

**TOWN OF BINGHAMTON  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
December 16, 2025**



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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 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	Colleen Sturdevant - Resident
Tracy Tokos, Town Clerk	Jake Burachalk - Resident
Nick Pappas, Code Enforcement	
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:**

**ABSTRACT # 27**

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

General	Claim No. 966 - 1020	\$ 64,883.87
Highway	Claim No. 978 - 995	\$ 33,578.25
Lighting	Claim No. 971	\$ 35.75
Sewer	Claim No. 972 - 973	\$ 2,442.50
Water	Claim No. 973 - 977	\$ 64,612.24
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 165,552.61</b>

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, Nye and Donahue.  
Absent: None      Nays: None      Abstained: None

Declared adopted.      Motion carried.

## **RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:**

- Work Session Minutes of December 2, 2025

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Christmas** – All TOB Municipal offices will be closed at Noon on Wednesday December 24<sup>th</sup> and Closed on Thursday December 25<sup>th</sup> in Observance of Christmas Day.

## **OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Planning Board –**

- Next meeting will be January 27, 2026 at 6:30

### **Zoning Board of Appeals –**

- There was a meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup> A resident on Maria Blvd was granted a variance. A Hawleyton Rd. resident had a request that was tabled pending some more information.

### **Youth Commission –**

- Youth basketball games began last weekend. Going into week two now and will be hosting our first home games at SV high school on Saturday

### **Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds –**

- A resident has requested that she be authorized to put a camper on her property to live in while she does home renovations. It was discussed that under the Town of Binghamton code it is not permitted.
- The Peckham Rd. situation continues. Attorney Middleton has a conference call set up with Paul Battisti on Monday with hopes to get some answers and some hope of resolving these matters.

### **Highway –**

- There was a water main break that was repaired, the crews were out a few times plowing and continued maintenance and inside work i.e. re-organizing, cleaning, etc.
- Highway Superintendent Leighton had knee surgery and is out recovering but stated that he remains in contact with Deputy Superintendent Hanna.
- Supervisor Rounds and others will be meeting on January 6, 2026 at 1:00 P.M with Tammy at HUNT Engineering regarding a Consumption use Mitigation Grant. We have several needs i.e. A new water main on South Mountain, an under drain in Orchard Park that is in need of repair to name a couple. Mark, Nadine, Lee and Tom have been working with Desiree from HUNT and giving her the information needed to apply for the

grant by the end of January. The grant will help significantly in the cost of the repairs needed.

A Motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to give Hunt Engineering approval to submit information to apply for a Consumption Use Mitigation Grant. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin, all those present were in favor of the motion.

Motion Carried.

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

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

**TOB Volunteer Fire Co:** No one present.

**Supervisor:**

- Supervisor Rounds would like to coordinate an event that will honor the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States of America next year. She suggested that everyone think about some way we can do so.
- We will be passing the Organizational Resolution at the Work Session on January 6, 2026. Please review it and submit any revisions asap.

**Senior Commission:**

- The Book group met last week the book is America's 1<sup>st</sup> daughter.
- Chair yoga is going well with more and more people attending.
- The Holiday Senior luncheon was a success.
- There are several more upcoming activities, please visit the website for more information.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- The Proposal for new road construction will be tabled; we received only 1 bid today so we may put a 2<sup>nd</sup> request out in the spring of next year.
- Phase II of the Felters Rd water pump – We had the 1<sup>st</sup> phase done the cost was \$89,350.00 and at that point it was recommended that if we leave the Proposal open, we could do a change order, and have Jones Specialty come back and bid the Phase II all while saving the money of a bid bond, and all the other costs of bidding. Jones came back with a bid of \$59,750.00 for a second pump. Their original bid for Phase II was approximately \$89,000 By adding this as a change order to the original bid we save close to \$30,000.

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to adopt a Resolution allowing Jones Specialty Services Group to do the repairs and installation for the second pump on the Felters Rd pump station. To provide and install new Layne 5 stage pump and discharge head (same as recently

installed on pump 2) for the Felters Rd. Pump 1 in the amount of \$59,750.00 contingent on the engineering costs the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Bensley, Conklin, Nye and Donahue.

Absent: None                      Nays: None                      Abstained: None

Declared adopted.                      Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Town of Binghamton Town Board's ("Town Board") retention of PMV Legal Group, PLLC as its general legal counsel Agreement.

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to adopt a Resolution approving the Legal Services Agreement with PMV Legal Group, PLLC as the General Legal Counsel for The Town of Binghamton. The motion was duly seconded by Deputy Supervisor Bensley. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Bensley, Conklin, Nye and Donahue.

Absent: None                      Nays: None                      Abstained: None

Declared adopted.                      Motion carried.

Senior Commission Terms- Sue, Dennis and Lisa will submit letters stating that they would like to be reappointed for another year.

**VOICE OF THE PUBLIC:** Supervisor Rounds opened the floor at 7:00 p.m. No one present wished to speak. Floor closed.

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN NICK LANGWORTHY'S ENERGY CHOICE ACT (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) AND IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT-MANDATED NATURAL GAS BANS.**

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to adopt a Resolution in support of Congressman Nick Langworthy's Energy Choice Act in opposition to Government – Mandated Natural Gas Bans. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion Carried.

A copy of the ACT in full is attached to these minutes.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to adjourn the Board Meeting at 7:12 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 January 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 January 20, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M. at Town of Binghamton Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, NY.*

Respectfully Recorded, Transcribed, and submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tracy Tokos".

Tracy Tokos,  
Town Clerk

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN NICK LANGWORTHY'S  
ENERGY CHOICE ACT (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) AND IN OPPOSITION TO  
GOVERNMENT-MANDATED NATURAL GAS BANS**

WHEREAS, affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of New York families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), which mandates aggressive emissions reductions and serves as the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas; and

WHEREAS, building on the CLCPA, Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature in 2023 enacted provisions in the state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new residential and commercial buildings, effective 2026 for smaller buildings, and 2029 for larger buildings, thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul has publicly supported these bans and related measures as part of her administration's climate and energy agenda, despite widespread concerns that such mandates will increase costs, strain grid reliability, and restrict energy diversity; and

WHEREAS, these top-down policies undermine affordability, threaten reliability during peak demand, and strip away the freedom of consumers and businesses to choose the energy sources that best meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Nick Langworthy of New York and Senator Jim Justice of West Virginia introduced the Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945), federal legislation that ensures state and local governments cannot restrict consumer access to natural gas and other affordable energy sources, thereby protecting freedom of choice for New Yorkers and all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Choice Act would safeguard households, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and manufacturers from harmful government overreach and preserve access to an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy that strengthens reliability and affordability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Binghamton strongly supports the Energy Choice Act as introduced by Congressman Langworthy (H.R. 3699) and Senator Justice (S. 1945) and stands firmly opposed to New York State's natural gas bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Binghamton urges Congress to pass the Energy Choice Act to defend consumer choice, protect energy affordability, and preserve reliable access to natural gas for New Yorkers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman Nick Langworthy, Senator Jim Justice, the New York Congressional delegation, Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature.