

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD
March 15, 2022

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022, 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	Absent	D. Nye, Councilperson via Zoom	Present
M. Donahue, Deputy Supervisor	Present		

OTHERS PRESENT:

V. Conklin, Town Clerk	R. Mastin, Planning Board Member
A. Pope, Town Attorney	E. Einstein, The Country Courier
R. Rolston, Highway Superintendent	0 Guests
N. Pappas, Code Enforcement Officer/Buildings & Grounds	
J. Emmons, Chief, TOB Volunteer Fire Co.	
Kevin Olds, TOB Volunteer Fire Co.	

Supervisor Rounds stated: 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 Donahue made a motion to adopt a Resolution to approve the following claims as audited:

2022

Lighting	Claim No. 166	\$	32.71
Sewer	Claim No. 167	\$	16.50
Water	Claim No. 168-170, 218	\$	34,679.67
Highway	Claim No. 171-184, 219	\$	31,536.78
General	Claim No. 185-217	\$	14,067.68

The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Leighton. There was discussion. 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, Leighton

Absent: Bensley

Nays: None

Abstained: Nye

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:

There were no corrections made to the March 1, 2022 Work Session minutes.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC:

Supervisor Rounds opened the floor to the public for comments at 7:05 p.m.

There being no presentations, the floor was declared closed at 7:05 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

TOB Free Rabies Clinic – Wednesday, May 11, 2022 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at TOB Highway Garage

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. A meeting has been tentatively scheduled for April 18, 2022 to proceed with the Atlas appeal.

Youth Commission – Baseball/softball registrations are underway, which includes the Town of Windsor. Sixth graders will be participating in a final basketball tournament this Saturday. Otherwise, basketball season is finished.

Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds – There will be three to four trials for code violations on April 1st; the new courtroom entrance door has been installed; 780 Hawleyton Road has been placarded as unsafe and uninhabitable, and has been condemned; the owners plan on demolishing 780 Hawleyton Road, and cleaning up the other house on the property in the Spring.

Highway Department – A few more dead ash trees have been taken down, and plowing snow.
Authorization to Bid on 2015 Plow Truck – This has been put on hold to give the Town of Windsor the chance to bid on this truck, if they so desire, due to the Windsor Highway Garage fire that destroyed much of their equipment. Highway Superintendent Rolston did offer the use of a truck to Windsor for the snow storm that we had last Saturday. The TOB's truck that went over the guardrails is up and running and can be fixed at a minimal cost; can be used with a salvage title once the salvage inspection is complete, and is insurable for liability and possible comprehensive. The Town did get paid out from the insurance company, and the Town bought

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the truck back. A new truck can be ordered and delivered in about one year. The price for a new truck is approximately \$210,000.

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

Town Clerk's Monthly Report for February 2022

DCO Monthly Report for February 2022

Code Enforcement Officer's Monthly Report for February 2022

TOB Volunteer Fire Co. – There have been 43 calls for the year; 15 calls last month; covered three house fires for other towns; they are 95% compliant with all of the members having all of the OSHA training they are required, including sexual harassment and workplace violence; the new tanker has been ordered for a cost of approximately \$375,000, which will be delivered in about one year. They will reach out to the Community Fund regarding a grant.

Supervisor – Regarding Cleanup Days 2022, the electronics drop off date will have to be rescheduled from May to September. The Orchard Park Water Tank Replacement project is moving along. There will be a pre-demolition meeting on March 16, 2022. There was discussion regarding the financing for the Orchard Park Water Tank Replacement project.

Battery Energy Storage Committee – Update – A meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the TOB Town Hall. A first final revision was done on March 8th, and they will be going through the second final revision. They may have something to present to the Town Board at the April 5th Work Session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Wind Energy Systems Law - Update – Broome County has responded to the Town's 239 Review. Broome County is not identifying any significant Countywide or intercommunity impact associated with the proposed project. Councilperson Bensley, will be provided with the County's response, and will forward it along to the other Wind Committee members. After their review, the moratorium will be lifted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Highway Department – Authorization to Bid on 2015 Plow Truck – This subject was covered under Officials and Committee Reports.

CDBG – Declare April 2022 Fair Housing Month – Proclamation – Supervisor Rounds read the Proclamation, a copy of which is attached hereto. A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to adopt a Resolution declaring April 2022 Fair Housing month, and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Leighton. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Donahue, Leighton, Nye

Absent: Bensley

Nays: None

Declared adopted.

(Proclamation Appended)
(Resolution Appended)

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC:

Supervisor Rounds opened the floor to the public for comment at 7:43 p.m.

There being no presentations, Supervisor Rounds declared the floor closed at 7:43 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

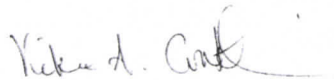
A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to go into Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss a personnel/legal matter, and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Leighton. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A motion was made by Councilperson Leighton to reconvene at 8:20 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 8:20 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, April 19, 2022, 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 March, 2022 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. of said day, the following were:

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

ABSENT: Councilperson Michael Bensley

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

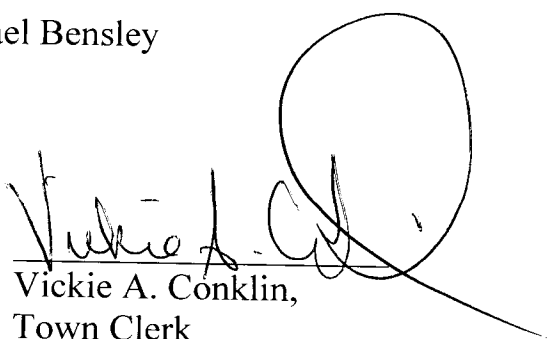
A roll call vote was then taken upon the Motion for the adoption of said Resolution, which resulted as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilperson Michael Bensley

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 166; 167; 168-170, 218; 171-184, 219, and 185-217 as audited, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that claim numbers 166; 167; 168-170, 218; 171-184, 219, and 185-217 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.

PROCLAMATION

MONTH OF APRIL

"WHEREAS, in accordance with the Title VIII Fair Housing Policy of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and,

WHEREAS, the month of April 2022 has been designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity as Fair Housing Month.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town
~~(Village/Town/County)~~
of Binghamton hereby declares and proclaims April as Fair Housing Month
in the Town of Binghamton
~~(Village/Town/County)~~

Elizabeth Rounds, Supervisor
(Title)

RESOLUTION

At a regularly scheduled Board 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 March, 2022 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. of said day, the following were:

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

ABSENT: Councilperson Michael Bensley

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

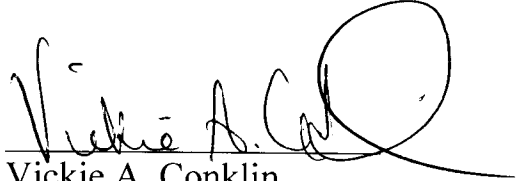
A roll call vote was then taken upon the Motion for the adoption of said Resolution, which resulted as follows:

AYES: All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilperson Michael Bensley

The Resolution was then declared adopted.


Vickie A. Conklin,
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the Town Board approve and declare April 2022 as Fair Housing Month in the Town of Binghamton.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS

RESOLVED, that April 2022 is hereby declared Fair Housing Month in the Town of Binghamton; and it is 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.