

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON
TOWN BOARD
August 21, 2018
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018, 7:00 P.M., TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN HALL, 279 PARK AVENUE, BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Supervisor Whitesell.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

T. Whitesell, Supervisor	Present	N. Yezzi, Deputy Supervisor	Present
N. Cline, Councilperson	Present	E. Rounds, Councilperson	Present
V. Xlander, Councilperson	Present		

OTHERS PRESENT:

V. Conklin, Town Clerk	D. Klinko, The Country Courier
A. Pope, Town Attorney	C. Streno, Youth Commission
M. Donahue, Highway Superintendent	P. Mango, Xerox
N. Pappas, Building Administrator	2 Guests

Supervisor Whitesell made the following statement: 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.

APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS:

Councilperson Cline made the motion to approve the following claims as audited:

General Fund	Claim No. 608-664	\$ 41,942.53
Lighting	Claim No. 665-667	\$ 991.85
Sewer	Claim No. 668-673	\$ 39,860.77
Water	Claim No. 673-684	\$ 5,323.61
Highway	Claim No. 685-709	\$105,925.56

The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Yezzi. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson Xlander made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular Town Board meeting held on July 10, 2018 as submitted, and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Rounds. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC:

Supervisor Whitesell opened the floor to the public at 7:02 p.m.

There being no presentations to be brought before the Board, the floor was declared closed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Labor Day – The TOB Municipal Buildings will be closed on Friday, August 31, 2018 and Monday, September 3, 2018 in Observance of Labor Day

Binghamton Township Historical Society – Remembering When Annual Luncheon – Saturday, September 15, 2018 – Museum Opens at 11:00 a.m. – Covered Dish Luncheon at Noon

Free Fishing Day – Saturday, September 22, 2018

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board – A regularly scheduled meeting was held on July 24, 2018. Councilperson Xlander, liaison to the Planning Board, was not able to attend the July meeting. The next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the TOB Town Hall.

Zoning Board of Appeals – The second hearing for the Fetten case was held on July 25, 2018, with three members present. The variance was unanimously approved. There are no more cases coming before the ZBA at this time.

Youth Commission – A meeting was held in July. A meeting is being held this evening, August 21, 2018. Mr. Pappas took care of a bee issue at the park. Football has begun. The field at SV High School will not be released until September 1, 2018. If the release of the field is delayed, the football games scheduled for September 2, 2018 will be held elsewhere.

Code Enforcement – Violations – Mr. Pappas passed out ten grant surveys to residents. There have been no changes at 2339 Oswego Street. There has been no communication from Mr. Harrington, Mr. Harrington's attorney or Engineer Gent. Town Attorney Pope stated that he has had no response to his correspondence. Town Attorney Pope advised that he can send out another letter. Town Attorney Pope will reach out to Engineer Gent. An update with the next steps in the process and estimated cost will be given to the Board at the Work Session on September 4, 2018. Mr. Pappas stated that there has been an issue with a camper resulting in Mr. Pappas researching the TOB Code. He spoke with Town Attorney Pope earlier in the week about adding to the code regarding campers and storage units, etc. One section of the zoning states that residents are allowed two unregistered vehicles 60 feet behind the structure, and the Junk Vehicle Law states residents are not allowed any unregistered vehicles on their property. He further stated that he thinks New York Code states that residents may have one vehicle or possibly no unregistered vehicles. Councilperson Cline made the suggestion to bring the two parts of the Code and the State's Code to the September 4, 2018 Work Session, and go forward from there. Residents can apply for a restoration permit to restore unregistered vehicles.

Highway Department – Highway Superintendent Donahue stated that a 24 foot section of sewer line collapsed on Kimball Street, and there was a sewer backup on W. Hamton Road. The

Highway Department helped the Town of Kirkwood with flood cleanup efforts. They have also been cleaning out ditches and pipes throughout the Town due to the recent flooding. There was a discussion regarding FEMA funding due to the recent flooding. John Martin, Highway Superintendent Donahue, Building Administrator Pappas and Town Clerk Conklin will meet regarding mitigation, flood plains, upgrades, etc. The most recent City water bill was extremely high for South Mountain compared to the last billing from them. Highway Superintendent Donahue will contact the City to discuss the most recent billing.

Supervisor Whitesell stated that the Town received an invoice from the Broome County Landfill for Tire Day totaling almost \$1,800. Supervisor Whitesell contacted the Landfill inquiring about the invoice. The Landfill told him that the original letter sent to municipalities only offered municipal days to bring the tires in, and that tires were not part of the municipal collection.

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

Town Clerk's Monthly Report for July 2018
Office of Code Enforcement Monthly Report for July 2018
DCO Monthly Report for July 2018

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Broome County Association of Towns - Monthly Meeting – The next monthly meeting will be held in September.

2019 Town Fiscal Year Budget – Worksheets have been distributed to department heads with a deadline of September 4, 2018.

Property Tax Cap – The property tax cap for this fiscal year will be 2%.

Broome County Sales Tax Distribution – The Town is in receipt of the second quarter sales tax check for 2018 in the amount of \$306,877.43, which brings the Town to \$588,481.44 received year to date.

Equalization Rate – Supervisor Whitesell is in receipt of the final State equalization rate of 66.90% for the Town of Binghamton for 2018, which has fallen from 68% or a 1.64% decrease in the equalization rates. There have been a variety of other towns that have also taken a decrease. A decrease in equalization rates means an increase in taxes for residents.

SPEDES Permit – The Town is in receipt of the updated SPEDES Permit for the Parkwood Subdivision, which has been filed with the Town Clerk's Office, and the Highway Superintendent.

Independent Town Audit – Update – The independent Town audit has been completed. Supervisor Whitesell met with Mike Wolyniak, Auditor, for an exit meeting concerning the 2017 audit report. The audit reflects that financially the Town is in terrific shape. The independent audit has been filed with the Town Clerk's Office, and is available upon request for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2339 Oswego Street – Dangerous and Unsafe Building – Update – This matter was covered under Officials and Committee Reports.

Booster Club – Audit – An audit of the Booster Club will take place in the very near future.

2945 Hance Road Property – Logging Timber Harvest – Survey – Councilperson Rounds provided three proposals for a survey of 2945 Hance Road to the Board for delineation of the boundaries of the property. The proposals were provided by Williams & Edsall Land Surveyors, P.C., Roger Holmes, and Paul Koerts. Councilperson Rounds spoke with Matt Karp from Wagner Lumber who explained that he will finish marking the trees, and that once Wagner Lumber has the final dollar figure, the contract will be signed, and Wagner Lumber will give the Town a check for the lumber that will be harvested. He stated that the current price of lumber is a little lower than earlier in the year. Mr. Karp suggested extending the end date of the contract in the event that lumber prices may rise, which will be beneficial to both the Town and Wagner Lumber. The process will be as follows: Once the property is surveyed, the Board will meet with Mr. Hibbard to go over where the boundaries are, and then Mr. Karp will finish marking the trees, and let the Town know what the final dollar figure will be for the harvesting. At that point, a contract will be signed, and a check will be given to the Town. Town Attorney Pope advised that the Town can have the survey recorded at the Broome County Clerk's Office for a minimal fee.

Councilperson Xlander made a motion to approve the acceptance of the proposal of Williams and Edsall Land Surveyors, P.C. in the amount of \$4,200.00 for professional surveying services of 2945 Hance Road, Binghamton, New York, and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Yezzi. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. After discussion, Councilperson Xlander agreed to amend the motion to approve the removal of the following language in the contract: "An abstract of title must be provided prior to scheduling of field work", and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Yezzi. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

(Resolution Appended)

Thoma Development – Update – There were no updates from Rich Cunningham. Councilperson Xlander stated that she has three more surveys from residents to turn in to Thoma. Councilperson Rounds stated that she left surveys with notes and postage paid return envelopes at a few residents' homes whose homes are in need of repairs. Mr. Pappas stated that he also left surveys with a few residents that are in need of home repairs.

Margory Street – Update – Town Attorney Pope stated that he and Deputy Town Attorney Pope met with Bob Behnke from the Broome County Law Department to discuss the County assisting the Town in cleaning up the title for the Margory Street property since the County was at fault for the unclear title. The County will open up the tax proceeding. The Town will pay for any reposting and re-service of the notification to the unserved parties on the Deed. The County will do all of the legal work necessary to open up the process and redo the process with the proper service, which will result in a clean title coming from the County. At that point, the property

will be re-deeded to the Town resulting in the Town having clean title to the Margory Street property. The Town will contact Margaret Scarinzi from the Broome County Land Bank to inform her that there will be a clean title in the very near future so that the Broome County Land Bank can schedule demolition of the structure and move forward.

Water/Sewer Billing Clerk – Authorization of Salary for Water/Sewer Billing Clerk – Councilperson Rounds made a motion to approve the salary for Water/Sewer Billing Clerk Nadine Pappas in the amount of \$9,900.00, and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Yezzi. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

(Resolution Appended)

There was no further unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town Clerk – Approval of Appointment of Deputy Town Clerk Paula Edwards as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics – Councilperson Cline made a motion to approve the appointment of Paula Edwards as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics, and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Xlander. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

(Resolution Appended)

Highway Department – Auction International – Surplus – Truck 55 & Truck 56 – Highway Superintendent Donahue presented the Board with a list of items to be declared as surplus items. Councilperson Yezzi made a motion to declaring the Town of Binghamton Highway Auction Surplus List as surplus items, and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Xlander. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. Councilperson Cline made a motion authorizing the sale of the surplus items on Auction International, and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Xlander. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

(Resolution Appended)

Replacement of Xerox Machine – Lease – Supervisor Whitesell stated that the Town's lease on the Xerox machine has expired. Supervisor Whitesell met with Mr. Pete Mango, a representative of Xerox, who was present to give a presentation. Mr. Mango provided handouts to the Board, and went over the information on the handouts. The handouts are available for review upon request at the Town Clerk's Office. Councilperson Rounds suggested contacting a second company to receive an additional quote, and the Board agreed. Supervisor Whitesell will reach out to another source for a second quote for discussion at the September 4, 2018 Work Session.

Jackson Park – Field Drainage – Councilperson Rounds stated that Joe Aton approached her at the Godabout Tournament regarding the drainage issues at Jackson Park. Councilperson Rounds, Mr. Pappas and Mr. Aton met to discuss the drainage issues. Mr. Aton talked about trying to do some simple drainage at the top of one of the fields. He suggested going around the infield line. Mr. Pappas provided an estimate in the amount of approximately \$12,000.00 for the

cost of the drainage project for two fields, including materials, manpower, etc. Mr. Pappas stated that he would like to put, in the lower fields, blacktop around the backside of the backstop fences. He stated that the benches for the players are pretty well shot, so we need four new benches, and that it would be nice if we blacktopped around the back of the entire backstop about 10 feet, leaving the bleachers behind the fence where they are supposed to stay instead of being moved around by parents. Town Attorney Pope stated that the improvements are subject to a permissive referendum after a public hearing.

Councilperson Cline made a motion to set a public hearing on the expenditures of reserve funds from the Park Reserve Fund for a drainage project for two fields at Jackson Park for September 4, 2018 at 5:01 p.m., and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Xlander. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Yezzi, Cline, Xlander, Whitesell Absent: None

Nays: None

Declared adopted.

After discussion, Councilperson Cline agreed to amend the motion to reset the date for a public hearing on the expenditures of reserve funds from the Park Reserve Fund for a drainage project for two fields at Jackson Park for September 18, 2018 at 7:01 p.m., and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Xlander. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Yezzi, Cline, Xlander, Whitesell Absent: None

Nays: None

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

Broome County Hotel/Motel Tax – Supervisor Whitesell stated that a few months ago the Broome County Hotel/Motel tax was discussed explaining that the funds were exhausted for 2018, but he received a telephone call last week informing him that the Colesville project is falling through. Consequently, Broome County is requesting a proposal from the Town for the parks for infield mix and whatever else is needed. As part of that proposal, Supervisor Whitesell will add the estimated cost for the drainage project for the two fields at Jackson Park. Broome County will be meeting mid-September for the consideration of grant monies in Broome County.

There was no further new business.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC:

Supervisor Whitesell opened the floor to the public at 8:29 p.m.

There being no presentations to be brought before the board, the floor was declared closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilperson Cline made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Yezzi. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Councilperson Cline made a motion to re-convene at 9:12 p.m., and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Rounds. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Action taken after the Executive Session resulted in the following Resolution being read into the record by Deputy Supervisor Yezzi:

“Resolution that due to an admitted violation of the Town’s automobile policy, specifically the purchase of beer while using a town vehicle, Supervisor Whitesell is prohibited from using any town vehicle.”

The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Rounds. Councilpersons Cline, Yezzi, Xlander and Rounds voted in favor of the motion, with Supervisor Whitesell abstaining from voting. Motion carried.

(Resolution Appended)

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson Cline made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m., and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Rounds. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Town of Binghamton Town Board will be a Work Session to be held on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, 5:00 p.m., at the Town of Binghamton Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, NY.

Respectfully submitted,



Vickie A. Conklin
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Binghamton, Broome County New York, duly called and held at the Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, New York, on the 21st day of August, 2018 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. of said day, the following were:

PRESENT: Supervisor Timothy Whitesell
Councilperson Nancy Yezzi
Councilperson Norman Cline
Councilperson Elizabeth Rounds
Councilperson Vickie Xlander

ABSENT: None

The Resolution set forth below was duly offered by Councilperson Cline who moved its adoption and was seconded by Councilperson Xlander.

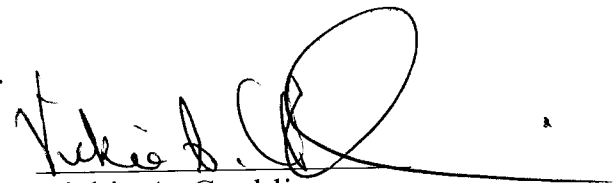
A roll call vote was then taken upon the Motion for the adoption of said Resolution, which resulted as follows:

AYES: Rounds, Yezzi, Cline, Xlander, Whitesell

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was then declared adopted.


Vickie A. Conklin,
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Town of Binghamton Town Board has before it a recommendation to call for a public hearing related to the Town Board's intention to use funds from the Parks Reserve Fund, which said public hearing is proposed to be conducted on September 18, 2018 at 7:01 pm.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing on September 18, 2018 at 7:01 pm related to the Town Board's intention to use funds from the Parks Reserve Fund is hereby approved, and it is further;

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk and such other Town employees are authorized to take such additional and further action as is necessary to implement this Resolution.

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Binghamton, Broome County New York, duly called and held at the Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, New York, on the 21st day of August, 2018 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. of said day, the following were:

PRESENT: Supervisor Timothy Whitesell
Councilperson Nancy Yezzi
Councilperson Norman Cline
Councilperson Elizabeth Rounds
Councilperson Vickie Xlander

ABSENT: None

The Resolution set forth below was duly offered by Councilperson Yezzi who moved its adoption and was seconded by Councilperson Xlander.

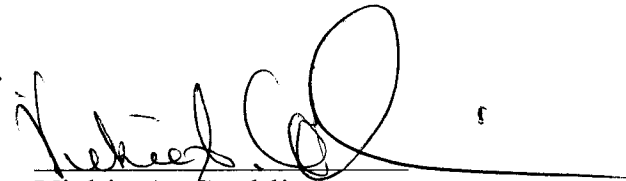
A vote was then taken upon the Motion for the adoption of said Resolution, which resulted as follows:

AYES: All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was then declared adopted.



Vickie A. Conklin,
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Town of Binghamton Town Board has before it a recommendation to declare as surplus Truck #55, Truck #56 and the attached list of miscellaneous surplus items and to authorize the sale of the same through Auction International.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that declaring Truck #55, Truck #56 and the attached list of miscellaneous items as surplus is hereby approved, and it is further;

RESOLVED, that said surplus Truck #55, Truck #56 and the attached list of miscellaneous items being sold through Auction International is hereby approved, and it is further;

RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent and such other Town employees are authorized to take such additional and further action as is necessary to implement this Resolution.

2018 Highway Auction Surplus List

1. Lot of misc. office supplies.
2. 2006 Volvo 10 wheeler dump truck
3. 2002 Volvo ⁶~~10~~ wheeler dump truck

RESOLUTION

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PRESENT: Supervisor Timothy Whitesell
Councilperson Nancy Yezzi
Councilperson Norman Cline
Councilperson Elizabeth Rounds
Councilperson Vickie Xlander

ABSENT: None

The Resolution set forth below was duly offered by Councilperson Rounds who moved its adoption and was seconded by Councilperson Yezzi.

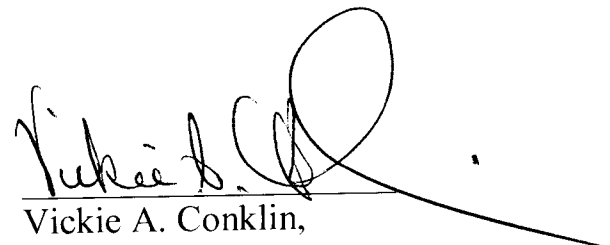
A vote was then taken upon the Motion for the adoption of said Resolution, which resulted as follows:

AYES: All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was then declared adopted.


Vickie A. Conklin,
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Town of Binghamton Town Board has before it a recommendation to formally set the salary for the Water/Sewer Billing Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the annual salary of \$9900.00 for the Water/Sewer Billing Clerk is hereby approved, and it is further;

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor, Bookkeeper and such other Town employees are authorized to take such additional and further action as is necessary to implement this Resolution.

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Binghamton, Broome County New York, duly called and held at the Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, New York, on the 21st day of August, 2018 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. of said day, the following were:

PRESENT: Supervisor Timothy Whitesell
Councilperson Nancy Yezzi
Councilperson Norman Cline
Councilperson Elizabeth Rounds
Councilperson Vickie Xlander

ABSENT: None

The Resolution set forth below was duly offered by Councilperson Rounds who moved its adoption and was seconded by Councilperson Yezzi.

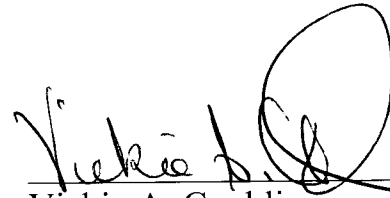
A vote was then taken upon the Motion for the adoption of said Resolution, which resulted as follows:

AYES: All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was then declared adopted.


Vickie A. Conklin,
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Town of Binghamton Town Board has before it a recommendation to appoint Deputy Town Clerk Paula Edwards as the Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Deputy Town Clerk Paula Edwards as the Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics is hereby approved, and it is further;

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk and such other Town employees are authorized to take such additional and further action as is necessary to implement this Resolution.

RESOLUTION

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PRESENT: Supervisor Timothy Whitesell
Councilperson Nancy Yezzi
Councilperson Norman Cline
Councilperson Elizabeth Rounds
Councilperson Vickie Xlander

ABSENT: None

The Resolution set forth below was duly offered by Councilperson Xlander who moved its adoption and was seconded by Councilperson Yezzi.

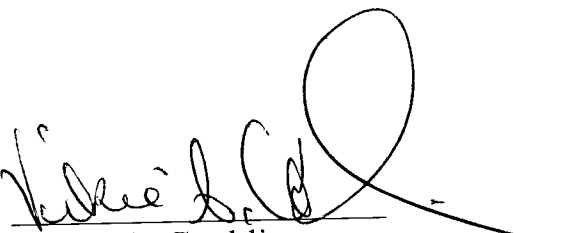
A vote was then taken upon the Motion for the adoption of said Resolution, which resulted as follows:

AYES: All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was then declared adopted.


Vickie A. Conklin,
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Town of Binghamton Town Board has before it a recommendation to approve the bid by Williams & Edsall for survey work related to 2945 Hance Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the bid by Williams & Edsall for survey work related to 2945 Hance Road in the amount of \$4200.00 is accepted and approved but on the condition that the Town of Binghamton shall not be required to provide an Abstract of Title, and it is further;

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor and such other Town employees are authorized to take such additional and further action as is necessary to implement this Resolution.

RESOLUTION

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PRESENT: Supervisor Timothy Whitesell
Councilperson Nancy Yezzi
Councilperson Norman Cline
Councilperson Elizabeth Rounds
Councilperson Vickie Xlander

ABSENT: None

The Resolution set forth below was duly offered by Supervisor Whitesell who moved its adoption and was seconded by Councilperson Rounds.

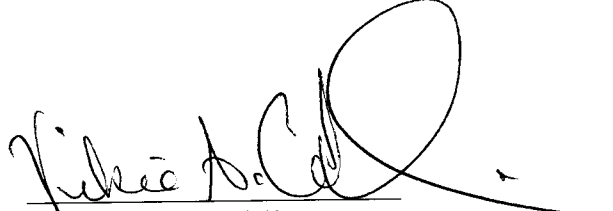
A vote was then taken upon the Motion for the adoption of said Resolution, which resulted as follows:

AYES: All

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Supervisor Timothy Whitesell

The Resolution was then declared adopted.


Vickie A. Conklin,
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Town of Binghamton Town Board has before it a personnel matter involving Supervisor Timothy Whitesell purchasing of beer from a store while using and operating a Town of Binghamton vehicle all in violation of Town policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that due to the admitted purchase of beer from a store with using and operating a Town of Binghamton vehicle, Supervisor Timothy Whitesell is hereby prohibited from the further use of any Town of Binghamton vehicle for any purpose, and it is further;

RESOLVED, that such other Town employees are authorized to take such additional and further action as is necessary to implement this Resolution.