

**TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
August 6, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.**



CALL TO ORDER 4:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Supervisor E. Rounds
Councilperson Donahue
Deputy Supervisor Bensley (Absent)

Councilperson Nye
Councilperson Conklin

G. Middleton, Town Attorney
T. Tokos, Town Clerk
Z. Soboleski, 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. There will be an executive session on this date.

APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS:

Councilperson Donahue made a motion to pass a resolution to approve the following claims as audited.

<u>AUDITED CLAIMS</u>	<u>CLAIM #'S</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL	621 – 647	\$ 20,449.60
HIGHWAY	606 - 620	\$ 63,036.05
LIGHTING	595	\$ 936.20
SEWER	596 - 597	\$ 1,508.55
WATER	597 – 605	\$ 58,357.43
	TOTAL	\$ 144,287.83

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

Ayes: Rounds, Nye, Donahue, Conklin
Absent: Bensley

Nays: None
Abstained: None

Declared Adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES: Town Board Minutes from July 16, 2024 have been approved.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The annual TOB V.F.C. Chicken BBQ will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. (noon) until 4:00 p.m. (or sold out). The Drive Thru BBQ Pickup will be held at the Hawleyton Methodist Church, located at 901 Hawleyton Road, Binghamton.
- Broome County Towns and Villages meeting will be on September 19, 2024 at McGirk’s Irish Pub at 5:30 p.m. for cocktails and the meeting starting at 6:00 p.m.
- Ross Park Zoo is in receipt of a grant and are looking to do some expansions with some of their property that is not in use at this time. It is in the process of planning right now. As we are informed of the project we will update the residents.

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board: The meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 was basically a training.

Zoning Board of Appeals: The meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 consisted of 2 resident cases. (see ZBA minutes 7.23.2024)

- With Theresa Taro resigning due to moving, the new Chairperson is now Meggan Olds. She will also remain in her current positions as the Processor and secretary.

Youth Commission: Football season is now in effect.

Code Enforcement:

- Budget Fence is in preparations of starting the new fence at Jackson Park by September 1st, it was agreed that Zac will do the removal of the existing fence saving the Town \$15,900.00
- Montrose Ave. paperwork will be filed this week requesting a court date with the judge. Once we have a court date Gina will update the board.
- Zac is looking into a computer program that will aid in keeping track of permits, violations, properties etc. He has 3 quotes and will present them to the board at the next meeting.

Highway Department:

- Seasonal mowing, road work, and maintenance in progress. Clearing culverts and picking up branches from the recent storms.
- There was a main water break at Riverview St. between Park Ave and Kimble, it was repaired within a couple of hours.

TOB Volunteer Fire Co: No report

Supervisor Report: No report

Senior Commission:

- The second Tuesday of every month the Senior Commission will be hosting card games and the book club at the Town Hall.
- This Saturday night at Jackson Park there will be a group meeting to view the expected Meteor showers at 10:15 p.m. weather permitting.

Senior Commission (Continued):

- There is a plan in the works for a bus trip to Seneca lake for the Captain Bill's Cruise that will include a lunch on October 20, 2024.
- A representative from UHS will be coming to do a presentation on senior safety in September. (Date to be announced).
- September 11th there will be an ice cream social at the Town Hall from 2:00-3:30 p.m.

There are more plans in the works for future events and gatherings. They will be announced as they are scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to Award the bid for the Felters Rd. Pump Station Improvement Project from Jones Specialty Services for \$89,350.00. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin, all those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Donahue, Nye, Conklin Absent: Bensley

Nays: None Abstained: None

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Rescind 2021 COVID policy:**

A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to approve the rescinding of the 2021 COVID Policy. After some discussion 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, Conklin Absent: Bensley

Nays: None Abstained: None

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

- **Special use permit for recertification of cell tower permits.**

A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to pass a Resolution to adopt the Town of Binghamton special use permits recertification application for Cell Towers to include a \$5,000.00 escrow amount for any costs that would occur during the recertification process with the balance, if any, remaining to be refunded to the tower owner. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin, all those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Donahue, Nye, Conklin Absent: Bensley

