

**TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD**

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023, 6:00 P.M., TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN HALL, 279 PARK AVENUE, BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Rounds.

ROLL CALL:

E. Rounds, Supervisor	Present	D. Nye, Councilperson	Present
M. Bensley, Councilperson	Present	V. Conklin, Councilperson	Present
M. Donahue, Deputy Supervisor	Present	1 guest	Present

OTHERS PRESENT:

T. Tokos, Town Clerk
G. Middleton, Town Attorney
N. Pappas, Code Enforcement Officer/Building and Grounds
Z. Soboleski, Code Enforcement Officer/Building and Grounds
M. Leighton, Highway Superintendent

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:

Lighting	Claim No. 88	\$	39.27
Special Districts	Claim No. 94	\$	244,582.00
Water	Claim No. 89 - 93	\$	1,720.84
Highway	Claim No. 95 - 103, 12	\$	32,303.47
General	Claim No. 104 -124	\$	7,523.10
TOTAL			\$286,168.68

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, Nye, Bensley, Conklin Absent: None

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:

There were no corrections made to the February 7, 2023 Work Session minutes.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC:

Supervisor Rounds opened the floor to the public for comments at 6:05 p.m.

There being no presentations, the floor was declared closed at 6:06 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There are no new announcements or communications.

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board – The next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the TOB Town Hall. Deputy Supervisor Donahue stated that there is still discussion for open meetings for the Mill Street project and the solar project and will depend on the ZBA.

Zoning Board of Appeals – The next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting will be held on April 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the TOB Town Hall. ZBA will have a joint meeting with the Planning Board on April 25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. and will be discussing the Binghamton Solar Panel array.. Councilperson Nye stated that he had raised the question to a colleague regarding the possibility of the Town Board reconsidering the approval for the project. The response from Supervisor Rounds was that she didn't think so. Councilperson Nye also asked if there had been any pushback on the approval from the public regarding the Solar Project. Deputy Superintendent Donahue stated that the results for property survey for the Solar Farm are complete.

Youth Commission – The meeting was held on February 15, 2023. It was the last weekend for baseball for half the teams and are moving on to the Slim Tournament. There are a number of teams playing in the end of the year tournament, otherwise they are done next week. Wednesday, February 22, 2023 is the last K2 basketball night and the Booster Club will be finishing with a 15 minute pizza gathering. Registration forms are printed for baseball and softball and will be delivered to the schools tomorrow. They are hoping to get the kids in the gyms by mid-March. The opening day is usually scheduled around the first week of May. Councilperson Nye reported that families with participating members in the sports groups are very pleased with the programs, and he asked if there were any statistics to show the progress of growth of registrations from the last 12 months till present. None were available at the time of this meeting. Supervisor Rounds suggested that this information should possibly be included in the Youth Commission newsletter. \$12 thousand dollars was put in the Youth Commission Budget for new

scoreboards, and one will be purchased for each field. The approximate cost will be around \$5,000 for both. There are talks in progress about possibly adding lacrosse to the sports program.

*The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

(*subject to date and time change)

Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds – Code officer Zach Soboleski stated that the department is halfway through their fire inspections. Discussion was held regarding the property at 1976 Montrose Ave. This property is in violation of Chapter 106 of the Town of Binghamton Code (Dangerous or Unsafe Buildings), as the roof is ready to collapse, there is a hole on the left side of the roof, the dormer is ready to collapse into the structure and there are junk vehicles, equipment and assorted junk scattered all over the property. Under the recommendation of Supervisor Rounds, this property needs to be demolished. Attorney Middleton has informed the Town Board that the paperwork will commence, and the Board have to have a hearing to deem and find the building unsafe, and then authorize the structure for demolition. Attorney Middleton's office will set the date and time for the public hearing at the next Town Board Meeting.

Highway Department – Superintendent Leighton informed the Town Board that the Highway department will continue to monitor weather programs for changes in the forecasts. Follow up on Foland Road steep grade situation. Superintendent Leighton spoke to a fellow Superintendent, and Deputy Supervisor Donahue, regarding putting a weight restriction on Foland Road. After some research on this subject, Superintendent Leighton has learned that there can be a temporary weight restriction put on the road. He must present a letter to the Board for approval, and with approval, signs can be posted regarding the restriction. Leighton questioned whether steep grade signs should be posted. After the approval from the Town Board, the information for the restriction must be published in the Country Courier and on the Town webpage. Deputy Supervisor Donahue informed the board that due to there being a local law regarding changing road regulations, there must be a public hearing on the matter and that the signs would only be temporary. Supervisor Rounds inquired if there needed to be a public hearing if the signs were temporary seasonal signs. There was some discussion held regarding various sizes of vans and trucks that are known to travel on Foland Road. Superintendent Leighton has a phone call out to the county for a traffic study but has not heard back from them yet. Councilperson Nye pointed out the fact that one or more residents have vocalized their concern regarding this situation, and since the Board is reacting to this matter, the residents will be happy that the matter is being addressed, and that a seasonal restriction sign should satisfy the residents' concern. There was discussion on exactly 'how much' the weight restriction should be, and that the Town would be responsible for posting the sign, and not the County.

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

Town Clerk's Monthly Report for January 2023

DCO Monthly Report for January 2023

Code Enforcement Officer's Monthly Report for January 2023

TOB Volunteer Fire Co. – Kevin Olds gave a detailed report for the T.O.B.V.F.C.

Since the last board meeting, there have been 12 fire calls. 3 C.O. calls, 1 mutual aid call with

Conklin, 2 EMS assists, 1 wire down, 3 house fires, 1 motor vehicle accident and 1 tree down. One of the fires occurred at 4:00 a.m. in -15 degree weather. It has been reported that the new tanker will be in service by Monday. Supervisor Rounds questioned whether or not Mr. Olds had a chance to speak with Fire Chief Lewis regarding the emergency plan. It was suggested that the office of ERC (Emergency services) be moved from the office of the Town Supervisor up to Station #3 as they have a room with the radio, and county communications, and there will be more privacy for the Fire Department to convene without interference. Mr. Olds requested that in Section 8 of the ALERT roster, that the Fire Chief/Fire Company be notified in addition to the Town Supervisor and Highway Superintendent, and the command center be listed as 457 Park Avenue. There was some discussion as to whether or not the land line phones at that location still work. It will be checked and reported back to Supervisor Rounds on its condition. Supervisor Rounds requests a change under Article 10, Operations Phase, that individuals should report emergencies to the command centers at the Highway Garage OR Station #3 at 457 Park Avenue depending on the emergency. There will be more discussion about this at the next work session. Supervisor Rounds inquired of Mr. Pappas, if there is anyone in residence in the Montrose Avenue property. He said that it is unoccupied but the taxes are current. He also stated there is no one residing at the Park Avenue residence.

Supervisor Report- Next clean up days will be May, 19 & 20, 2023. There will be another set of clean up days – September 15 & 16, 2023. There will be no electronics collection until further notice. Zach Soboleski has found Galaxy tablets through Best Buy, originally priced at \$230.00 now on sale for \$140.00, and the tablets have been ordered for the Council members. They will decide on an email address for their individual tablets. The Supervisor has suggested that the email addresses be listed as 'Council 1, 2, 3, 4@townofbinghamton.com so that when new members are elected they will just need to change the passwords. There was some discussion regarding using Google Drive as a sharing tool for large documents. The new tablets should be available for council members by the next Town Board meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The County has not yet finished passing the resolution for the Volunteer Firefighters/Ambulance Workers tax exemption. Kevin Olds provided packets for the board members containing the NY State Laws, and the resolution that was reviewed by the county attorney. It was due to be passed on February 16, 2023, but he believes that there were so many resolution ns that the county just didn't get to it yet. In Section 3 of the property tax laws, it has been added in that 'The applicant shall maintain continual eligibility for the exemption in accordance with the definition of "active member" as set forth by the authority having jurisdiction'. Kevin then pointed out the requirements to be an considered as an 'active member' for the T.O.B. Volunteer Fire Department. (section 2.1.3) . He then directed the board to view the bylaws of the town fire departments' requirements. There was a lengthy discussion in regards for requirements for the \$200 income tax rebate and various tax deductions for firemen. The Towns of Binghamton, Conklin, and Kirkwood need to meet en masse to discuss budget issues with the school board. The school district has to pass their budget to be able to redistribute funds to the Fire companies. Supervisor Rounds would like to set a Public Hearing on this matter, but will delay the Public Hearing until the county approves the resolution. Any results of these actions will not occur until 2024.

NEW BUSINESS: Budget transfers and budget amendments and the differences between the two were explained. Supervisor Rounds stated that she had met with bookkeeper Reifler regarding funds being transferred from unused funds, and revenue accounts to balance out larger accounts. There were 4 line items in the consolidated water districts that were over budget by \$32,552.00. Monies were pulled from the debit side to the amendment side from underbudget accounts, and also the revenue accounts to balance the account. The highway funds did not have to use any revenue. The CHIPS line item for \$101, 698 was balanced because of revenue money. Councilperson Nye questioned the Highway underspending their budget by \$97,617 dollars and asked what was done with the highway fund balance. Supervisor Rounds explained that the books are not totaled out yet, and these are just budget transfers made to balance out the accounts. Discussion occurred regarding overspending of the General fund, as there was noted overspending for the New Town Hall Roof, and subsequent engineering costs. Supervisor Rounds pointed out that the Capital Improvement funds covers the Orchard Park water tank. There will be money going into the funds balance, and the balance getting lower is a positive sign. Councilperson Nye made a motion to adopt a Resolution to approve the budget transfers and budget amendments. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Bensley. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Nye, Bensley, Conklin

Absent: Donahue

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Declared Adopted

(Resolution Appended)

Councilperson Bensley made a motion to approve the CDBG application for Steven Piscina of 3987 Roberts Road, for the total cost of \$31,275.80 for Paint, Window & Doors, Roof, Interior Carpentry and Other (Detectors). The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Nye, Bensley, Conklin

Absent: Donahue

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Declared Adopted

(Resolution Appended)

Town Clerk Tracy Tokos has mailed out letters to grant recipients regarding town codes, and Code Enforcement Officers, Pappas and Soboleski will start inspecting the properties of grant recipients.

Councilperson Nye inquired as to if the Town has applied once again for grants. The cost to file an application is \$6500 dollars. Supervisor Rounds stated that this will be put in the budget for the year 2024.

Highway Superintendent Leighton informed the board that the Highway Department will be sending the sewer jetter to Ohio for repair. The cost will be \$20,000 and this will be just for the computer portion/electronics for the jetter. To replace the jetter with a new one would be over \$90,000. The last time the machine was repaired was 10 years ago when it was still covered under warranty.

Supervisor Rounds informed the council that she received email from a resident on Ingraham Hill, who reported that there is a bright strobe light on one of the towers that is flooding into the inside of their home. It has been found out that there is a bad dimmer mechanism that went bad and the strobe is used to alert people to the faulty mechanism.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC:

Supervisor Rounds opened the floor to the public for comment at 7:30 p.m.

There being no presentations, Supervisor Rounds declared the floor closed at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilperson Bensley to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. and was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. 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, March 7, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m., at the Town of Binghamton Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, NY.

The Next Town Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m., at the Town of Binghamton Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, NY.

Transcribed by,

Paula J. Edwards
Deputy Town Clerk

Paula J. Edwards
Dep Town Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Tokos
Town Clerk

Tracy Tokos

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 Office Building, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, New York, on the 21st day of February, 2023 at 6:00 o'clock P.M. of said day, the following were:

PRESENT: Supervisor Elizabeth Rounds
Councilperson Michael Bensley
Councilperson Dean Nye
Councilperson Vickie Conklin

ABSENT: Deputy Supervisor Michael Donahue

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

A 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 Dean Nye
Councilperson Vickie Conklin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Deputy Supervisor Michael Donahue

The Resolution was then declared adopted.

Tracy Tokos,
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the Town Board approve the CDBG grant application of Steven Piscina for the property at 3987 Roberts Road, Binghamton in the amount of \$31,275.80 as set forth in the memo to the Board, and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS

RESOLVED, that the CDBG grant application of Steven Piscina for the property at 3987 Roberts Road, Binghamton in the amount of \$31,275.80 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.

**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS
PLAN**

**TOWN OF
BINGHAMTON
BROOME COUNTY
NEW YORK**

Board Approved _____

OFFICIALS OF THE
TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK

ELIZABETH ROUNDS
SUPERVISOR

MIKE BENSLEY
COUNCIL

MICHAEL DONAHUE
COUNCIL

VICKIE CONKLIN
COUNCIL

DEAN NYE
COUNCIL

GINA MIDDLETON
TOWN ATTORNEY

LAWRENCE BRINKER
TOWN JUSTICE

MARK LEIGHTON
HIGHWAY
SUPERINTENDENT

TRACY TOKOS
TOWN CLERK

JOE COOK
ASSESSOR

NICK PAPPAS
CODES& BUILDING
INSPECTOR

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EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK

I. MISSION

To provide for measures to be taken to reduce the effects of potential disasters; provide for a coordinated response by Town Personnel; receive assistance from County, State, Federal, Private Agencies, and Quasi Public Agencies to protect life, health and property; to restore essential services within the Town in the event of a disaster (emergency). Disaster, as used herein, shall include natural and man-made disasters (emergencies).

The Highway Superintendent shall update the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) each December and the Town Board shall authorize the EOP each January at the annual reorganizational meeting.

An EOP, of the latest revision, shall be issued to all elected officials and administrative staff as revisions occur and when new officials or staff are employed.

II. AUTHORITY

The authority for this plan and declaration of emergency is contained in the New York State Executive Law Article 2-B. Under this law, the Town of Binghamton is authorized to prepare a disaster plan to enable it to deal effectively with potential disaster situations.

Statutory authority is given to the Town Supervisor to designate and be responsible for an emergency situation occurring or affecting the Town of Binghamton. The Town Supervisor or their successor is the only person who may request assistance from the next higher level of government. For the Town of Binghamton, the next higher level of government would be the Broome County Governing body.

III. LINE OF SUCCESSION

1. Town Supervisor
2. Any Available Town Councilmember
3. Highway Superintendent

IV. DECLARATION

The Town Binghamton Supervisor in the Town of Binghamton, New York, hereby certifies:

(SEE PAGE 5 FOR THE STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION)

V. STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

I, Elizabeth Rounds, Supervisor of the Town of Binghamton, Broome County, New York, hereby certify as follows: There exists in the Town Of Binghamton, New York, a _____ (Disaster).

As a result of this disaster, a State of Emergency within the Town of Binghamton, New York, is now in effect:

TIME: _____

DATE: _____

This State of Emergency shall continue until rescinded by the Town Supervisor.

The following orders, including but not limited to, are hereby promulgated to protect life and property and to bring the emergency under control:

- 1) Pursuant to Highway Law Section 104, the closing of public roads and streets or parts thereof; and the prohibition and/or control of pedestrian and vehicular traffic thereon;
- 2) Prohibition and/or regulation of occupancy and use of specific buildings and areas; the evacuation of persons and property from said buildings and areas;
- 3) Prohibition and control of the presence of persons on public roads/streets and places;
- 4) Pursuant to Executive Law, Chapters 640 and 641, the Supervisor shall have the authority where immediate action is required to protect life and property and to enter into contracts or the purchase of supplies, materials, or equipment bypassing normal competitive bidding procedures.
- 5) Pursuant to Executive Law, Chapters 640 and 641, the Supervisor shall have the authority upon receipt of a request to lend, lease, or exchange on such terms and conditions as deemed necessary any service, equipment, supplies, or other resources of the Town of Binghamton for the purpose of assisting a political subdivision during the period of emergency herewith proclaimed.

The State of Emergency shall continue upon declaration by the County of Broome, New York. (Generally five (5) days unless rescinded or extended)

TIME: _____

DATE: _____

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

Upon the declaration of emergency, accurate, timely news information shall be released only through the Office of the Supervisor.

VII. TYPES OF DISASTERS

Include but are not limited to:

NATURAL	MAN-MADE
Flood	Rail Accident
Hurricane	Highway Accident
Windstorm	Aircraft Accident
Landslide	Chemical Accident
Fire	Fuel/Explosive Accident
Snowstorm	
Blizzard	

(Such other which may strike with little or no warning)

VIII. ALERT ROSTER AND NOTIFICATION

- 1) The alert roster attached in **Appendix A** shall be executed in an expeditious manner, normally by telephone and/or personal contact.
- 2) This plan shall be initiated by the Town of Binghamton Supervisor, who shall notify the Highway Superintendent. In the event the Town Supervisor is unavailable, any Board Member may initiate. The Highway Superintendent may initiate should Board Members be unavailable.

Individual responsibility for the notification of others is demonstrated in the accompanying **Appendix A**.

- a) Whenever one cannot reach an individual for whom they have contact responsibility, word shall be left for the absentee to call back at the earliest possible time, if possible.
- b) If an individual whose responsibility is to alert others is not available, the caller shall take it upon themselves to contact all those for whom the absentee is responsible.
- c) Each person responsible for contacting others shall report the results of their contacts for which they received the alert notification as soon as possible but no later than twenty (20) minutes after first being notified. The Supervisor may stipulate an earlier response time.

IX. EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Contact information for relevant officers, employees, and agencies are attached in **Appendix B**.

X. OPERATIONS BASE

When notified, all individuals shall report to the Town Highway Garage, 865 Hawleyton Road, Binghamton, New York, unless specifically instructed to report elsewhere.

*or Station 3
457 Park Ave*

Time Cards shall be stamped immediately upon arrival. Provisions shall be made for those who do not have time cards at the premises.

All individuals shall dress in appropriate issued gear for the disaster. Issued gear shall be stored and maintained in the lockers provided at the Town Highway Garage.

XI. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

A. Snow Storm - Blizzard

The Supervisor shall have the responsibility and be the lead agency for the following:

- 1) Determine if a State of Emergency shall be called for in the Town.
- 2) If such need is determined, have either the Supervisor or Highway Superintendent declare a Town of Binghamton State of Emergency.
- 3) Alert personnel from the Highway Department pursuant to alert procedures (See VIII).
- 4) Additional personnel from other Highway or Public Works Departments shall be alerted for emergency services as required.
- 5) If no emergency is called, have personnel report on an on-call basis.
- 6) All personnel shall be compensated under the provisions of the work contract.
- 7) Determine if a County State of Emergency has been declared.
- 8) Personnel shall be released when the Highway Superintendent deems the mission under control.

B. Wind Storm - Hurricane

The Supervisor shall have the responsibility and be the lead agency and follow procedures in "A" above.

The Highway Superintendent shall have the responsibility and be the lead agency for the following:

- 1) Institute standard operational procedures on pump stations.
- 2) Alert residents in the affected area(s) through the Office of the Supervisor.

- 3) When Broome County declares an emergency, and upon a call from the State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), provide assistance for barrier installation with Highway personnel.
- 4) Continue clean-up operations with all available Highway Department personnel.
- 5) Release personnel when the Highway Superintendent deems the mission under control.

C. Other Emergencies

The Supervisor shall determine the responsible individual and lead agency when the emergency is declared. Alert procedures shall be incorporated upon declaration.

D. Outside Assistance

Should the Town exhaust its resources, requests for outside assistance shall be directed to the County Office of Disaster Preparedness at (607) 778-2170.

E. Housing Emergency

The American Red Cross has agreements with various jurisdictions, organizations, and facilities across Broome County to set up emergency shelters when needed. The American Red Cross provides mass shelter and food for evacuees as well as for disaster workers.

XII. COMMAND CENTER

Upon issuance of a Statement of Certification that a State of Emergency exists within the Town of Binghamton, an emergency operations command center will be established as follows:

1. The command center will be located at the Volunteer Fire Company, Station 3 at 457 Park Ave., Binghamton, NY 13903. The Board and all department heads will be notified by the Supervisor's Office of the existence of the command center.
2. The command center will be operational 24 hours/day for the duration of the State of Emergency and will work in concert with the Broome County command center as lead agency.

XIII. All Department Heads will assist the Supervisor in scheduling employees from their respective departments to ensure the Command Center remains staffed.

XIV. State of Emergency information shall be given only at the direction of the Supervisor. The Supervisor or Highway Superintendent shall ensure that all phone lines are routed to (607) 772-0357, after normal working hours. All inquiries shall be directed to that phone line and the individuals staffing said phone line at the direction of the Supervisor for updated information.

XV. All phone inquiries shall be recorded in message books dedicated to the State of Emergency.

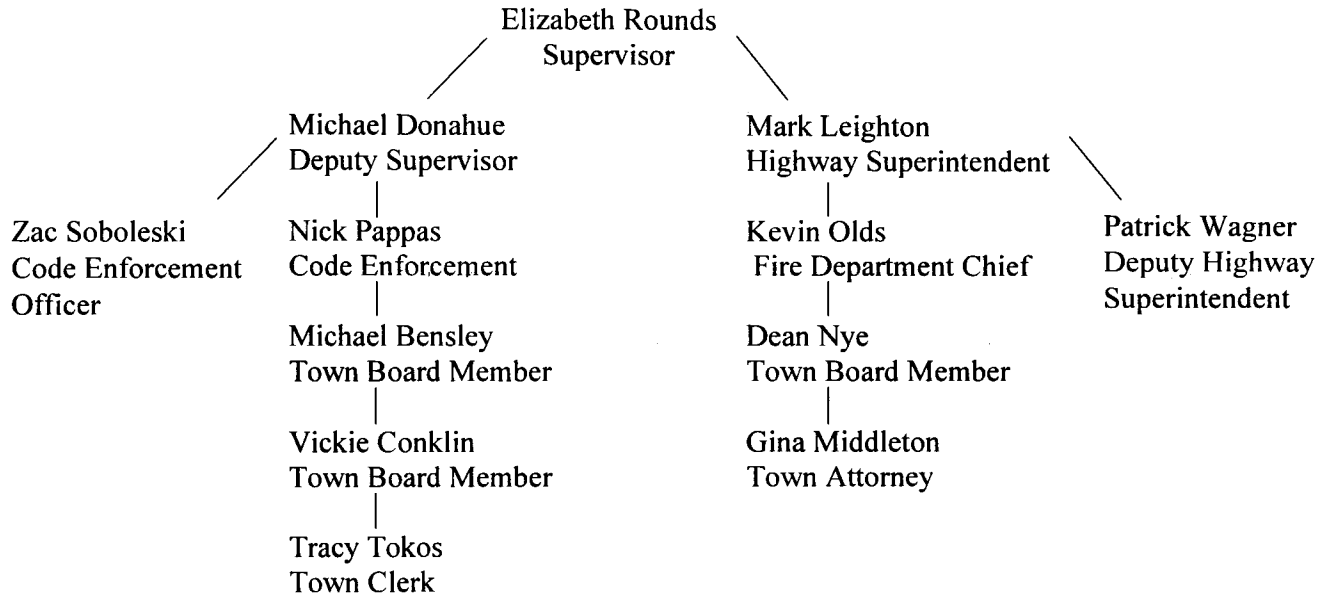
XVI. The Supervisor shall schedule a meeting or conference call with individuals representing all emergency service providers. This meeting shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- a. All Fire Departments servicing the Town of Binghamton
- b. State Police
- c. Broome County Sheriff
- d. Town Council
- e. Town Highway Superintendent
- f. Broome Volunteer Emergency Squad

This meeting or conference call will determine the course of action, the frequency of future meetings or conference calls and the topics of discussion.

Appendix A

Alert Roster



APPENDIX B

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Mark Leighton	(W) (607) 669-4323
Highway Superintendent	(C) (607) 343-1149

Patrick Wagner	(W) (607) 669-4323
Deputy Highway Superintendent	(C) (607) 761-0811

CODE AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

Nick Pappas	(W) (607) 772-0357 Ext. 012
Code Enforcement Officer	(H) (607) 772-9169
	(C) (607) 343-3564

Zac Soboleski	(W) (607) 772-0357 Ext. 014
Code Enforcement Officer	(C) (607) 727-5352

ADMINISTRATION

Elizabeth Rounds	(W) (607) 773-8131
Supervisor	(H) (607) 669-4328
	(C) (607) 725-2028

Mike Bensley	(H) (607) 669-4614
Councilperson	(C) (607) 759-2606

Vickie Conklin	(H) (607) 669-4871
Councilperson	(C) (607) 343-2244

Michael Donahue	(H) (607) 669-4589
Councilperson	(C) (607) 759-8827

Dean Nye	(H) (607) 772-6228
Councilperson	(C) (607) 727-4200

Gina Middleton	(W) (607) 723-9511
Town Attorney	(C) (716) 416-4467

Lawrence Brinker	(W) (607) 772-0357 Ext. 020
Town Justice	(H) (607) 237-0003
	(C) (607) 206-2167

Tracy Tokos, Town Clerk	(W) (607) 772-0357 Ext. 026
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(H) 607-222-6614

Joe Cook, Assessor

(W) (607) 772-0357 Ext. 015

(C) 607-725-8960

NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

New York State

Police – (607) 775-1241

Transportation – (607) 721-8116

NYSDEC – (607) 773-7763

Broome County

Executive – (607) 778-2109

Dept. Public Works – (607) 778-2909

Disaster Preparedness – (607) 778-2170

Sheriff – (607) 778-1911

FIRE COMPANIES

Town of Binghamton – (607) 785-0985

Binghamton Center – (607) 748-1321

Choconut Center – (607) 797-0914

NEWS MEDIA T.V.

WBNCTV 12 – Ph. (607) 729-9575 Fax (607) 729-4022

FOX TV 40 – Ph. (607) 770-4040 Fax (607) 798-7950

WIVT TV 34/WBGH – Ph. (607) 771-3434 Fax (607) 723-6403

WSKG TV 46 – Ph. (607) 729-0100 Fax (607) 729-7328

NEWS MEDIA RADIO

WNBF 1290 AM – Ph. (607) 772-8400 Fax (607) 722-3438

STAR 105.7 FM – Ph. (607) 785-3131 Fax (607) 584-5900

WINR 680 AM – Ph. (607) 775-4243 Fax (607) 584-5900

WEBO 1330 AM – Ph. (607) 748-9131 Fax (607) 748-0061

SPEL 96.5 FM – Ph. (607) 773-0056 Fax (570) 278-1442

NEWS MEDIA NEWSPAPER

Press & Sun Bulletin – Ph. (607) 798-1234 Fax (607) 798-1113

Election Districts

Town of Binghamton: 3

Legend

- District Boundaries
- Municipal Boundaries

0 2,000 4,000 6,000 Feet
1 inch = 2,000 feet

GIS and Mapping Services

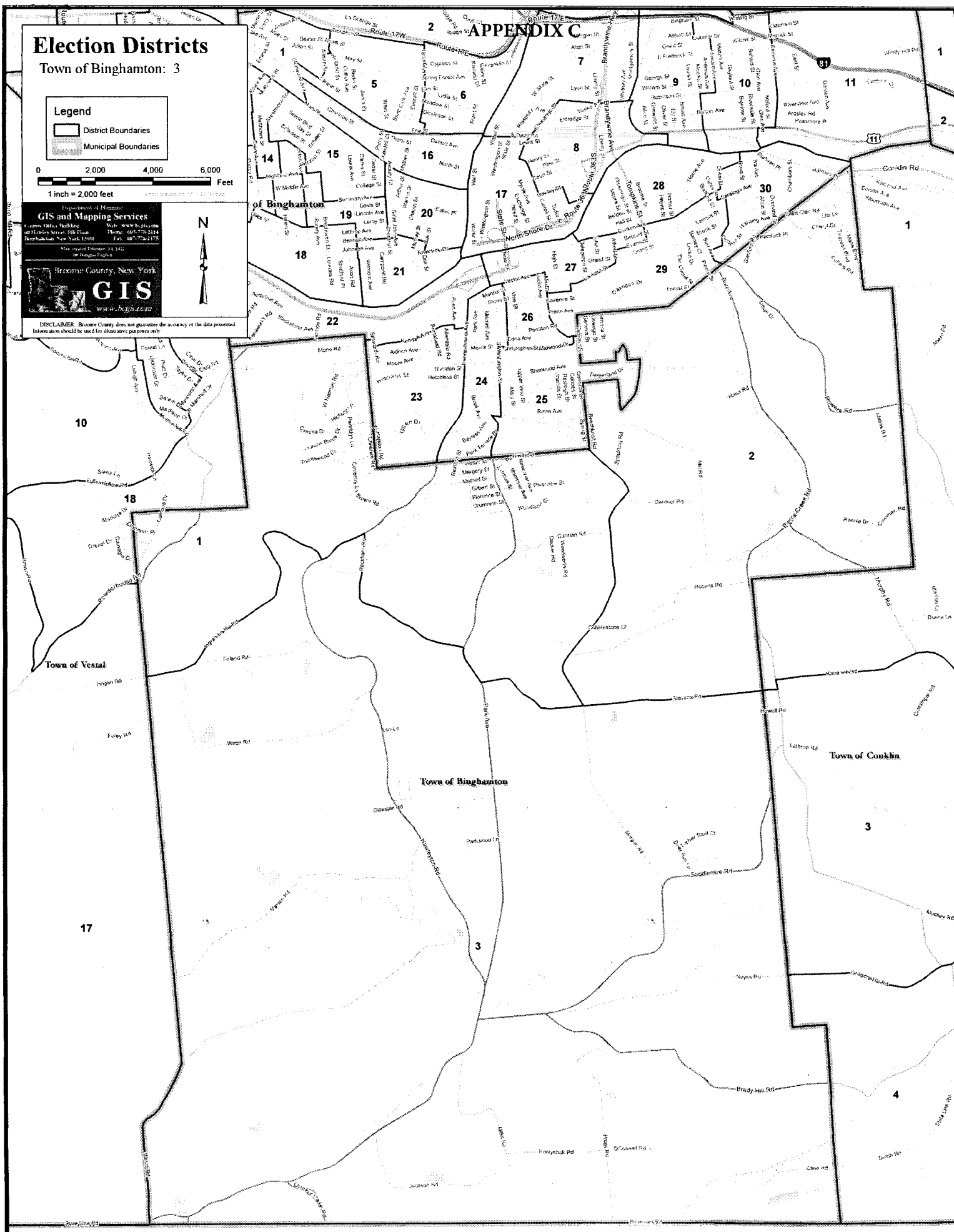
Department of Planning
GIS and Mapping Services
County Office Building
100 Hudson Street, 5th Floor
Binghamton, New York 13901
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APPENDIX C



LAWS OF NEW YORK, 2022

CHAPTER 670

AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to providing all local governments with the option to provide a property tax exemption to volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers; and to repeal various provisions of the real property tax law relating thereto

Became a law December 9, 2022, with the approval of the Governor.

Passed by a majority vote, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The real property tax law is amended by adding a new section 466-a to read as follows:

§ 466-a. Volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers. 1. Real property owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service or such enrolled member and spouse residing in any county shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of up to ten percent of the assessed value of such property for city, village, town, part town, special district, school district, fire district or county purposes, exclusive of special assessments, provided that the governing body of a city, village, town, school district, fire district or county, after a public hearing, adopts a local law, ordinance or resolution providing therefor.

2. Such exemption shall not be granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service residing in such county unless:

(a) the applicant resides in the city, town or village which is served by such incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service;

(b) the property is the primary residence of the applicant;

(c) the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided however, that in the event any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant's residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this section; and

(d) the applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service as an enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service, as determined by the governing body of a city, village, town, school district, fire district or county; provided, however, that such governing body shall establish a minimum service requirement for each applicant between two years of service and five years of service. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the governing body of each municipality, school district and/or fire district which adopts a local law, ordinance

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

or resolution pursuant to this section to determine the procedure for certification.

3. Any enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who accrues more than twenty years of active service and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, shall be granted the ten percent exemption as authorized by this section for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within such county provided that the governing body of a city, village, town, school district, fire district or county, after a public hearing, adopts a local law, ordinance or resolution providing therefor.

4. Un-remarried spouses of volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers killed in the line of duty. Any local law or ordinance adopted pursuant to this section may be separately amended, or a local law, ordinance or resolution may be separately adopted to continue an exemption or reinstate a pre-existing exemption claimed under such statutes by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, to such deceased enrolled member's un-remarried spouse if such member is killed in the line of duty; provided, however, that:

(a) such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of an enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who was killed in the line of duty; and

(b) such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least five years; and

(c) such deceased volunteer had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death.

5. Un-remarried spouses of deceased volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers. Any local law or ordinance adopted pursuant to this section may be separately amended, or a local law, ordinance or resolution may be separately adopted to continue an exemption or reinstate a pre-existing exemption to an un-remarried spouse of a deceased enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service; provided, however, that:

(a) such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of a deceased enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service; and

(b) such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least twenty years; and

(c) such deceased volunteer and un-remarried spouse had been receiving the exemption for such property prior to the death of such volunteer.

6. Application for such exemption shall be filed with the assessor or other agency, department or office designated by the municipality, school district and/or fire district offering such exemption on or before the taxable status date on a form as prescribed by the commissioner.

7. No applicant who is a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker who by reason of such status is receiving any benefit under the

provisions of this article on the effective date of this section shall suffer any diminution of such benefit because of the provisions of this section.

8. Any city, village, town, school district, fire district or county that currently, through local law, ordinance or resolution, provides an exemption from taxation for an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, such enrolled member and spouse, or an un-remarried spouse shall be authorized to continue to provide such exemption, provided however, such city, village, town, school district, fire district or county shall adopt a local law, ordinance or resolution to conform to the provisions of this section no later than three years after the effective date of this section.

9. Notice to affected municipalities. On or before December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-two, it shall be the duty of the commissioner or her or his designees to notify or cause to be notified, in a manner prescribed by the commissioner, the chief executive officer of each and any municipality in which former sections four hundred sixty-six-a, four hundred sixty-six-b, four hundred sixty-six-c, four hundred sixty-six-d, four hundred sixty-six-f, four hundred sixty-six-g, four hundred sixty-six-h, four hundred sixty-six-i, four hundred sixty-six-j, and four hundred sixty-six-k of the real property tax law apply, of the provisions of the chapter of the laws of two thousand twenty-two that added this section.

§ 2. Sections 466-a as added by chapter 617 of the laws of 1999, 466-b, 466-c, 466-d, 466-e, 466-f, 466-g, 466-h, 466-i, 466-j and 466-k of the real property tax law are REPEALED.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that section two of this act shall take effect three years after the effective date of this act.

The Legislature of the STATE OF NEW YORK ss:

Pursuant to the authority vested in us by section 70-b of the Public Officers Law, we hereby jointly certify that this slip copy of this session law was printed under our direction and, in accordance with such section, is entitled to be read into evidence.

ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS
Temporary President of the Senate

CARL E. HEASTIE
Speaker of the Assembly



Application for Volunteer Firefighters/Ambulance Workers Exemption

File this form with your local assessor by the taxable status date. See instructions.

Do **not** file this form with the Office of Real Property Tax Services.

Name(s) of owner		
Mailing address of owner(s) (number and street or PO Box)		Location of property (street address)
City, village, or post office	State	ZIP code
City, town, or village	State	ZIP code
Daytime contact number	Evening contact number	School district
Email address		Tax map number of section/block/lot: Property identification (see tax bill or assessment roll)

Mark an **X** in the appropriate box.

- 1 Is the property your primary residence?..... Yes ☐ No ☐
- 2 Name of the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated volunteer ambulance service that you serve: _____
- 2a Have you been an enrolled member of this organization for at least five years? Yes ☐ No ☐
If No, specify the number of years you have been enrolled as a member. _____
- 2b Do you reside in the city, town, or village served by this organization?..... Yes ☐ No ☐
- 2c Are you an un-remarried spouse of a deceased enrolled member who served for at least five years and who was killed in the same line of duty? Yes ☐ No ☐
- 2d Are you an un-remarried spouse of a member who is deceased and served for at least 20 years? Yes ☐ No ☐
- 3 Have you been granted a lifetime exemption in any municipality within the county? Yes ☐ No ☐
If Yes, which municipality? _____
- 4 Is any portion of the property used for purposes other than residential, such as farming, commercial, vacant land, or a professional office? Yes ☐ No ☐
If No, skip to Certification.
- 4a What percentage of the property is **not** used for residential purposes? _____
- 4b Explain such use and describe the portion that is so used. _____

Certification

I (we), _____, hereby certify that the information on this application and any accompanying pages constitutes a true statement of facts.

Signature (All owners must sign this application)	Phone number	Date

Return this form to the **local assessor** by the taxable status date. (See Deadline below.)

For Assessor's Use Only

Date application filed: _____

Action on application: Approved ☐ Denied ☐

Reason for denial (if applicable) : _____

Exemption applies to taxes levied by or for:

County _____ ☐ City _____ ☐ Town _____ ☐
Village _____ ☐ School _____ ☐ Fire _____ ☐

Assessor's name (print)	
Assessor's signature	Date

Instructions

Authorization for exemption

Real Property Tax Law § 466-a authorizes the governing body of a county, city, town, village, school district, fire district, or special district, to partially exempt up to 10% of the assessed value of the residence of a volunteer firefighter or ambulance worker. The exemption does not apply to special assessments.

An eligible city, village, town, school district, fire district, special district, or county may enact, after a public hearing, a local law, or a resolution in the case of a school district, to adopt the volunteer firefighters/ambulance workers exemption. Consult your assessor to ascertain whether the exemption is available locally.

Eligibility

Note: If you receive this exemption, you **cannot claim** a New York State income tax credit for the same volunteer service. However, if the property has multiple owners, the owner(s) whose volunteer service was not the basis of the exemption are eligible to claim that credit.

The exemption is available only to members of incorporated volunteer fire companies, fire departments, or incorporated ambulance services who have been certified as being enrolled members for a minimum of two to five years, depending on the policy. The municipality determines the procedure for certification.

At local option of the city, town, village, school district, fire district, special district, or county, an enrolled member who has accrued more than 20 years of active service may be granted the exemption for the remainder of their life, as long as the member's primary residence is located within such county.

At local option, the exemption may be continued or reinstated for the un-remarried spouse of an enrolled member killed in the line of duty who had been a member

of the volunteer fire company, fire department, or volunteer ambulance service for at least five years and was receiving the exemption prior to their death.

At local option, the exemption may be continued or reinstated for the un-remarried spouse of an enrolled member who accrued at least 20 years of active service and was receiving the exemption prior to their death.

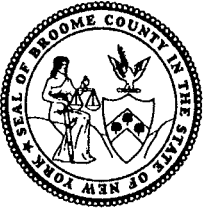
The exemption may be granted only to applicants who reside in the jurisdiction served by the fire company, fire department, or ambulance service. The exemption is only available for the applicant's primary residence and only to property (or the portion thereof) exclusively used for residential purposes.

Deadline

If one or more of your localities have opted to offer this exemption, you must file the application in the assessor's office on or before the appropriate taxable status date, which, in most towns, is March 1. Consult with your assessor to confirm the deadline for your municipality.

Once the exemption is granted, the exemption may continue for the authorized period provided that the eligibility requirements continue to be satisfied. It is not necessary to reapply after the initial year for the exemption for it to continue.

For further information, ask your local assessor. To find your local assessor's contact information, visit our website or your locality's website.



BROOME COUNTY NEW YORK

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Broome County Legislature To Vote On Property Tax Exemption For Volunteer First Responders

Volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel in Broome County will be eligible for a property tax exemption under a new County resolution. County Executive Jason Garnar and the Broome County Legislature announced details of the proposal Thursday at the Port Dickinson Fire Department.

“Volunteer first responders sacrifice time with their own families in order to protect ours,” said Broome County Executive Jason Garnar. “Providing them with this tax exemption is not only a way to say ‘thank you,’ but it will help us attract more men and women to our dozens of local volunteer departments. I appreciate the work of our State representatives who helped pass legislation that allows us to pass on savings to our volunteers.”

“This is a great opportunity to provide some relief for those who do so much for our community,” said Broome County Legislature Chairman & 5th District Legislator Dan J. Reynolds. “This exemption will help address ongoing recruiting challenges and also show our volunteer First Responders how much we appreciate their service and sacrifices.”

Under the proposed resolution, volunteer firefighters and EMS workers that have served with their department for at least two years will be eligible for an exemption of up to 10% of the assessed value of their property. The introduction of this resolution was made possible following the passage of a bill through the State Legislature last June that allows local governments to provide this option to its property owners. The County resolution will be considered by the County Legislature as part of its February agenda.

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RESOLUTION
BROOME COUNTY LEGISLATURE
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

Sponsored by: County Administration, Public Safety & Emergency Services and Finance Committees

RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 2 OF 2023 ENTITLED "A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF BROOME PROVIDING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 466-A OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW"

WHEREAS, volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical services personnel fill a critical role in protecting lives and property of the residents of Broome County, and

WHEREAS, hundreds of Broome County residents selflessly give of their time and energy to assist their fellow residents in their time of need, and

WHEREAS, New York State has authorized the County and its municipalities to provide real property tax exemptions to those dedicated volunteers as an incentive to recruit new volunteers and retain existing volunteers, and

WHEREAS, the Broome County Legislature and the County Executive desire to support those men and women who volunteer in these critical roles with an opportunity to obtain said real property tax exemption, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Local Law Intro. No. 2 of 2023, entitled: "A Local Law of the County of Broome Providing Real Property Tax Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Pursuant to Section 466-A of the Real Property Tax Law," be and the same hereby is adopted and approved in accordance with the Broome County Charter and Administrative Code and all the applicable statutes and laws pertaining thereto.

LOCAL LAW INTRO NO. 2 OF 2023

"A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF BROOME PROVIDING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 466-A OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW"

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the County of Broome as follows:

SECTION I. Legislative intent and purpose.

- (a) The Broome County Legislature finds and determines that attracting and retaining quality volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel is one of the most critical problems facing a number of communities in Broome County and that maintaining effective emergency protection depends on the ability to train and retain volunteers.
- (b) The Legislature finds and determines that it is essential for the County and its municipalities to provide real property tax exemptions as an incentive to attract new volunteers and help combat a persistent and alarming decline in the number of volunteers serving as active responders to fire and medical emergencies and unless recruits are found to replace retiring volunteers and seasoned members are encouraged to continue their volunteer service, the health and safety of citizens served by the volunteer firefighter and emergency medical personnel corps may be jeopardized.
- (c) The Legislature further finds and determines that real property tax exemptions are an appropriate way to recognize the personal sacrifices and dedication of these community-spirited men and women who unselfishly give their time and risk their safety to protect their neighbors without compensation.
- (d) The purpose of this Local Law is to adopt the real property tax exemptions provided for volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel in accordance with Section 466-a of the Real Property Tax Law to read as follows.

Section 1. Real Property Tax Exemption.

Real property owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service or such enrolled member and spouse residing in the County of Broome shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of 10 percent of the assessed value of such property for County purposes, exclusive of special assessments.

Section 2. Qualifications.

Such exemption shall only be granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance services if:

- (a) the applicant resides in the County of Broome and is a member of an incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service which provides service within the city, village, town or school district.
- (b) the real property which is the subject of such exemption is the primary residence of the applicant.

- (c) the real property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided however, that in the event any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant's residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this Local Law.
- (d) the applicant has obtained and displayed a certificate issued by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department indicating that the applicant has been an enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department for at least two years or the applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an enrolled member of such incorporated voluntary ambulance service for at least two years.

Section 3. Continuation of eligibility requirements.

The applicant shall maintain continual eligibility for the exemption in accordance with the definition of "active member" as set forth by the authority having jurisdiction.

Section 4. Twenty year active members.

Any enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who accrues more than twenty years of active service, as defined in Section 3 hereof, and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, shall be granted the ten percent exemption as authorized by this section for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within the County of Broome.

Section 5. Un-remarried Surviving Spouses of Volunteers killed in the line of duty.

An un-remarried spouse of a volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers killed in the line of duty may receive the real property tax exemption if:

- (a) Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of an enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service who was killed in the line of duty; and.
- (b) Such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least five years; and.
- (c) Such deceased volunteer had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death.

Section 6. Un-remarried Surviving Spouses of Volunteers with at least Twenty Years of Service.

An un-remarried spouse of a volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers with twenty years of service may receive the real property tax exemption if:

- (a) Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of an enrolled member of such

incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service who was killed in the line of duty.

- (b) Such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least twenty years.
- (c) Such deceased volunteer and un-remarried spouse had been receiving the exemption of such property prior to the death of such volunteer.

Section 7. Application process.

- (a) The authority having jurisdiction shall file a list of eligible persons annually, by the last business day on or before January 31st, with the assessor of the city, village, and/or town.
- (b) Applications for such exemption shall be filed with the assessor of the city, village or town on or before the taxable status date on a form as prescribed by the New York State Commissioner for the Office of Real Property Tax Services.
- (c) The assessor of the city, village or town shall have the duty and responsibility of procuring and filing a copy of such certification prior to granting the exemption provided for by this Local Law.

Section 8. No diminution of current benefits.

No applicant who is a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker who by reason of such status is receiving any benefit under the provisions of law on the effective date of this Local Law shall suffer any diminution of such benefit because of the provisions of this Local Law.

SECTION II. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect on January 1, 2024 and shall apply to taxable status dates occurring on or after such date.

§ 2.1.2 Recruit Member

All new members, excluding honorary members, at least 18 years of age shall serve a six (6) months probationary period. The 6-month probationary period may be waived and/or modified at the discretion of the membership committee and by two-thirds (2/3) vote of general membership in attendance at a regular meeting. The recruit member must complete ICS100, IS-700 and sexual harassment training in order to be considered for active membership. A recruit member, excluding administrative members, shall not hold office and may not vote on company matters nor company elections. In volunteering for duty, recruit members over 18 years of age shall be subject to the same orders as active members, from the officer in charge and/or incident commander. The membership may vote to extend a recruit member's probationary period up to an additional six (6) months upon the recommendation of the chief.

Recruit members shall be allowed to participate in social functions of the fire company; however they shall be responsible to pay any expenses upfront. Upon becoming an active member, they shall be entitled to seek reimbursement for these expenses.

At the end of the probationary period, the recruit member will be eligible for active membership with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the general membership.

§ 2.1.2.a Recruit Less Than 18 Years of Age

All new members under eighteen (18) years of age shall serve a six (6) month probationary period. These members will be herein referred to as U18 recruit members. The U18 recruit member must complete the ICS100, IS-700 and sexual harassment training in order to be considered for U18 active membership. Training of the recruit firefighters members under the age of eighteen (18), but older than sixteen (16) shall be at the discretion of the training officer(s). U18 recruit members currently enrolled in school must maintain a seventy five percent overall average in their school studies and provide a copy of quarterly report cards to the membership committee. During school sessions the U18 recruit members will not respond to calls between 2200 hours (10:00 pm) and 0600 hours (6:00 am) Sunday Evening through Friday Morning or any other times as defined in the New York State Education Law. At any time the U18 recruit members grades fall below a seventy five overall average, the U18 recruit firefighter will be placed on academic suspension from all company activities until their grades are above passing. Recruit members under 18 years of age are not required to pay dues.

At the end of the probationary period, the U18 recruit member will be eligible for U18 active membership with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the general membership.

U18 recruit members shall not drive any company owned apparatus under any circumstances. At an emergency incident they are to observe and not take any action unless under direct supervision of a line officer. They may attend any company meeting or company activity; and will not have any voting privileges.

§ 2.1.3 Active Member

Active members shall be required to perform the duties of a volunteer firefighter, to the limits of their physical and mental ability.

The following minimum attendances during each six-month period (11/1 – 4/30, 5/1 – 10/31) are requirements to maintain active membership:

1/3 of fire/emergency calls, 3 monthly meetings, 3 work details and training requirements per the department SOGs.

Active members that do not meet these requirements, without chief and board of directors' approval, shall automatically be placed on disciplinary probation for the following 6 month period. While on disciplinary probation, members are not entitled to participate in any 2% related activities and shall lose voting rights. Delinquency for two successive six-month periods shall cause automatic termination from the company.

Active members will receive service credit toward Length of Service Award Programs (LOSAP) and Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY) Benefits. To be eligible for LOSAP credit an active member must maintain the minimum point status listed in Appendix A according to the General Municipal Law Section 217.

Information regarding minimum training hours and topics required shall be as described in the Training Standard Operating Guideline (SOG).

All active members shall attain New York State Basic Exterior Fire Operations (BEFO) within two (2) years of becoming a member. Membership status will be brought before the board in an executive session for review in the event BEFO is not completed within two (2) years of becoming a member. Current members with New York State Scene Support, or Essentials of Firemanship and New York State Hazardous Materials First Responders Operations Level shall be waived from this requirement.

Active membership shall include interior firefighter, exterior firefighter, apparatus operator, and fire police/traffic incident management (TIM) as defined in the Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG).

Active members shall have the right to vote in company matters during general and special meetings.

Active members are to pay annual dues of one-dollar, to be collected at the annual meeting. If unable to attend, the dues are to be collected by the treasurer at the next meeting attended.

Active members are required to complete an annual sexual harassment training. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.

§ 2.1.3.a Active Member Under 18 Years Old

Any active member under the age of eighteen (18) shall be considered an active U18 member. Active U18 members currently enrolled in school must maintain a seventy five percent overall average in their school studies and provide a copy of quarterly report cards to the membership committee. At any time an active U18 member grades fall below a seventy-five percent overall average, the active U18 member will be placed on temporary suspension from all company activities until their grades are above passing. During school sessions the active U18 members will not respond to calls between 2200 hours (10:00 pm) and 0600 hours (6:00 am) Sunday Evening through Friday Morning or any other times as defined in the New York State Education Law.

The following minimum attendances during each six-month period (11/1 – 4/30, 5/1 – 10/31) are requirements to maintain active U18 membership:

1/3 of fire/emergency calls, 3 monthly meetings, 3 work details and training requirements per the department SOGs.

Active U18 members that do not meet these requirements, without chief and board of directors' approval, shall automatically be placed on disciplinary probation for the following 6 month period. While on disciplinary probation, U18 members are not entitled to participate in any 2% related activities. Delinquency for two successive six-month periods shall cause automatic termination from the company.

Town of Binghamton Fire Company Inc.

Training S.O.G

Date: 2023

Purpose: Set the training requirements for all Company personnel.

Training:

- All fire personnel shall be classified under a classification that they choose to sustain.
- Fire Personnel Classifications are as follows:
 - Interior Firefighter
 - Exterior Firefighter
 - Apparatus operator
 - Administrative positions

All firefighter classifications:

- Meet current NYS Best Practice's
- See Appendix
- All fire personnel are required to meet the training requirements for their classification.
- All fire personnel shall attend a minimum of 8 hrs per quarter.
- All personnel shall complete OSHA. By the end of the 1st quarter.
- Training will be evaluated on a quarterly basis and continuous rotation throughout the year.
 - November 1st – January 31 February 1 – April 30 May 1- July 31
 - August 1 – October 31.
- In-house training will be held on designated days per training department
 - Training days and times may vary with state classes and types of trainings.

In-house Trainings:

- Classes offered by Broome County Associations that members may attend with the chief's approval.
- Joint trainings between Town of Binghamton and mutual aid companies.
- Members can turn in a valid CPR recertification card every year and obtain 3 hrs of in-house training credit.

Out of House Training:

- Out of House training will be permitted, but at a rate of ½ hour per 1 hours of training.
 - Exception OSHA will be 1 to 1 ratio.

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- IFO class = 20 hours

- BEFO class = 16 hours

- Out of house training are as follows:
 - Training by other FD
 - NYS OFPC courses hosted by another fire department or at State training facility.
 - NYS BEFO, IFO, Scene Support
 - Traffic Incident Management Systems "TIMS"
 - Officer trainings and courses limited to officers only.

Training Classes:

- Any training discrepancy between in-house & out of house SHALL be decided by the designated training officer AND Chief of the department
- All members taking a NYS OFPC course must inform the chief of the department and fill out all necessary forms for registration.
- All members attending training courses that cost money must receive approval from both the chief and training officer at least 2 weeks prior to attending if they wish to be reimbursed.
- No medical training other than CPR SHALL count towards any training hours.
- NO hours incurred while getting paid shall count towards any required training hours.

Online Training Classes:

- Online training may be used to make up training hours at the request of the member and at the discretion of the Chief and training officers.
- Online training will be credited at the rate ½ hr. per 1 hr. of training
- Member will only be allowed 8 hrs. per year of online make up training.
- Only VFIS courses will be allowed unless approved by chief and training officers.

Training Deficiency:

- The Chief and Training Officers will evaluate the members training record and notify any member that they feel are becoming training deficient.
- Failure to obtain the necessary training hours in any given quarter will result in training deficiency. Such member will be notified by the Chief and or Training officer that they are training deficient. They will be under review for the following quarter.

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- Any member that is training deficient for two consecutive quarters shall be placed on probation for the next quarter.
- Any member that is training deficient for 3 consecutive quarters will be referred to the Board of Directors for further disciplinary action.
- The member can appeal that decision to the Board of Directors if he/she feels they should not be.
- Incidents of injury, illness, and / or FMLA shall be brought to the attention of the Chief of the department as soon as possible.



Recommended Best Practices For Fire Department Training Programs

1. Purpose:

The NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control, with input from the Department of Labor's Public Employees Safety and Health Bureau (PESH) and fire service organizations, has developed a recommended set of "Best Practices" for use by fire departments. The purpose of these "Best Practices" is to assist fire departments in complying with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Regulation 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1910.156(c)(1), ["§1910.156(c)(1)"]. In New York State this regulation is enforced for firefighters and public employees by the DOL's Public Employee Safety and Health Bureau (PESH).

This document and guidance herein is not intended to formulate a regulatory mandate nor is the purpose of this document to dictate specific training courses. It is intended to identify "best practices" and core competencies that should be included in all training programs based upon the job duties of individual firefighters. These recommendations should not be considered to be all inclusive of the subject areas necessary to develop a comprehensive training program, but will be useful in developing a training program that meets the intent of OSHA Regulation 29 CFR 1910.156(c)(1), ["§1910.156(c)(1)"].

2. Scope:

OSHA Regulation Section 1910.156(c)(1), applies to all fire departments in New York State, and requires that members be provided with training and education commensurate with the duties and functions that such members are expected to perform. Further, §1910.156(c)(1) provides that those who may find themselves as or are designated as Incident Commanders and training instructors must be provided with training and education which is more comprehensive than that provided to the general membership.

Training and education is not required to come from any one particular source or class of instruction and may include experience, vendor training, department in-house training and training that is provided by the State's fire service organizations. Regardless of where the training is obtained it is imperative to document any and all training that is being utilized to satisfy the competencies listed in this policy.

3. Definitions:

For the purposes of this guidance "fire brigade" as referenced in the OSHA regulation means fire department. Fire department is defined as any entity providing fire and emergency rescue services including but not limited to career, paid, volunteer or combination fire departments; for example a village fire department, fire district, fire protection district, independent fire company providing fire protection, or a privatized fire brigade providing fire protection in an industrial or commercial environment.

4. Training Program Best Practices By Function:

Fire departments in New York State vary widely in type, function, capability and size. As such, each may establish training and education curriculum for their personnel which best reflects the hazards or complexity of their response area. Accordingly, a training and education curriculum which is developed in-house or by an outside consultant or vendor which addresses the specific competencies for each

category of duty or function as outlined below, would be deemed to satisfy compliance with §1910.156(c)(1). Nothing in these "Best Practices" is intended to limit a fire department from establishing training requirements which exceed these recommended core competencies or limit a fire department from developing and using past, current or future training classes, drills, or other classroom training and/or pertinent topical training subjects to satisfy section 1910.156(c)(1). It is imperative that all training curriculums and programs must be thoroughly documented as part of each fire departments recordkeeping policy(s) in order to afford training credit to its members.

The competencies listed in each section are not in order of importance or in any particular sequence. Included with the recommended core competencies for each category of firefighter are examples of specific training courses which could fulfill various core competencies and ultimately will help ensure compliance with §1910.156(c)(1). Contact information for each provider referenced herein, is listed on the last page.

4.1 Exterior Firefighters:

All firefighters should complete a training program(s) addressing these core competencies:

- 1) Complete a training program addressing the subject areas/core competencies associated with OSHA 29 CFR1910.120 requirements or Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations
- 2) Complete a training program addressing the subject areas/core competencies associated with Infection Control to achieve compliance with OSHA 29CFR1910.1030
- 3) Complete the objectives for Basic First Aid
- 4) Complete the objectives for Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation
- 5) Completion of the latest version of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) courses ICS-700 and ICS-100
- 6) Fire safety principles familiarization
- 7) Tool and scene safety awareness
- 8) Building Construction in relation to fire service operations
- 9) Understanding fire behavior and development
- 10) Familiarizations with personal protective equipment (PPE) and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) as assigned;
- 11) Familiarization with fire service communication operations
- 12) Familiarizations with incident management principles
- 13) Familiarizations with fire prevention principles
- 14) Arson awareness
- 15) Familiarizations with fire extinguisher operations
- 16) Familiarizations with hose practices, nozzles and fire streams (excluding interior structural fire attack)
- 17) Understanding of water supply operations
- 18) Familiarization with ground ladder operations; and
- 19) Ropes and knots

Related training programs which may address some or all of the specific core competencies, stated above, for exterior firefighters include:

1. NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control
 - a. Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations (Competencies 6 – 19) and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations (Competency 1); or
 - b. Firefighter I (Competencies 1 and 6 – 19), *[Competencies 3 – 5 are prerequisites for graduation from the FF1 Program]*
2. NYS OFPC Legacy (Historical) Training recognized as equivalent:
 - a. Scene Support Operations (Competencies 6 – 19) and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations (Competency 1)

- b. Firefighting Essentials (Competencies 6 – 19) and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations (Competency 1), or
- c. Basic Firefighter (Competencies 6 – 19) and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations (Competency 1)
- 3. Suffolk County Fire Academy, Scene Support Operations (in addition, a Hazardous Materials Operations level training program will need to be completed)

4.2 Interior Firefighters:

In addition to core competency training provided for all exterior firefighters, interior firefighters should complete a training program(s) addressing the following core competencies:

- 1) How to Initiate a response to a reported emergency
- 2) Fire service communication operations
- 3) Familiarizations with assigned self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) during emergency operations
- 4) Safe fire apparatus response to an emergency incident
- 5) Scene safety and operating at an emergency incident
- 6) Familiarization with forcible entry techniques
- 7) Operating as a team member within a hazardous area
- 8) Familiarization with ground ladder operations
- 9) Familiarizations with safe operations at vehicle fires
- 10) Understanding outside or exterior fires and defensive operations
- 11) Familiarizations with structure fire search and rescue operations
- 12) Familiarization with interior fire attack operations
- 13) Familiarization horizontal and vertical ventilation operations
- 14) Understanding overhaul operations
- 15) Familiarizations with salvage and property conservation techniques
- 16) Familiarization with water supply operations
- 17) Understanding of fire chemistry and behavior
- 18) Familiarization with fire extinguisher operations
- 19) Ground cover fires
- 20) Fire equipment, hose and PPE inspection and maintenance
- 21) Building construction related to interior structural firefighting operations

Related training programs which may address some or all of the specific core competencies, stated above, for interior firefighters include:

- 1. NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control
 - a. Firefighter I (Competencies 1 – 21)
 - b. Certified basic firefighter training program under NYS Firefighter minimum training standards (Competencies 1 – 19 of the Exterior Firefighter and 1 – 21 of the Interior Firefighter)
- 2. NYS OFPC Legacy (Historical) Training recognized as equivalent:
 - a. Firefighting Essentials or Essentials of Firefighting, Initial Fire Attack and Hazardous Materials Operations (Competencies 1 – 21)
 - b. Basic Firefighter, Intermediate Firefighter and Hazardous Materials Operations (Competencies 1 – 21)
- 3. National Certification for Firefighter I and National Certification for Hazardous Materials Operations- Core Competencies
- 4. Nassau County Fire Academy
 - a. Essentials of Firefighting and Primary Firefighting
- 5. Suffolk County Fire Academy, Firefighter I

4.3 Apparatus Operators:

In addition to core competencies for exterior firefighters, apparatus operators should complete a training program addressing the following core competencies:

- 1) Performing routine preventive maintenance, inspection and being capable of initiating the service of vehicle systems, components, equipment, tools and appliances assigned to the vehicle and be capable of initiating correction of any deficiencies noted.
- 2) Be capable of documenting routine maintenance, inspection and service of the vehicle's systems, components, equipment, tools and appliances mounted on or assigned to vehicle. Be capable of initiating correction of any deficiencies noted during this process or any corrective actions required to address deficiencies
- 3) Be capable of demonstrating safe operation of the vehicle in compliance with applicable laws, regulations and standards during routine driving and emergency responses
- 4) Be capable of demonstrating defensive driving practices
- 5) Be capable of demonstrating safe maneuvering of the vehicle around obstructions and in restricted spaces both forward and reverse
- 6) Be able to demonstrate safe backing procedures and the use of a spotter
- 7) Be knowledgeable of operational capabilities and limitations of the vehicle, its systems and components, equipment, tools and appliances mounted on or assigned to that vehicle
- 8) Understand the operation of the functional systems, tools, equipment and appliances mounted on or assigned to the vehicle; and
- 9) Be capable of demonstrating the ability to operate the pump or other functional systems on the apparatus.

Related training programs which may address some or all of the specific core competencies, stated above, for apparatus operators include:

1. NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control
 - a. Apparatus Operator- Emergency Vehicle Operator's Course (EVOC), (Competencies 1 – 9, in addition to local training specific to the fire department's vehicles)
2. Insurance Company sponsored EVOC programs with a practical skills driving course component, in addition to local training specific to the fire department's vehicles
3. Suffolk County Fire Academy
 - a. Emergency Vehicle Operations (EVOC), in addition to local training specific to the fire department's vehicles
4. National Certification for any of the Apparatus Operator series, in addition to local training specific to the fire department's vehicles

4.4 Incident Commanders:

As outlined in section 1910.156(c)(1) of the OSHA regulations, those chiefs, officers or firefighters who have been designated or may perform the duties of a fire service incident commander must receive training which is superior than that provided to the general membership of the fire department. In addition to the training provided to the general membership those who may be acting as an Incident Commander should have received training prescribed for an interior firefighter, general knowledge of apparatus/pump operations, as well as education in incident command operations. Incident command training and education is not required to come from any one particular source or class. The training to educate those designated or who may find themselves in the position as an Incident Commander should include supervision, leadership, and command methodologies necessary for mitigating emergency situations during hazardous and stressful environments incorporating the best safety practices.

In addition to the core competencies required for interior firefighters and apparatus operators, incident commanders should have a demonstrated knowledge and experience in the following core competencies:

- 1) Safe and effective assignment and supervision of tasks, or responsibilities to managing unit officers at emergency incidents (including those on highways and roadways), during training and under routine or non-emergency circumstances
- 2) Be capable of communicating clear direction and supervision of members during training
- 3) Knowledge of administrative policies and procedures and records management, including incident reports
- 4) Knowledge of building construction and fire behavior, including structural soundness and the significance of fire load;
- 5) Be capable of evaluating and implementing scene security and evidence preservation;
- 6) Be capable of developing and implementing an incident action plan;
- 7) Be capable of conducting a post-incident analysis;
- 8) Be knowledgeable of safety principles, including injury and accident prevention;
- 9) Be familiar with fire department injury and accident reporting requirements according to department policies;
- 10) Be familiar with firefighter health and wellness for recognition of issues, e.g. stress, heart attack and other issues that would hinder firefighter's response capabilities.
- 11) An understanding of strategy, tactics and operations in fire suppression;
- 12) An understanding of vehicle extrication procedures and department capabilities and limitations;
- 13) Awareness of other situations expected to be encountered in the department's immediate response area
- 14) Be capable of initiating scene size-up procedures;
- 15) Be familiar with initial arrival report ("C.A.N. [Conditions, Actions, Needs] - Report") protocols
- 16) Be familiar with radio communications operations;
- 17) Be capable of communicating fire-ground reports (location of fire, water on fire, searches, knock-down, etc.) and
- 18) Be familiar with urgent & mayday communication protocols;
- 19) Be familiar with how to mitigate miscellaneous emergencies (Gas leaks, CO, Electrical, elevator rescues, hazmat containment etc.);
- 20) Understand RIT/FAST Operations and how to implement them;
- 21) Obtain a certificate for the latest version of NIMS ICS-200;
- 22) Understanding the use and limitations of special fire department equipment, e.g. gas meters, thermal imaging cameras, self-escape equipment, gas powered tools etc.

Related training programs which may address some or all of the specific core competencies, stated above, for incident commanders include:

1. NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control
 - a. Fire Officer I (2009) (Competencies 1 – 20 and 22) and ICS-200 (Competency 21)
2. NYS OFPC Legacy(Historical) Training recognized as equivalent:
 - a. Introduction to Fire Officer and Fire Officer I (Competencies 1 – 20 and 22) and ICS-200 (Competencies 21)
3. National Certification for Fire Officer I(Competencies 1 – 20 and 22) and I-200 (Competency 21)
 - a. First Line Supervisors Training Program(Competencies 1 – 22)
4. Suffolk County Fire Academy
 - a. Introduction to Fire Officer and Fire Officer I and ICS-200

4.5 Training Guidance for Fire Department Training Instructors:

Fire department training instructors must receive a higher level of training and education than the fire department members they will be instructing. This includes being more knowledgeable about the functions to be performed by the fire department and the hazards involved. The instructors should be qualified to train fire department members and demonstrate skills in communication, methods of teaching, and instructional motivation.

Training Instructors should demonstrate and possess the following skill set core competencies to instruct personnel effectively which includes but is not limited to:

- 1) Preparation
- 2) Presentation
- 3) Application
- 4) Testing
- 5) Summary and
- 6) Knowledge base of relevant subject matter, applicable policies, rules and regulations

Related training programs which may address some or all of the specific core competencies, stated above, for fire department training instructors include:

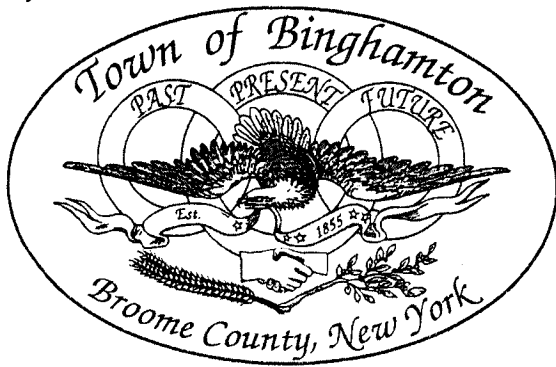
1. NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control
 - a. Principles of Instruction (Competencies 1 – 6)
 - b. Fire Instructor I (Competencies 1 – 6)
2. NYS OFPC Legacy(Historical) Training recognized as equivalent:
 - a. Training Officer Workshop I & II (Competencies 1 – 6)
 - b. Educational Methodology (Competencies 1 – 6)
3. National Certification for Fire Instructor I (Competencies 1 – 6)
4. Suffolk County Fire Academy
 - a. Principles of Instruction
 - b. Fire Instructor I
5. Nassau County Fire Academy
 - a. Principles of Instruction

5. Training Provider Contact Information:

NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control
www.dhSES.ny.gov/ofpc/training/training-outreach.cfm

Suffolk County Fire Academy
www.scfa-li.org

Nassau County Fire Academy
www.veebfsa.org



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MEMORANDUM

To: Supervisor Rounds and Town Board Members
From: Nick Pappas, Code Enforcement Officer NP/ks
Date: February 21, 2023
Subject: Edwin Mapes Property - 1978 Montrose Avenue

This property is in violation of Chapter 106 of the Town of Binghamton Code (Dangerous or Unsafe Buildings). It is my recommendation that the Town Board declare the property to be dangerous and unsafe and to demolish the building for the following reasons:

- The roof is ready to collapse.
- There is a hole on the left side of the roof.
- The dormer is ready to collapse into the structure.

In addition, there is junk scattered all over the property, and junk vehicles and equipment are unusable and abandoned on the property.

Thank you for your consideration.

NP/bs

Pictures attached (3)

cc. ✓ Town Clerk
Attorney for the Town







ABSTRACT # 7

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DATED: February 21, 2023

<u>AUDITED CLAIMS</u>	<u>CLAIM #'S</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
CAPITAL PROJECTS		\$ -
DRAINAGE		\$ -
GENERAL	104 - 124	\$ 7,523.10
HIGHWAY	95 - 103, 125	\$ 32,303.47
LIGHTING	88	\$ 39.27
SEWER		\$ -
WATER	89 - 93	\$ 1,720.84
SEPCIAL DISTRICTS	94	\$ 244,582.00
TOTAL		\$ 286,168.68

Sandra Reifer 2/21/2023