

**TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD
February 20, 2024**

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024 TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN HALL, 279 PARK AVENUE, BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK.

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CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

ROLL CALL:

E. Rounds, Supervisor	Absent	T. Tokos, Town Clerk	Present
M. Bensley, Dep. Supervisor	Present	G. Middleton Town Attorney	Present
D. Nye, Councilperson	Absent	M. Donahue Councilperson	Present
V. Conklin, Councilperson	Present	K. Olds, TOB Vol. Fire Dept.	Present
N. Pappas, Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds			Present
Z. Soboleski, Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds			Present
M. Leighton, Highway Superintendent			Present

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

Lighting	Claim No. 95	\$	39.44
Sewer	Claim No. -	\$	-
Water	Claim No. 96 - 101	\$	2424.41
Highway	Claim No. 102 - 113	\$	9032.25
General	Claim No. 114 - 140	\$	25,098.02
TOTAL		\$	31,456.85

The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Donahue, Bensley, Conklin Absent: Rounds, Nye

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:

There were no corrections made to the February 6, 2024 Work Session minutes.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC:

Open: 6:02p.m. – Closed 6:03p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There are no communications or announcements at this time

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board

No Report. Next Meeting will be April 23rd @ 6:30p.m. Jeff Zembeck will be in attendance at this meeting to discuss his commercially zoned property on Park Avenue.

Zoning Board of Appeals

No Report.

Youth Commission

No Report

Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds

The spray foam in the new garage extension at 279 Park Avenue is complete. Metal will be arriving for the walls. The heat source and electric will then be looked at.

There has been no contact with Mr. Smith regarding 330 Park Avenue. Bids for Demolition of 330 Park Avenue will be sent out and will be discussed in the next meeting.

Highway Department

Snowstorm this past weekend. There is a lot of maintenance going on. Tree work is ongoing this week. Plans for ditching has started. (Winter without snow activities are ongoing)

Senior Commission

Lisa Young and Dennis and Sue See have volunteered to form this Commission. There will be a meeting on April 2, 2024, 1:30p.m. to discuss planning upcoming activities, possible pot luck lunches, etc. Hopefully, there will be more information in the next upcoming issue of Town Talk and there may be a blast email sent out from the Information desk regarding this new Commission. There was some discussion regarding a fee for members, of which would go back into the program to sponsor events.

RECEIPT OF REPORTS – The Town Board is in receipt of the following reports:

Town Clerk’s Monthly Report for January, 2024
Code Enforcement Officer’s Monthly Report for January, 2024
DCO Monthly Report for January, 2024

TOB Volunteer Fire Co.

11 Calls: 2 House fire, 2 Mutual Aid, 3 Wires down, 2 Gas odor, 1 Service Call. 1 MVA.
The TOB VFC would like to get the Town Board to approve their check prior to the arrival of County money. This money has already been approved. This matter will be looked into for the TOB VFD.

Supervisor

No Report at this time

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilperson Donahue made a motion to pass a resolution to approve the final copy of the Employee Handbook. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor of the resolution. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Donahue, Conklin, Bensley Absent: Rounds, Nye

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried.

(Resolution Appended)

There was one bid for the Highway Trucks. This bid was not to specification. Highway Superintendent Leighton has procured the spreadsheet for the mini bid system for the NYS OGS (New York State Office of General Services) and has filled it out and emailed it in for a response. It has not been ‘officially’ sent in at this time for an official posting. This bid system goes out to every qualified dealer in the state. There is a section in this bid system where Superintendent Leighton can include certain specifications desired. The State will send out the bid notices and then will contact the Highway Superintendent regarding responses. The mini bid system is revamped and new this year. When bids come back in from the State, the Town Board will still need to approve the bids. Councilperson Donahue made a motion to make a resolution to reject the bid from the Ferraro Auto Team in Elmira, for the trucks, due to lack of specifications. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin.

All those present voted in favor of this motion.

Ayes: Donahue, Conklin, Bensley

Absent: Rounds, Nye

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

(Resolution Appended)

Councilperson Conklin made a resolution to authorize Highway Superintendent Leighton to go through the mini bid system and specify the purchase of two trucks. Councilperson Donahue duly seconded the motion. All those present voted in favor of the motion.

Ayes: Donahue, Conklin, Bensley

Absent: Rounds, Nye

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

(Resolution Appended)

Councilperson Donahue made a motion for the approval of deeming telephone poles from Jackson Park as surplus. Councilperson Conklin duly seconded the motion. All those present voted in favor of the motion:

Ayes: Donahue, Conklin, Bensley

Absent: Rounds, Nye

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Donahue made a motion for a resolution to approve the 2023 Budget Transfer. Councilperson Conklin duly seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Ayes: Donahue, Conklin, Bensley

Absent: Rounds, Nye

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

(Resolution Appended)

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. and was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

LOOKING AHEAD:

The next meeting of the Town of Binghamton Town Board will be a Work Session to be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 4:00p.m. at the Town of Binghamton Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, NY.

The next Town Board Regular Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 6:00p.m.

Respectfully transcribed and submitted:

Tracy L. Tokos
Town Clerk

Paula J. Edwards
Deputy Town Clerk

