

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
September 1, 2026 at 4:00 PM

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MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 4:00 P.M., TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN HALL, 279 PARK AVENUE, BINGHAMTON NEW YORK.

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 p.m.

Moment of silence for Russell Cole

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
M. Prince, Deputy Town Clerk
Z. Soboleski, Code Enforcement Officer/Bldgs. and Grounds.
T. Hanna, Deputy Highway Superintendent
R. Mastin, Board of Assessment review

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF BINGHAMTON**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Binghamton Town Board, Broome County, New York will hold a public hearing on **September 1, 2026 at 4:01 pm** at the Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, New York 13903, to receive feedback on the proposed adoption of Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2026 Amending Chapter 165-8 of the Town of Binghamton Town Code Entitled "Clean Fill" and Amending the Definitions Section.

Supervisor Rounds opened the floor at 4:02 PM. No one was present to speak.

Attorney Middleton spoke regarding the new Law. Supervisor Rounds Spoke regarding the Clean Fill will now be handled by the Highway Superintendent instead of the Code enforcement department and that there will be a few changes.

A new drafted document will be available at a later date. The new changes will be approved at the Board Meeting on September 15th

Floor closed at 4:10 PM

APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS: ABSTRACT #20

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	729 - 748	\$11,440.45
HIGHWAY	725 - 734	\$21,955.79
LIGHTING	719	\$1,011.92
WATER	720 - 724	\$6,110.88
TOTAL		\$40,519.04

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:

Town Board Meeting Minutes August 18, 2026.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Broome County Associated Towns and Villages next Meeting will be at Tony's on September 24th. More information will be available at the Board Meeting.

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Attorney Report –

- Attorney Middleton is working on some Solar law changes. She will have a draft completed for review by the end of the month.

Code Enforcement/Buildings & Grounds:

- Zack is meeting with Binghamton Solar. They paid their fees, documents have been reviewed and the plan is to go forward.
- 440 Park ave pulled a permit to do the renovation from the previous fire.

Highway Department:

- Crews are busy mowing, installing driveway pipes. There was discussion regarding the proper installation of the pipes for safety reasons.
- Lee Cooper has withdrawn his decision to retire until further notice.

Senior Commission –

- Chair yoga resumes on September 14th.
- Luma light show is on the 12th.

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

Supervisor Report: No report

TOB Volunteer Fire Co. – No report.

Youth Commission: No report.

Planning Board – Zoning Board of Appeals. –

- There is a joint meeting November 13th. Attorney Middleton will announce the subject of her presentation at a later date.

CDBG Disbursement Request for Draw down #9

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to approve the CDBG Disbursement Request for Drawdown #9 in the amount of \$25,583.24. 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

New York State Association of Towns Annual Legislative Priorities Session Delegate:

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to adopt a Resolution to approve a voting delegate for the New York Association of Towns Annual Legislative meeting on September 22-23, 2026.

Whereas, Supervisor Elizabeth Rounds will attend the New York Association of Towns (NYAOT) Legislative Conference and meeting on September 22-23, 2026

Whereas the Town of Binghamton benefits from having a delegate vote on what to include in NYAOT's 2027 legislative priorities; and

Whereas, the Town of Binghamton has the authority to designate any officer, employee, or representative of the Town as a delegate for this meeting;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Elizabeth Rounds be designated as a delegate for the Town of Binghamton, and further BE IT RESOLVED, THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF Elizabeth Rounds, Mike Donahue be designated as the delegate for the Town of Binghamton

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Summer-Fall Auction list – Highway Department

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to approve the Summer – Fall Auction list presented by Tom Hanna. After some discussion 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

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin at 5:01 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 Deputy Supervisor Bensley to exit the Executive Session at 5:43 PM. 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 5:44 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, September 15, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall 279 Park Ave. Binghamton, NY 13903.

Town Board Work Session – Tuesday October 6, 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:

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Town Clerk