

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON - TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
March 5, 2024 at 4:00 P.M.



CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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 will be no executive session after this meeting.

E. Rounds, Supervisor
M. Bensley, Deputy Supervisor
M. Donahue, Councilperson

D. Nye, Councilperson
V. Conklin, Councilperson

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

1 Guest – Derrick Withey -W20 Pump & System Services.

APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS

There was some discussion regarding claim #150 regarding quotes for two old and leaking fire hydrants, and also some discussion regarding claim #156-tree removal and services going out to bid in the future.

Deputy Supervisor Bensley made a motion to adopt a resolution to approve the following claims as audited:

<u>AUDITED CLAIMS</u>	<u>CLAIM #'S</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL	165 - 184	\$ 17,017.83
HIGHWAY	151 - 164	\$ 11,798.75
LIGHTING	142	\$ 860.02
SEWER	143 - 145	\$ 2,606.78
WATER	145 - 150	\$ 13,881.65
SPECIAL DISTRICTS	141	\$ 269,040.00
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 315,205.03</u>

The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. Members present voted to pass the resolution. Motion carried. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Donahue, Rounds, Bensley, Conklin, Nye

Nays: None

Abstained: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

(RESOLUTION APPENDED)

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES

There were no corrections to the Town Board Minutes – February 20, 2024

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Broome County Association of Towns and Villages will hold a meeting on April 18, 2024 at Little Venice. Cocktails will be at 5:30 P.M. and the meeting will be at 6:00 P.M. Jason Garner will be the speaker. Quarterly meetings will be held.

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Board

No report. Next meeting will be held April 23, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Zoning Board of Appeals

No report. Next meeting will be held April 23, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Youth Commission

Baseball, Softball and Lacrosse signups are now in effect.

Code Enforcement

MS4 dues are now due for the water coalition. The trees at Jackson Park that needed removal have been cut down, and wiring must be fixed where the poles have been taken out. Junction boxes are needed. The new score board needs to go up. The cost of doing this work will most likely exceed 5 thousand dollars, which will be necessary to put the work out to bid. Mr. Zembeck will be in attendance at the April 23rd Planning Board/ZBA meeting. 330 Park Avenue has been cleaned up after the fire. The Mapes property is now an open estate, there should be letters of administration soon. Attorney Middleton will have papers revised to say estate and not an individual before presenting. Code Officer Pappas has inquired about hiring a process server for the town, due to a request by Judge Brinker to serve appearance tickets for Code Violations and Dog Control matters in person. Supervisor Rounds inquired about inspections on the properties that received the CDBG grants. The inspections will resume. The properties that received the CDBG grants will start being inspected for this year. The Town Clean Up days will be planned soon.

Highway Department

Council members have been given a copy of the Mini Bids that went out for the Trucks. Superintendent Leighton spoke to NYS Vehicle Procurement to have someone review the mini bid, and then reviewed the mini bid program information with the Council members. There will be more information, and possible approval for the bids at the April work session. There is a tentative date for Broome Bituminous to start the paving of Stephanie Lane, Bernice Blvd, and Norfolk Road in May. There will be some bridge maintenance in the near future for two area bridges (Hance Road – which needs the retaining wall repaired, and A-Cline Road bridge off of Brinkman Road where the water is hitting a footer under the bridge.) Shoulder work and ditch digging will resume soon. Repatching of roads due to winter runoff has begun. There have been two proposals for the 2 pumps at the 32-year-old Felters Road pump station. The first being a new pump and motor which could take months to replace, and the second, being a tear down of the existing pump and motor, then check and rebuild. A refurbished pump system lasts 15 – 25 years. Lee Cooper described what it would take to refurbish the pumps. Cost of new pumps vs. refurbished pumps was discussed. Superintendent Leighton will research bid quotes on both new and refurbishing of pumps.

TOB Volunteer Fire Co.

No one from the fire department in attendance for this meeting.

Senior Commission

A meeting will be held on April 2, 2024 at 1:30p.m. – a date will be set for a ‘Meet and Greet at that time. Future activities will be discussed.

Supervisor

No Report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Justin Fisher from Cynthia Drive would like to try to tie in to the town septic system. He has two options. The first would be to get an easement on the neighboring property, and the second would be to install a septic system. Mr. Fisher will continue to look into resolving this situation on his property.

CDL Drug Policy – The State of New York limits what can be done for random drug testing beyond Federal policies. Attorney Middleton will explore other options for the town and will give the board more information at the next meeting. Councilperson Conklin made a motion to adopt a resolution to adopt the standard CDL drug policy from the Federal government. Councilperson Nye duly seconded the motion. Motion carried A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Conklin, Nye, Donahue, Bensley, Rounds

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Declared Adopted

(Resolution Appended)

Union Contract Modifications – There is a change in the CDL training, the town will split the cost of one half of the training with the employee. There is an adjustment in the clothing allowance per quarter year. (\$187.50 per quarter). The employee will be required to purchase at least one pair of boots out of the yearly allotment. Presently, vacation time cannot be used while employee is on probation. New hires will now get pro-rated accumulated paid vacation time up front. Supervisor Rounds will finalize these issues and updates will be sent to the board members.

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Supervisor Bensley made a motion to adopt a resolution to approve the Standard Work Day Report for elected and appointed official Highway Superintendent Leighton for the first quarter of the year 2023. Councilperson Conklin duly seconded the motion. Motion carried. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Bensley, Nye, Conklin, Donahue

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Declared Adopted

(Resolution Appended)

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 P.M and was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those in attendance voted to adjourn the meeting.

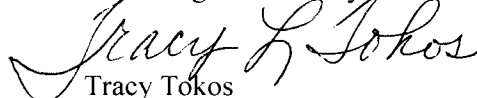
LOOKING AHEAD: Town Board Regular Meeting – Tuesday, March 19, 2024 @6:00p.m.
Town Board Work Session – Tuesday, April 2, 2024 @ 4:00p.m.

Respectfully Transcribed and Submitted



Paula J. Edwards
Deputy Town Clerk

Recording Provided By



Tracy Tokos
Town Clerk