The Town Board of the Town of Trenton held a Meeting at the Trenton Municipal Center, 8520 Old Poland Road, Barneveld, New York. Supervisor Godfrey called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Present were: Councilmen Michael Bennison, Eric Taylor, Chris Crumb, and Town Clerk, Rachel Bunker. Absent: Jim Farr. Also present: Jason Stiehl, Town Highway Superintendent, Kate Festine, Town Attorney, Kenneth Cutler, Leo Boulerice, Joe Samson, Thomas Synakowski, Jennifer Synakowski, Theresa Inserra, Mark Inserra, Joseph Rowlands.

I. Meeting called to order by Supervisor Godfrey at 7:02 pm

II. Pledge to the Flag

III. Privilege of the Floor

Tom Synakowski asked how they were coming with his issue with the sawmill and the mound of saw dust. He advised that in 2014 when they approached the Planning Board, he believed it was denied. Theresa Inserra said there was no recording, but she does have the minutes from the meeting and the variance was denied June 16, 2014 to operate a saw mill on the property. A letter was sent to Mr. Miller at that time. Festine said then they are operating in violation of zoning. Tom Synakowski said as soon as the meeting was done, he pointed out to Mr. Dittl exactly where they would be putting the sawmill and that's exactly where they put it. The new sawmill didn't go through any variance process at all. At the time of the meeting, they said they would take care of the slab wood and the sawdust. Tom Synakowski said they are getting between $20,000 to $30,000 per load to mill the logs. Godfrey said it's a new revelation to the Board about them being rejected back in 2014, so they will go back and talk with committees and work with the attorney and see what the options are.

IV. Officers Reports:

Highway Superintendent:

Stiehl wanted to talk about abstract #53 Northern Supply for $3,965.00. He advised board members that it's a new style cutting edge they are experimenting with. That price is to buy the initial package. After the parts wear out it drops to about $1100 which is comparable. It seems to be working pretty well and cuts down on salt and sand. We won't know for sure until next year if it's worth it. But he said it cleans the road 100 times better.

Godfrey asked about the $77,976.42 amount and if it should be on the Highway expense. Rachel said that it is a pass through, and the town gets reimbursed by the Bridge Program. It was decided that they would table that voucher until the next meeting as the funding was just approved today.

Highway Abstract # 19-53 and 55-68, in the amount of $54,439.88. Bennison made motion to pay vouchers numbered 19–53 and 55-68 in the amount of $54,439.88, seconded by Crumb, 4 ayes.

Godfrey advised they have a request from Stiehl to replace a wheel loader in the amount of $238,721.15. Stiehl advised that years ago, with Board approval, they decided to rotate a plow truck one year, loader, the next year. Now they are not able to get plow trucks, but loaders are easily accessible. He wants to replace this loader while it is still worth something. He figures he can get between $100,000 and $120,000 for it. There is $250,000 budgeted for machinery now.

He was offered $80,000 in a trade in. Stiehl has had interest in it from other towns wanting to purchase it.

In January Stiehl asked for approval of purchasing a Gradall to replace the 1996. Town of Tully has a 2003 Gradall with 2500 hours, 2 buckets, mulching head. They want $55,000 with all attachments.

Crumb made motion to purchase John Deere loader, Taylor seconded the motion, 4 ayes.
Taylor made motion to purchase Gradall from Tully for $55,000, seconded by Crumb, 4 ayes.

Assessor: Not present.

Zoning, Codes:

Boulerice handed out report. He advised Carson Stiles from Broadway Group, the developer, is coming to answer the public's questions regarding the DG Market at the public hearing.

Cutler handed out reports. No questions for Cutler.

Attorney:

Festine followed up with the attorney for Mr. Bronson. Mr. Bronson has not closed on the parcel where Cindy's Diner was. The reason the town is willing to sell it to either Mr. Bronson or Cindy's Diner is because it's a unique parcel and not usable for anyone else. It will all be on hold until they find out what happens with insurance. Godfrey spoke with Cindy and she is waiting for the results of the investigation. The sale is conditional on closing.

Supervisor:

We should be getting the Supervisor's Report in a couple of weeks for the end of 2023**.**

Clerk:

Nothing unusual. A lot of pavilion rentals.

NOCCOG:

Joe Rowlands gave an update on upcoming workshops and seminars.
There were some for Highway that Stiehl may be interested in.
Records Management Grant – Must have a NYS Directory Service Account before February 28, 2024. Applications due by March 11th.
Conference May 1 and 2nd at Turning Stone. Applications on the table – get it to Audrey by April 1st.

V. Resolutions:

Abstracts:

Hinckley Sewer Abstract #3 to 5 in the amount of $503.38. Bennison made motion to pay vouchers #3 to 5 in the amount of $503.38 seconded by Crumb, 4 ayes.

General Abstracts #53 to 137 in the amount of $475,551.50. Bennison made motion to pay vouchers # 53 to 137 in the amount of $475,551.50 seconded by Crumb, 4 ayes.

Minutes:

Godfrey asked for Motion to approve minutes from January 10th meeting. Taylor made motion to approve minutes, seconded by Crumb, 4 ayes.

January 24th minutes – there were a couple of changes made and once corrected, the minutes were ready to be approved. Taylor made motion to approve minutes with corrections from the January 24th meeting, seconded by Crumb, 4 ayes.

Old Town Hall Use:

Godfrey advised that as of this point we do not charge for this building, however, the problem we are running into is that the last time it was used, there was a lot of trash left and furniture needed to be rearranged. Godfrey is looking to charge a fee now to rent the building. The rental for this building will be $25.00 to use the building and a $75.00 returnable deposit for town residents. Out of town residents will be charged $100.00 fee and $100.00 returnable deposit. These are the same fees charges for the PMR and Pavilions.

Rachel said she got to see the pictures of the woman who rented the day after the mess was left and said there is no incentive to clean it up by the previous users. Godfrey said he would talk with Joe Smith to see if the Boy Scouts use the building and maybe we can come to some agreement with them. Rachel will need some time to get her software up to date for the new charges. Crumb made motion that we will start charging for the rental of the Old Town Hall, seconded by Bennison, 4 ayes.

C.H.P. Softball Drills & Skills:

Softball Drills and Skills has a new coach. He wants to start drills and skills for girls softball and they need board approval to use our insurance, the same as we do for men's basketball and volleyball. It's community wide use of the gym. Festine asked how the town is involved if they are playing at the school. The school has their own insurance. We are indemnifying the school. Crumb made motion to accept Drills and Skills program under the Town of Trenton, seconded by Taylor, 3 ayes, 1 abstention.

Priority Issues:

Adirondack Bank CD – Godfrey did go forward with the $500,000 CD. It went in last week at 5.2%.

Swim Beach Lifeguards - Godfrey is going to put an ad in the paper for lifeguards. He has been in contact with Mike Riley at Holland Patent. They are running classes and will make sure they have the waterfront safety certification. He is also going to ask Rachel's help to put an ad up at the school. State has approved 15 year olds; we will need 5 lifeguards. Thinking about changing the dates/and roping off deep section. Will need approval from the state to use it as a wading pool.

Waste Water& Water Projects – We met with BCA today on Barneveld water project. We are looking at working with MVWA and adding additional districts. Will need to reapprove the plan as prices have escalated. We are looking into 2028 or 2029. We will have to reapprove the district.

Old Poland Road Bridge Design – Preliminary designs came in and Rich and Jason looked at them. They were looking for comments regarding plowing. There will be issues because the bridge carries water lines. The Municipal building, the Fire House and Beaver Meadow would be affected. When the revised plan comes back, Godfrey will share it with the board.

VI. Committees:

Planning Board:

There is a Public Hearing on Monday for GD Market. Rachel will post it on the door, it's on the website, and has been in the Star and the Rome Newspaper.

ZBA:

Greenbelt:
Nothing going on. Will get going again in the Spring.

Infrastructure Committee:

E. Ainsley Schmitt said it would be a good idea to enlist the business owners help to have them write in to the board about the sewers.

VIII. Communications:
None.

Next meeting February 28, 2024

Motion made to go into Executive Session for potential litigation by Taylor, seconded by Crumb, 4 ayes.

Motion to come out of Executive Session by Taylor, seconded by Crumb, 4 ayes.

Motion by Bennison to begin legal action against Rasko, seconded by Taylor, 4 ayes.

Sawmills – Will discuss more at next meeting. Festine said she will do research. Will circle back on work session.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Crumb, seconded by Taylor, 4 ayes.
Meeting Adjourned 9:18 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel I. Bunker
Town Clerk