

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON - TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

February 6, 2024



CALL TO ORDER 4:00 p.m.

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. An executive session will be held.

ROLL CALL:

E. Rounds, Supervisor
M. Bensley- Deputy Supervisor (Arrived at – 4:24p.m.)
M. Donahue, Councilperson
D. Nye, Councilperson
V. Conklin, Councilperson

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Open 4:01p.m. – Closed 4:01p.m. - No one from the Public was present to speak.

2024 Town of Binghamton Volunteer Fire Department Contract: To consider input on the proposed 2024 Town of Binghamton Volunteer Fire Department. Councilperson Conklin made a motion to adopt a resolution to accept the contract. Councilperson Nye duly seconded the motion. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

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

Declared Adopted

(Resolution Appended)

APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS:

Councilperson Nye made a motion to pass a resolution to approve the following claims as audited: There were a few receipts in question. Some discussion. Councilperson Donahue duly seconded the motion. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

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

Declared Adopted

(Resolution Appended)

<u>AUDITED CLAIMS #6 (2023)</u>	CLAIM #'S	AMOUNT
GENERAL	1141 – 1149	\$ 22,000.56
HIGHWAY	1138 - 1140	\$ 2,011.89
LIGHTING	1134	\$ 853.80
WATER	1135 - 1137	\$ 1,176.84
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 26,043.09</u>

<u>AUDITED CLAIMS #5 (2024)</u>	CLAIM #'S	AMOUNT
GENERAL	65 – 93	\$ 78,010.49
HIGHWAY	47- 64, 94	\$ 57,585.78
SEWER	44	\$ 4,527.00
WATER	45 – 46	\$ 664.86
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 140,788.13</u>

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:

Town Board Minutes – January 16, 2024 - Minutes recognized.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Presidents Day -TOB Municipal Buildings will be closed Monday, February 19,2024 in Observance of Presidents Day.

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Planning Board: Meeting canceled due to weather. The next meeting will be the quarterly meeting in April.
- Zoning Board: See Planning Board
- Youth Commission – Basketball is in progress.

- Code Enforcement/ Building and Grounds – Nick Pappas and Zack Soboleski attended the Hazardous mitigation meeting necessary to obtain FEMA funding.

All reports are complete i.e. Department of State, Broome County, and the Census geographical report.

The new/used truck is here.

All the electrical poles are out at Jackson Park.

There are dead Ash trees that need to be removed for safety reasons, Nick received a quote from Randav Tree Removal for \$2,500.00 John is offering to reduce his quote in exchange for the electric poles that were removed, He will haul them away. It was suggested that we make the poles surplus.

Zack received 3 quotes for the Spray foam insulation in the new garage ceiling. The lowest quote was accepted by Reeves & Son for \$8,800.00 for 5" foam insulation.

Councilperson Nye made a motion to pass a resolution to accept the quote from Reeves & Son for \$8,800.00 for 5" foam insulation. Councilperson Donahue duly seconded the motion. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Ayes: Rounds, Nye, Donahue, Conklin

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Declared Adopted

(Resolution Appended)

- Highway Department – January was a tough month, there were several storms that created a lot of work and employee overtime. Which also leads to maintenance and repairs on vehicles.

There was a water break on East Hamton Road which led to the realization of excessive water pressure. There is a re-build kit at the Highway Department.

There is a possible water break on Partridge Lane.

There were several complaints regarding the slippery and hazardous roads during storms. The sand and salt mixture were light on the salt causing the roads to be slippery.

Tom and Anita Scales from Burdick Road attended the meeting. Two years ago, the sewer backed up somewhere between their home and Carman Road. This line seems to back up approximately every two years and has happened again. Service Master is now at their home doing clean up and demo. Superintendent Leighton has a call in to the City of Binghamton for a camera to check the line with a goal to find out why the line backs up.

- TOB Volunteer Fire Department – No report.

- Supervisor - Ross Park Zoo is looking at a future project and some residents have been inquiring about this. Supervisor Rounds contacted Phil Ginter regarding the project. It is in the very early stages; she will meet with him next month to discuss the project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Bids to be accepted up to February 20, 2024 at 12:00 Noon, and bids to be opened at 12:01p.m. for two (2) 2023 or newer, each to be a 1 ½ ton truck with plow, wing and nine (9) foot dump body for the Highway Department.
- Town of Binghamton Drug and Alcohol Policy – There was more discussion regarding the Policy. Attorney Middleton will look into the questions that were brought up and the Board will revisit this at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Community Center – Due to upcoming major repairs needed from a water issue, the Community Center will no longer be available for rent at this time. There is a possibility of leasing the building in the future after discussion of the annual costs to maintain the center versus the rental income received. Supervisor Rounds will be contacting a realtor for some information on the prospects of leasing the building.
- There will be an investigation regarding the fire at 330 Park Avenue.
- Senior group Coordinator- There have been a few responses to the request for a Senior group coordinator. Councilperson Conklin is doing interviews at this time.
- Attorney Middleton is coaching the SV mock trial team. The students would like to use the Courtroom on March 10th, from 12-4 p.m.

A motion was made to allow the use of the Courtroom. All present voted in favor.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to adjourn from the work session at 5:23 p.m. and go into Executive session, the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to adjourn the Executive session at 5:39 p.m. All present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made to return to the regular work session at 5:39 p.m. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson Nye made a motion to adjourn the Work Session at 5:40 p.m. Councilperson Conklin duly seconded the motion. All those present voted in favor of the motion.

LOOKING AHEAD:

The next Town Board Meeting Will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:00p.m.

Respectfully Transcribed and Submitted

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tracy Tokos".

Tracy Tokos
Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paula J. Edwards".

Paula J. Edwards
Deputy Town Clerk