

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
January 6, 2026 at 4:00 PM

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MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026 AT 4:00 P.M., TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN HALL, 279 PARK AVENUE, BINGHAMTON NEW YORK.

CALL TO ORDER: 4:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

E. Rounds, Supervisor	Present
D. Nye, Councilperson	Absent (Attended via zoom)
M. Bensley, Deputy Supervisor	Absent
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. There was no Executive session.

OTHERS PRESENT:

M. Prince, Deputy Town Clerk	
G. Middleton, Town Attorney	Colleen Sturdevant - Resident
Z. Soboleski, Code Enforcement Officer/Buildings and Grounds.	
N. Pappas, Code Enforcement Officer/Buildings and Grounds.	
M Leighton, Highway Superintendent	

APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS: Abstract #1 2025 and Abstract #2 2026 - Approved

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

ABSTRACT #1 (2025)

<u>AUDITED CLAIMS</u>	<u>CLAIM #'S</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL	1043 - 1066	\$8,905.59
HIGHWAY	1028 - 1042	\$41,946.51
LIGHTING	1021	\$1,070.26
SEWER	1023	\$6,150.00
WATER	1024 - 1027	\$11,774.36
	TOTAL	\$59,995.10

ABSTRACT #2 (2026)

<u>AUDITED CLAIMS</u>	<u>CLAIM #'S</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
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GENERAL	7 - 02	\$45,391.93
HIGHWAY	2 - 6	\$36,748.84
SEWER	1	\$5,089.74
WATER	1	\$5,089.74
TOTAL		\$92,320.25

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, and Conklin

Nays: None

Absent: Bensley and Nye

Declared adopted.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:

There were no changes/corrections made to the December 16, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Broome County Associations of Towns and Villages next meeting will be Thursday January 22, 2026 at Tony's restaurant in Endicott at 5:30 p.m.
- All TOB buildings and offices are closed on Monday January 19th 2026 in observance of Martin Luther King

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board –

Zoning Board of Appeals. – There is a joint meeting January 27, 2026

Youth Commission: Basketball season is on its way.

Code Enforcement/Buildings & Grounds:

- Zack is seeking RFPs for a new heating system at the Community Center.

Highway Department:

- The crews have been out a lot plowing and cleaning up the snow.
- There are plows and trucks being repaired from the breaking lines and plow damage due to hitting unforeseen objects.
- Christmas tree pick up will be going on throughout the month of January. The crew will be around, please put your tree at the curb.
- Mark reported that the log books are now in all the trucks with a checklist. Each time a truck goes out the operator does an inspection and if any issues are noted it is reported to Mark via a white sheet that goes into a folder.

TOB Volunteer Fire Co. – No one present.

Supervisor report –

- Supervisor Rounds is Hoping to collaborate a special event with the TOB Volunteer Fire Department to honor the United States of America turning 250 years old this year! She will reach out to Kevin Olds for his thoughts.
- Great job to our wonderful DCO officer, Rick Murray! He passed another one of his inspection reports with flying colors! He continues to do an amazing job and we want to recognize him for that!
- The Historical Society has contacted the Board regarding the need for some help in repairs for their building. There may be some grants that are available to assist the Town of Binghamton in helping them. Supervisor Rounds is looking into it.

Senior Commission –

- Chair yoga has been expanded to 3 times per month. There is a non TOB resident fee of \$4.00 per session to assist in paying the instructor.
- Second Tuesday of each month for the book club meeting.
- Sit and stitch on Tuesday the 20th of this month at the Community Center.
- Mosaics are on the last Thursday of each month.
- A card game will be on the 3rd of February at the Community Center.
- All of these and many more are listed on the website with further details.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Proposal to update the TOB Road specifications – Members of The Board met with Tim Steed from HUNT Engineering regarding possible grants that are available for the Town. It was also mentioned that a grant for Jackson Park to replace all the bleachers, a new playground etc. Tim will put together info for the Board to go over in the near future.
- The CDBG grant will expire in January 2027. There are still funds available.
- Colleen Sturdevant was present to get an update on the Peckham Rd. issues. Attorney Middleton received an email from Paul Battisti that he is looking into filing criminal charges. The property seems to be empty as of now.
- There is still a Court date pending for Montrose Ave. Attorney Middleton is waiting for the date.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Lighting District #5 request for new street lamp:** There have been some reported issues with public safety concerns in District #5 and it was suggested by the Broome County Sheriff Department that a street light be added. It was discovered that District #5 has only 4 houses and it really should have 8. A letter will go to several residents in the surrounding area adding them to District #5 explaining the concerns and the lighting needs. Advising them that their properties will be added to District #5 and that they will share a relatively low annual cost with other residents. The cost will be a line item on their January taxes.

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to add 38 Pierce St., 41 Pierce St., 43 Pierce St., 44 Pierce St., 29 Phillips St., 91 Burr Ave., 94 Burr Ave., and 98 Burr Ave. to the existing properties in District #5. the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. All those present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion Carried.

- The Town of Binghamton insurance continues to rise annually. Supervisor Rounds would like to seek out some quotes from Insurance Companies.

A Motion was made for approval to solicitate RFPs from local Insurance Companies. All those present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

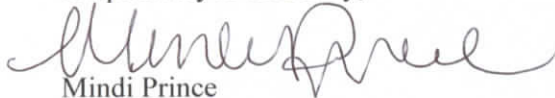
A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to adjourn the Work Session meeting at 4:43 p.m. the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

LOOKING AHEAD:

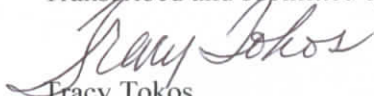
Town Board Regular Meeting – Tuesday, January 20, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall 279 Park Ave. Binghamton, NY 13903

Town Board Work Session – Tuesday February 3, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m. at the Town Hall 279 Park Ave. Binghamton, NY 13903

Respectfully recorded by,


Mindi Prince
Deputy Town Clerk

Transcribed and submitted by:


Tracy Tokos
Town Clerk