

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON - TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
April 4, 2023, 4:00 P.M.



CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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.

E. Rounds, Supervisor	T. Tokos, Town Clerk
M. Donahue, Deputy Supervisor	V. Conklin, Councilperson
D. Nye, Councilperson	M. Bensley, Councilperson
G. Middleton, Town Attorney	P. Wagner, Highway
N. Pappas, Code Enforcement, Buildings and Grounds	
Z. Soboleski, Code Enforcement, Buildings and Grounds	

APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS

Councilperson Conklin made a motion to pass a resolution to approve the following claims as audited:

<u>AUDITED CLAIMS</u>	<u>CLAIM #'S</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL	243 – 265	\$ 16,487.58
HIGHWAY	232 -242	\$ 11,257.28
LIGHTING	217	\$ 671.74
SEWER	218 – 223	\$ 23,925.30
WATER	223 – 231	\$ 25,257.54
	TOTAL	\$ 77,599.44

The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Bensley. Members present voted to pass the resolution. Motion carried. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Bensley, Conklin, Nye

Nays: None

Abstained: Donahue

DECLARED ADOPTED

(RESOLUTION APPENDED)

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES

There was one correction made to the Town Board Minutes for March 21, 2023

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Good Friday – TOB Municipal Offices Closed Friday, April 7, 2023 in observance of Good Friday.
- 22nd TOB Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday April 8, 2023, to be held at the Edwards Petting Farm , 2948 Webb Road, from 1-5 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per child, (adults are free). Sign ups will be required. (see Town Web page for details) www.townofbinghamton.com

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Board

- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023. Atlas//Binghamton Solar will be in attendance.
- The Mill Street project is still on going,

Zoning Board of Appeals

- There will be a joint meeting with the planning board. There will be a training session at that time.

Youth Commission

- The next meeting will be held on April 20, 2023.
- The TOB will now have 3 Teener leagues.

Code Enforcement

- The owner of 25 Powers Road inquired about donating the property to the Town which is not possible. The Town will waive the ordered fine due to the cost of demolition and will give an extension until mid May for the demolition to take place. If the demolition is not done, the fine remains and may be then doubled. There was discussion as to what will happen to the property once the demolition is complete.
- The certified correspondence to 330 Park Ave, was returned back to Code Enforcement. There will be a call for a public hearing on the 18th of April, 2023 for the 16th of May, 2023 for the 330 Park Avenue, and 1978 Montrose Avenue locations.
- The price to install a 20 foot chain link fence at Jackson Park has been estimated at \$1100 - \$1200, and is needed.
- Jackson Park: The roof peak near the old Chicken BBQ area needs to be replaced and the picnic tables need to be replaced. Wood tables are priced at \$500.00 just for material to build one table, and powder coated. metal tables have been priced from \$900 - \$1200.00
- There was discussion held regarding how many tables should be replaced, and where they would be located in the park.
- The cost of score boards and batting cages was discussed.
- Code Enforcement Officer Soboleski has continued with the CDBG inspections. Some monitoring letters may need to be sent from Town Attorney to various parties regarding code standards that were agreed to at the time of the CDBG contracts.

Highway

- Roads are being cleaned, stoned and oiled, driveway pipes have been cleaned, dead Ash tree cutbacks have started. Tree canopies are being opened up.
- The fence has been installed at the water tank.

TOB Volunteer Fire Co.

- Broome County had their Public Hearing on March 2nd, 2023 for the 10% property tax exemption for Emergency services workers. The Town of Binghamton will have a Public Hearing on the 18th of April for the property tax exemption. Discussion was held regarding also having a reduction on school taxes.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

- The Town will contact various sources regarding electronics pick up during the scheduled clean up days as the County is not providing this service this season.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 3 TOB Public Hearings have been posted and will be held at the next Town Board Meeting on April 18, 2023
- Atlas Solar will be working with the Planning Board
- There is a new contact at the Binghamton Tennis Center

NEW BUSINESS

- The next Association of Towns and Villages Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023. A venue has not yet been chosen. The new manager from the House of Sports will be a guest speaker.
- Supervisor Rounds is now the new Vice President of the association.
- Councilperson Nye and Councilperson Bensley will meet with Town Assessor Joe Cook, regarding B.U. records. A discussion was held
- Supervisor Rounds sent Board Members an email regarding an organizational meeting to make changes on meal reimbursements. Meal costs for major metropolitan areas and non metropolitan areas was discussed.
- Councilperson Bensley made a motion
- to adopt a resolution an update in the meal reimbursement plan for going into metropolitan and non metropolitan areas, and also to update the Emergency services plan on a yearly basis. Councilperson Nye duly seconded the motion. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

All those present voted in favor of the motions. Motions carried. A roll call vote was held.

Ayes: Rounds, Donahue, Nye, Conklin, Bensley

Nays: None

Declared Adopted

(Resolution Appended)

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made by Councilperson Bensley to adjourn the meeting at 4:42p.m. and was duly seconded by Deputy Supervisor Donahue.

LOOKING AHEAD: Town Board Regular Meeting – Tuesday, April 18, 2023 @6:00p.m.
Town Board Work Session – Tuesday, May 2, 2023 @ 4:00p.m.

Respectfully Transcribed and Submitted

Paula J. Edwards
Deputy Town Clerk

Recording Provided By

Tracy Tokos
Town Clerk