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TOWN BOARD
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Voice of the Public

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019, 7:00 P.M., TOWN OF BINGHAMTON TOWN HALL, 279 PARK AVENUE, BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Rounds.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

E. Rounds, Supervisor	Present	M. Leighton, Councilperson	Present
D. Nye, Councilperson	Present	M. Bensley, Councilperson	Present
V. Xlander, Deputy Supervisor	Present		

OTHERS PRESENT:

V. Conklin, Town Clerk
R. Pope, Deputy Town Attorney
M. Donahue, Highway Superintendent
N. Pappas, Building Administrator/Code
M. Bordeau, TOB Planning Board Member

Rich Cunningham, Thoma Development
E. Pettengill, The Country Courier
7 Guests

APPROVAL OF AUDITED CLAIMS:

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

Sewer	Claim No. 482-483	$ 1,223.18
Water	Claim No. 483-484	$ 859.96
Highway Fund	Claim No. 485-493	$ 94,975.14
General Fund	Claim No. 494-537	$ 25,746.67

The motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Bensley. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Xlander, Bensley, Leighton, Nye Absent: None

Nays: None

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

RECOGNITION OF MINUTES:

There were no corrections made to the June 4, 2019 Work Session minutes.

VOICE OF PUBLIC:

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

Ed Pettengill – Mr. Pettengill asked the Town Board to pursue the improvement of cell phone service in the Town as the cell phone service in the Town is very poor. The Town Board will pursue the improvement of cell phone service.

There being no further presentations to be brought before the Board, the floor was declared closed at 7:09 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Free Fishing Days - June 29 & 30, 2019

Independence Day – TOB Municipal Buildings – Closed Thursday, July 4, 2019 in Observance of Independence Day

Highway Department – Closed July 4 & 5, 2019 in Observance of Independence Day

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board – The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the TOB Town Hall.

Zoning Board of Appeals – There was nothing new to report.

Youth Commission – The baseball and softball seasons are coming to a close. Playoff games are taking place this week, with championship games scheduled for Monday, weather permitting. All star tournaments for both baseball and softball have begun. There are three baseball and two softball tournament teams at the 12U and 10U level. The Commission is hoping to put together an 8U baseball team to play in an area summer league during the month of July. There were a number of refunds due to the lack of participants for the teener league. The football and cheerleading registrations begin this week. Due to changes in the league, there will be two tackle divisions this year that are based on grade, not age, as in the past (third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade). There will be a flag program for first and second graders, and another for younger kids if there are enough younger kids to register. The cheerleading program will be expanded by participating in competitions in addition to the football games.

Code Enforcement – There was nothing new to report.

Highway Department – There was a water main break on Felters Road, which was repaired. A valve was repaired on E. Hamton Road. Cheryl Drive has been paved and milled. Highway Superintendent Donahue is waiting for the contractor to begin the lining projects in various spots in the Town.

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

Town Clerk's Monthly Report for May 2019
DCO Monthly Report for May 2019
Code Enforcement Monthly Report for April & May 2019
Kathy Kiekel – Agricultural Land Use Training
Dean Nye – Webinar on Large Solar Projects

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

TOB Municipal Clean Up Days – The TOB Municipal Clean Up Days went extremely well. Ten tons of electronic waste, six and a half tons of regular municipal waste, and 61 refrigerators and Freon units were taken to the BC Landfill. Supervisor Rounds thanked Highway Superintendent Donahue, Code Enforcement Officer Pappas, Nadine Pappas, and the staff that assisted with the municipal clean up days. She also thanked residents for being cooperative, and not dropping off items that the Town could not take.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CDBG – Thoma Development – Presentation & Fair Housing Plan Resolution – Rich Cunningham from Thoma Development made a presentation to the Town Board regarding the CDBG grant. Questions were asked and answered.

A break was taken from 7:50 p.m. to 7:53 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilperson Nye to approve the adoption of the Town of Binghamton Fair Housing Plan, and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Bensley. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Ayes: Rounds, Xlander, Bensley, Leighton, Nye Absent: None

Nays: None

Declared adopted.

(Resolution Appended)

DWI Tournament – Certificate of Insurance – The Certificate of Insurance for the DWI Tournament will be received in the very near future.

There was no further unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Intermunicipal Agreement – T/Conklin – Code Enforcement Officer – A motion was made by Councilperson Bensley to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town of Binghamton and the Town of Conklin to provide Code Enforcement Officer services, with the

Town of Conklin paying for half of the Code Enforcement services retroactive from May 6, 2019, 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, Xlander, Bensley, Leighton, Nye Absent: None

Nays: None

Declared adopted.

Water/Sewer Dept. – Partial Payments – Approval – A motion was made by Councilperson Xlander to approve the acceptance of partial payments for the Town of Binghamton Water/Sewer Department, with a minimum partial payment of 50%, and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Bensley. All those present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Building Maintenance and Grounds – Summer Hours – Mr. Pappas requested the Board's permission for an employee to change his hours to 10 hour days for a four day work week for the summer. The Board granted permission.

There was no further new business.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC:

Supervisor Rounds opened the floor to the public at 8:05 p.m. There being no presentations, the floor was declared closed at 8:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilperson Bensley to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., and the motion was duly seconded by Councilperson Leighton. 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, July 2, 2019, 5:30 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 18th day of June, 2019 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. of said day, the following were:

PRESENT: Supervisor Elizabeth Rounds
Deputy Supervisor Victoria Xlander
Councilperson Dean Nye
Councilperson Michael Bensley
Councilperson Mark Leighton

ABSENT: None

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

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

AYES: Rounds, Xlander, Nye, Bensley, Leighton

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was then declared adopted.

Vickie A. Conklin,
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Town Board has before it for approval, certain Audited Claims and a request for authorization that said Audited Claims be paid by the Town of Binghamton.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that upon review of the Audited Claims by those Board Members present, the said Audited Claims are hereby approved for payment by the Town of Binghamton; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such other Town employees or officials 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 18th day of June, 2019 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. of said day, the following were:

PRESENT: Supervisor Elizabeth Rounds
Councilperson Victoria Xlander
Councilperson Michael Bensley
Councilperson Mark Leighton
Councilperson Dean Nye

ABSENT: None

The Resolution set forth below was duly offered by Councilperson Nye, who moved its adoption, and was seconded by Councilperson Bensley.

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

AYES: Rounds, Xlander, Nye, Bensley, Leighton

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was then declared adopted.

Vickie A. Conklin,
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Town of Binghamton is committed to the provision of equal access and equal housing opportunities for all its residents, and

WHEREAS, discrimination in the sale, rental or financing of dwellings on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap or familial status is prohibited by the federal Fair Housing Law of Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act and the Fair Housing Amendment Act of 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Binghamton wishes to further fair housing in the Town, and has designated Nick Pappas to carry out the activities of the attached Plan and to address complaints related to the issue of Fair Housing in the Town, and

NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Binghamton does hereby adopt the attached Fair Housing Plan by resolution.

FAIR HOUSING IMPLEMENTATION

TOWN OF BINGHAMTON

The Town of Binghamton is committed to the provision of equal access and equal housing opportunities for all its residents. Discrimination in the sale, rental or financing of dwellings on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap or familial status is specifically prohibited by the Federal Fair Housing Law of Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988. While the federal law protects us from discrimination in housing, the Town recognizes that this is only the first step towards Fair Housing and that action to affirmatively further this right is also necessary.

The Town will further Fair Housing by focusing its attention in the following areas:

I. Educational Activities

These activities will promote the education of the Town residents as to the aspects of the Fair Housing Law and other pertinent housing issues. This would be accomplished by the preparation and dissemination of a brochure, public service announcements, and quarterly advertisements in the local newspaper(s).

The Town will work cooperatively with any agencies directly involved with public housing in the Town. In addition, the Town will make known to attorneys, realtors, financial institutions, or other agencies involved in housing issues in the Town, about the Town's stand against discriminatory housing practices.

II. Local Compliance Activities

This activity will include the designation of the Nick Pappas, Town Code Enforcement Officer, as the Fair Housing Officer. The Fair Housing Officer will assist families and individuals with information regarding Fair Housing. The Fair Housing Officer will also network with local offices, which focus on housing issues to make known the Town's commitment to Fair Housing.

III. Assistance to Minority Families

As stated in Number I above, a successful educational program will make known the Town's stand against discriminatory housing practices. The Town's Fair Housing Officer will work cooperatively with any public housing in the Town and will notify County agencies of the Town's stand with respect to Fair Housing. This assistance to minority families will be aided by maintaining a list of attorneys,

realtors, or landlords who are willing to assist minority families who seek housing opportunities in the Town.

IV. Special Programs

Special programs may be varied. A letter writing campaign to disperse the Fair Housing brochure is the first step. Secondly, informing attorneys, realtors, landlords and financial institutions of the Fair Housing program in the Town may generate special programs. Another avenue to be explored is distributing informational Fair Housing material through the school system. The Town may also want to work in conjunction with any of the aforementioned agencies in a coordinated effort to offer a social program. An example would be to work with the Board of Realtors in helping to promote April as Fair Housing Month.