

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD
August 17, 2021

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021, 7:00 P.M., TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN HALL, 279 PARK AVENUE, BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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.
R. Pope, Deputy Town Attorney via Zoom	1 Guest
R. Rolston, Highway Superintendent	
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. 651	\$ 21.25
Sewer	Claim No. 652	\$ 971.31
Water	Claim No. 652-654	\$ 68,412.76
Highway	Claim No. 655-663	\$ 8,370.45
General	Claim No. 664-692	\$ 12,435.08

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, Bensley, Donahue, Leighton, Nye Absent: None

Nays: None

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:

There were no corrections made to the August 3, 2021 Work Session minutes.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC:

Supervisor Rounds opened the floor to the public for comments at 7:01 p.m. There being no presentations, the floor was declared closed at 7:01 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Labor Day – TOB Municipal Buildings Closed Monday, September 6, 2021 in Observance of Labor Day

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board – The next regularly scheduled quarterly joint meeting with the ZBA will be held on Monday, October 18, 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, October 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the TOB Town Hall.

Youth Commission – The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the TOB Town Hall. Football practice has begun.

Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds – There are five vacant properties in the Town. There is \$5,300 in the account for mowing fees, which needs to be allocated back to the General Fund as a line item of revenue, which line item could be under Buildings and Grounds of the General Fund. 330 Park Ave. will be auctioned off by Broome County on October 20, 2021. The County is putting a stipulation on the purchase that the property has to be torn down by the purchaser. The Land Bank does not have the funds to tear it down. A demo permit has been obtained for the demolition of 658 Park Ave., and a copy of the Resolution was also provided. 658 Park Ave. should be torn down in the near future. The County owns 1980 Pierce Creek Road, which has been vacant for several years. The property can be rehabbed. There is a new house going up on Stone Road. The new sewer has been put in out to the street. When they hooked into it, they scoped it with a camera and found that the existing sewer from the curb to the street is pretty much completely collapsed. It is the homeowner's responsibility to replace the sewer line. A road permit needs to be purchased by the homeowner. Regarding 487 Morgan Road, as requested by the Town, Broome County will be reducing the mowing fees that were put on the owner's taxes, and will refund the owner by check. The owner will be paying the taxes in full. Work on the property will begin in September.

Highway Department – A couple of major pipe crossings have been completed; mowing has been taking place; a section of sewer lining was fixed on W. Hamton Road, with the sewer lining

to begin tomorrow; core drilling was done on the water tank; the roads that were oiled and stoned have been cleaned of the excess, and they took care of some trees from previous storms.

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

Town Clerk’s Monthly Report for August 2021

DCO Monthly Report for August 2021

Code Enforcement Officer’s Monthly Report for August 2021

TOB Volunteer Fire Co. – There were 39 calls for the month of July, including three EOCs. Chief Emmons attended the County Fire Chiefs meeting last week where discussion took place about Town Supervisors or their designee being notified of every two-alarm working fire within their towns. Emergency Services conducted a flood assessment with a drone of Pierce Creek. There is a pool in the creek littered with trees and debris that may cause a problem with another heavy rainstorm. Chief Emmons was informed by the DEC in Kirkwood that they cannot help with the creek issues as the creek is private property, and that if the homeowners want to go into the creek to dig, etc., they can do that, but there is a process that has to be followed. Supervisor Rounds will contact the Army Corps of Engineers to see if they can look at Pierce Creek and inform the Town if it may be a consideration for one of their future projects.

Supervisor – The TOB August 11, 2021 rabies clinic was not very well attended, which may be due to the Humane Society now holding rabies clinics. Supervisor Rounds attended the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce’s Legislative Breakfast on August 4, 2021. The guest speaker was a gentleman from the Manhattan Institute, who spoke about the state of New York State. There was also a round table discussion about the needs of Broome County.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Paving of Town Hall Parking Lot – Update – Broome Bituminous will not be able to get to the paving of the Town Hall parking lot this year as they are too busy. The proposal they provided will not be honored next year. There will be an increase next year of approximately \$2,500 for a total of approximately \$44,000. This will be a budgeted item for 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

2021 Annual Sexual Harassment Training – NYMIR has put together a new platform for their website. Supervisor Rounds will be attending a Zoom meeting on August 26, 2021 to learn how to use the new platform as an administrator. Information will be provided to everyone on how to use the new platform.

Accessory Storage Containers – Supervisor Rounds had provided Board members with a policy from the Town of Colesville regarding accessory storage containers. There was discussion. The Board members will continue to review the policy, and be prepared to further discuss this matter at the September 7, 2021 Work Session.

Report of Personnel Investigation - Resolution – A motion was made by Councilperson Nye to adopt a Resolution to receive, accept and file the Personnel Investigation Report, and the motion

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

Ayes: Rounds, Bensley, Leighton, Nye

Absent: None

Nays: None

Abstained: Donahue

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC:

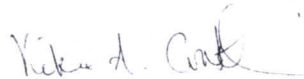
Supervisor Rounds opened the floor to the public for comment at 8:04 p.m. There being no presentations, Supervisor Rounds declared the floor closed at 8:04 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilperson Bensley to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 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 Work Session to be held on Tuesday, September 7, 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 17th day of August, 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 Nye.

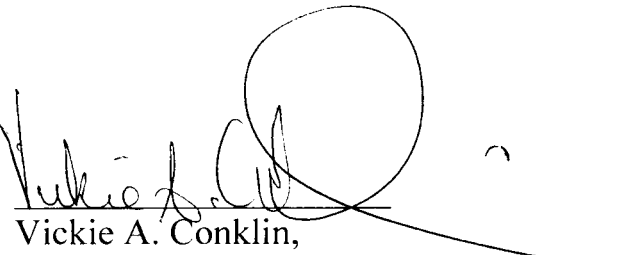
A roll call vote was then taken upon the Motion for the adoption of said Resolution, which resulted as follows:

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 651; 652; 652-654; 655-663, and 664-692 as audited, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that claim numbers 651; 652; 652-654; 655-663, and 664-692 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.