

**TOWN OF BINGHAMTON  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
September 3, 2024**



**CALL TO ORDER 4:00 P.M**

**ROLL CALL:**

Supervisor Rounds  
Councilperson Nye  
Councilperson Conklin

Deputy Supervisor Bensley  
Councilperson Donahue

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

T. Tokos, Town Clerk  
Z. Soboleski, Building/Code  
M. Leighton, Highway Superintendent  
G. Middleton, Town Attorney –  
Avery McLean – Intern for Gina Middleton – Coughlin & Gerhardt

**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 today.**

**APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS**

Councilperson Nye made a motion to pass a resolution to approve the following claims as audited:

<b><u>AUDITED CLAIMS</u></b>	<b><u>CLAIM #'S</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
GENERAL	695 - 710	\$ 8,517.64
HIGHWAY	681 - 694	\$ 15,062.85
LIGHTING	676	\$ 940.94
SEWER	677	\$ 24.09
WATER	677 -680, 711	\$ 1,794.14
	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>\$ 26,339.66</b>

The motion was duly seconded by Deputy Supervisor Bensley. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: None**

**Abstained: None**

**DECLARED ADOPTED**

**(RESOLUTION APPENDED)**

## **RECOGNITION OF MINUTES**

There are no corrections for the August 20, 2024 Meeting.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Planning Board / Zoning Board of Appeals:**

Planning Board/ ZBA : Next meeting – October 22, 2024 @ 6:30 P.M.

Please note: ZBA hearing for October has been CANCELED.

#### **Youth Commission:**

Football and Cheerleading for the Town of Binghamton has started. Football games are to be held at S.V. High School.

#### **Code Enforcement:**

The building and grounds fence at Jackson Park has been removed and Budget Fencing has started marking the area for the new fence installation.

#### **Highway:**

The 2 new Dodge Ram 5500 trucks are in Ithaca and will be shipped to the Town of Binghamton. The truck bodies will be fitted by Binghamton Truck Body in Conklin. The Carmen Road sewer lining project has started. There is a crushed pipe on Burdick Road and will be replaced. Road patching on Norfolk Road around manholes and pavement is taking place. NYSEG has replaced the gas mains to roads and houses on Brookside Road. Second round of chip sealing should take place during the week of the 13<sup>th</sup> of September.

Lawn mowing continues. Second round of flushing will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of October. Fall brush and branch pick up should start at the end of October or early November. The pump project has been awarded and there will be a meeting for details in the next few weeks. There was discussion regarding speed reduction and how changes are approved. Superintended Leighton will make a list of roads needing speed reduction.

#### **TOB Volunteer Fire Co:**

No report.

#### **SENIOR COMMISSION:**

The Senior Book and Card groups will meet at the Town Hall on September 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 P.M. Books have been picked out for the rest of the year.

The Senior Ice Cream Social will be held at the Town Hall on September 11<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:30 P.M. The Senior Committee will be hosting UHS Trauma and Safety services -Safety for older adults at the Town Hall on September 17<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:30 P.M.

#### **SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

Brett Pritchard is looking to turn the Vestal Hills Country Club into an event venue and spa, he is inquiring on how to turn the property back into a commercial property. Attorney Middleton is looking into the necessary steps.

September 19, 2024, the next Associations of Towns and Villages meeting will be held at McGirks Irish Pub. Supervisor Rounds and some council members will be in attendance.

A new preliminary budget must be in the Clerks office by September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Clerk will hand out the budget to the board on October 1<sup>st</sup>. On October 8<sup>th</sup>, @10:00 A.M. the Town Board will hold a special budget meeting. A public hearing will be set for October 15<sup>th</sup> to be held at 6:01

P.M. The budget will be accepted on October 15<sup>th</sup> if there are no changes, or November 7<sup>th</sup> if changes are made.

Councilperson Donahue made a motion to set a special budget meeting for October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 10:00 A.M. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All members are in favor of the meeting.

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

Nays: None  
Abstained: None

Deputy Supervisor Bensley made a motion to set a Public Hearing for the Town of Binghamton town budget on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 6:01 P.M. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

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

Nays: None  
Abstained: None

Declared Adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Attorney Middleton has updated the Council on the ongoing Binghamton Solar Project. The Special Use Permit, Public Utility Use Variance, and the Site Plan. There is no expiration date for the Site Plan. The Special Use Permit and the Public Utility Use Variance permits are due to expire within a one-year period. The expiration for these permits is October of 2024. There was discussion regarding the expiration of the permits and what the next step would be.

Update on Montrose Ave: To be discussed in executive session.

Superintendent Leighton gave a presentation on the TEXT-MY-GOV program.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Application for funding for the Justice Court Assistance Program: The deadline for submission is October 11<sup>th</sup>. This matter will add to the agenda for the next board meeting in order to pass a resolution.

The Town of Binghamton Resolution of Commitment is authorized by the Town of Binghamton Board of Trustees, as of the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, commitment to adhere to the 25% matching fund required for the Felters Road Pump Station emergency generator through the hazard mitigation program. The local matching fund is \$36,625 dollars.

Deputy Supervisor Bensley made a motion to approve \$36,625.00 in 25% of matched funds for the Felters Road Pump Station emergency generator through the hazard mitigation program. Councilperson Donahue duly seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

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

Nays: None  
Abstained: None

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

Political sign fees: All State/Town level political signs must have a name, phone number, or email address at the bottom of the sign. The Town code for political signs will need to be reviewed for possible changes and at that time, a public hearing will be set regarding payment for political signs.

**Parkwood Septic Tank Pumping:**

Councilperson Conklin made a motion to accept the quote from Aton Septic and Drainage in the amount of \$2,985.00 for pumping 10 residential septic tanks and 1 tank at the Highway garage, for a four-day period. Councilperson Donahue duly seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

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

Nays: None  
Abstained: Bensley

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

There was discussion regarding adding \$5000.00 to the Special Use Permit recertification application. Attorney Middleton reviewed some details with the Town Board. This amount has been approved.

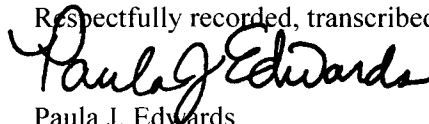
**ADJOURNMENT**

- A motion was made by Councilperson Nye to enter into executive session at 5:27 P.M. The Motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin.
- A Motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to exit the Executive session at 5:56 P.M. The Motion was duly seconded by deputy Supervisor Bensley.
- A motion was made by Councilperson Nye to re-enter the Work session at 5:57 P.M. The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Donahue.
- A motion was made by Councilperson Conklin to Adjourn the Work session at 5:58 P.M. The motion was duly seconded by Deputy supervisor Bensley.

**Work session adjourned.**

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Town Board Meeting – September 17, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.  
Town Board Work Session – October 1, 2024 @ 4:00 P.M

Respectfully recorded, transcribed and submitted by:



Paula J. Edwards  
Deputy Town Clerk



Tracy Tokos  
Town Clerk