

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
May 2, 2023

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**TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
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May 2, 2023, 4:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rounds at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

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 Nye 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	327 -359	\$ 39,730.82
HIGHWAY	317 - 326	\$ 6,115.95
LIGHTING	305	\$ 671.84
SEWER	306 - 307	\$ 149.78
WATER	307 – 316	\$ 141,638.81
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 188,307.20</u>

City of Binghamton water bill voucher has been pulled as bill has doubled. Meters on Dogwood Lane and East Hamton Road are showing a significant increase. There have been previous breaks (November and December of 2022, and April of 2023) in the lines. There was discussion regarding this situation. Deputy Supervisor Donahue and Lee Cooper will meet on Wednesday @ 8:00 a.m. to check for a leak. The motion to approve was duly seconded by Deputy Supervisor Donahue. All those present voted in favor to pass the resolution.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Donahue, Bensley, Nye Conklin
Nays: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

(RESOLUTION APPENDED)

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES

There was one correction made to the Town Board Minutes for March 21, 2023. The Charter Communications/Spectrum contract agreement should be noted for 10 years, and not the 5 years as transcribed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Municipal Clean Up days will be held on May 19 - 20. Friday May 19th from 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. with Special Electronics drop off from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. (ONLY). Clean Up Days on Saturday, May 20th will be held from 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.**
- Association of Towns meeting will be held on Thursday May 25th, 6:00 p.m. at Little Venice Restaurant. Speakers will be the general manager, marketing manager and one of the employees from DICKS. This will be the last meeting until September. There will be reservations for 4 from the Town of Binghamton.

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Board

- Approved solar project contingent on pilot, decommission plan and, road use. Attorney Middleton will be delivering up other agreements. There was some discussion on this matter. The Planning Board would like it, that, if the Town Board agrees, that it will be added to the agenda that Atlas can be here to answer questions.
- The Mill Street project is still on going, and will need to meet with the joint sewage treatment plant when a time that all can attend is feasible.

Zoning Board of Appeals

- Joint meeting with the Planning board was held. There was a presentation by Attorney Middleton regarding dealing with properties that do not meet code i.e., unsafe structures, and disheveled properties. Short discussion held regarding the process, and a suggestion and questions about 'home rule', and the use of templates for pilot agreements and negotiations.

Youth Commission

- No meeting was held in April. Next meeting will be held on May 18th, 2023. (6:00 p.m. - *time subject to change)
- New scoreboards have been ordered.
- Baseball and softball season has kicked off. T-ball will begin as soon as there is a break in the weather.
- K-2 Lacrosse to begin practices this weekend.
- Football registrations will start this month to determine how many teams will be needed.

Code Enforcement

- New windows are being installed at the Town Hall.
- Poles are down at Jackson Park.
- Powers Road Update – Property has been boarded up by the owner. Meeting to be held with George Haas on Wednesday, to include, Elizabeth Tarbox, Code Enforcement officers, Pappas and Soboleski, and Attorney Middleton to discuss what it would actually take to remedy the property for prospective buyers, and if they understand the extent of the needed repairs, status of the repairs, and future stipulations of renovations of the property. Attorney Middleton will look into if an escrow account would be possible for ‘new owners’ to take care of renovations. All renovations would need to be code compliant and met by set deadlines.
- Mapes Property – Phone call with Attorney Sue Campbell. If the owners are willing to clean up the exterior of the property (trucks etc.), and deed the property to the Town of Binghamton, the town will do the knockdown and sell the property.

Highway

- Highway Supervisor informed the Council about some difficulty with the installation of the new trenchless, sanitary sewer line on Seneca Avenue, and the upcoming extensive repair of that line. Some residents in that area are being put up at a hotel to avoid using the water and sewer in that area. The road is being shut at 7:00 a.m. to try and find the issue.
- Highway Department is getting ready for stoning and oiling the roads. There is also paving, ditching and shoulder work being done. Heavy rains have caused issues with drainage.
- The new truck includes specifications that will allow a trailer to be attached. Deputy Supervisor Donahue would like to review the specifications of the new truck.

TOB Volunteer Fire Co.

- No one in attendance from the Fire Company.

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.
- The new date for the CPR class is being set for May 30, 2023. Once it is confirmed we will notify all Town employees.
- The Community Center Parking lot will be re-paved, the grant received by the County will cover 50% of the cost up to \$32,000.00. Broome Bituminous gave a price of \$52,114.22 including some sidewalk removal, milling, grading, and man hole cover adjustments.

A motion was made by Councilperson Nye to pass a Resolution to accept Broome Bituminous Proposal to re-pave the Community Center Parking Lot for \$52,114.22. Half of which will be paid by Broome County Community Improvement. The motion to approve was duly seconded by Councilperson Bensley. All those present voted in favor to pass the resolution.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Donahue, Bensley, Nye, Conklin

Nays: None

DECLARED ADOPTED.

(RESOLUTION APPENDED)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Binghamton University Tennis Center Tax Exemption:

Councilperson Nye and Councilperson Bensley met with Joe in the Tax assessor's office at which time a document was presented showing the loss that the Tennis Center claims. It was decided that the Tax exemption was warranted. However, they will pay sewer and water fees.

- Employee Handbook Update: Amount to update is approved.

The Board members will review the current handbooks and work together to update and amend as they feel needed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A motion was made by Councilperson Bensley to Pass a Resolution for a Certain memorandum of understanding between the Town of Binghamton and Deputy Highway Superintendent Patrick Wagner to approve a leave of absence from the Town of Binghamton Highway Garage for a period of 6 months. The motion to approve was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor to pass the resolution.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Donahue, Bensley, Nye, Conklin
Nays: None

DECLARED ADOPTED.

(RESOLUTION APPENDED)

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made by Councilperson Bensley to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m., the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. A motion was made by Councilperson Bensley to go into an executive session at 5:21 p.m., the motion was duly seconded by Deputy Supervisor Donahue. A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to reconvene the Work session at 5:50 p.m., the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye. A motion was made by Councilperson Bensley to adjourn the Work session meeting at 5:51 p.m. the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin.

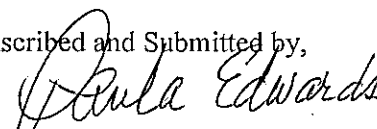
All those present voted in favor of the motions. Motions carried.

LOOKING AHEAD: Town Board Regular Meeting -- Tuesday, May 16, 2023 @ 6:00p.m.

Town Board Work Session -- Tuesday, June 6, 2023 @ 4:00p.m.


Tracy Tokos
Town Clerk

Respectfully Recorded, Transcribed and Submitted by,


Paula J. Edwards
Deputy Town Clerk