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 7:00 pm. Present were: Councilmen Michael Bennison, Eric Taylor, Chris Crumb, Jim Farr and Town Clerk, Rachel Bunker. Also present: Bob Murphy, Theresa Sciortino

I. Meeting called to order by Supervisor Godfrey at 7:00 pm

II. Court Justice Audit

Theresa Sciortino advised she filled out the form, has bank statements for the board to review and would answer any questions. Once everything was reviewed and questions answered, each Board Member signed off on the Annual Checklist for Review of Justice Court Records.
Eric Taylor made motion to accept the Annual Court Audit completed on March 27, 2024, seconded by Chris Crumb, 5 ayes.

III. Bob Murphy-Wethersfield Stone Schoolhouse Proposal

Godfrey advised that he provided the board members with a PDF to get them familiar with the Wethersfield Stone Schoolhouse. Bob Murphy provided background before he talked about the proposal. Bob Murphy is currently President of the Wethersfield Historical Preservation Society that was formed in 1999 for the purpose of restoring the schoolhouse. In 2010 Chris Kelly and Bob Murphy launched a major effort to restore it. By 2013 they had finished the restoration. The efforts since then have been to find an individual or group or organization that would put it to a constructive and productive use that would be beneficial to the community. It is recognized as one of the oldest stone schoolhouses still standing in the state. It is on the National Register of Historic Places. There is a group of students, the Citizen Science Hub that want to have displays and do presentations on the history of the schoolhouse and encourage schools to visit. Farr asked what exactly he wants the town to do for them. Bob said he wants the town to get information on what they intended to do and see if there were any concerns about possible problems the project would create; whether it be traffic, or people walking on the road. Godfrey said he would check with Planning and Zoning and get some direction for him. Taylor said he believes what the Planning Board would probably want would be some sort of map as to where the parking area will be in relation to the schoolhouse. Rachel advised that everything starts with Leo in Zoning.

Town Clerk Work Remote Proposal

Rachel met with Big Mike (Michael Biolsi) at Total Solutions and he assured her that he can set up remote access in 2 minutes. She asked him for the specs to bring to the Board to make sure it is secure and safe. He does it with many of his municipality clients and Rachel says it is basically as if she is sitting at her computer. She remotes in and does her work but nothing is saved on the device at home, no files are transferred. Everything remains in her office secure, and she can just do her work and then log back off. She wanted to get the Board's approval before she went to Total Solutions. Rachel has purchased a laptop to use strictly for work at home. She explained that because of vital statistics, if there is a death on the weekend, she can actually get everything done when it's needed. If she is home sick, she can still get payroll done on time. There is no additional cost because we already pay them a monthly fee. Bennison made motion to approve the Town Clerk's Work Remote Proposal, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

IV. Resolutions:

Minutes 2/14/2024 – 3/13/2024

Chris Crumb made motion to approve the Minutes from February 14, 2024, seconded by Bennison, 5 ayes.

Farr made motion to approve the Minutes from March 13, 2024 but made a comment that when there are abbreviations, he would like them to be written out. Chris Crumb seconded the motion, 5 ayes.

Youth Baseball Field Application

Godfrey passed around a usage application from Northern Community Little League. They have attached their insurance and we just need to approve their use of the ballfield. Taylor made

Resolution to approve Northern Community Little League for use of the ballfield, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

V. Priority Issues

HPCS Summer Program/Trenton Town Beach

Godfrey advised that HP reached out to him because they have an issue with the pool that is probably not going to be solved until sometime this fall. They are not going to be able to run their pool for the summer program. They are wondering if we could work together and get our pool open. I said we would look into it. Mike Riley is the swim coach and a teacher I just to get an idea of how they operate the program. My initial idea was if we open up at noon and they want to send the kids over for lessons, we give them a lesson at 1:00 and let them swim the rest of the day but that's not a workable solution because the kids that would be in lessons might mingle with the regular swimmers that come from the town. They prefer to do the lessons separately, so they would like to start the lessons at 10:00 and do 11:00 and 12:00. They are willing to bus them over. Right now we have a meeting set up for April 15th and will decide how we are going to run this. I looked at our budget and the budget was set up with 8 life guards for 6 hours a day at about $18 per day. For 2024 we have $7200 for a Supervising Lifeguard and then 2 assistant lifeguards at $5400. Although there is money to do it, I would like to see Holland Patent kick in. Mike Riley would be a great addition to run the program. He is willing to run their swim program lessons, make sure all the lifeguards have their waterfront designations as well as the WSI. I want to get your thoughts on whether we should work with Holland Patent on this. We haven't gotten a lot of interest in lifeguarding and it's been in the paper for the last month. Right now Mike has 7 or 8 lined up in his program that he feels he can bring up to speed. It will give us time to decide what we want to do with the pool. Farr said we need to get the permit application done to run the pool. Looking at dates from July 1st through the middle of August.

Social Media/Facebook & Website

Rachel and Audrey had a meeting with Civally. Rachel advised one of the initiatives she wants to see is a new website this year. We have been meeting with new providers. One of the reasons she likes Civally is they are a branch of Coughlin Printing based out of Lowville and Watertown so they are local. They are small business and will talk to you when you call. They have done the Town of Forestport and Remsen's websites. We did a demo with them today and they walked us through everything. I have some numbers from them. She will be meeting with another one in the next week or two and then will compare. They also talked a little bit about social media and she is going to spearhead the website and Audrey wants to run the social media side. They would only do it contingent on having the Facebook version where no one can comment or like. It's informational only just to tell you what event is happening. The point of it is to refer you to the website which has more information. It will be very user friendly and digitized. Audrey and Rachel talked about it today and wanted to run it by the Board to get approval to move forward on the social media portion because it's going to be a couple of months until we get a new website. Many items on the Town's current website are outdated. Taylor asked if we had a figure for cost. Rachel said you put in exactly what you want with Civally – there are no hidden fees. They are designed for municipalities. There is a $3200 one time start up fee. They don't launch it until you say yes. You can then pay them $225.00 monthly to do a 100% maintaining but Rachel said she will do it herself. Maintenance fee per year is about $1200 and never goes up. So we're looking at $4800 for the first year and then $1200 per year after. Rachel was asked about email and said because we have Outlook Professional now, they could get us set up with that at no additional cost.

Bennison made motion to approve Rachel going forward with the new website, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

Unitarian Church Vault Access

Rachel informed the board that the church had a flood several decades ago and there was a handshake agreement that they could keep their records in our vault. When Nadine Thomas (Unitarian Church Historian representative) comes, we have to go open the vault and let her in to get her files out. The last time she came, was a Monday when we have court here, and she had the vault open, while people are walking up and down the hallway. Rachel proposes that due to security reasons, as well as to use the space designated for the Town of Trenton records, that we should think about asking them to remove their files from our records vault. Bennison made motion to end the record storage relationship with the Unitarian Church, giving them a 90 day notice, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

ARPA Funds

Godfrey passed out a list of the rundown of the Main Street Program and who took advantage of it. There is still $191,500 left. At the last meeting the Board did approve to spend up to $40,000 on redoing the roof at the Prospect Pavilion. Godfrey is hoping that they sell the Library and then there will be money leftover from the comp case that they can use so they won't have to use the whole $40,000. Balance on the comp case is about $78,000. Godfrey also passed out list from the projects they approved back in 2022 and where the expenditures went. Godfrey wants the board to think about where they case use that $191,000 and email ideas before the next meeting.

Tug Hill Commission Sign Up

Godfrey handed out information on the Annual Tug Hill Government Conference. If anyone is interested in going, they need to let Audrey know by April 1st.

Old Poland Rd Bridge

Godfrey handed out an update on the bridge design. BCA got together with the planners for the bridge and they provided 2 alternatives regarding the water and sewer lines. They are recommending alternative #2 where the bridge acts as the carrier of those two lines versus going under the creek bed. He asked for comments because he has to get back to them. He has sent it to Jason and Rich and will send it over to Dave Hoke who will get it to Joe Samson.

VII. Communications:

Next meeting 04/10/2024

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel I. Bunker
Town Clerk