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 7:002 pm. Present were: Councilmen Michael Bennison, Eric Taylor, Chris Crumb, Jim Farr and Town Clerk, Rachel Bunker. Also present: Kathryn Festine, Leo Boulerice, Thomas Synakowski, Jennifer Synakowski, Joe Rowlands.

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

II. Pledge to the Flag

III. Privilege of the Floor

Attorney Festine advised that she was going to call Paul Reichel of Bond, Schoeneck & King, regarding the Bond Resolution for the sewer district. Three things that they were going to do is accept and file the revised map and plan with the Town Clerk, pass an order and resolution for a public hearing to amend the sewer district and testing the Bond Resolution. She wanted Paul to talk to the Board about the Bond Resolution, whether it's the final bond resolution or if it's just a good faith Bond Resolution so that we could successfully apply for grants for the sewer district.

Paul advised this Bond Resolution is not really the final Bond Resolution. They need this in order to satisfy the requirements of the State Comptroller's Office and also the EFC who is providing grants for the project. Normally you would not adopt a Bond Resolution until the district has been formed. But in order to form the district we need the State Comptroller's approval. Part of the State Comptroller's approval is they want to know what grants are lined up. One of the big grants will be the WEA Grant from EFC. EFC will accept the WEA Grant application only if there is a Bond Resolution. So we are going to adopt what is a Bond Resolution in 99% of it until we get to the very end. It's a Bond Resolution that looks exactly like one when we actually go to borrow after the district is formed. This shows the town is committed to moving forward with financing the project. Once EFC is satisfied with the resolution, they will accept our application for the WEA Grant and OSC will process the application for approval of the district and everything will move forward. At the very end we added a section of the Bond Resolution (Section 16) which said that the resolution will take effect immediately but no bonds or notes will be issued until the district has been established, including State Comptroller's approval. Then after the district is established, the Town Board will adopt a new Bond Resolution to replace this one.

Festine advised that there were 3 versions of the maps and reports. One from March, 2023, the second from June, 2023 and those two were both filed with the Town Clerk at that time. The third one was filed in September, but not with the Town Clerk. This one is revised as of March , 2024 and revised to the extent that the number of anticipated EDU's has gone up from 475 to 521 because they got better usage numbers from MVWA. What's important is that the EDU number has stayed the same so when this board first passed an Order and Resolution forming the district the anticipated EDU was $980 per EDU per year and that is staying the same even though the project costs have gone up. The cost of the project has increased about $5 million and that's why we have to accept and file with the Town Clerk this new map plan and report. Then because the total cost of the project is increasing, we have to amend the Order and Resolution forming the district.

Festine has prepared a Resolution and Order scheduling a Public Hearing pertaining to the proposed amendment of the Barneveld/Mapledale Sewer District. She believes it has to be in the newspaper 10 days before but will check on it and email the Supervisor and Clerk. The Board needs to decide where the Public Meeting will be held. The last time it was held at the Middle School in Holland

Patent. Godfrey said there were not that many people at that Public Hearing and wants to have it at the Municipal Center.

Festine asked the Board to accept the Map Plan and Report for the Water Treatment District dated March, 2024 and submit it for filing with the Town Clerk. Crumb made that motion, seconded by Bennison, 5 ayes.

Farr made motion for Resolution and Order to schedule the Public Hearing pertaining to the proposed amendment of the Barneveld/Mapledale Sewer District for April 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Town of Trenton Municipal Center, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes. It will be posted on the Town Website, in the Town building and in the newspaper.

Roll Call on the Public Hearing :

Stephen Godfrey: Aye
James Farr: Aye
Christopher Crumb: Aye
Eric Taylor: Aye
Michael Bennison: Aye

Godfrey asked for a Motion on the Bond Resolution showing that we are taking the steps needed to fund this project to get the grant funding. Farr made motion for a Modified Bond Resolution, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

Tom Synakowski asked again what was going on with the Amish. Godfrey advised there was a FOIL request and Zoning and Codes both responded to that. One response was that it's industry and one was that it's an agriculture operation. Synakowski said agricultural is when you have 200 or 300 acres of woods and you take the timber from your property and run it through your sawmill and sell it to anybody. But when you haul it in from PA, Ohio or wherever, now it becomes commercial/industrial. The bark from the black walnut is what has the toxicity in it and that is the problem. Godfrey advised we are working with the Town Attorney because as was discovered at the last meeting, they were operating without a zoning permit.

Festine advised the first step in any process is to send him a notice notifying them that they are not in compliance. Synakowski said he has been fined twice but doesn't know by who.

Boulerice advised that we are actively looking into the matter but there is a process that we have to follow. We can't just send out notices and citations without doing our homework.

Festine said that her and Leo are going through all the zoning laws and can send notices to the sawmills in town that are not in compliance with the Zoning Law. We will give them 30 days and if they don't do anything within the 30 days then we have to come back to the board and discuss if it's something we want to take to town court where the only remedy available is fining. We can't make them stop in town court. The town would have to go to Supreme Court for that.

Officers Reports:

Highway Superintendent :

Stiehl gave a brief rundown of what he was going to do with the $300,000 agreed on. He is hoping to buy stone on last year's contract. He gave a list of roads. Woods Rd. – pave a mile of that; contemplating Trenton Falls St. in Prospect and take half of Trenton Falls Rd. off the oil and stoning list, plans on doing Depot Rd. and pave Summit Street. Things may change because winter is not over yet.

Bennison made motion to approve Stiehl's proposal of $300,000 on road and street paving plan, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

Highway Abstract # 68-91 in the amount of $100,791.59. Bennison made motion to pay vouchers numbered 68–91 in the amount of $100,791.59, seconded by Crumb, 4 ayes.

Assessor: Not present.

Zoning, Codes:

Boulerice handed out his report. He is working on all zoning and codes changes that should get adopted this year. Boulerice advised Festine that signs are separate from zoning. Boulerice said he took the present Local Law and made changes and revisions.

Bennison made motion to go into Executive Session for potential litigation at 8:14 pm, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.
Motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:32 by Bennison, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

Supervisor:

Rachel is working on the reports. We put in an extension good to the end of April.

Clerk:

Rachel is looking to set up a Petty Cash Fund mostly for postal services. Rachel advised that if we go to the post office to send an expedited letter it's $37 and Certified Mail is now over $8.00 a letter. She is looking to not have to do a voucher on everything. She is looking for a Petty Cash fund in the amount of $250.00. Bennison made motion to approve Petty Cash Fund for Clerk's Office in the amount of $250.00, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

NOCCOG:

Joe Rowlands gave an update on upcoming workshops and seminars.
Registration is open for the Annual Town Clerk's Association Conference April 21st through the 24th.
Edward J. Wadas Foundation Youth Sports Grants Available.
NY Preservation League Announces Preservation Opportunity Fund
NY Engineers Roundtable/Navigating the Funding Frontiers – April 4.
NYS Tug Hill Commission Meeting – March 18th
NYS Assoc. of Conservation Commissions Conference on the Environment 9/18-9/20

IV. Resolutions:

Abstracts:

Hinckley Sewer Abstract #6 and 7 in the amount of $109.14. Bennison made motion to pay vouchers #6 and 7 in the amount of $109.14 seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

General Abstracts #137 to 187 in the amount of $39,881.20. Bennison made motion to pay vouchers # 137 to 187 in the amount of $39,881.20 seconded by Crumb 4 ayes.

Minutes:

Godfrey asked for Motion to approve minutes from February 28 meeting. Bennison made motion to approve minutes from February 28th, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

Prospect Pavilion Roof:

Roofing Bid – Hart Brothers have paid for most of it. Steel is already there. Amount is for labor. Godfrey talked to Rich and is going to need another $2,000 for additional lumber. Godfrey asking for approval for $39,000. Looking at restricting it and putting in a kitchen. We may be able to use it like the other pavilions for rental. But he would talk to the board later about that. Bennison made motion to approve $40,000 for Prospect Pavilion, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

Priority Issues:

Swim Beach Lifeguards – Godfrey put in an ad two weeks ago and then another one with no responses. He talked with the Vice Principal of the High School and they are not going to have use of their pool so they are going to look to us to use our pool for lessons. The Superintendent asked to meet with us. Rich and Jason have no problem with getting the pool up and running. Farr asked if we applied for the Use Permit? Godfrey said we just need to advise that we are going to use it. We do need to get a lifeguard Supervisor with experience. All lifeguards need Waterfront Safety. Godfrey talked with Mike Riley and he said the people he is training now will have Waterfront Safety. He was concerned that they wouldn't have enough experience for a Director. We need to find someone for that. We will have to make decisions on when to be open and hours.

Waste Water & Water Projects – on March 14th BCA will be sending in the application for Congressional funding. Godfrey reached out to Joe Griffo and he will do a letter and talked with Anthony Picente's secretary and will get a letter from him. It has to be in by Friday so BCA will get it all in with our letters.

Old Poland Road Bridge Design – The revised plan will be in in about 2 or 3 weeks. As soon as it comes, Godfrey will send to all board members.

Committees:

Planning Board:

No report.

ZBA:

Greenbelt:
No report.

Infrastructure Committee:

Met last night – hasn't talked to anyone to see what went on.

VIII. Communications:
None.

Next meeting March 27, 2024

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bennison, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

Meeting Adjourned 8:54 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel I. Bunker
Town Clerk