

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

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MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 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	Absent
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
M. Prince, Deputy Town Clerk
Z. Soboleski, Code Enforcement Officer/Bldgs. and Grounds.
M. Leighton, Highway Superintendent
T. Hanna, Deputy Highway Superintendent

APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS: ABSTRACT #18

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	644 - 666	\$28,111.09
HIGHWAY	633 - 643	\$21,185.18
LIGHTING	626	\$1,006.58
SEWER	627	\$2,910.00
WATER	628 - 632	\$3,904.66
	TOTAL	\$57,117.51

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, Donahue, Nye and Conklin
Nays: None Absent: Bensley.
Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:

Town Board Meeting Minutes July 21, 2026.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Attorney Report –

- The final executed order for demolition and clean up was received from the Judge for the Mapes Property. The project is moving along; almost all the junk is out. It is projected that the final clean out will be complete by Friday / Saturday. If not then the Town has the right to go in on Monday and complete it.
- Dr Miller property is moving forward, contract is accepted.

Code Enforcement/Buildings & Grounds:

- Morgan Rd and Peckham Rd. have both been quiet.
- The trailer on Hawleyton Rd. is still parked, Zack will check for a current registration.

Highway Department:

- Final pump at the Felters Rd pump station is up and running.
- Patching and paving is in progress.
- Working on Trees and ditches.
- The new program for the water and sewer billing has been very difficult; Supervisor Rounds and Nadine Pappas were in contact with the sales rep. a deadline was given to make it right. If the program is not running as it was presented to run, a decision of change will be made.
- A resignation letter was received by Sam Argetsinger and accepted by Highway Superintendent Leighton. Sam is moving out of the area.
- Lee Cooper will be presenting a letter of intent by October 1st regarding his retirement.
- A resident on Maxian was questioning why the end of Maxian is never mowed. Mark will make sure it is mowed.

Senior Commission –

- The Senior Ice Cream Social was a great success. Many new faces, Enjoyed by all!
- There is a Meteor shower watch party on August 12th.
- The book group is meeting on Wednesday.

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.

Supervisor Report:

- The CDBG Program will be wrapping up at the end of this year. The thought of doing another grant in the future is being discussed.

TOB Volunteer Fire Co. – No report.

Youth Commission: Youth Football and cheerleading practices have started.

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Continued)

Planning Board – There was discussion regarding the Solar project on Powers Rd. The deadline has passed. Supervisor Rounds and Attorney Middleton explained that the Solar company wanted to make a few changes regarding water runoff. We were unable to pinpoint the Engineer that was on the project. We are now putting an Engineer on the project. Our new Solar law will be more specific on dates of completion for projects in the future. Attorney Middleton will speak to an Engineer regarding this particular change.

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to authorize Attorney Middleton to reach out to John Mastronardi or Tim Steed from HUNT Engineering to review the changes made for the Powers Rd. Solar project. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Zoning Board of Appeals. – The area variance was approved for 1519 Hawleyton Rd. The date for the October meeting is TBD.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **NYAOT** -Resolution Adopting the New York Association of Towns Bill of Rights. Supervisor Rounds read the Resolution. (Resolution Attached at the end of the minutes).

A motion was made by Councilperson Nye to adopt a Resolution for the **NYSAOT** - Adopting the New York Association of Towns Bill of Rights. 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, Donahue, Nye and Conklin

Nays: None Absent: Bensley.

- **AGREEMENT FOR THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION FUNDING.**

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to approve the agreement for the Historical Preservation Funding including a \$15,000 single payment and the \$3,000.00 annual payments. 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, Donahue, Nye and Conklin

Nays: None Absent: Bensley.

Motion carried.

- **Public Hearing set for TOB Local Law to discuss amending chapter 165 -8 of TOB Town code - Titled “Clean Fill”.**

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to set a Public Hearing for Tuesday September 1, 2026 @ 4:01 PM. 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, Donahue, Nye and Conklin

Nays: None

Absent: Bensley.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin at 4:42 PM to enter in to the Executive Session. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to approve the NYAOT Legislative Conference registration in Albany. September 22-23 for all Board Members and Town Attorney to attend at a maximum cost of \$175.00 per person. 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 exit the Executive Session at 5:12 PM. 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 Councilperson Conklin to adjourn the Work Session at 5:16 PM. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye. All those present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion carried.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Town Board Regular Meeting – Tuesday, August 18, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall 279 Park Ave. Binghamton, NY 13903.

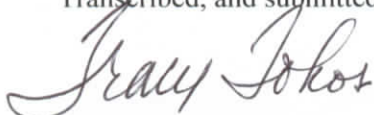
Town Board Work Session – Tuesday September 1, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m. at the Town Hall 279 Park Ave. Binghamton, NY 13903.

Respectively Recorded,



Mindi Prince
Deputy Town Clerk

Transcribed, and submitted by:



Tracy Tokos
Town Clerk

Resolution Adopting the New York Association of
Towns Bill of Rights

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
RESOLUTION 2026

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW YORK ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS
BILL OF RIGHTS

Introduced by Councilmember Dean Nye; seconded by Councilmember Vickie Conklin.

WHEREAS, town government provides services essential to the vitality of New York State, including but not limited to maintaining and repairing roads, protecting neighborhoods and businesses, guiding economic development, and serving as the first line of defense, communication, and safety for residents every day of the year; and

WHEREAS, the 933 towns of New York State are home to more than 9.1 million New Yorkers and are diverse in population, geography, and demographics, such that decisions affecting daily life are best made at the local level by the government that best understands each community's character, challenges, and needs; and

WHEREAS, the towns of New York are partners in shaping the State's future, and a true partnership between the State and its local governments will propel the New York State forward to the benefit of all New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, the New York Association of Towns has adopted a Bill of Rights articulating the core principles that should govern the relationship between the State and its towns; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Binghamton shares and affirms those principles, namely:

1. Protection and defense of municipal home rule, recognizing that towns, as the level of government closest to the people, are best positioned to balance competing interests and make decisions that shape daily life;
2. Local control of land use and zoning, free from statewide zoning rules that override the voice of resident taxpayers and the officials they elect;
3. Freedom from unfunded mandates, so that local taxpayers are not made to bear the cost of orders imposed by State and federal authorities without the resources to carry them out;
4. Modernized transparency, accessibility, and engagement, including reform of outdated public-notice requirements that consume scarce municipal dollars on print notices often missed by the public; and

5. A meaningful voice in State decisions affecting the hometowns that towns govern, so that town government is treated as a true partner rather than an afterthought or a hurdle to clear; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Binghamton endorses and adopts the New York Association of Towns Bill of Rights and affirms its commitment to the principles set forth therein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board calls upon the Governor and the New York State Legislature to respect and uphold these principles in the enactment of legislation and the administration of State programs affecting towns; and be it further

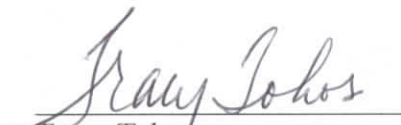
RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New York, the Temporary President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, the State Senator(s) and Member(s) of the Assembly representing the Town of Binghamton New York Association of Towns; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I, Tracy Tokos, do hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Binghamton 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 Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, New York, on the 4th day of August, 2025. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Supervisor Elizabeth Rounds	<u>yea</u>
Deputy Supervisor Mike Bensley	<u>Absent</u>
Councilperson Vickie Conklin	<u>yea</u>
Councilperson Michael Donahue	<u>yea</u>
Councilperson Dean Nye	<u>yea</u>


Tracy Tokos
Town Clerk