

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
July 6, 2023 at 4:00 PM

- Page 2 Meeting call to order
Roll Call
Approval of Audited Claims
- Page 3-5 Recognition of Minutes
Communications and Announcements
Officials and Committee Reports
 Planning Board
 Zoning Board of Appeals
 Youth Commission
 Code Enforcement/ Buildings & Grounds
 Highway Department
 TOB Volunteer Fire Co.
 Supervisor
- Page 5-6 Unfinished Business
New Business
- Page 6 Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, July 6, 2023, 4:00 P.M., TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN HALL, 279 PARK AVENUE, BINGHAMTON NEW YORK.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rounds at 4:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

P. Edwards, Deputy Town Clerk
G. Middleton, Town Attorney
M. Leighton, Highway Superintendent
N. Pappas, Code Enforcement Officer/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 the motion to adopt a Resolution to approve the following claims as audited:

<u>AUDITED CLAIMS</u>	<u>CLAIM #'S</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL	520 - 563	\$ 19,669.63
HIGHWAY	507 – 563	\$ 36,532.35
LIGHTING	499	\$ 671.99
WATER	500 - 506	\$ 2,968.86
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>\$ 59,842.83</u>

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, Donahue, Conklin
Nays: None **Abstained:** None
Absent: One

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:

There were no changes/corrections made to June 20, 2023 regular Town Board Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. (noon) until sold out. The Drive Thru BBQ Pickup will be held at the Hawleyton United Methodist Church, located at 901 Hawleyton Road, Binghamton.

\$15 – Full dinner includes 1/2 chicken with baked beans, salt potatoes, roll and butter.

\$10 – Half dinner is 1/2 chicken ONLY. No sides.

The Historical Society will hold a luncheon in September. There will be more details regarding this event coming soon. There was discussion on locating grants to help with the upkeep of the historic church where the Historical society is based. Supervisor Rounds will meet with Kenna Lou Mills in the future to discuss the status of the building. Due to its historic past, the Department of Education will be contacted regarding a possible grant.

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Zoning Board of Appeals/Planning Board

A joint meeting will be held on Tuesday July 25th at 6:00 p.m. Finalization with Atlas Solar will take place. Discussion on contributions and division of balances towards the megawatt solar farm was held. Jason Garner has approved the plans put in place by the 3 host communities. Taxes will continue to be split as they presently occur.

The Mill Hill project representatives will be in attendance at this meeting. All paperwork must be turned in to the Attorney by July 14th. There has been some progress. The annexation of the Phillips property was discussed. There were questions on whether or not there were any agreements with the city, that the town should receive cooperation with other water and sewer projects. There are 12 homes in the annexed area currently being serviced by the water tower. Delaware Engineering has performed the hookups all the way to the sewage treatment plant. The T.O.B is now waiting to see how many credits they receive from this project.

Youth Commission

Spring/Summer sports have ended on a positive note. There are still some tournaments taking place.

Registration for Fall sports (Football and Cheerleading) ended on June 30th. Due to the large number of signups, there will be 2 teams in each level. First practices will be held on July 31st, and first games will be held on August 27th. Fences and gates on the upper fields at Jackson Park need repair. New nets for batting cages and more picnic tables are needed. There is need

for a new equipment shed on the lower level, as well as a porta-john. The bathroom trailer could be removed. The fence has been budgeted but 3 quotes are needed. There may be a bid put out from the County for the BAGSAI fields and the Town may be able to piggy back off of it.

The July 20th meeting that is schedule for possible change.

Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds

There has been a water issue at the Community Center. Invoice to pay Broome Bituminous has been pulled until issue has been corrected. The asphalt needs to be cut. The wall is a frost wall, and the blacktop is slightly above the wall and water goes under the sill plate and into the building. The issue needs to be corrected.

Montrose Avenue- Nothing can be done with the property for 30 days. Attorney Middleton, and Jen Fancher have reached out to owners. But there has been no response as of yet. They will continue to try and contact family regarding this property. Someone has shown interest in buying this property as is and is aware of the stipulation that the house be taken down. The Mapes family wants to sell the property and not 'donate' it. After the 30 day wait, according to the stipulations put in place, the T.O.B will need an order from the Supreme Court to access the property to clean and board it up. Attorney Middleton will continue to follow this situation.

Powers Road -Owners are trying to close on the property, which has been cleaned up significantly at this time. The Attorney for Mr. Hussein wanted to confirm that \$4000 dollars would be paid at the time of the closing. For the \$4000 to be paid in full, the property clean up must be finished as per the stipulations put in place.

Mr. John Phelan will be selling his property. \$12,040 dollars will come back to the Town per lien restrictions on his CDBG grant. That money will have to stay in a separate account for one year and then can be added back into the General Fund.

There was some discussion regarding the lien on the Cadden property. This subject will be looked into and approached again with the Council and the Town Attorney.

Highway Department

Ditching and mowing in progress. Stoning and oiling of the roads done last Friday. Some of the stones applied by Vestal Asphalt were applied too heavily and they will be coming back at their expense to finish .6 miles of Noyes Road that was not completed. (From top of hill to town line). A driveway culvert pipe was completed. Mill St.(near Tennis center), Spaulding, Gardner, Coleman Roads have been completed. Noyes Road will be completed in the near future. Also, oil and stones were placed in front of the Tennis Center. Rusted hinges on a trailer broke and made the deck shift. Highway Superintendent Leighton reached out to the insurance company to see if a claim can be filed. He will also reach out to company that the trailer was purchased to see if they can give a quote to repair the trailer.

TOB Volunteer Fire Department

No Report

Supervisor

Waiting on cooperation from the joint sewage treatment plant to get the project going. It was brought to the attention of Supervisor Rounds that there has been hardly income from the court in the past 3 months. Judge Brinker informed Supervisor Rounds that Governor Hochul put executive orders in place during covid, that when you have a fine, you can still retain your license until you pay the fine. If you don't pay the fine, there will be no consequences as you still have your license. The Town is owed 10 thousand dollars in outstanding fines. Supervisor Rounds will call a local representative for the Governor (Harris Weiss), to see if the matter can be brought back to the Governor to review the situation regarding retaining licenses until the fines are paid.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: -

CDL Reimbursement Program Policy – Attorney Middleton has constructed the CDL Reimbursement Program Policy for the Town of Binghamton. The new policy addresses the eligibility for employees to receive reimbursement for the training/course costs of obtaining their Class A, Class B, or upgrades from a Class B to a Class A CDL. If such CDL training is completed and such CDL is obtained after the employee's date of hire with the Town of Binghamton, there will be a 6-month probation period for the employee. All reimbursement pay will be pro-rated for 3 consecutive years. The final draft will be set at the next meeting. There was discussion as to how many CDL A licensed employees the town needs and weight requirements of trucks for which a CDL A would be needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Highway has received 4 quotes for a new ditch bucket from the following businesses:

1. Admar Construction Equipment Bucket tilt grading (**-\$10,625.00**),
2. Marshall Machinery – Honesdale Werk Breau 48-inch tilt grading bucket, {Kx080 Kubota, hose kit, bolt on edge, 12.5 cubic feet} – (**\$9,695.00**)
3. Amulet Manufacturing Company (Carrier Machine: Kubota KX080 w/Kubota Coupler, Model T3-2-48-10 Amulet STD. Capacity, 48" Tilt Bucket – (**\$5,795.00 plus freight**)
4. Timberline Lawn and RV Inc. – Item MTGB1250/MTBEK8 – PA OT – 50" ditching Bucket, Hyd Tilt, Kx080 and PA OT – Bucket Ears, Kubota, 8 Ton (**\$5000.00**), Discussion was held on how two ditchers would be more efficient for the Highway Department, as there could be 3 dump trucks and two ditchers running at the same time with no waiting for a dump truck to return from dumping out its load. Deputy Supervisor Donahue made a motion to pass a resolution to accept the bid of \$5000.00 from Timberline Lawn and RV Inc. for the purchase of Item MTGB1250/MTBEK8-PA OT-50" ditching bucket. Councilperson Conklin duly seconded the motion. A roll call vote of those present resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Donahue, Nye, Conklin

Nays: None

Absent: One

Motion Carried.

(Resolution Appended)

Council reviews of the employee handbook should be finished by the upcoming board meeting. At that time a special meeting will be set to discuss changes, or updates to the handbook. Attorney Middleton will give assistance in putting the updated book together, followed by submission to the H.R department for updating.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m. and the motion was duly seconded by Deputy Supervisor Donahue All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Town of Binghamton Town Board will be a regular Town Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at the Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, N.Y.

Respectfully Transcribed, and Submitted,

Paula J. Edwards
Deputy Clerk

Tracy Tokos
Town Clerk