

**TOWN OF BINGHAMTON**  
**TOWN BOARD**  
**May 21, 2024**

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, May 21, 2024, 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
M. Bensley, Dep. Supervisor	Present
D. Nye, Councilperson	Present
M. Donahue, Councilperson	Present
V. Conklin, Councilperson	Present

N. Pappas, Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds	T. Tokos, Town Clerk
M. Leighton, Highway	G. Middleton, Town Attorney
K. Olds, TOB Volunteer Fire Department.	

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Open 6:01p.m. Town Clerk confirmed that the public hearing to amend the Local Law 1 – 2024 “Chapter 157 – 2 (A) of the Town of Binghamton Code to change Park Operating Dates and Times.” was published. There was some discussion. Deputy Supervisor Bensley made a motion to adopt a resolution to open Jackson Park on April 1<sup>st</sup> and for closure of the park to be November 1<sup>st</sup>. Councilperson Conklin duly seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Bensley, Nye, Donahue, Conklin, Rounds	Absent: None
Nays: None	Abstained: None
Motion Carried	

(Resolution Appended)

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Closed 6:05p.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. There will be a short executive session tonight.

**APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS:**

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

Lighting	Claim No. 383	\$	27.53
Sewer	Claim No. 384 - 385	\$	1,809.27
Water	Claim No. 385 - 389	\$	2,795.29
Highway	Claim No. 390 - 398	\$	22,598.84
General	Claim No. 399 - 421	\$	18,797.71
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$	46,028.64

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, May 7, 2024. Approved.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The Town of Binghamton Municipal buildings will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2024 in observance of Memorial Day. The Town of Binghamton Volunteer Fire company will hold a Memorial Day Parade which will start at the station in Hawleyton at 10a.m. and proceed to the cemetery on Saddlemire Road.

## **OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Planning Board**

- No report. Next meeting -Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

- No report. Next meeting – Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Youth Commission**

- No Report. Deputy Supervisor Bensley informed the board that the Lacrosse team is growing and they look good.

### **Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds**

- There will be a Girls, flow over Bagsai tournament at Jackson Park on June 1, 2024.
- Code Officer Pappas spoke to Lou Bishop (DWI tournament) regarding use of the park on July 11 & 12 and possibly June 1, 2024 as well. Games have been switched around so the upper fields can be in use.
- There is no update on the air conditioning unit. Fancher Services has been contacted to find out when the air conditioning unit will be installed. The pavilion roof and BBQ roofs at the park have been replaced. The electrical work at the park has been completed and the new score boards have been installed. Mr. Pappas spoke to Matt Lisi regarding two original electrical panels at the park that need to be replaced. There has been an issue at the park with people not cleaning up after their dogs. Town Attorney Middleton will be working on an amendment to the local law regarding fines for not cleaning up after your dog. The amendment will be presented at the next board meeting listing violation times and a fine structure and a new specific requirement for people to clean up after their dogs in public areas.
- Attorney Middleton reached out to the parties regarding the Montrose Avenue property. A DNA test should be in shortly. There is no Letter of Testamentary at this time. The court ordered deadline will coming up in the next week. A letter has been sent to the executor two weeks ago, notifying her of all the board happenings with the case and suggesting that she reach out to Attorney Middleton prior to filing. Attorney Middleton hopes to work something out with her before the case goes to filing. If she does not respond Middleton will proceed with the next step. Jen Fancher is checking for updates every week.
- Code Enforcement will be issuing appearance tickets to 6 to 12 residents in the near future.

## **Highway**

- Truck update on Ram 5500 – Salesman received notice that internal orders have been approved and moved to production but there is no build date yet.
- Paving is done on Stephanie Lane, Berniece Boulevard and Norfolk Road. Two roads are ready for stone and oiling. Prepping for 2 more. Tentative date for the first run of stone and oil is at the end of June.
- Bids are out for the sewer and Felters Road Pump house. Hopefully the sewer will be finished before school starts. Several contractors have picked up packets for both projects.
- Brush and branch collection has been extended a few days. Residents have been calling the Highway Department regarding pick up. Flushing has started. Some residents never received their notices. Mowing and trimming is in full swing. Councilperson Conklin asked about hydro seeds with kitty litter and wanted to know if reseeding will be done on Progy Road.
- Superintendent Leighton has been getting phone calls regarding logs left behind by Nelson/Nyseg and has been told that they are running behind and will be back to pick the logs up.

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

Town Clerk's Monthly Report for April 2024

DCO Monthly Report for April 227

Code Enforcement Officer's Monthly Report for April 2024

**TOB Volunteer Fire Co.**

- 11 calls this month. 1-gas odor, 4 – possible house fires, 1- mutual aid, 4 – EMS, and 1-CO call.

**Supervisor**

- Supervisor Rounds spoke to John Watson from Atlas. They were planning to start the project but they are now delayed. There is no start date as of right now. Supervisor Rounds discussed the permit expiration. Attorney Middleton says that Atlas may need a permit renewal. Supervisor Rounds will get back to him to let him know that they were supposed to start the project by October. Attorney Middleton will double check to see if the clock would start from the last approval phase. There was additional discussion between board members.

**Senior Commission**

- The Senior Commission will meet at the Town Hall on June 11, 2024 from 2p.m. – till 4p.m. for card games and a book club group. All seniors are welcome.
- 19 people attended the meet and greet day. Surveys have been filled out and are still being returned. Signup sheets were available to note what activities the group might show an interest in.
- The Senior Commission will meet in the morning on Parade Day and will be given a post parade tour of the historical Hawleyton Church, compliments of the Historical Society. The free fishing event planned to be held at Jackson Park will depend on interest.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- The Town Board needs approve Tom Hanna (Highway) to attend the W20 Training Conferences in Cortland, NY on September 9 – 13, 2024 for the Operators Certificate Course – Grade C, Water Distribution, and October 21 – 25, 2024 for the Operators Certificate Course – Grade D, Water Distribution, at the cost of \$1275.00 in total for both conferences. Tom will be paid for lunches as it is not provided at the conferences. Councilperson Nye made a motion to approve Tom Hanna attending the W20 Training Conferences in Cortland, NY from September 9 – 13, and October 21 – 25 for Grade C Water Distribution Operators Certificate Course, and Grade D Water Distribution Operators Certificate Course at the total cost of \$1275.00, with Tom being paid for lunches on those days. Councilperson Donahue duly seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Bensley, Nye, Conklin, Donahue, Rounds

Absent: None

Nays: None

Abstained: None.

Motion Carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Supervisor Rounds was contacted by Rich Cunningham from Thoma regarding interest in a possibly doing another CDBG grant. The cost would be \$7500.00 This would include all services that have been covered in the past by Thoma. The applications would need to be in by July 31, 2024. In the event that applications would not proceed to completion, the town will be billed only for hours worked, not to exceed the above amount. A total of 23 resident homes have been rehabilitated due to previous CDBG grants.
- Residents would need to fall within the income requirements. This grant would most likely be available in 2025.
- Councilperson Conklin made a motion to accept the proposal of the Thoma Development Consultants 2024 Housing Rehabilitation CDBG grant for the cost of \$7500.00. The fee would include the necessary survey for pre-development work to develop a waiting list, cost estimates as well as prep of final application, and completion of environmental review records to be submitted at the time of grant application. Thoma will assist the town with finalizing the grant agreement post award, not including the completion of the administration plan. The above fee is exclusive for reimbursement costs associated with the project which will be charged at cost. Councilperson Bensley duly seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Nye, Bensley, Conklin, Donahue, Rounds

Absent: None

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried.

### **VOICE OF THE PUBLIC:**

Open- Floor open at 6:47 p.m. No speakers.

Close -Floor closed at 6:47p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue at 6:53p.m. to go into an executive session and was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Deputy Supervisor Bensley made a motion to return to the regular board meeting at 7:36 p.m..  
Councilperson Nye duly seconded the motion.

Councilperson Conklin made a motion to terminate the board meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Councilperson Donahue duly seconded the motion.

*The next meeting of the Town of Binghamton Town Board will be a Work Session to be held on Tuesday, June 4, 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, June 18, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.*

Transcribed by,

Paula J. Edwards  
Deputy Town Clerk

Respectfully Transcribed and Submitted,

Tracy Tokos, Town Clerk  
Town Clerk