

**TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 17, 2026**



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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026 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
 Tracy Tokos, Town Clerk
 Zack Soboleski, Code Enforcement, buildings and grounds.
 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 an Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS:

There was discussion regarding voucher #124 for \$750.00, a clothing reimbursement for a highway employee, the receipt needed more information, it was decided that voucher would be pulled and resubmitted at the next billing cycle. Councilperson Donahue made a motion to adopt a Resolution to approve the following claims as audited minus voucher #124.

ABSTRACT # 7

<u>AUDITED CLAIMS</u>	<u>CLAIM #'S</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
General	Claim No. 130 - 151	\$13,658.08
Highway	Claim No. 131 - 129	\$28,422.15
Lighting	Claim No. 104	\$85.16
Sewer	Claim No. 105 - 106	\$ 1,504.85
Water	Claim No. 106 - 112	\$ 2,925.65
	TOTAL	\$46,595.89

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, Nye, and Donahue.

Absent: Rounds

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Declared adopted.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:

- Work Session Minutes of February 3, 2026

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC:

- Deputy Supervisor Bensley opened the floor at 6:06 p.m. No one was present wished to speak. Floor closed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board: – Meeting on March 24, 2026 for rezoning at 2240 Mill Rd

Zoning Board of Appeals: – There will be no meeting as the resident has not submitted the paperwork.

Youth Commission: – None

Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds:

- A resident on Maxian is turning in paperwork to apply for some solar on his property.
- A resident is proposing to change a variance for some container homes on some property he owns.
- Zack has received 1 quote for the new furnace at the Community Center he still looking for more quotes. It was discussed to change the heating source to propane; however, Zack explained the additional cost and it was decided to stay with the oil. He will reach out to a few other suggested fuel companies for furnace quotes.

Highway:

- Crews have been cleaning curb lines and catch basins for the upcoming rain.
- Some snow drifts caused Stevens Rd to have issues. The crews have been clearing and pushing back some snow banks.
- There was a water break, Mark said that it is determined that it is a leaky valve, Rural water came in and assisted with locating the leak.
- Maintenance is ongoing and when the crews can't be out on the roads they are in the shop taking care of all the necessary repairs and cleaning.
- The new Power washer is on order and will be delivered as soon as it comes in.

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

- Town Clerk’s Monthly Report for January 2026
- DCO Monthly Report for January 2026
- Code Enforcement Officer’s Monthly Report for January 2026

TOB Volunteer Fire Co: Kevin Olds reported for the month of January a total of 10 calls;

- 1 - house fire, not an actual fire. 4 mutual aid calls, 1 EMS call, 1 gaseous odor call, 1 water call, 2 CO calls.

Supervisor: No report.

Senior Commission:

- The Book group met last week.
- Chair yoga is going well with more and more people attending.
- Pot luck luncheon was last Wednesday and went well despite the cold temperatures.
- There is a macrame class this week.
- There are several more upcoming activities, please visit the website for more information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- CDBG Draw #4 Approval.

A motion was made by Councilperson Nye to adopt a Resolution to approve the CDBG Draw #4 in the amount of \$26,530.00. 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, Nye, and Donahue.

Absent: Rounds Nays: None Abstained: None

Declared adopted. Motion carried.

- Zachary Soboleski – CDBG - Conflict of Interest form.

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to accept and sign the Conflict-of-interest form stating that Zachary Soboleski will have no participation in any of the decision-making functions related to the CDBG program. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Bensley, Conklin, and Nye.

Absent: Rounds Nays: None Abstained: Donahue.

Declared adopted. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Approval for bid for the Park Terrace Sewer Rehabilitation Contract 2

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to approve HUNT Engineering to request bids for the Park Terrace Sewer Rehabilitation - Contract 2. 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, Nye, and Donahue.

Absent: Rounds

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Declared adopted.

Motion carried.

- Home Rule Authority Resolution.

A motion was made to Approve a Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to take action to Restore and Protect Local Municipal Control Over Renewable Energy and Electric Transmission Facilities. All those present voted in favor of the Home Rule Resolution.

Supervisor Rounds	<u>Absent</u>
Deputy Supervisor Bensley	<u>Yea</u>
Councilperson Donahue	<u>Yea</u>
Councilperson Nye	<u>Yea</u>
Councilperson Conklin	<u>Yea</u>

- Budget transfer for 2025

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to Approve the budget transfer for 2025. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye. All those present voted in favor of the motion. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Bensley, Conklin, Nye, and Donahue.

Absent: Rounds

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Declared adopted.

Motion carried.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC: Deputy Supervisor Bensley opened the floor at 7:06 p.m. No one present wished to speak. Floor closed.

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue at 7:07 p.m. to go into an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation for the LaFever property, the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin, all those present voted in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to exit the Executive Session and go back into the Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye, All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to adjourn the Board Meeting at 7:31 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 March 3, 2026 @ 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 March 17, 2026 @ 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