TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD June 21, 2022

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022, 7:00 P.M., TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN HALL, 279 PARK AVENUE, BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Supervisor Rounds.

ROLL CALL:

E. Rounds, Supervisor	Present	M. Leighton, Councilperson	Absent
M. Bensley, Councilperson	Present	D. Nye, Councilperson	Present
M. Donahue, Deputy Supervisor	r Present	, ,	11000110

OTHERS PRESENT:

V. Conklin, Town Clerk	E. Einstein, The Country Courier
A. Pope, Town Attorney	3 Guests
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R. Rolston, Highway Superintendent

N. Pappas, Code Enforcement Officer/Buildings & Grounds

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

Lighting	Claim No. 461	\$ 25.24
Water	Claim No. 462-465	\$ 1,085.05
Highway	Claim No. 466-477	\$ 5,635.05
General	Claim No. 478-502	\$ 45,123.86

The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. There was discussion regarding the audited claims for the Hawleyton Cemetery and the Historical Society. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Donahue, Bensley, Nye Absent: Leighton

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:

A correction was made to the June 7, 2022 Work Session minutes on page 4 – Zoning Board of Appeals, sentence three, the word Planning was replaced with the word ZBA.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC:

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

<u>John Giammarino</u> – Mr.Giammarino stated that he intends to build a 40'x60' pole barn at 1103 Hawleyton Road for storage. The property is zoned commercial. He will now go to the Planning Board to continue the process. Questions were asked and answered.

There being no further presentations, the floor was declared closed at 7:14 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Free Fishing Days - Saturday, June 25 & Sunday, June 26, 2022

Primary Day – Tuesday, June 28, 2022 – 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the TOB Town Hall

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

<u>Planning Board</u> – A special meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the TOB Town Hall. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the TOB Town Hall. There was discussion concerning a proposed subdivision on 65 acres at the top of Mill Street, which will include 33 individual homes, 10 four-unit townhouses, and five estate houses.

Zoning Board of Appeals – The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the TOB Town Hall.

Youth Commission - There was no report.

<u>Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds</u> – There were two no shows for code cases in Court today. The owner of 25 Powers Road has hired an attorney, who appeared in Court today, and is in the process of evicting the tenants. The owner claims that the electric has been completed, but Code Enforcement has not received a Certificate.

<u>Highway Department</u> – They have been doing a little bit of patching and ditch cleaning. The South Mountain sewer lining is complete, but there are a couple of problem areas that need to be fixed; the footer walls are being firmed up for the new water tank, and they are working on the storm sewer infrastructure (pipes) in Orchard Park.

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

Town Clerk's Monthly Report for May 2022

DCO Monthly Report for May 2022 Code Enforcement Officer's Monthly Report for May 2022

TOB Volunteer Fire Co. – There was no report

Supervisor – Supervisor Rounds spoke with Gina at NYSERDA. NYSERDA has a benchmark list, which has levels that a municipality can attain in order to qualify for a \$5,000 grant. NYSERDA would like the Town to adopt two resolutions; one titled "Establishing Energy Benchmarking Requirements for Certain Municipal Buildings", which the Board members will review. The other Resolution is for New York State's Unified Solar Permit. Using NYSERDA's Resolutions for these will give the Town additional credits towards qualifying for the grant. The Town has attained other credits towards the grant. There was discussion. Supervisor Rounds read NYSERDA's Resolution, a copy of which is appended hereto. A motion was made by Councilperson Nye to adopt NYSERDA's Resolution to approve the adoption of the New York State Unified Solar Permit, and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. There was further discussion. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Donahue, Bensley, Nye Absent: Leighton

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

Supervisor Rounds mentioned that Robin Laab, Broome County Director of Purchasing, followed up her budget update (May 17, 2022 Board meeting), with an e-mail response to questions that were not answered at the time of the County's budget update, which Supervisor Rounds had forwarded to Board Members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Town Hall Parking Lot – Paving Project - Quote – The Board is in receipt of a quote from Broome Bituminous Products, Inc. for paving of the Town Hall parking lot. A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to adopt a Resolution to approve the bid award to Broome Bituminous Products, Inc. for blacktopping and other related work for the Town Hall parking lot in the amount of \$56,037.50, which said quote includes escalation costs for asphalt and fuel prices, and 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, Donahue, Bensley, Nye Absent: Leighton

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

NEW BUSINESS:

<u>ZBA – Appointment of Mark Bordeau</u> – A motion was made by Councilperson Nye to appoint Mark Bordeau as Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson effective July 1, 2022, and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. There was discussion. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

<u>ZBA – Chelsea Mozley – Resignation</u> – A motion was made by Councilperson Bensley to accept the resignation of Chelsea Mozley as ZBA Secretary/Processor effective July 1, 2022, and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye. There was discussion. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

<u>CDBG – Applicant Approvals – Kevin Brown; Charles & Susan Huguine</u> – Residents Charles & Susan Huguine have been prequalified for the CDBG funds for windows and doors, siding, roofing, exterior carpentry, and other (detectors) for property located at 461 Morgan Road in the amount of \$29,725. A motion was made by Councilperson Bensley to adopt a Resolution to approve the allocation of funds for the Huguine property located 461 Morgan Road, Binghamton, New York, in the amount of \$29,725, and 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, Donahue, Bensley, Nye Absent: Leighton

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

Resident Kevin Brown has been prequalified for the CDBG funds for roofing, windows and doors, siding, electric and other (gutters) for property located at 1957 Jefferson Street in the amount of \$35,450. A motion was made by Councilperson Bensley to adopt a Resolution to approve the allocation of funds for the Brown property located 1957 Jefferson Street, Binghamton, New York, in the amount of \$35,450, 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, Bensley, Nye Absent: Leighton

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC:

Supervisor Rounds opened the floor to the public for comment at 8:24 p.m.

There being no presentations, Supervisor Rounds declared the floor closed at 8:24 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 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 Work Session to be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 5:30 p.m., at the Town of Binghamton Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, NY.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Conklin

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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 21st day of June, 2022 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. of said day, the following were:

PRESENT: Supervisor Elizabeth Rounds

Councilperson Dean Nye

Councilperson Michael Donahue Councilperson Michael Bensley

ABSENT: Councilperson Mark Leighton

The Resolution set forth below was duly offered by Councilperson Bensley, 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 Donahue

Councilperson Dean Nye

Councilperson Michael Bensley

NAYS:

None

ABSENT:

Councilperson Mark Leighton

The Resolution was then declared adopted.

Vickie A. Conklin,

WHEREAS, by motion Councilperson Bensley has recommended that the Town Board approve claim numbers 461; 462-465; 466-477, and 478-502 as audited, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that claim numbers 461; 462-465; 466-477, and 478-502 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 ADOPTION OF THE NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED SOLAR PERMIT

WHEREAS, The Binghamton Town Board duly adopted the "NYS Fire Prevention and Building Construction" code to provide minimum requirements to safeguard the public safety; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Binghamton Code Enforcement Officer, who administers and enforces all provisions of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, the New York State Energy Code, and the Town of Binghamton Code; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Binghamton requires the issuance of a building permit for the construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, removal or demolition of any building or other structure; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code regulates the design, construction, installation, alteration and repair of equipment and systems using solar systems; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority has developed a New York State Unified Solar Permit that reduces the cost for solar projects by streamlining municipal permitting processes: and

WHEREAS, The Binghamton Town Board desires to promote the streamlining of the application process for small-scale photovoltaic system installations under 25 kW in size by adopting the New York State Unified Solar Permit application form and implementing the new procedures,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Binghamton Town Board hereby adopts the New York State Unified Solar Permit application form and procedures for the installation of small-scale photovoltaic systems; and it is further

RESOLVED, The Town of Binghamton Code Enforcement Officer is hereby directed to use said New York State Unified Solar Permit application for and procedures in the issuance of building permits for the installation of small-scale photovoltaic systems; and it is further

RESOLVED, Any further actions required of the Town of Binghamton to effect the foregoing are hereby authorized and the Town Supervisor, Elizabeth Rounds is hereby authorized to execute and deliver any instruments, documents or the like as required to effect the same.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Elizabeth Rounds, Supervisor

Michael Donahue, Deputy Supervisor

Michael Bensley, Councilperson

Dean Nye, Councilperson

This resolution was adopted June 21, 2022

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 21st day of June, 2022 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. of said day, the following were:

PRESENT: Supervisor Elizabeth A. Rounds

Councilperson Michael Bensley

Councilperson Dean Nye

Councilperson Michael Donahue

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,

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the Town Board approve the bid or quote by Broome Bituminous for blacktopping and other related work at Town Hall for their bid price of \$56,037.50.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS

RESOLVED, that the bid award to Broome Bituminous for blacktopping and other related work at Town Hall for the bid price of \$56,037.50, is hereby approved; 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.

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 21st day of June, 2022 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. of said day, the following were:

PRESENT: Supervisor Elizabeth A. Rounds

Councilperson Michael Bensley

Councilperson Dean Nye

Councilperson Michael Donahue

ABSENT: Councilperson Mark Leighton

The Resolution set forth below was duly offered by Councilperson Bensley, 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,

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the Town Board approve the CDBG grant application of Charles and Susan Huguine for the property at 461 Morgan Road in the amount of \$29,725.00.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS

RESOLVED, that the CDBG grant application of Charles and Susan Huguine for the property at 461 Morgan Road in the amount of \$29,725.00 is hereby approved; 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.

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 21st day of June, 2022 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. of said day, the following were:

PRESENT: Supervisor Elizabeth A. Rounds

Councilperson Michael Bensley

Councilperson Dean Nye

Councilperson Michael Donahue

ABSENT: Councilperson Mark Leighton

The Resolution set forth below was duly offered by Councilperson Bensley, 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,

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WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the Town Board approve the CDBG grant application of Kevin Brown for the property at 1957 Jefferson Street in the amount of \$35,450.00.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS

RESOLVED, that the CDBG grant application of Kevin Brown for the property at 1957 Jefferson Street in the amount of \$35,450.00 is hereby approved; 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.