

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
July 7, 2026 at 4:00 PM

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MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 7, 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 an Executive session.

OTHERS PRESENT:

G. Middleton, Town Attorney
T. Tokos, Town Clerk
Z. Soboleski, Code Enforcement Officer/Bldgs. and Grounds.
M. Leighton, Highway Superintendent
T. Hanna, Deputy Highway Superintendent
R. Mastin, Planning Board.

APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS: ABSTRACT #16

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

<u>AUDITED CLAIMS</u>	<u>CLAIM #'S</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL	538 - 585	\$19,871.33
HIGHWAY	520 - 537	\$106,060.55
LIGHTING	505	\$1,028.94
SEWER	506 – 509	\$5,364.94
WATER	509 – 519	\$13,828.19
	TOTAL	\$146,153.95

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.

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:

There was a correction made to the June 16, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes. – Councilperson Nye was marked absent in two roll call votes. He was present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Hope everyone had a Happy 4th of July!

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Attorney Report –

- Attorney Middleton presented the Board a draft version of a potential amendment of the clean fill. There were a few issue she discussed with the Board and they will all review it and figure out the best way to proceed with the final draft. Possibly go over it at the next Board Meeting.
- A Judgement has been served to Mr. Lafever (Peckham Rd. Property). There is now a Lien on the Property for recovery of Attorney fees and the cleanup done by the Code enforcement, Building and grounds.
- The Mapes Property is still ongoing, the house is torn down, the debris still remains, Zack has issued an Order of Remedy. Attorney Middleton has scheduled a court appearance in 3 weeks. The order was for demolition and clean up.

Code Enforcement/Buildings & Grounds:

- There has been disabled trailer parked on Hawleyton Rd. near Gillespie Rd since November. Supervisor Rounds will contact the County as to what can be done about it.
- The DWI Tournament is this weekend July 11-12th at Jackson Park.
- The letters Zack sent out to residents regarding property issues with mowing were well received, Lawns were mowed.
- Zack continues to monitor the CDBG Contractual upkeep of properties.

Highway Department:

- A skeleton crew lately due to Vacations and Holidays. Crews will be back in full today.
- Mowing and ditching, some shoulder repairs where paving is happening. Parkwood Lane was paved and will be lined next week.
- There was discussion of the passing of the sewer testing that was done this past spring for Parkwood Lane. There will be another test in the Fall.
- The new Pick-up truck should be complete and to us by September.

Senior Commission –

- The Senior Picnic was a great success. It was a beautiful day! Enjoyed by all!
- Chair Yoga is on a summer break.
- This Saturday is the search and rescue demonstration and luncheon.

There are many activities on the summer schedule. Please check the website and the Town talk newsletter for the list of scheduled events with dates, times and location.

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Continued)

Supervisor report –

- CDBG grant will wrap up by the end of this year. There are 3 new residents approved and 1 pending. All should be completed by end of this year.
- Supervisor Rounds will not be in attendance for the August 18th Board meeting.

TOB Volunteer Fire Co. – No report.

Youth Commission: No update

Planning Board –

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Carl H. Lucas, Jr.**

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the Town Board approve the Quitclaim deed from the Town of Binghamton to Carl H. Lucas, Jr. for the abandoned portion of Woodside Avenue within the Town of Binghamton to the extent that the Town of Binghamton has any interest in the same, without any warranty from the Town of Binghamton as to any other or additional interests in the same, and authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the same.

A Motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to adopt a Resolution to approve the Quitclaim deed for Carl H. Lucas (Resolution attached at the end of the Minutes) 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, Donahue, Nye and Conklin

Nays: None Absent: None. Motion carried.

- **Pro-housing Certification:**

All information requested is complete and turned in for the processing of the Grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

- There was a discussion regarding Town Communication. The Board encourages all residents to sign up for emails from the Town and to check the website as often as possible so that you are up to date on current topics.
- The Binghamton Township Historical society is working to restore the Historical building on Hawleyton Rd. It is in need of some roofing work, exterior painting, Heating units, etc. The Town Board is looking into some options of helping with some funds for these projects and hoping that there is a way that people would make donations. Supervisor Rounds will invite the Ladies from the Historical Society to a Board meeting to discuss ideas and options.

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to enter into an Executive Session at 5:07 p.m. the motion was duly seconded by Deputy Supervisor Bensley. All those present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion carried

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to exit the Executive Session at 5:28 p.m. and enter back into the Work Session. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

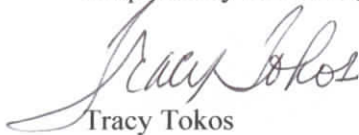
A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to adjourn the Work Session at 5:29 p.m. the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor of the motion.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Town Board Regular Meeting – Tuesday, July 21, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall 279 Park Ave. Binghamton, NY 13903.

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

Respectively Recorded, Transcribed, and Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tracy Tokos".

Tracy Tokos
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION

At a regularly scheduled work session of the Town Board of the Town of Binghamton, Broome County, New York, duly called and held at the Town Office Building, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, New York, on the 7th day of July, 2026 at 4:00 o'clock P.M. of said day, the following were:

PRESENT: Supervisor Elizabeth A. Rounds
Deputy Supervisor Michael Bensley
Councilperson Michael Donahue
Councilperson Dean Nye
Councilperson Vickie Conklin

ABSENT: None

The Resolution set forth below was duly offered by Councilperson Conklin who moved its adoption, and was seconded by Councilperson Donahue.

A vote was then taken upon the Motion for the adoption of said Resolution, which resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Elizabeth A. Rounds
Deputy Supervisor Michael Bensley
Councilperson Michael Donahue
Councilperson Dean Nye
Councilperson Vickie Conklin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was then declared adopted.



Tracy Tokos, Town Clerk



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the Town Board approve the Quitclaim deed from the Town of Binghamton to Carl H. Lucas, Jr. for the abandoned portion of Woodside Avenue within the Town of Binghamton to the extent that the Town of Binghamton has any interest in the same, without any warranty from the Town of Binghamton as to any other or additional interests in the same, and authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the same.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the Quitclaim deed from the Town of Binghamton to Carl H. Lucas, Jr. for the abandoned portion of Woodside Avenue within the Town of Binghamton, in the form attached, and to the extent that the Town of Binghamton has any interest in the same, without any warranty from the Town of Binghamton as to any other or additional interests in the same; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor and such other Town employees or officials are authorized to take such additional and further action as is necessary to implement this Resolution, including, but not limited to, authorization for the Town Supervisor to sign any and all necessary documents.