

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
March 2, 2021

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MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021, 5:30 P.M., TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN HALL, 279 PARK AVENUE, BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rounds at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

E. Rounds, Supervisor	Present	M. Leighton, Councilperson	Present
M. Donahue, Deputy Supervisor	Present	M. Bensley, Councilperson	Present
D. Nye, Councilperson	Present		

OTHERS PRESENT:

V. Conklin, Town Clerk	R. Murray, DCO
R. Pope, Deputy Town Attorney via Zoom	1 Guest
R. Rolston, Highway Superintendent	
N. Pappas, Code Enforcement Officer/Buildings & Grounds	

Supervisor Rounds made the following statement: 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.

APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS:

Councilperson Bensley made the motion to adopt a Resolution to approve the following claims as audited:

<u>2021</u>		
Lighting	Claim No. 129	\$ 610.57
Water	Claim No. 130-134	\$ 1,763.51
Highway	Claim No. 135-148	\$ 22,177.01
General	Claim No. 149-175	\$ 9,087.90

The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Donahue, Nye, Bensley, Leighton Absent: None

Nays: None

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:

There were no changes/corrections made to the January 19, 2021 regular Town Board meeting minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board – The next regularly scheduled joint meeting of the Planning Board and ZBA will be held on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the TOB Town Hall.

Zoning Board of Appeals – The next regularly scheduled joint meeting of the ZBA and Planning Board will be held on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the TOB Town Hall.

Youth Commission – The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the TOB Town Hall. The registrations are being sent out for baseball/softball. There is a COVID waiver on the back of the registration form for parents to sign.

Code Enforcement/Buildings & Grounds – A phone call was received from a gentleman today who owns 212 acres off of Ingraham Hill Road. His father signed an agreement with a solar company out of West Virginia, Sigma Solar, to develop a five-megawatt solar farm, 10 acres per megawatt (50 acres). Supervisor Rounds advised the gentleman that there is a process he will have to go through, including a use variance from the Zoning Board, among other steps, in the process. Supervisor Rounds will ask Town Attorney Pope to reach out to the gentleman's attorney.

Highway Department – The Highway Department has been doing shoulder work. Highway Superintendent Rolston reported that there were three holes in one of the Orchard Park tanks in the last month and a half that have been repaired. There was lengthy discussion regarding relining and/or replacing the Orchard Park water tanks, whether or not to have one or two tanks, and the financing for relining and/or replacement of the tanks.

TOB Volunteer Fire Co. – There was no report.

Supervisor – Supervisor Rounds reported that the Town is in receipt of a letter from the NYS Department of Transportation regarding the Hance Road speed reduction request advising that the Traffic Safety and Mobility Office will perform a review of the Hance Road area to assess the current situation and outline opportunities for improvement. They will notify the Town of the results of the review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clean Up Days 2021 – The clean up days will be sometime in May. Supervisor Rounds will meet with Highway Superintendent Rolston to discuss the 2021 clean up days.

Code Enforcement – Parking Ticket Fines – There was discussion regarding amending the local law so that the back of the parking ticket matches the local law. Currently, the local law states that an offender has three days to pay the parking ticket fine or a bench warrant will be issued, but the back of the parking ticket states that the offender has a 30-day period to pay the fine or a bench warrant will be issued. There was also discussion regarding raising the parking ticket fines. The current fine is \$25 for the first offense, and \$50 for the second offense. A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to adopt a Resolution to set a public hearing for April 6, 2021 at 5:31 p.m. to amend Local Law Section 220-5 to increase the fine for a parking ticket to \$40 for the first offense payable within 30 days; after 30 days there will be a \$10 late fee, and a bench warrant will be issued; \$75 for the second offense payable within 30 days; after 30 days there will be a \$20 late fee, and a bench warrant will be issued; and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Donahue, Nye, Bensley, Leighton Absent: None

Nays: None

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

DCO/Town Clerk – Late Fees - A motion was made by Councilperson Leighton to adopt a Resolution to set a public hearing for April 6, 2021 at 5:32 p.m. to amend Local Law Section 880 to set a \$10 late fee if a dog license renewal is not paid within 30 days after the initial due date; a \$20 late fee if a dog license renewal is not paid within 60 days after the initial due date, and a \$30 late fee if the dog license renewal is not paid within 90 days after the initial due date, and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Donahue, Nye, Bensley, Leighton Absent: None

Nays: None

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

TOB Parkland Alienation to TOB Volunteer Fire Co. – Supervisor Rounds asked Deputy Town Attorney Pope if she had heard anything about the Parkland Alienation. Deputy Town Attorney Pope has not heard anything, but will check on this matter.

There was no further new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilperson Bensley to go into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. to discuss a budgetary issue, and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Councilperson Leighton made a motion to reconvene at 7:23 p.m., and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Bensley. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilperson Nye to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m., and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Town of Binghamton Town Board will be a regular Town Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on March 16, 2021, at the Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, NY.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vickie A. Conklin".

Vickie A. Conklin
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 Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, New York, and via ZOOM video conference on the 2nd day of March, 2021 at 5:30 o'clock P.M. of said day, the following were:

PRESENT: Supervisor Elizabeth Rounds
Councilperson Michael Donahue
Councilperson Michael Bensley
Councilperson Dean Nye
Councilperson Mark Leighton

ABSENT: None

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

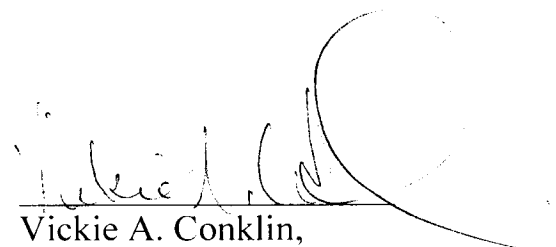
A roll call vote was then taken upon the Motion for the adoption of said Resolution, which resulted as follows:

AYES: Rounds, Donahue, Bensley, Nye, Leighton

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was then declared adopted.



Vickie A. Conklin,
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, by motion Councilperson Nye has recommended that the Town Board approve claim numbers 129; 130-134; 135-148, and 149-175 as audited, and

WHEREAS, the specific audited claims are as set forth in the attachment.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that claim numbers 129; 130-134; 135-148, and 149-175 as audited are hereby adopted and approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor and such other Town officials are authorized to take such additional and further action as is necessary to implement this Resolution.

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 Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, New York and via ZOOM video conference on the 2nd day of March, 2021 at 5:30 o'clock P.M. of said day, the following were:

PRESENT: Supervisor Elizabeth A. Rounds
Councilperson Michael Donahue
Councilperson Michael Bensley
Councilperson Mark Leighton
Councilperson Dean Nye

ABSENT: None

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

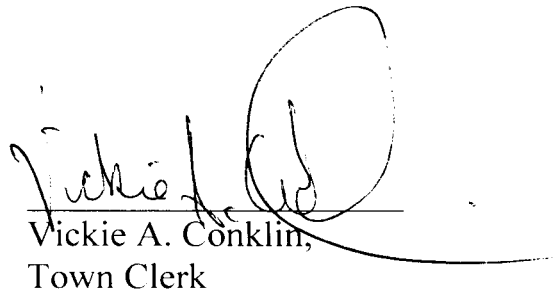
A roll call vote was then taken upon the Motion for the adoption of said Resolution, which resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Elizabeth A. Rounds
Councilperson Michael Donahue
Councilperson Michael Bensley
Councilperson Mark Leighton
Councilperson Dean Nye

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was then declared adopted.


Vickie A. Conklin,
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town Board has before it a proposal to set a public hearing on April 6, 2021 at 5:31 pm to amend Local Law Section 220-5 to increase the fine for a parking ticket to \$40 for the first offense payable within 30 days; after 30 days there will be a \$10 late fee, and a bench warrant will be issued; \$75 for the second offense payable within 30 days; after 30 days there will be a \$20 late fee, and a bench warrant will be issued.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board set a public hearing on April 6, 2021 at 5:31 pm to amend Local Law Section 220-5 to increase the fine for a parking ticket to \$40 for the first offense payable within 30 days; after 30 days there will be a \$10 late fee, and a bench warrant will be issued; \$75 for the second offense payable within 30 days; after 30 days there will be a \$20 late fee, and a bench warrant will be issued ; and be it 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.

RESOLUTION

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PRESENT: Supervisor Elizabeth A. Rounds
Councilperson Michael Donahue
Councilperson Michael Bensley
Councilperson Mark Leighton
Councilperson Dean Nye

ABSENT: None

The Resolution set forth below was duly offered by Councilperson Leighton who moved its adoption and was seconded by Councilperson Nye.

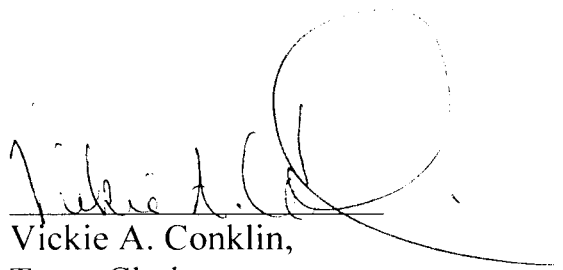
A roll call vote was then taken upon the Motion for the adoption of said Resolution, which resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Elizabeth A. Rounds
Councilperson Michael Donahue
Councilperson Michael Bensley
Councilperson Mark Leighton
Councilperson Dean Nye

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was then declared adopted.


Vickie A. Conklin,
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town Board has before it a proposal to set a public hearing on April 6, 2021 at 5:31 pm to amend Local Law Section 880 to set a \$10 late fee if a dog license renewal is not paid within 30 days after the initial due date; a \$20 late fee if a dog license renewal is not paid within 60 days after the initial due date, and a \$30 late fee if the dog license renewal is not paid within 90 days after the initial due date.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board set a public hearing on April 6, 2021 at 5:31 pm to amend Local Law Section 880 to set a \$10 late fee if a dog license renewal is not paid within 30 days after the initial due date; a \$20 late fee if a dog license renewal is not paid within 60 days after the initial due date, and a \$30 late fee if the dog license renewal is not paid within 90 days after the initial due date; and be it 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.