

**TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
November 7, 2024**



CALL TO ORDER 4:01 P.M

ROLL CALL

Supervisor Rounds
Deputy Supervisor Bensley
Councilperson Donahue
Councilperson Nye (Absent)
Councilperson Conklin

OTHERS PRESENT:

T. Tokos, Town Clerk
M. Leighton, Highway Superintendent
T. Hanna, Deputy Highway Superintendent

Avery Mclean, Intern for G. 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 Bensley made a motion to approve the audited claims.
Please note: Supervisor Rounds did not have a chance to review the claims and will
Abstain from voting.**

<u>AUDITED CLAIMS</u>	<u>CLAIM #'S</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL	865 - 901	\$ 30,657.23
HIGHWAY	853 - 864	\$ 15,938.19
LIGHTING	843 -844	\$ 921.40
SEWER	845 - 846	\$ 1452.10
WATER	846 - 852	\$ 5,520.53
	TOTAL	\$ 54,489.15

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

Ayes: Bensley, Conklin, Donahue

Nays: None

Absent: Nye

Abstained: Rounds

DECLARED ADOPTED

(RESOLUTION APPENDED)

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:

Town Board Meeting – October 15, 2024

Correction: The Senior Book Group that meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Town Hall
Not the Senior Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Hall will be closed Monday, November 11, 2024 for Veterans Day.

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Board / Zoning Board of Appeals

Planning Board: Councilperson Conklin attended the planning board meeting. Resident did not attend for the scheduled case meeting. Attorney Middleton did legal corner with overview of Planning and Zoning Boards.

New member of the ZBA – John Foley was in attendance.

Tom Bensley has resigned from the ZBA committee.

Youth Commission:

Football season concluded. The 5th and 6th grade tackle football team made it to the ‘Superbowl’, the first time since 2013 that the teams have made it to the Superbowl. (sadly, did not win).

Our competition cheer quads competed in Owego on November 3rd and both A and B squads did very well.

The Cheer/Football banquet will be held at S.V. High School gym on November 8th.

Basketball registrations end tomorrow. We have already had a Youth Coaches Clinic with the SV Staff and this Saturday; SV is hosting a Youth Hoop Fest for boys in grades 3-8 that will include coaches’ instruction as well as 3 on 3 competitions.

The youth travel basketball league (grades 3-6) is scheduled to begin on 12/7. Practices and Open Gyms will begin next week.

SV will be hosting the K-2 Skills & Drills Program beginning in December.

Code Enforcement

No report

Highway

Paving in the rear of Town Hall has been completed. Leaf and brush pickup continue until Friday the 22nd of November. All trucks are being readied for the plow season. New trucks have been delivered and are being overhauled in the highway shop.

There was discussion regarding the purchase of a salt spreader for the Highway Department.

Councilperson Donahue made a motion to adopt a resolution for the purchase of a Marauder 3.0 Salt Spreader with a price quote of \$7,600.00 from Truck Outfitters, 601 Court Street Binghamton, NY 13904.

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

Ayes: Rounds, Bensley, Donahue, Conklin

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Nye

Motion Carried.

The Ford truck that has not sold will be back on the Auction List. Money from the sale of the Ram 550 Water and Sewer Truck will go back into the Water and Sewer budget. Councilperson Conklin thanked the highway department for the installation of the Do Not Litter signs. There was discussion regarding speed limit signs.

TOB Volunteer Fire Co.

No Report. Council members received a copy of the Proposed Fire Department Contract for 2025. There will be a Public Hearing on November 19, 2024.

SENIOR COMMISSION

The Button Art event was attended by a few town seniors. The monthly book group meeting will be held on November 12th. Town Resident and author-Melissa (Missy) Chapman to talk about her book 'Distant Skies'.

Bonnie Jackson has donated a generous parcel of craft materials to the group.

There was discussion on Open Meetings Law. The next Senior Commission meeting will be held on November 12th at 4:00 P.M. following the book group meeting, and has been posted on town website. More upcoming Senior Activities have been posted on the Town Website. www.townofbinghamton.com

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Town Justice Lawrence (Larry) Brinker will be resigning at the end of November. Supervisor Rounds will contact Josh Shapiro who oversees the court system in the 6th district regarding finding a temporary Justice until a new replacement for Judge Rinker can be appointed.

A motion was made to accept the resignation of Town Justice Lawrence Brinker. All present voted in favor.

There was discussion regarding the misrepresentation of the Town of Binghamton in the Country Courier that included incorrect financial information. Supervisor Rounds contacted the newspaper by email regarding the incorrect information. The response from the Courier was read to the Council. There will be ongoing communication with the newspaper for publication of correct information.

Supervisor Rounds spoke to the Council regarding a message from the Attorney for Dr. Miller, town resident, regarding some of their property being turned into an LLC. Their survey showed that the water tower has gone past the town property limits. Discussion regarding the property was held. Town Attorney Middleton has reached out to Dr. Miller's attorney regarding the resolution of this issue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Local Law #2 – 2024 for Cell Tower has been received and will be reviewed by the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Pro-housing Communities Model Resolution information has been received by Supervisor Rounds. There was discussion and this resolution will be reviewed by the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilperson Conklin made a motion to enter an executive session @ 4:47 P.M. Deputy Supervisor Bensley duly seconded the motion, all those present voted in favor.

Councilperson Donahue made a motion to end the executive session @ 5:08 P.M. Councilperson Conklin duly seconded the motion, all those present voted in favor.

Deputy Supervisor Bensley made a motion to return to the regular work session meeting @ 5:09 P.M. Councilperson Conklin duly seconded the motion, all those present voted in favor. A motion was made by Councilperson Donahue to adjourn the Work Session Meeting @ 5:10 P.M. Deputy Supervisor Bensley duly seconded the motion, all those present voted in favor.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Regular Town Board Meeting – Tuesday, November 19, @ 6:00p.m.

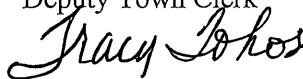
- Public Hearing – 6:01 P.M. To consider input on the Proposed 2025 Town of Binghamton Volunteer Fire Dept Contract.
- Public Hearing – 6:02 P.M. To consider input on the Proposed amendment to Chapter 202 of the Town of Binghamton code related to recertification fee and monies held in escrow to cover actual expenditures relating to telecommunication towers.
- Public Hearing – 6:03 P.M. To consider Public comments on the speed reduction on the list of linear and area road speed limits to be reduced to the County.

Town Board Work Session – December 3, @ 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully recorded, transcribed, and submitted by:



Paula J. Edwards
Deputy Town Clerk



Tracy Tokos
Town Clerk