

**TOWN OF BINGHAMTON - TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION**  
**December 3, 2024**  
**4:00 P.M.**



**CALL TO ORDER 4:01 P.M**

**ROLL CALL**

Supervisor Rounds  
Deputy Supervisor Bensley  
Councilperson Nye  
Councilperson Conklin  
Councilperson Donahue -Absent

T. Tokos, Town Clerk  
N. Pappas, Code Enforcement/Buildings and Grounds  
Z. Soboleski, Code Enforcement/ Building and Grounds  
M. Leighton, Highway Superintendent  
Chris Streno, Youth Commissioner  
G. Middleton, Town Attorney

**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 session at this meeting.**

**APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS:**

**Councilperson Nye made a motion to approve the audited claims.**

<b>AUDITED CLAIMS</b>	<b><u>CLAIM #</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
GENERAL	965 - 983	\$ 53,835.76
HIGHWAY	950 - 964	\$ 29,124.21
LIGHTING	942	\$ 896.19
SEWER	943 - 945	\$ 2,965.73
WATER	945 - 949	\$ 40.82.97
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 90,904.86</b>

**The motion was duly seconded by Deputy Supervisor Bensley.**

**A roll call vote resulted in the following:**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Donahue**

**Abstained: None**

**DECLARED ADOPTED**

**(RESOLUTION APPENDED)**

**RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:**

**Town Board Meeting – November 19, 2024. No corrections or additions**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Planning Board / Zoning Board of Appeals**

ZBA will be hearing a case on December 30, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. -1844 Woodworth Road off of Carman Road for a side setback variance.

Joint meeting of Planning and Zoning Boards will be held on January 28, 2025 @ 6:30 P.M.

**Youth Commission**

Basketball season is underway. There are 8 boys and girls travel teams. Practices are being held at the middle school and Brookside.

The K2 program is being taken over by the school which starts on Thursday, December 5, 2024 and runs till February on Thursdays and Saturdays. This program is for the entire district and will be run by S.V. J.V. and Varsity coaches.

**Code Enforcement**

There will be a hearing in January for code violators.

The furnace at the Town Hall has been looked at and are awaiting the arrival of a repair kit.

Maintenance will be done on the two computerized high efficiency boilers.

Attorney Middleton gave updates on the Mapes Avenue property and provided property maps to the Town Board members. Middleton has been in contact with the Administrator of the estate.

Discussion was held and will continue.

**Highway**

Thanksgiving morning brought heavy wet snow. Plowing was done, and subsequent branch pickup post this storm. Brush and branch pickup continues. Maintenance on old Ram trucks. New tires purchased for 2 trucks. Water break, Monday, on the Felters Road high pressure line. Service to residents was not interrupted.

**TOB Volunteer Fire Co.**

No Report.

**SENIOR COMMISSION**

Attorney from Coughlin and Gerhart will be here on December 4, 2024 to discuss Estate

Planning from 2 – 4:00 P.M. 12 residents have signed up for the presentation.

December 4, 2024, 2 – 4:00 P.M., the book group meets to discuss the book ‘The Women’ by Kristin Hannah.

December 11, 2024, 2 – 4:00 P.M., The button group will meet.

December 18, 2 – 4:00 P.M., The Senior Group Holiday Celebration/Luncheon will meet at the Town Hall from noon till 2:00 P.M. **PLEASE RSVP by 12/11/24 to 607 772-0357, ext. 301.**

Lunch will be provided. **UGLY SWEATERS ARE WELCOME!!!**

**For more info:**

[www.townofbinghamton.com](http://www.townofbinghamton.com)

**SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Associations of Towns and Villages meeting will be meeting in January (date to be announced). Supervisor Rounds put a call in to Jason Garnar, County Executive regarding being the speaker at the meeting. She is waiting for confirmation on what date would be best for him to speak. There was discussion regarding doing work on the Community Center after the first of the year. There are quite a few repairs that need to be done. (boiler, new floors, etc.) Leasing the building would be an option as is renting out the center again.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Councilperson Nye made a motion to adopt a resolution to set the application fee for recertification of the towers.

A discussion was held on what the cost of recertification application should be. Supervisor Rounds had suggested the amount of \$2500 (\$500 per year) with the tower companies to submit a \$5000 fee in escrow, to be refunded to them after the engineering plans are completed.

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

Ayes: Rounds, Nye, Conklin, Bensley

Nays: None

Absent: Donahue

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

(Resolution Appended)

**NEW BUSINESS**

Code Officer Pappas discussed the possible rezoning of part of Pierce Creek from R1 to Commercial. There are 17 and a half acres of property that the owner wants to put an addition on. Pappas discussed that it would be easier to have the rezoning done instead of going through the ZBA. The council questioned the use of the addition. The total number of parcels that would need to be changed are 5 or 6. Attorney Middleton will take a look at the map to pick the parcels specifically so that it can go through a Public Hearing process. The discussion will continue when more information is available via Attorney Middleton.

Councilperson Nye made a motion to accept the resignation of Chris Streno as the Planning Board Chairperson and secretary, effective on December 3, 2024 @ 4:40 P.M. Councilperson Conklin duly seconded the motion. A roll call voted resulted in:

Ayes: Rounds, Nye, Conklin, Bensley

Nays: None

Absent: Donahue

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

(Resolution Appended)

Deputy Supervisor made a motion to appoint Chris Streno as the new Town Justice effective on December 3, 2024. Councilperson Conklin duly seconded the motion.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Conklin, Nye, Bensley

Nays: None

Absent: Donahue

Abstained: None

Motion Carries

(Resolution Appended)

**ADJOURNMENT**

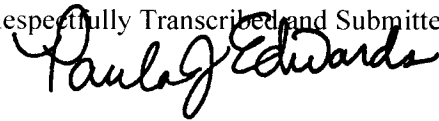
A motion was made Deputy Supervisor Bensley to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 P.M. and was duly seconded by Councilperson Conklin. All those present voted in favor.

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

Regular Town Board Meeting – Tuesday, December 17, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.

Town Board Work Session – Tuesday, January 7, 2025 @ 4:40 P.M.

Respectfully Transcribed and Submitted



Paula J. Edwards  
Deputy Town Clerk

Recording Provided By



Tracy Tokos  
Town Clerk