for 2 separate cases on December 11, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

- 2410 Maria Blvd.
- 1519 Hawleyton Rd.

Youth Commission: NO updates.

Code Enforcement/Buildings & Grounds:

- A signed order for 1858 Peckham Rd. was obtained. The property was boarded up and the tenant removed the boards. Supervisor Rounds and attorney Middleton contacted District Attorney Paul Battisti and they are working on a plan for contempt of court.
- The issues are ongoing and the surrounding neighbors are continuing to get harassed and threatened.

Highway Department:

- The snow was handled quickly and the roads were all cleaned up after the snowstorm on Tuesday a.m.
- The daily pre trip check list was discussed for the Highway vehicles. Tom will make sure that a list is put in all commercial and heavy trucks, and that it is signed off on daily. The list will remain in the trucks for a month, then filed for proof that the inspection took place in the event of an issue.

TOB Volunteer Fire Co. – No one present.

Supervisor report –

Senior Commission –

- Chair yoga has started.
- Tuesday book club meeting.
- December 11, 2025 luncheon from 12-3 at the Community Center.
- There are several activities coming up. Please be sure to visit the website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Roberta Armstrong was present for her request for a permit. There is a regularly scheduled meeting with the Planning Board in January that they can attend.

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue for the Town Board to refer the project at 2240 Mill Rd. Binghamton, NY 13903 owners on record are Daniel & Roberta Armstrong to the Planning Board for review. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor if the motion.

Motion approved.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to extend the Planning Boards deadline of 30 days to accommodate the January 27, 2026 meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion approved

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to appoint Dave West to the Planning Board for another 5-year term expiring December 31, 2030 the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. All those present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion approved.

- Annual Contract with the Broome County Humane Society – Supervisor Rounds explained the added fee into the contract of any resident that has their dog brought to the Humane Society after 3 times, the 4th time they will be responsible to pay the fee of \$275.00.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to adopt a Resolution to approve the 3-year contract between the Town of Binghamton and the Broome County Humane Society for the years beginning January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028. 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, Donahue, Nye, Conklin

Nays: None
Declared adopted.

Absent: None
Motion carried.

Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilperson Nye to go into an Executive Session at 5:01 p.m. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to exit the Executive Session at 5:48 p.m. the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

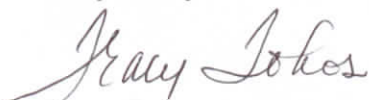
A motion was made by Councilperson Nye to adjourn the Work Session meeting at 5:51 p.m. the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Town Board Regular Meeting – Tuesday, December 16, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall 279 Park Ave. Binghamton, NY 13903

Town Board Work Session – Tuesday January 6, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m. at the Town Hall 279 Park Ave. Binghamton, NY 13903

Respectfully recorded, Transcribed and submitted by:



Tracy Tokos
Town Clerk