TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 20, 2026



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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M., TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN HALL, BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK 13903

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

E. Rounds, Supervisor	Present
M. Bensley, Dep. Supervisor	Present
D. Nye, Councilperson	Present
M. Donahue, Councilperson	Present
V. Conklin, Councilperson	Present

OTHERS PRESENT:

M. Prince, Deputy Town Clerk
G. Middleton, Town Attorney
M. Perehinec, Jr., Town Attorney
T. Hanna, Deputy Highway Superintendent
K. Olds, TOB Fire Co.
M. Olds, Zoning Board of Appeals
D. West, Planning Board

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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF BINGHAMTON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Binghamton, Broome County, New York has approved a resolution calling for a public hearing to consider the proposed Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2027. A public hearing will be held to consider said proposed Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 at the Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, New York on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 6:01 P.M., at which time all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be heard. The purpose of the public hearing shall be to receive public input on this issue.

Please take further notice that the information on the proposed Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 is available for inspection at the Town Hall in the Town Clerk's office Tuesday through Thursday 9 A.M. through 4:00 P.M.

Please take further notice that communications in writing in relation to the subject matter of the public hearing may be filed with the Town Board prior to the public hearing. Persons with disabilities who require assistance should contact the Town Clerk at (607) 772-0357, option 8, to request assistance.

At 6:01 P.M. Supervisor Rounds opened the floor for discussion. There was no one in attendance wishing to speak. Floor was closed at 6:02 P.M.

Supervisor Rounds noted a Highlight to add that the Town of Binghamton Taxes will decrease by 0.27%. Also, a sweeper truck for the Highway garage will be added to the budget. The Town will not be financing the truck due to the rate being higher and costing more. They will be removing a truck that was previously on the list to purchase.

After some discussion regarding the Budget a motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to adopt the Town of Binghamton 2027 Preliminary Budget. 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, Bensley, Conklin, Nye, and Donahue.

Absent: None Nays: None Abstained: None

Declared adopted. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS:

A motion was made by Councilperson Nye to adopt a Resolution to approve the following claims as audited:

ABSTRACT #23

AUDITED CLAIMS	CLAIM #'S	AMOUNT
General	Claim No. 878 - 894	$7,990.03
Highway	Claim No. 867 - 877	$11,076.82
Lighting	Claim No. 858	$45.39
Sewer	Claim No. 859	$105,504.00
Water	Claim No. 860 - 866	$2,281.95
	TOTAL	**$126,898.19**

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, Conklin, Nye, and Donahue.

Absent: None Nays: None Abstained: None

Declared adopted. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:

- Work Session Minutes of October 6, 2026 – Recognized.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC –Supervisor Rounds opened the floor at 6: PM
There was no one present wishing to speak. Supervisor Rounds closed the floor at 6:18 PM.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Attorney Report:

- The proposed updated Solar law is going to be sent out within the next day or so for the Board to review. Attorney Middleton sent out an email to arrange a date for the Solar committee to meet. She is looking at November 10th at 1:00 P.M.
- The Motorcross track has been shut down. Several residents have complained regarding the loud, disruptive noise. A resident from Stevens Rd was present, he spoke of the noise being so loud that he can't be outside of his home.

Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds: No one here.

Highway:

- Busy with removal of brush and leaves.
- Started getting trucks ready for winter.
- Manhole Lining started today.
- The pump for the pump station is repaired; will be delivered Wednesday October 21st the issue was the bearings were the wrong size. The other pump will go to them for repair.
- The new sewer and water billing is still an issue.

Receipt of Reports: - Supervisor Rounds is in receipt of the following reports:

- Town Clerk's Monthly Report for September 2026
- DCO Monthly Report for September 2026
- Code Enforcement Officer's Monthly Report for September 2026.

Senior Commission:

- Chair yoga has been busy.
- A physical therapist from Binghamton University division of Physical Therapy came.
- Kevin Olds from The TOB Fire Co. did a presentation on fire safety for the Senior group.
- Pot luck luncheon on November 12th and a Holiday luncheon is in the planning stages for December 4th.

A new flyer will be going out soon. Continue to watch the website for updates.

Supervisor:

- There was a discrepancy on the Pole barn project and the awarding of the bid. The Company that was awarded did not have the prevailing rate included. The Board decided to buy a Pole barn kit and at that time they will put out for contractors to bid the labor to assemble the kit.

A Motion was made by Councilperson Nye to rescind the Proposal from Squires Construction for the construction of a Pole Barn. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin, all those present voted in favor of the Motion. Motion carried.

- Kathy Hochul has made it that any Veteran with a 100% permanently disability is eligible for a reduction/exemption in their property taxes. The Board has decided to wait for the next Budget year of 2028 to consider it to be sure that all information is correct and eligible Veterans are credited the appropriate amount.

TOB Volunteer Fire Co: -

There were 6 calls: 1 EMS, 1 House fires, 1 wire down, 1 motor vehicle accidents, and 1 service assist.

Youth Commission: – Football and Cheerleading games are in progress.

Planning Board: – The next joint meeting is November 13, 2026 at 6:30 Attorney Middleton will do a Presentation on Easements.

Zoning Board of Appeals: –

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Highway presenting quotes for approval of pump station roof replacement. There were three proposals 1. Tokos Contracting, LLC $9,600.00, Thompson Construction and remodeling $5,296.00, and Squire Construction for $5,510.00.

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to approve the Proposal from Thompson Construction & remodeling for $5,296.00 for re - shingling the roof on the Pump station at Felters Rd. Contingent on the Proposal having prevailing rate. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye. A roll call vote resulted in the following;

Ayes: Rounds, Bensley, Nye, and Conklin

Absent: None Nays: None Abstained: Donahue

Motion carried.

- Approval of the new Sweeper for the Highway Department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (Continued)

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to approve the purchase of the Tymco 600 Sweeper in the amount of $337,027.00. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Bensley. A roll call vote resulted in the following;

Ayes: Rounds, Bensley, Donahue, and Conklin

Absent: None Nays: None Abstained: Nye

Motion carried.

- Approval for revised Local Law for Clean Fill

Some changes were made by Attorney Middleton to our LOCAL LAW FOR CLEAN FILL. After some discussion there was an additional change that needed to be listed. The change will be made for the next Board meeting on November 17th.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Approval for CDBG Disbursement request form Drawdown #11

A motion was made by Councilperson Nye to approve the CDBG Disbursement request for Drawdown #11 in the amount of $67,374.00. 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, Nye, Conklin and Donahue.

Absent: None Nays: None Abstained: None

Motion carried.

- Public hearing for CDBG Close out for 2024

A Motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to set a public hearing for the close out of CDBG 2024 on November 17,2026 at 6:01 p.m. 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, Nye, Conklin and Donahue.

Absent: None Nays: None Abstained: None Motion carried.

- Appointment of Karen Thurber to become the Town of Binghamton Town Historian.

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to appoint Karen Thurber as the Town of Binghamton Town Historian. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. All those present voted in favor of the motion.
Motin carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to enter into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. for the Proposed Acquisition sale of the real property owned by William & Carol Miller. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. All those present voted in favor of the motion.
Motin carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue for a Resolution to approve the expenditure of funds for filing and associated costs and fees associated with the purchase of a portion of property owned by William & Carol Miller located 286 Felters Road in an amount not to exceed $500.00 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 Councilperson Donahue for a Resolution to authorize the Supervisor to execute all documents associated with the purchase of a portion of property owned by William and Carol Miller located at 286 Felters Road and to allow the attorneys for the Town to take all actions necessary to effectuate said purchase. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Nye to exit out of Executive Session at 7:52 p.m. 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 Board Meeting at 7:55 PM. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin, all those present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion carried.

LOOKING AHEAD:
The next meeting of the Town of Binghamton Town Board will be a Work Session to be held on Thursday November 5, 2026 @ 4:00 P.M., at the Town of Binghamton Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, NY. The next regular Town Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday November 17, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M. at Town of Binghamton Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, NY.

Respectfully Recorded,

Mindi Prince,
Deputy Town Clerk

Transcribed, and submitted by,

Tracy Tokos,
Town Clerk