

**TOWN OF BINGHAMTON  
TOWN BOARD  
April 16, 2024**

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 6:00 P.M., TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN HALL, 279 PARK AVENUE, BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

T. Tokos - Town Clerk  
 G. Middleton - Town Attorney  
 N. Pappas - Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds  
 M. Leighton - Highway Superintendent  
 K. Olds - TOB Vol. Fire Dept.

**2 Guests**

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 tonight.

**APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS:**

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

Lighting	Claim No. 278	\$	32.75
Sewer	Claim No. 279 -281	\$	106,834.28
Water	Claim No. 281 -288	\$	49,193.58
Highway	Claim No. 366 - 372	\$	48,742.04
General	Claim No. 299 -324	\$	20,364.30
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>184,881.06</b>

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: Rounds, Donahue, Nye, Bensley, Conklin      Absent: None

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

**RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:**

Work Session Minutes, April 2, 2024. Approved.

**VOICE OF THE PUBLIC:** Open 6:02 p.m. – Closed 6:02 p.m.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- See Supervisor's Report

**OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Planning Board**

- Meeting to be held on April 23, 2024 @6:30p.m.

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

- Joint meeting to be held with the Planning Board on April 23,2024 @ 6:30p.m.

**Youth Commission**

- No Report.

**Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds**

- Working on signage for people to clean up after their dogs. The ground on the fields has been saturated from all the rain. Games are being held at the park.
- The motor on the furnace on the new side of the building has failed. To replace the motor, the price would be \$2600.00. Kevin Fancher from Fancher Services was here to give some details on the motor/rooftop unit installation. There are 3 quotes to replace the furnace as follows:
  - 1.) Fancher Services - \$16,566.00 for Installation of one Lennox, 6-ton rooftop unit \$18,242.00 v. \$18,242.00 for Installation of one Lennox 6 Ton roof top unit with economizer
  - 2.) P & J - \$15,100.00- Replacement of RTU on office building which would include disconnection and of gas, electric, removing old unit, provide and install new 6-ton gas fired RTU includes labor, and commission for operation.
  - Downstate Fabricating Heating Cooling Inc: - Labor and Material to provide and install 6-ton Carrier Roof top unit, 2 stg Cooling, direct drive 208/230/3 Phase including removal of existing unit and reconnection of new unit. 1 year warranty, no sales tax included. Prevailing wage Sheet Metal Worker, Certified Payroll, in addition Crane, minimum 4 hours and prevailing wage - \$14, 465.00. v. labor and material to fix RTU:

Replace blower motor, no sales tax included, Prevailing wage Sheet Metal Worker, Certified Payroll - \$2,595.00.

There was much discussion on the motor only v. the replacement of the rooftop furnace. Code Enforcement will now procure quotes for both the rooftop furnace AND the air conditioning units from the same company, to be installed at the same time.

- There are two quotes for the Electrical and rewiring and installation of the scoreboard at Jackson Park as follows:
  - 1.) AC Spear Electric Inc. – Field 1) Rework underground wiring to restore power to Pavilion, dugout receptacles. Install inground junction boxes, conduits and wiring. \$14,860 plus additional \$200.00 if electrical inspection is needed. Field 2) Rework underground wiring to restore power to Announcer booth building, dugout and batting cage outlets. Install wiring for 2 new scoreboards supplied by the Town. All remote wireless controls supplied with new scoreboards. Wiring based on 120-volt circuit to each. Mount new scoreboard to existing support pipes. If additional support is needed, there will be additional costs. Excavation, backfill and grass restoration will be done by the Town. Quote based on prevailing wage requirements. Tax exempt project. \$14,860. If electric inspection is required, \$200.00 will be added into cost.
  - 2.) Rogers Electric – Repair underground wiring to pavilion, batting cage, and dugout outlets. Repair wiring to new scoreboards ‘120-volt power only, no control wiring included. Scoreboards to come with remotes. Scoreboards to be mounted to existing supports. Quote is based on prevailing wage. All digging, backfill and sod to be installed by the Town. No tax included \$17,330.00 plus tax.

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to accept the bid from AC Spear Electric Inc. for a total of \$14,860 plus additional \$200.00 if needed for electrical inspection, for a total of \$15,060 to have park project begin as soon as possible. Councilperson Nye duly seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

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

Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Motion Carried.**

### **Highway**

- Highway Superintendent Leighton has been in discussion with Tim Steed regarding the Felters Road pump project. There has been a review of non-technical information. Supervisor Leighton will have more discussions with Mr. Steed regarding the project.. There is no information at this time regarding the sewer lining project. Superintendent Leighton has tried to contact the State DOT via email and voice messages regarding speed reduction on Peckham Road but has not heard back from them as of yet.

- Ditching and Road Shoulder cleaning continues. Stone and oil of roads begins soon. The access road to the water tank has washed out and the crew has been on site to restore. Truck maintenance continues.

**Receipt of Reports** – The Town Board is in receipt of the following reports:

Town Clerk’s Monthly Report for March 2024  
 DCO Monthly Report for March 227  
 Code Enforcement Officer’s Monthly Report for March 2024

**TOB Volunteer Fire Co.**

- 6 calls: 1 Motor Vehicle Accident, 2 EMS, 1 Gas Odor, 1 Tree Down, 1 Brush Fire.

**Supervisor**

- Supervisor Rounds has spoken to John Watson of the Powers Road Solar project. Ground breaking will be sometime in July or August. Powers Road Solar has purchased solar panels from Georgia. The 4 solar project agreements previously submitted to the Town will not go into effect until the project is completed. (Road Use, Host Community, Decommissioning, Payment in Lieu of Taxes)
- Forthcoming, there will be changes to the agenda. All information (quotes, bid sheets etc.) to be put on Agenda by department heads MUST be turned into the Town Clerk’s office by the Friday prior to the Tuesday meeting. Resolutions will now be listed on the agenda, and the website, 24 hours prior to the upcoming meeting. Unless it is an emergency, any information to be discussed at the meetings which has not been turned in to the Clerk’s office by Friday, will be postponed for two weeks till the next meeting when it can be put on the meeting agenda.
- The entire board will be attending the Towns and Villages meeting at Little Venice Restaurant on Thursday, April 18, 2024.
- Supervisor Rounds spoke to the County regarding the Community Center to let them know that the Town is interested in leasing it. She will also contact the school district to see if they are interested in leasing it. There are many options regarding the Center at this time.
- A motion has been made by Councilperson Conklin to approve the following items to be considered surplus auction items:  
 Jackson Park – One large bathroom trailer, wooden bleachers and old scoreboards.  
 Community Center – Dishes, Coffee Pot  
 Town Hall – one 1997 Chevy truck with plow and salter, palette of old tools from basement, PTO finish mower, small towable bathroom trailer, and a red utility trailer.  
 Councilperson Nye duly seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Conklin, Nye, Bensley, Rounds  
 Abstained: None

Nays: None  
 Absent: None

**Motion Carried.**

### **Senior Commission**

- Next meeting to be held on April 30, 2024, at 2:00p.m. to prepare for the Meet and Greet which is which will be held here at the Town Hall on May 15, 2024 from 2:00p.m. till 4:00p.m.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- All employees must have their employee handbook review form signed and turned in.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Highway Superintendent Leighton discussed the possible purchase of a new wheeled excavator. He has reviewed 3 different machines from various sources, regarding prices, models and productivity. He has brought photos of the excavators that he reviewed to explain the differences to the Council. Superintendent Leighton explained how productivity is halted when the current excavators have to be moved out of the roads to let cars pass. Supervisor Rounds explained that there are no funds in the capital equipment fund category for the Highway Department at this time. Funds would need to be strictly out of the fund balance. Leighton discussed the current trade in/auction values for the equipment the Town now owns. Discussion was held regarding the current machines v. new machines and why Leighton feels that a new machine would be beneficial for the Highway Department.

### **VOICE OF THE PUBLIC: Open -7:13p.m.**

Kurt Osgood, 1962 Hawleyton Road – Mr. Osgood inquired about Mr. Zembeck doing a presentation on a Park Avenue property. Supervisor Rounds informed Mr. Osgood that this will be discussed at the Planning Board meeting and that the public is welcome.

**Close-7:14p.m.**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 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 Tuesday, May 7, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m., at the Town of Binghamton Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, NY.*

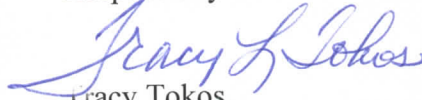
*The next regular Town Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 @6:00p.m.*

Transcribed by,



Paula J. Edwards  
Deputy Town Clerk

Respectfully Transcribed and Submitted,



Tracy Tokos,  
Town Clerk