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TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
May 5, 2026 at 4:00 PM

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**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 5, 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	Present
M. Bensley, Deputy Supervisor	Present
M. Donahue, Councilperson	Present
D. Nye, 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 no Executive session.**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

G. Middleton, Town Attorney  
 T. Tokos, Town Clerk  
 N. Pappas, Code Enforcement Officer/Bldgs. and Grounds.  
 Z. Soboleski, Code Enforcement Officer/Bldgs. and Grounds.  
 M. Leighton, Highway Superintendent

**APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS:**

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

<b><u>ABSTRACT #12</u></b>	<b><u>CLAIM #'S</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
<b><u>AUDITED CLAIMS</u></b>		
GENERAL	365 - 390	\$17,767.28
HIGHWAY	354 – 364	\$ 6,027.58
LIGHTING	347	\$1,041.17
SEWER	348 – 350	\$1,689.99
WATER	350 - 353	\$2,403.09
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,929.09</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, Donahue, Nye and Conklin

Nays: None                  Absent: None.                  Motion carried.

## **RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:**

There were no changes/corrections made to the April 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for May 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. The Town is hoping to recognize any and all Veterans. There was mention of some local high school seniors that are signed up to join the Military after graduation, we would love for them to attend. The Town would like to resume recognizing veterans and doing the 21-gun salute after the parade.

## **OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Planning Board –**

- There was a legal corner presented by Attorney Middleton on DEC Wetland regulations. They touched on both the Mill Rd. project and the former HVCC.

### **Zoning Board of Appeals. –**

- Updates on a few cases that have had no additional information from the residents.

### **Youth Commission:**

- Baseball/softball games are in full force.
- Opening day ceremonies will be held on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Jackson Park.

### **Code Enforcement/Buildings & Grounds:**

- Attorney Middleton is in touch with Dave Chase from Clark, Patterson, and Lee regarding the Atlas Solar Project and the revisions. She is waiting to hear back from him.
- Research was done regarding the proper fill permits. Attorney Middleton will do some revising on the Town of Binghamton Road use and Preservation laws.
- The Town clean up last week went very well. It was a very busy 2 days.

### **Highway Department:**

- Pre Construction meeting was held for the Sewer Lining Project. The Notice to proceed is issued. They will inspect Felters Rd. first, they will schedule the crew here to inspect and camera the lines in May-June and return in August – September to complete the project.
- Broome Bituminous has started with the paving projects. Mark will confirm with CHIPS funds.
- Mark attended a BOCES employment event, He interviewed some Heavy equipment operators for possible future employment.
- Pot hole repairs are on the list to be patched and filled.

**TOB Volunteer Fire Co.** – No report.

### **Supervisor report –**

- Supervisor Rounds met with Dr. Miller regarding the piece of his property and the purchase of it. Some documents have been misplaced and Attorney Middleton and Supervisor Rounds are working on resolving the situation.

- **Supervisor report** – (Continued)

- The grant application for the Playground at Jackson Park is in process. The cost is looking to be approximately \$250,000.00; The Town of Binghamton will be responsible for 20% and the grant will cover 80%. There will be more detailed information presented to the board soon.
- Supervisor Rounds has requested that Anthony Fiala come for the May 19<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting to discuss more information on the Pro-housing application.

**Senior Commission** –

- Yoga and Book club going strong.
- Historical Society is having a luncheon on Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 26 people are signed up for it.
- Sit and stitch, card games, and flag making are cancelled due to lack of sufficient interest.
- Senior Picnic is planned for Monday June 29<sup>th</sup> Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served and senior residents are asked to bring a dish to pass.
- There may be an ice cream social in the early part of July. More details will be on the website.

Please check the website and the Town talk newsletter for the list of scheduled events with dates, times and location.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Mark presented 4 quotes for a new Skid Steer. After some discussion it was decided on the New Holland for their history and also the ROC (rated operating capacity) was mentioned. A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to pass a Resolution to purchase the 2026 New Holland L328 Skid Steer in the amount of \$61,725.00 from Tracey Road Equipment in Conklin, NY. 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, Donahue, Nye and Conklin

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

- The Board received the Haven on the Hill modifications via email from the Armstrongs.

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to forward the received modifications to the Planning Board. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Approval of Michael Starke as new member of the Board of Assessment review.

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to approve Michael Starke as the new member of the Board of Assessment Review. 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 Deputy Supervisor Bensley to adjourn the Work Session at 4:50 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, May 19, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall 279 Park Ave. Binghamton, NY 13903.

Town Board Work Session – Tuesday June 2, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m. at the Town Hall 279 Park Ave. Binghamton, NY 13903.

Transcribed, and submitted by:



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Town Clerk