

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
June 2, 2026 at 4:00 PM

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MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 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
 Z. Soboleski, Code Enforcement Officer/Bldgs. and Grounds.
 M. Leighton, Highway Superintendent

APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS:

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

ABSTRACT #14

<u>AUDITED CLAIMS</u>	<u>CLAIM #'S</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL	446 - 460	\$5,946.33
HIGHWAY	435 - 445	\$134,730.12
LIGHTING	430	\$1,037.03
WATER	431 - 434, 461	\$1,718.38
	TOTAL	\$143,431.86

After a brief discussion regarding voucher #336 in the amount of \$11,600.00 for blade replacements on plows 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 May 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We had a wonderful Memorial Day parade. There was a lot of involvement, there were some Marines walking in the parade, along with other residents, veterans, and many kids, there was the a 21-gun salute, taps, and Chris Streno did a remarkable speech. He previously visited all the cemeteries in the TOB, gathered information, and spoke of all the Veterans we have buried in our town and the wars they fought in, etc. It was an overall great day. We are looking forward to future parades.

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board – The Haven on the Hill project has been postponed. The website was updated and there was a sign on the door that the Monday June 1st meeting was postponed.

Zoning Board of Appeals. – There is a joint meeting on July 28th there are no updates.

Youth Commission:

- Baseball/softball games are underway. A few more weeks left then All-Star tournaments for some. T-Ball starts this Saturday at Jackson Park at noon.
- Football and cheer registrations will be out by the end of the month.

Code Enforcement/Buildings & Grounds:

- Zack sent a few Certified letters regarding property issues. A letter was sent 1st class and certified to each resident.

Highway Department:

- Patching and Paving continues throughout the Town. Work on Noyes & Milks Rd. was done last week, Spaulding and Mill Rd being done this week, Parkwood Lane is on the schedule to be done by the end of July.
- There were several residents who complained about the Micro paving/resurfacing that was done in Orchard Park and South Mountain. Vestal asphalt was contacted by a resident. Mark explained that it is a process and the material will eventually even out and darken in color. He will reach out to Justin to discuss the possibility of a meeting with residents or attending one of our Board meetings to explain the process to any of the residents that are interested.
- There was a water break on Margery St.
- The mowers are out; crews are working on knocking down all the bamboo trouble areas.

TOB Volunteer Fire Co. – No report.

Supervisor report –

- The Big Boy Whistle Stop will be coming through the area and will be in Owego on Friday June 12th from 10:45 – 11:15 am.

Senior Commission –

- Chair Yoga will be resuming on June 8th.
- Mosaics, macramé, and the book club are going well.
- The Senior Picnic is planned for Monday June 29th Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served and senior residents are asked to bring a dish to pass.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The Pro-Housing Resolution was discussed and passed by the Board with a 4 to 1 vote. (The Resolution is attached at the end of the Minutes).

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to pass the Pro Housing Resolution. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye, A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Bensley, Donahue, and Nye

Nays: Conklin Absent: None. Motion carried.

- Attorney Middleton is waiting for the final contract for the Dr Miller property.

A Motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to approve the purchase of a portion of 137 Powers Road containing a water tower owned by the Town of Binghamton for a maximum total price of \$3,500 which price is inclusive of the cost of the property and seller's attorney's fees. 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: Rounds, Bensley, Donahue, Nye and Conklin

Nays: None Absent: None. Motion carried.

A FEW UPDATES:

- Friday will be the last day of payments being due on the old billing system for the water and sewer department. The new billing program will be taking effect on Monday. There will be new ways to reach, bill and receive payment from customers.
- There is an update on Atherly Park – Carl Lucas has 2 pieces of property and is doing an easement. Attorney Middleton sent an email to his attorney outlining the changes that needed to be made. He emailed her back that he will make the changes and get it back to her.
- The Mapes property has a scheduled court date June 10th to put the final agreement on record.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

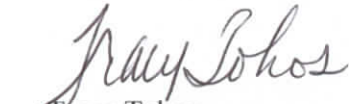
A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to adjourn the Work Session at 5:00 p.m. the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried

LOOKING AHEAD:

Town Board Regular Meeting – Tuesday, June 16, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall 279 Park Ave. Binghamton, NY 13903.

Town Board Work Session – Tuesday July 7, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m. at the Town Hall 279 Park Ave. Binghamton, NY 13903.

Respectively Recorded, Transcribed, and Submitted by:


Tracy Tokos
Town Clerk

**Town of Binghamton
Pro-Housing Communities Resolution**

WHEREAS, the Town of Binghamton (hereinafter "local government") believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State's economic growth and community well-being;

WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities;

WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town of Binghamton, in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the Pro-Housing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.
3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.
4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.
5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

CERTIFICATION

I, Tracy Tokos, do hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Binghamton, County of Broome, and that the foregoing constitutes a true, correct, and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Binghamton at a meeting thereof held at the Town Hall, 279 Park Ave., Binghamton, New York 13903 on the 2nd day of June, 2026. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Supervisor Elizabeth Rounds Aye
Councilperson Mike Bensley Aye
Councilperson Vickie Conklin Nay
Councilperson Michael Donahue Aye
Councilperson Dean Nye Aye

Tracy Tokos