

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021, 7:00 P.M., TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN HALL, 279 PARK AVENUE, BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor Rounds.

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

V. Conklin, Town Clerk	J. Emmons, Chief, TOB Volunteer Fire Co.
A. Pope, Town Attorney	E. Einstein, The Country Courier
R. Rolston, Highway Superintendent	7 Guests
N. Pappas, Code Enforcement Officer/Building & Grounds	

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

2021

Lighting	Claim No. 475	\$	22.35
Sewer	Claim No. 476-477	\$	1,041.31
Water	Claim No. 477-480	\$	1,294.75
Highway	Claim No. 481-490	\$	8,006.02
General	Claim No. 491-516	\$	18,660.75

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

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

Nays: None

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:

There were no corrections made to the May 18, 2021 Work Session minutes.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC:

Supervisor Rounds opened the floor to the public for comments at 7:06 p.m.

Jon Layish – Mr. Layish voiced his concerns about the garage that was recently built at 2104 W. Hamton Road. Supervisor Rounds and Town Attorney Pope explained that the owners went through the correct process for obtaining a permit with Code Enforcement Officer Pappas; addressed the concern of vehicles parking on the street; evidence for use as a commercial building, and that Town Code does not address the aesthetics of a neighborhood.

Adam Allen & Mike Simeck – Mr. Allen and Mr. Simeck voiced their concerns about the drainage issue on Morgan Road after a rainstorm. Highway Superintendent Rolston stated that he visited the site the day after the storm, and the drainage was the worst he has seen. The plugged pipe originated all the way up towards Gardner Road. Once that pipe plugged, it plugged the next pipe, and then the next pipe, and so on. He measured the pipes today for replacement. It is the owner's obligation to pay for the cost of a new pipe. There is runoff from the homes on Spaulding Road that adds to the issue. A gas main may be involved, so it may take more time to fix the issue.

Thomas Donnelly – Mr. Donnelly voiced his concerns about a large, white box truck parked on Carol Court (a small cul-de-sac) off Felters Road in Orchard Park. The truck has been parked there for about a month. The owner does not live in Orchard Park, but the owner's parents live on Felters Road. Supervisor Rounds and Town Attorney Pope suggested the residents consider the best solution for them, i.e., no overnight parking signs, no commercial truck parking signs, etc., and get back to the Board with their feedback.

Jim Cadden – Mr. Cadden asked if the residents of Orchard Park can ask the person to park the truck on Felters Road. Supervisor Rounds explained that the truck being parked on Felters Road is a safety issue.

There being no further presentations, the floor was declared closed at 7:56 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fourth of July Holiday – TOB Municipal Buildings Closed – Monday, July 5, 2021 in Observance of Fourth of July Holiday

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board – The next regularly scheduled quarterly joint meeting with the ZBA will be held on July 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the TOB Town Hall.

Zoning Board of Appeals – The next regularly scheduled quarterly joint meeting with the Planning Board will be held on July 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the TOB Town Hall.

Youth Commission – The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the TOB Town Hall. Playoffs have been taking place. Tournaments will take place throughout the summer and fall.

Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds – Code violation letters have been sent out to numerous residents.

Highway Department – Mowing, patching, replacing pipes, and cleanup due to a rainstorm have been taking place. They continue to work on the cleanup. E. Hamton Rd. & Partridge Lane – Sanitary Sewer Trenchless Lining Project – Update – The contracts were signed today for this project. Clark, Patterson, Lee will reach out to the lining company for a start date. Roof Replacement – Update – Clark, Patterson, Lee will be starting to put the paperwork together for the roof replacement on the Highway Garage.

Receipt of Reports – The Town Board is in receipt of the following reports:

Town Clerk's Monthly Report for May 2021

DCO Monthly Report for May 2021

Code Enforcement Officer's Monthly Report for April & May 2021

TOB Volunteer Fire Co. – There were seven calls for the month of May, four working structure fires, two automatic alarms and wires down. None of the fires were the TOB's. The TOB Volunteer Fire Company's Semi-Annual Report 2019-2020 was provided to the Town Board this evening. The Memorial Day Parade went very well. There is a total of 13 new members from the last few months. The TOB Volunteer Fire Co. may be eligible for a grant for emergency services up to \$20,000 through the Community Foundation. The TOB Volunteer Fire Co. intends to apply for the grant.

Supervisor – The Parkland Alienation to the TOB Volunteer Fire Co. has been passed by the NYS Assembly and Senate, and is now awaiting the Governor's approval and signature. Supervisor Rounds had a lengthy conversation with NYSEG about the 16 metal poles in the College Park Lighting District that the Town is being charged monthly for. There are underground wires to the poles. There are no other wires that are on the poles. If someone runs into the poles, or someone is digging and cuts the wires, NYSEG takes care of those poles 150%. If the Town owned the poles, the Town would be responsible for the poles.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Highway Department – Water Tank Replacement – Property Title – Update – There is a meeting scheduled for this Thursday morning with Dr. Miller for the signing of the Deed that the water tank resides on. There is a Permanent Easement Agreement, but a Deed needs to be signed and filed.

Highway Department – E. Hamton Rd. & Partridge Lane – Sanitary Sewer Trenchless Lining Project – Update – This subject was covered under Officials and Committee Reports.

Highway Department – Roof Replacement – Update – This subject was covered under Officials and Committee Reports.

There was no further unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rabies Clinic – TOB Community Center – August 11, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Authorization – A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue authorizing a Rabies Clinic to held by AARF on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the TOB Community Center, and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Bensley. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Morgan Road – Water Issue – This subject was covered under the Voice of the Public.

There was no further new business.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC:

Supervisor Rounds opened the floor to the public for comment at 8:18 p.m.

Jim Cadden – Mr. Cadden inquired about the progress of better cell service in the Town as there is no 911 service, and his bill reflects a charge for 911 service. Mr. Ponticello will be looking into a new contract for Verizon, and will relay the information to Supervisor Rounds. Supervisor Rounds will follow up again with Mr. Ponticello.

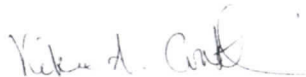
There being no further presentations, the floor was declared closed at 8:21 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilperson Bensley to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m., and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Leighton. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Town of Binghamton Town Board will be a Work Session to be held on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, 5:30 p.m., at the Town of Binghamton Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, NY.

Respectfully submitted,



Vickie A. Conklin
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting 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, on the 15th day of June, 2021 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. of said day, the following were:

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

ABSENT: None

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

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was then declared adopted.



Vickie A. Conklin,
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, by motion Councilperson Leighton has recommended that the Town Board approve claim numbers 475; 476-477; 477-480; 481-490, and 491-516 as audited, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that claim numbers 475; 476-477; 477-480; 481-490, and 491-516 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.