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TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
March 1, 2022**

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MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022, 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 via Zoom	Present		

OTHERS PRESENT:

V. Conklin, Town Clerk
R. Rolston, Highway Superintendent 0 Guests

APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS:

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

<u>2022</u>			
Lighting	Claim No. 135	\$	638.94
Water	Claim No. 136-139	\$	3,141.11
Highway	Claim No. 140-151	\$	14,229.08
General	Claim No. 153-165	\$	5,264.59

The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Bensley. All those present voted in favor of the motion, except Councilperson Nye, who abstained as he did not audit the claims. Motion carried. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Donahue, Bensley, Leighton

Abstained: Nye

Absent: None

Nays: None

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:

There were no changes/corrections made to the February 15, 2022 regular Town Board meeting minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

21st Annual TOB Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 16, 2022

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board – The next regularly scheduled joint meeting with the ZBA will be held Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the TOB Town Hall.

Zoning Board of Appeals – The next regularly scheduled joint meeting with the Planning Board will be held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the TOB Town Hall. The minutes from the last meeting were approved. A meeting has been scheduled for April 18, 2022 to proceed with the Atlas appeal.

Youth Commission – Registration forms out for baseball/softball, and will be available on website and Facebook page. Basketball season ended successfully. Conklin youth will be playing with the Williamsport little league baseball rules. Any youth that does not want to participate in the Conklin leagues are welcome to sign up with the Town of Binghamton, and Binghamton youth who do want to play with the Williamsport league rules are welcome to join the Conklin teams. A discussion was held on the age and league restrictions for Williamsport league players, and how many games must be played to qualify for the Williamsport tournament. The next meeting for the Youth Commission will be held on March 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement/Buildings & Grounds – There was no report

Highway Department – More dead Ash trees have been removed from around the area. There has been maintenance performed on highway vehicles. Regarding new sewer lines, everything will be in place by the next meeting, including putting a notice in the paper and setting up the bids for the new sewer lines. Review of the bids will be prior to the meeting on the 5th of April. There was some discussion regarding flooding and damage to a house on Genesee Street and if the issue has been resolved.

TOB Volunteer Fire Co. – There was no report

Supervisor – Supervisor Rounds participated in a Zoom meeting for the County Executive's budget process. A representative would like to come out and do a presentation for the Town. Both the County and the Town of Binghamton had a higher - than expected sales tax. A lot of the County money is going towards the local parks. Supervisor Rounds and Zach Soboleski spent an afternoon passing out Covid kits. Approximately 40 cars came through, which were not as many as expected. Remaining kits were placed on a table in the lobby. There is a small supply of test kits remaining on the counter in the lobby.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Wind Energy Systems Law - There are no updates on the Wind Energy law at the present time.

Battery Energy Storage Law – The next Battery Energy Storage Committee meeting will be held on March 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rabies Clinic – Wednesday, May 11, 2022 – 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. – TOB Highway Garage – Approval – A motion was made by Councilperson Leighton to approve the 2022 Rabies Clinic to be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the TOB Highway Garage, and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Bensley. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Clean Up Days 2022 – The Town is being allowed by the County to have two days with the tipping fees waived. There will also be one, four-hour collection event for residential electronics. The County has contracted with a recycler who will take electronics only. The request must be in to the County by March 31, 2022. The electronics recycling would coincide with the first clean up day on Friday, May 20, 2022; Saturday, May 21, 2022 will also be a clean up day. The first drop off day will be Tuesday, May 24, 2022, subject to change on drop off days and times. The second Clean Up Days 2022 will be held in September, either the 15th and 16th or the 16th and 17th with drop off on the 19th. This will be advertised in the Country Courier, and also on postcards. There will be more information on the website and the postcards will direct residents to check the website. There was some discussion as to whether or not tires will be included in the drop offs. Supervisor Rounds reminded the Board that last year the Town charged \$2 per tire drop off. She will speak to the County regarding confirmation of a tire collection. Councilperson Nye suggested that a call should be put in to the Farm Bureau to see if any farmers would be interested in the old tires to secure tarps to cover silage trenches. Councilperson Leighton mentioned the possibility of having Good Will here for clothing donations. Supervisor Rounds will research this idea. A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue approving the Clean Up Days 2022 on Friday, May 20, 2022 and Saturday, May 21, 2022 (electronics also collected on 5/21/22), with pick up on Tuesday, May 24, 2022; the second Clean Up Days will be held on Friday, September 16, 2022 and Saturday, September 17, 2022, with the drop off day being Tuesday, September 19, 2022, and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Leighton. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

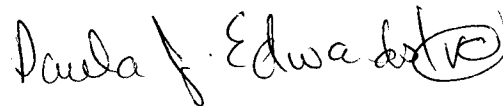
EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to go into Executive Session at 6:12 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter, and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Leighton. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A motion was made by Councilperson Leighton to reconvene at 7:53 p.m., and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilperson Nye to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m., and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Bensley. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

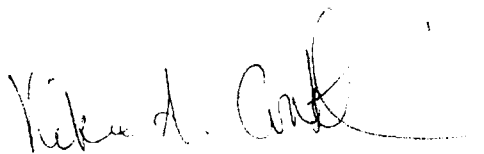
The next meeting of the Town of Binghamton Town Board will be a regular Town Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at the Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, NY.

Transcribed by:

Handwritten signature of Paula J. Edwards in cursive, with the last name circled.

Paula J. Edwards
Deputy Town Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Vickie A. Conklin in cursive.

Vickie A. Conklin
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION

At a 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, on the 1st day of March, 2022 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 via Zoom
Councilperson Mark Leighton

ABSENT: None

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

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

AYES: Rounds, Donahue, Leighton, Bensley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: Nye

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 135; 136-139; 140-151, and 153-165 as audited, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that claim numbers 135; 136-139; 140-151, and 153-165 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.