

**TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
BOARD MEETING
October 15, 2024**

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, October 15, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M., TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN HALL, 279 PARK AVENUE, BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

T. Tokos, Town Clerk
G. Middleton, Town Attorney
N. Pappas, Code Enforcement, Buildings and Grounds
Z. Soboleski, Code Enforcement, Buildings and Grounds
M. Leighton, Highway
K. Olds, TOB Fire Company

Guests: 3

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. An executive session will be not be held today.

PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Preliminary Town Budget 2025. Open: 6:03p.m. Closed 6:03p.m.

Preliminary Town Budget 2025:

There was discussion regarding the Felters Road Pump Station Improvement Project.

Councilperson Nye made a motion to approve the preliminary town budget for 2025 Contingent on the additions / revisions that have been discussed.

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

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

Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion Carried.

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals

Next meeting- October 22, 2024 @ 6:30 P.M. New member John Foley will be attending the meeting.

Youth Commission: Everything is going well.

Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds:

- Jackson Park Fencing project is almost finished.
- Black top is complete and project should be wrapping up soon.
- A resolution had been previously passed regarding the cell phone towers. There was discussion on the \$5000.00 recertification fee, how much of the fee would be returned to the tower owners after the engineering study by John Mastronardi, and also the expenses acquired by the town. Attorney Middleton suggested an application fee of between \$1000-\$1500, and \$5000 in escrow to cover actual expenditures. The tower owners would still be responsible for any costs beyond the \$5000.
- A public hearing will be set for November 19th, 2024 @ 6:02 p.m. in which time a new local law amendment will be introduced.
- Montrose Ave. update: Gina will be attending a Supreme Court Hearing on the property on Friday Oct 18,2024 at 1:30 P.M. She will send an update to the Board after the hearing.

Highway:

- There will be a Felters Road Construction meeting after the first of the year, as the pump installation should be ready by February.
- National Pipe cleaning company should be installing the portion of the pipe lining on Carman Road that had to be remanufactured due to a defect, sometime next week.
- Cold weather truck maintenance has started.
- Brush and Leaf pickup has started.
- Two new Ram trucks are at Binghamton Truck Body and have had the plows installed. The dump bodies should be installed within the next three weeks.

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

- Town Clerk's Monthly Report for September 2024
- DCO Monthly Report for September 2024
- Code Enforcement Officer's Monthly Report for September 2024

TOB Volunteer Fire Co:

- A Public Hearing will be set for the TOB Fire Company Contract for November 19th, 2024 @ 6:01p.m
- Kevin thanked the Board for the time and planning they put into the new 3-year contract with the Fire Company.
- 5 Calls this month: 1-Odor, 1-Smoke, 1-Tree, 1-Wires Down, 1-House call. All minor calls, no significant calls.

Supervisor:

- Budget for 2025 has been set. Reporting that town taxes will be lowered by ¼ % in 2025.
- Cleanup days went well.

Senior Commission:

- Book Group met last Tuesday.

Upcoming events:

- Wednesday,
- November 6th, 2 - 4.m. Action for Older Persons Medicare updates event.
- Tuesday, November 12th, 2 - 4.m. Book Club: Distant Skies by Melissa Chapman, Town of Binghamton Resident.
- Wednesday, November 20th, 2 - 4p.m., Button Art Craft Class. Bring your own buttons.

Most activities take place and the Town Hall from 2p.m.- 4p.m. unless otherwise noted.

More activities are scheduled for December - January and will be announced as the dates get closer.

NOTE: Weather Cancellation policy: if the schools are closed, we will not be meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- There will be a Public Hearing regarding Speed Limit Reductions on November 19th at 6:03p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Builds on Cynthia Drive- New homes are within the geographic confines of the Town of Binghamton and some must be brought into the Town water districts.
3224 Cynthia Drive (VanAtta/Newman) updated to include missing sewer district. New construction for Stanton/Fisher properties has been updated for water only. (They will be using their own septic systems)

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC: Open 6:48p.m. Closed: 6:52p.m.

Bradley & Hanna Kurst – 3882 Gardner Road came to inquire about speed limits on Gardner Road. Supervisor Rounds informed them that Gardner Road has been added to the list of roads that will be provided to the County. The Kurst’s were informed there is a process with the County and State that needs to be followed. Councilman Donahue informed the Kursts’ that sending a letter addressed to the Town Board, to go back to the County with a petition signed by the neighbors will weigh heavily with the State. Richard DeLouisa, 3827 Gardner Road was also in attendance regarding Speed Limit reductions but did not speak. There will be a Public Hearing regarding Speed Limit Reductions on November 19th at 6:03p.m.

Macy Decker – From Susquehanna Valley Senior Class was here to observe the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

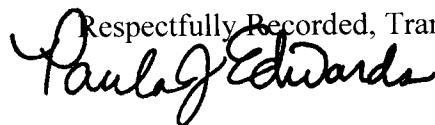
A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Bensley to adjourn the meeting at 6:52p.m. and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion carried.

Upcoming:

The next meeting of the Town of Binghamton Town Board will be a Work Session to be held on Thursday November 7, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.,

The next regular Town Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Recorded, Transcribed and Submitted,


Paula Edwards,
Deputy Clerk



Tracy Tokos,
Town Clerk