

**TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 19, 2026**



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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 19, 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	Present
M. Bensley, Dep. Supervisor	Present
D. Nye, Councilperson	Present
M. Donahue, Councilperson	Present
V. Conklin, Councilperson	Present

OTHERS PRESENT:

G. Middleton, Town Attorney
T. Tokos, Town Clerk
N. Pappas, Code Enforcement, buildings and grounds.
Z. Soboleski, Code Enforcement, buildings and grounds.
M. Leighton, Highway Superintendent.
Jason Garnar, Broome County Executive.
Anthony Fiala, Broome County Planning and Economic Development.

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:

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to adopt a Resolution to approve the following claims as audited:

ABSTRACT #13

<u>AUDITED CLAIMS</u>	<u>CLAIM #'S</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
General	Claim No. 413 - 429	\$17,379.38
Highway	Claim No. 402 - 412	\$21,202.43
Lighting	Claim No. 401	\$52.08
Sewer	Claim No. 391 - 393	\$111,128.74
Water	Claim No. 393 - 400	\$2,325.58
	TOTAL	\$152,088.21

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

Declared adopted. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:

- Work Session Minutes of May 5, 2026

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC:

- Supervisor Rounds opened the floor at 6:02 p.m.

Jason Garner and Anthony Fiala spoke regarding the Pro-Housing Communities. They explained the need for growing housing for economic development. There have been studies showing that the available houses for sale on the MLS are significantly lower than it has been in the past and therefore it is important to keep the communities growing and homes available for purchase. They continued with the importance of communities applying for the many grants that are available to assist in the costs of economic development, water and sewer, transportation improvements, and housing grants. The TOB Board would have to adopt a Resolution to become a member of the Pro-Housing Community. There are a few stipulations that the Board would like to review and discuss together along with Attorney Middleton in an attorney - client session. They will schedule the meeting to follow after the June 2, 2026 Work Session.

There were no others wishing to speak. The floor was closed at 6:37 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Monday May 25th is Memorial Day. There will be a Parade beginning at the Hawleyton Rd. Fire station 10:00 a.m. and will proceed to the Hawleyton Cemetery on Saddlemire Rd. Our Town of Binghamton Judge, Chris Streno will be the speaker. If you are or know anyone who is a Military Veteran and would like to walk in the parade please be at the Fire station for line up no later than 9:45 a.m.

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board: – June 1, 2026 at 6:30 there is a meeting for the Haven on the Hill project. June 16th there is a Public Hearing at 6:01 for the Vestal Hills Country Club at the TOB Board Meeting.

Zoning Board of Appeals: – July 28, 2026 there will be a joint meeting.

Youth Commission: – No report.

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS: (CONTINUED)

Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds:

- Attorney Middleton is drafting a dumping/fill permit. She will then send it to the Board for review and it will be discussed at the next meeting.
- The house at Park Ave that had the fire was discussed, the resident is aware that work needs to start asap on rebuilding the house.

Highway:

- We did not receive the Susquehanna River grant Mark applied for. We still have an application out for a generator grant through FEMA.
- The work has started on the sewer lining project. They used the cameras and checked the lines on Felters Rd. There was some debris but no structural failure. They are at the Park Terrace area for the next couple days. The plan is to get the lining project done in August/September.
- Felters Rd pump is due in the end of May. Mark should have more info to report at the June 2nd meeting.
- The new Skid-Steer should be here by the end of this month.
- Mark has a list together of surplus items he will be selling.
- Councilperson Nye had a water issue with a valve leaking after a hydrant flushing. He was very pleased with Lee Cooper, from the water department and his quick response, he did a great job.
- Broome bituminous paved Brookside Rd. and Theresa Blvd. The highway crew has paved the damage that was done on Noyes Rd. They are working on Milks Rd, will move to Spaulding Rd, and then to Mill Rd. They will get to Parkwood Lane at some point this season.

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

- Town Clerk's Monthly Report for April 2026
- DCO Monthly Report for April 2026
- Code Enforcement Officer's Monthly Report for April 2026

TOB Volunteer Fire Co: No one here.

Supervisor: No report.

Senior Commission:

- Chair yoga, the book group, and macramé are going well.
- There will be a Senior Picnic on Monday June 29th from 12 - 3. There will be Hamburgers, hot dogs, paper wear, silver wear, and drinks will be provided by the Town, please bring a dish to pass.

- There is a meeting in June to set up some more activities. Please visit the website for more upcoming events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Approval for CDBG application -

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to adopt a Resolution to approve the CDBG application for Shannon & Susan Soboleski in the amount of \$68,972.00 for roofing, heating and electric. 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, Conklin, Nye, and Donahue.

Absent: None Nays: None Abstained: None

Declared adopted. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The cost of electronics that are collected at the clean-up days has risen significantly. The electronics are not worth what they were in the past and it is not profitable anymore. The cost will be increased at the next budget meeting.
- Zack received 3 quotes for sealing of the Community center and the Town Hall parking lots. BRF Sealcoating at \$10,900.00, Triples Blacktop Sealcoating at \$14,943.00 and Accu line Striping & Sealcoating at \$15,850.00. All quotes are for the same specifications.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to accept the quote from BRF Sealcoating for the Community Center and the Town Hall parking lots to be sealed with 2 coats of sealer and pavement markings at \$10,900.00. 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, Bensley, Conklin, Nye, and Donahue.

Absent: None Nays: None Abstained: None

Declared adopted. Motion carried.

- Approval for Judge Chris Streno to attend the NYS Magistrate Association Conference on September 28-30, 2026 at the cost of \$1,046.00. All those present voted in favor of the motion.

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Motion carried.

- It was brought to the Boards attention by Michael & Shirley Simeck that last Friday evening, May 15th there was a softball game at Jackson Park with approximately 63

people and the restrooms were not accessible. The Concession stand was not open so there was no access to the keys to open the restrooms. Supervisor Rounds will discuss this with Chris Streno and Zack will make extra copies of the keys and be sure that every team coach has one so that this does not happen again.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to adjourn the Board Meeting at 7:15 p.m. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin, all those present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion carried.

LOOKING AHEAD:

The next meeting of the Town of Binghamton Town Board will be a Work Session to be held on Tuesday June 2, 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 June 16, 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