

**TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD
June 18, 2024**

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 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

T. Tokos, Town Clerk
G. Middleton, Town Attorney
N. Pappas, Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds
M. Leighton, Highway

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. No Executive session.

APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS:

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

Lighting	Claim No. 458	\$25.38
Sewer	Claim No. 459 - 462	\$1,621.64
Water	Claim No. 462 - 467	\$2,855.22
Highway	Claim No. 468 - 477	\$178,514.85
General	Claim No. 478 - 510	\$22,664.52
	TOTAL	\$205,681.61

The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye, 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, June 4, 2024 - Approved.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Town of Binghamton will be accepting bids for The Jackson Park Ball field fence replacement. Bids will be received by the Town Clerk at 279 Park Ave. Binghamton, NY 13903 until 12:00 P.M. on Monday, July 1, 2024, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud at 12:01 P.M.

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

- Baseball season has come to an end. There are a few scheduled tournaments next month.

Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds

- Brief discussion regarding the cell tower special use permits.
- The Parks are all set, ready for summer tournaments, Nick discussed the possibility of sealing both parking lots in the fall, He will get some quotes, depending on the amounts, if it is in the budget, if not, it will go in the budget for next year.
- The decision was made to cancel the contract with Fancher Services for the new AC unit at the Town hall. Due to the recent severe temperature weather emergency, lack of communication with Fancher Services relating to recharging the current unit, and their time period for replacement of said unit being 12 weeks out, we were able to go with Downstate Fabricating, Heating & Cooling. They will be installing a new system this Thursday and Friday.
- No updates on the Montrose Ave. property.

Highway

- The crews are currently mowing, road work on Stevens Rd, maintenance on equipment, and stone and oil will begin in mid-July.
- The auction list was tabled until the July 2nd work session giving the board members more time to review the list.
- The Water and sewer department is looking into emailing invoices and notifications to residents in the future instead of mailing.

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

- Town Clerk’s Monthly Report for May 2024
- DCO Monthly Report for May 2024
- Code Enforcement Officer’s Monthly Report for May 2024

TOB Volunteer Fire Co.

- No one present.

Supervisor

- Supervisor Rounds gave the Board members a report of the financials for the first 5 months of the year to give them an idea of where the Town is at, in the budget and what is remaining.
- Supervisor Rounds is in receipt of the Audit report. It will be on file in the Clerk’s office.

Senior Commission

- There were 2 events last Tuesday at the Town Hall. A book group and a card game. The groups will continue to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.
- They decided to cancel the fishing event. Due to lack of interest.
- There is a scheduled meeting on Friday June 21, 2024 to plan future events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The bids were received for the Felters Rd. Pump Station and the Sewer Rehabilitation Projects.

- National Water Main Cleaning Co. was awarded the contract as the low bidder for the Sewer Rehabilitation project, their bid was \$93,500.00 for the base bid and \$17,500.00 for the alternate bid, totaling \$111,000.00.

A motion was made by Councilperson Nye to adopt a Resolution to accept the bid from National Water Main Cleaning Co. out of Canton, Massachusetts for a bid of \$93,500.00 for the base bid and \$17,500.00 for the alternate bid, totaling \$111,000.00 for the Sewer Relining Project. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Bensley, Conklin, Nye and Donahue Nays: None

Absent: None Abstained: None
Declared adopted. (Resolution Appended)

We received one bid for the Felters Rd. Pump Station from W20 out of Cortland, NY, the bid was increased to a larger size of pump than requested and it was also brought to our attention that 3 other companies attempted to bid but were unable to do so due to a technical error with the vendors computer. It was suggested that we table the bid received and that we put the Project back out to bid.

A motion was made by Councilperson Nye to adopt a Resolution to reject the Felters Rd. Pump Station bid from W20 for \$93,000.00. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Bensley, Conklin, Nye and Donahue Nays: None

Absent: None Abstained: None

Declared adopted. (Resolution Appended)

A motion was made by Councilperson Nye to adopt a Resolution to authorize the Town to receive bids for the Felters Rd. Pump Station on July 15, 2024 by 12:00 P.M. Bids will be opened at 12:01 P.M. The motion was duly seconded by Deputy Supervisor Bensley. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Bensley, Conklin, Nye and Donahue Nays: None

Absent: None Abstained: None

Declared adopted. (Resolution Appended)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Rounds has been in contact with Chris Starr from NYCLASS investments. They are an investment company that works strictly with Municipalities. The interest rate for invested money is 5.23% (daily fluctuation). There are no early withdrawal and no zero balance penalties. This gives the Town the option to invest in other areas than just NBT Bank. There is a large list of Municipalities that invest with them and all are collateralized by the Federal home loan bank letter of credit. There was some discussion.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to adopt a Resolution

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o (Section 119-o) empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, towns and villages, and districts] to enter into, amend, cancel, and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers, and duties on a cooperative or contract basis;

WHEREAS the Town of Binghamton wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts

Pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 28, 2019;

WHEREAS the Town of Binghamton wishes to satisfy the safety and liquidity needs of their funds;

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved as follows:

That Elizabeth Rounds, Supervisor of the Town of Binghamton is hereby authorized to participate in the NYCLASS program under the terms of the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 28, 2019.

The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Bensley, Conklin, Nye and Donahue Nays: None

Absent: None Abstained: None

Declared adopted. (Resolution Appended)

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC: Open 7:30 P.M. No one present. Closed 7:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 P.M. and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Nye. 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, July 2, 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, July 16, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Transcribed and Submitted,

Tracy Tokos,
Town Clerk

