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TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
July 6, 2021**

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## **RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:**

There were no changes/corrections made to the June 15, 2021 regular Town Board meeting minutes.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

TOB Volunteer Fire Co. – Annual Chicken BBQ - Saturday, August 21, 2021 – 12:00 Noon until Sold Out

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Code – 14 Holmes Place, 487 Morgan Road & 1978 Montrose Ave. – Set Public Hearings – David Woodward, the owner of 14 Holmes Place, was present and advised the Board that due to Covid and the winter, he has not corrected the code violations. He was planning on working on the violations, but is now debating on whether or not to sell the property “as is” as he has a cash offer. Code Enforcement Officer Pappas informed the Board that he provided Mr. Woodward with a list of things to do, including applying for a building permit, approval from the Broome County Health Department for the septic system; final electric inspection, and plumbing and heating. Mr. Woodward stated that he does have Broome County’s approval for the septic system, but did not have the approval with him. He has done some digging for the basement. Town Attorney Pope informed him that before he begins any work, he needs to apply for a building permit, and that the fee for the building permit is \$25. Supervisor Rounds asked that if Mr. Woodward does sell the property, does the potential buyer know that he/she is responsible to fix the code violations. Mr. Woodward assured the Board that the potential new owner is aware that the code violations need to be fixed. The Town Board gave Mr. Woodward until July 20, 2021 to inform the Board of his decision on what he intends to do with the property. The owners of 487 Morgan Road, and 1978 Montrose Avenue were not present either in person or via Zoom. Town Attorney Pope and Code Enforcement Officer Pappas will discuss these properties and move forward with the process. There was discussion.

## **OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

Youth Commission – The All-Star team tournaments have begun.

Code Enforcement/Buildings & Grounds – The carpet has been ordered. A dozen or so people came into Court today for code violations. There was a half a dozen no shows. There was discussion regarding the storm last week, including the affects it had on Roberts Road, Gardner Road, and Pierce Creek Road, and the residents that live in those areas. The Town will be contacting the DEC regarding the possibility of the DEC working on Pierce Creek. Supervisor

Rounds inquired on the status of the Kubota mower that is listed on Auctions International. There was discussion regarding whether the Kubota mower should be taken off Auctions International, fixed and then put back on Auctions International in order to be able to receive higher bids, or bought by the Highway Department.

Highway Department – There was no report.

TOB Volunteer Fire Co. – There was no report.

Supervisor – Supervisor Rounds spoke with the owner of the truck parked on Carol Court in Orchard Park, and gave the following update: The truck has been gone for two weeks. The owner had been waiting for plates, and getting things all in order as she, her husband and son are going into the moving business. As soon as the owner had everything in order, the truck was moved. Going forward, if a situation arises and they need to park the truck, Supervisor Rounds instructed the owner that they can park the truck at the pump station on Felters Road.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Solar Law – Update/Permit Fee – There was lengthy discussion concerning the setting of the fees for solar, and the definition of a mature forest. A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to adopt a Resolution to call for a public hearing for August 3, 2021 at 5:31 p.m. to consider public input on the proposed permit fees for solar projects, and the proposed permit fees are as follows: Building permit - \$100 per acre; Planning Board review - \$100 per acre; SWPPP permit - \$500 per acre; erosion inspection – costs to the Town; Zoning Board review - \$100 per acre, and the owner shall pay an annual fee of \$1,000, or such other amount as the Town Board may, from time to time, determine by Resolution to cover the cost of processing and reviewing the annual inspection report, and for administration, inspections and enforcement, and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye. There was discussion. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Donahue, Nye, Bensley

Absent: Leighton

Nays: None

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

There was no further unfinished business.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

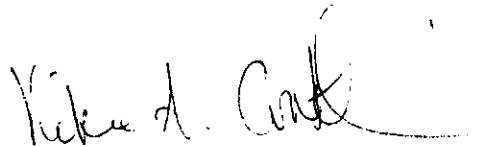
There was no new business.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilperson Bensley to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m., and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye. 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 July 20, 2021, at the Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, NY.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vickie A. Conklin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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 6th day of July, 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

ABSENT: Councilperson Mark Leighton

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:

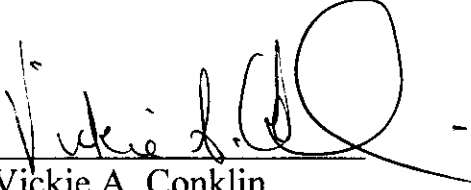
AYES: Rounds, Donahue, Nye

ABSTAINED: Bensley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Leighton

The Resolution was then declared adopted.

  
Vickie A. Conklin,  
Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS**, by motion Councilperson Donahue has recommended that the Town Board approve claim numbers 517; 518; 519-522, 564; 523-532, and 533-563 as audited, and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that claim numbers 517; 518; 519-522, 564; 523-532, and 533-563 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 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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

**ABSENT:** Councilperson Mark Leighton

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

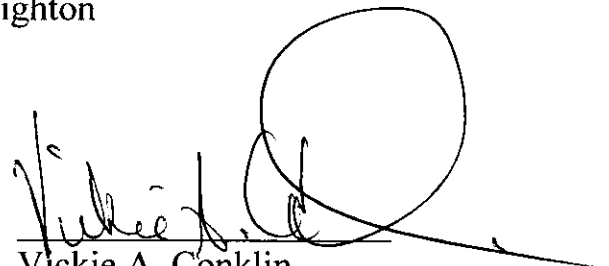
A roll call vote was then taken upon the Motion for the adoption of said Resolution, which resulted as follows:

**AYES:** All

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Councilperson Mark Leighton

The Resolution was then declared adopted.

  
Vickie A. Conklin,  
Town Clerk



**RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has before it for consideration the proposed permit fees for solar projects, which said proposed permit fees are as follows: Building permit - \$100 per acre; Planning Board review – 4100 per acre; SWPP permit - \$500 per acre; erosion inspection – costs to the Town; Zoning Board review - \$100 per acre and the owner/developer/lessee shall pay an annual fee of \$1,000, or such other amount as the Town Board may, from time to time, determine by resolution to cover the cost of processing and reviewing the annual inspection report and for other such similar administration, inspections and enforcement, which will require a public hearing.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, a public hearing scheduled for August 3, 2021 at 5:31pm to consider approval of the above listed fees; and be it further

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