

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
February 3, 2026 at 4:00 PM

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MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 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	Absent (Attended via zoom)
D. Nye, Councilperson	Absent (Attended via zoom)
M. Bensley, Deputy Supervisor	Present
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 were an Executive Session and an attorney client privilege meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT:

T. Tokos, Town Clerk
 G. Middleton, Town Attorney
 N. Pappas, Code Enforcement Officer/Bldgs. and Grounds.
 M Leighton, Highway Superintendent
 Leah Pappas – National Honor Society student at Susquehanna Valley High School.
 Sgt. Ben Harting, Broome County Sheriff's Office
 Chief Civil Deputy, Jesse Genter, Broome County Sheriff's Office

APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS: Abstract #5 2025 and Abstract #6 2026 - Approved
 Councilperson Donahue made a motion to pass a Resolution to approve the following claims as audited:

ABSTRACT #5 (2025)

<u>AUDITED CLAIMS</u>	<u>CLAIM #'S</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL	1089 - 1096	\$14,289.07
LIGHTING	1086	\$1,034.95
WATER	1087 - 1088	\$1,838.54
	TOTAL	\$17,162.56

ABSTRACT #6 (2026)

<u>AUDITED CLAIMS</u>	<u>CLAIM #'S</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL	85 - 103	\$87,224.48
HIGHWAY	70 - 84	\$17,668.34
WATER	63 - 69	\$1,733.50
	TOTAL	\$106,646.32

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, Donahue, and Conklin

Nays: None

Absent: Rounds and Nye.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:

There were no changes/corrections made to the January 20, 2026, Meeting Minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Sgt. Ben Harting and Chief Civil Deputy Jesse Genter were present to discuss the recent Peckham Road orders that have been issued by the Courts. He explained that they have gone over everything with their council, they are not authorized to take any enforcement actions per the County Attorney. However, he did have a sit-down meeting in the conference room with the resident's gathering information from them and hopefully coming to some terms of what can be done.

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board –

- 2240 Mill Rd. rezoning meeting is scheduled for March 24th. There will be a Public Hearing on March 17, 2026 at the Regular Scheduled Town Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to extend the time for the Planning Board to provide a report and recommendation to the Board regarding the rezoning application for 2240 Mill Road. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion Carried.

- There was discussion on the Solar farm on Powers Rd. apparently another Company has bought in. We will table this discussion until the next meeting and more information is available.

Zoning Board of Appeals. –

- There was a joint meeting January 27, 2026 Attorney Middleton had a legal corner on Moratoriums which was very informative.
- A Public hearing needs to be set for Hawleyton Rd. Attorney Middleton stated that if we get the info by the end of the week, we can schedule a PH but if not, it will have to wait until the proper information is available.

Youth Commission: No report.

Code Enforcement/Buildings & Grounds:

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

- Zack was injured in the face and hand at the shop using the grinder, the wheel disintegrated and flew off. His injuries required sutures, He is doing good and will be off for a couple days.
- Fire inspections have started.

Highway Department:

- A very busy couple of weeks due to the snow storm on Sunday, A water main break on Laurie Brook Drive, Monday and another water main break on Cheryl Drive, Tuesday.
- Spectrum was out to do some upgrades at the Highway garage. They apparently plugged something in incorrectly, causing them to be without phones and internet on Tuesday. All is back to normal.
- The State has a contract for gasoline with Buell fuels; The Highway has been out of Unleaded gasoline since Friday January 30th. Mark has spoken to someone on Friday, Monday, and today being told it was coming but no one shows. He is contemplating filing a complaint with the State. In the meantime, they are using Gas cards to fuel up.
- There is an issue with the plow module in Marks truck and in Lee's truck.

TOB Volunteer Fire Co. – No report.

Supervisor report – No report.

Senior Commission –

- Chair yoga was on Monday at the Community Center.
- There was a card game today the 3rd of February at the Community Center.
- There is a pot luck luncheon at noon on February 11th at the Community Center.
- Please check the website for many more upcoming activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue for a Resolution to set a Public Hearing on March 17, 2026 at 6:01 p.m. to consider a rezoning application for 2240 Mill Road Binghamton, NY 13903. 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, Donahue, and Conklin.

Nays: None

Absent: Rounds and Nye.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Hot water pressure washer at the Highway garage is in need of replacement. 3 quotes were obtained: Admar Construction Equip & Supplies at \$5,752.75, JC Smith, INC at \$5,725.00 and Kepner Equipment at \$7,995.00. JC Smith, INC. was the lowest price.

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to award the contract to JC Smith, INC. for a new 3500 PSI Hot Water Pressure Washer in the amount of \$5,725.00. 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, Donahue, and Conklin

Nays: None

Absent: Rounds and Nye

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to go into Executive Session at 4:41 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 Conklin to go out of the Executive Session at 4:47 p.m. the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to enter into an Attorney client privilege meeting at 4:48 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 Conklin to exit the Attorney client privilege meeting 5:04 p.m. the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

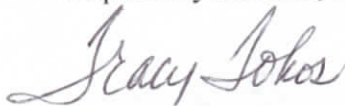
A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to adjourn the Work Session at 5:05 p.m. the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried

LOOKING AHEAD:

Town Board Regular Meeting – Tuesday, February 17, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall 279 Park Ave. Binghamton, NY 13903

Town Board Work Session – Tuesday March 3, 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