

**TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD**

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

E. Rounds, Supervisor	Present	D. Nye, Councilperson	Present
M. Bensley, Councilperson	Present	V. Conklin, Councilperson	Present
M. Donahue, Deputy Supervisor	Present		<u>1 Guest</u>

OTHERS PRESENT:

T. Tokos, Town Clerk
G. Middleton, Town Attorney
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. There is no executive session at this time.

APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS:

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

Lighting	Claim No. 451	\$	25.33
Sewer	Claim No. 464	\$	1,079.78
Water	Claim No. 464 - 466	\$	1,266.94
Highway	Claim No. 452 - 463	\$	16,725.35
General	Claim No. 467 - 498	\$	30,405.12
TOTAL		\$	49,502.52

The motion was duly seconded Councilperson Conklin. 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 June 6, 2023 Work Session minutes.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC:

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

William Dayton, resident of Endicott, NY and owner of Southern Tier Auto Care in Johnson City, NY is the new owner of the towers from Town Square Media, and will be taking the towers down and moving the building to attempt to build a multiple sports complex on the sight. which will include softball, baseball fields, bocce ball fields, and a family center with an arcade etc. to be used for birthday parties and gatherings. Goal is to have multiple sports for youths and are trying to bring back the Special Olympics to the area. Mr. Dayton has spoken with Nick Pappas from Code regarding the property. The property is zoned as PDD and is acceptable for usage for such programs. There is an engineer that is working with Mr. Dayton and will have plans for the property and parking. Their goal is to only take 1 acre of land (60 feet of woods between their property and the next). The only lights that will be installed will be at the top of the hill on the ball fields as to not to disturb the neighbors, and lighting to the parking areas. There are commitments from 3 local business owners (CJB Sports Entertainment). This property is an ideal location for this sports complex with access for emergency vehicles. Goal is to help the economy. There will be 10-30 employees (seasonal), There are commitments from an adult softball league, Volleyball (also travel Volleyball) league, Pickleball, and a Cornhole league. The project is evolving and is open for suggestions.

Supervisor Rounds, noted that further along in the development, the next step will be with Chris Streno from the Planning board, and also that the Town Board will have the final say. There was discussion regarding the water and sewer hookup, traffic considerations and if there will be a problem with the joint sewage treatment plant. Mr. Dayton stated that his plans are to drill wells for the complex, and that the goal is to have 'something' on the property by next year. There was a short discussion between Mr. Dayton and the Council regarding various sports. Supervisor Rounds thanked Mr. Dayton for coming to the meeting.

The Floor was declared closed at 6:22 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Town Hall will be closed on July 3 and July 4, 2023 for the Independence Day Holiday.

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning/ Zoning Boards

- There will be a quarterly meeting with the Zoning board on July 25, 2023.

Youth Commission

- Baseball and softball games are winding down. Some leagues have finished.
- Two T.O.B baseball teams played in the league championships
- T-ball will still be playing for a while. (4 teams)
- Lacrosse team has been doing well and finished last week.
- Football registrations have been out for a few weeks. Registrations will justify how many teams will be needed.
- Next meeting will be Thursday, June 22nd, 2023

Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds

- No Report

Highway Department

- CDL COURSE OUTLINE/ TRAINING -TESTING Handouts from Sage provided to Council by Highway Superintendent Leighton. This handout included pricing for both CDL- A, and CDL – B FOR New York and Pennsylvania Residents with and without experience, and drive availability. Deputy Superintendent Donahue pointed out that there are other less costly solutions for classes for both CDL-A, B, and also other options for drive times and road testing.
- Discussion was held regarding requirements, reimbursement of split costs for both the Town and employee, and the most cost- effective solution for both the Town and the employee needed to acquire a CDL.
- Bob Firmstone from the Teamsters Union will be contacted regarding a contract amendment regarding obligations to Town if Town is providing a percentage of initial funds for any CDL training and testing required.
- There is a six-month probationary period for trainees. In February of 2022, the state put in new regulations regarding municipalities putting trainers in place so in-house training can take place.
- The CDL issue was tabled until the next meeting. Attorney Middleton will have more information at that time.
- Highway Superintendent Leighton provided a quote for a Z400 Kommander Pro Series Zero Turn lawn mower from Marshall Machinery in Johnson City, N.Y, for \$9,018.72, which includes a 1-year z422kw-54 extended warranty (with no limit). There was some discussion regarding specifications of the mower. Councilperson Bensley, made a motion to make a resolution to approve the purchase of the above listed mower. Councilperson Nye duly seconded the motion. A roll call vote of those present resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Nye, Bensley, Conklin

Nays: Donahue

Absent/Abstained: None

Motion Carried.

(Resolution Appended)

Highway Superintendent Leighton presented a quote for a Sorcewell FT 45 – 2LP Deck Trailer with Right Ramp/ Beaver Tail from Tracey Road Equipment in Manlius, New York for \$39,234.00. There was discussion about the specifications of the deck trailer and why there is a \$750.00 Freight Out Charge and if this charge could be waived if the trailer was picked up instead of delivered. Superintendent Leighton said he would look into the amount being waived and would be able to pick the trailer up. There was also discussion on the proper ramps for the trailer. Councilperson Bensley made a motion to make a resolution to approve the amount of \$39,234.00 on the contingency that proper ramps will be provided for the trailer. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye. A roll call vote of those present resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Nye, Bensley, Conklin

Nay: Donahue

Absent/Abstained: None

Motion Carried.

(Resolution Appended)

- Supervisor Rounds inquired about the equipment that had been sent to Ohio earlier in the year and if it had been returned back to the town of Binghamton. Highway Superintendent Leighton informed the Council that many phone calls have been made, and not returned but that the equipment is fixed but just waiting on a delivery of a new ‘faceboard’ for the operating system. Leighton will keep checking into this until the equipment is returned.

Town Board is in receipt of the following reports:

- Town Clerk’s Monthly Report for May 2023
- DCO Monthly Report for May 2023
- Code Enforcement Officer’s Monthly Report for May 2023

TOB Volunteer Fire Co

- No Report

Supervisor Report

- No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

- No reply will be needed to General Code for adding a definition to the Fire Safety Compliance Plan per Attorney Middleton. Current plan will stay as is.
- NYMIR will be on Monday, June 26th 2023 to do building/structure inspections on those areas that are worth \$100,000.00. Mr. Pappas will do the inspection walk through with NYMIR at the Town Hall and the Community Center, with Highway Superintendent Leighton following up with the NYMIR inspection of the Highway Garage, Water Tank, and Pump Station.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC:

- No Speakers. Floor Closed.

ADJOURNMENT:

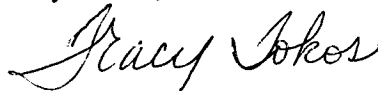
A motion was made by Councilperson Bensley to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. and was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Town of Binghamton Town Board will be a Work Session to be held on Thursday, July 6th @ 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, July 18th, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m., at the Town of Binghamton Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, NY.

Respectfully Recorded and Transcribed,

Tracy Tokos, Town Clerk



Paula J. Edwards, Deputy Clerk

