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, Jim Farr and Town Clerk, Rachel Bunker. Chris Crumb was absent. Also present: Kathryn Festine, Town Attorney, Leo Boulerice, Ken Cutler, Dave Constable, Joe Rowlands, Joe Samson, Kelli Samson.

I. Meeting called to order by Supervisor Godfrey at 7:03 pm

II. Pledge to the Flag

III. Privilege of the Floor

No one.

IV. Officers Reports:

Highway Superintendent :

Stiehl advised they are trying to get spring cleanup under way but are behind. They are trying to get a broom to sweep streets, but nothing yet. This will be the last year they will be able to rent a broom. Stiehl advised that they are about $150,000 to purchase. Godfrey said they will have to look into that.

Stiehl had a message from the Highway Superintendent in Tully for the Gradall. He figures 2 weeks.

Highway Abstract # 92-120 in the amount of $47,181.08. Bennison made motion to pay vouchers numbered 92-120 in the amount of $47,181.08, seconded by Taylor, 4 ayes.

Attorney:

SEQR Resolution, Barneveld Water District. Festine explained the SEQR process on the Barneveld Water Improvement. It is not anticipated that the physical scope of the project is increasing or changing such that we need to restart SEQR. Tonight we are looking to complete the SEQR process. Having looked at the form and seeing that there is no moderate impact that will result in any negative environmental situation, if this Board wanted to tonight, it could issue a negative declaration and finish the SEQR process.

Farr made Motion to Issue a Negative Declaration on Part II of the SEQR Process, seconded by Bennison, 4 ayes. Godfrey signed SEQR Part III form which puts in writing the project will create no significate negative environmental impact.

Assessor: Not present.

Codes:

Cutler asked Festine about Miner. She said she advised his attorney that she and the Board were going after his client about the demolition. Festine said if she doesn't hear from him by tomorrow,

she is going to prepare everything this Board needs for the process and will see that they get it before the working group meeting this month to start the process. Godfrey asked if the demolition permit was outdated and Cutler advised he was holding off and kind of left it open hoping the demo would take place. Cutler said time is of the essence because there you have 2 structures that are not structurally sound.

Cutler went over today and visited the house that burned on Coombs Rd. The woman that lives there bought the house with her money and then gave it to her son. She is still there and is attempting to live in the house even though there is no water or electricity. Adult Protective went over there with Troopers and Cutler got a call. Every day she stays there is awful. He found out today that her son leased out a couple of acres of the property. The son apparently brought a camper on the property for her but she is not sleeping in that camper. She is living in her car. Cutler said he told her son who lives in Westmoreland that he can face up to a $1500 fine. Cutler told Festine something needs to be done to force the demolition of the house. Cutler said the house is structurally unsound and unsafe for her to be there. Festine said she will call Adult Protective tomorrow and let Cutler know what happens.

Zoning:

Boulerice referred to his report. One item to note is that the Planning Board approved the DG Market Project. Godfrey asked Cutler about the permits and he said he issued all the permits which he normally does not do - Demo, Septic and Building Permit. They needed all 3 for the bank but Cutler said he can cease and desist anytime if there are any violations.

Clerk:

Rachel said nothing much to report. Local shares remitted $2,877.00 which she gave to Godfrey.

Supervisor:

Godfrey advised they are working on it.

NOCCOG:

Rowlands gave overview of upcoming webinars and workshops.
NOCCOG Scholarship Program – 4 schools involved are Adirondack, Camden, Holland Patent and Remsen - $500 Award. John Healt is the contact person.
Registration open for Annual Town Finance School sponsored by the Association of Towns. Session will be held May 7 and 8 in Geneva and again May 14 and 15 in Albany.

Godfrey advised that in the packet there was an article about Black Walnut for the Board members to review. So far no information about contamination from it in the ground.

V. Resolutions:

Abstracts:
Hinckley Sewer Abstract #8 and 9 in the amount of $100.40. Bennison made motion to pay vouchers #8 and 9 in the amount of $100.40 seconded by Farr, 4 ayes.

General Abstracts #188 to 250 in the amount of $81,237.89. Farr made motion to pay vouchers # 188 to 250 in the amount of $81,237.89 seconded by Bennison, 4 ayes.

Minutes:

Farr had a couple of comments about the March 27, 2024. The Weathersfield Stone House – about halfway down in the paragraph it says there are a group of students Citizens Science Hub. Could we please include where they are from – Cortland. Godfrey said they are Oneonta Grad Students working out of Cooperstown. And under item 5 the Summer Program I understand the WSI acronym is a certification of some kind. It was decided that the acronym's will be typed out in the minutes.

Taylor made motion to approve the minutes of March 27, 2024, seconded by Farr with the corrections, 4 ayes.

Prospect Library Sale:

Godfrey advised they finally received an offer through Dave Hoke Properties. Cutler said he was working on the fire safety log and was perplexed when he tried to look at the parcels that the town owns concerning the Old Library and the Old Ambulance Bldg. The way he sees it, it also sits on the same parcel as the New Ambulance Building. Festine said a couple of years ago she got abstracts and has to see if she has them or gave them to Joe. Godfrey said they did get a survey done by Duda. Boulerice believes they are separate. Festine said the way it works for a town is the town can sell land subject to permissive referendum, so electors wishing to get it on the ballot have to provide a certain number of signatures on a petition within 30 days after the resolution to sell the property is passed. The Board has received the offer from a third party purchaser. The offer is for $87,500.00 from Patrick Harvey. If the Board wants to accept this offer, Festine will help Rachel with getting the appropriate notices in the paper for the Permissive Referendum. Cutler asked if there are any contingencies on the property. He is asking because Smith and Cutler discussed the property at length where it shares a septic system that Cutler approved for both buildings.

Godfrey advised of the conversation he had with Dave about it. Obviously it was a lower offer – it was listed at $101,000. Patrick Harvey had put in a higher offer but couldn't get the financing. Part of the issue is it is difficult for the bank to put a loan together for a building like that because for someone to make it into a home, they would have to spend money to get it up to speed with codes. The bank is not willing to finance something like that. This is a cash offer. The intent is that he is looking into making it a home and using the garage for storage and a workshop. It is in the description that the septic is shared by both buildings. It is not contingent upon any inspections although we do have to provide a survey but might ask for it to be updated.

Festine also said it is also contingent upon seller paying legal fees for separation of proposed parcel into separate tax ID's, although she doesn't believe it will cost anything, seller to pay for survey if required but she believes we have a survey and just need to update it and sellers add easement and right of way into deed for access of main driveway into ambulance building for ingress and egress. So we will have to grant them an easement. Cutler asked if there are any acreage limitations. Boulerice advised no. Whatever they want to do will have to go to the Planning Board for approval. Festine said there was a Property Disclosure Statement.

Bennison made motion to accept the offer of the sale of the Library and Old Ambulance property, seconded by Farr pending the clarification of the property lines, 4 ayes. Godfrey advised that the proceeds from the sale should be enough to pay off the comp case in Prospect.

Priority Issues:

Swim Beach: Godfrey has a meeting with Holland Patent School District on Monday. Short on life guards and hoping to get good news from Mike Riley. They do want to work with us on swim lessons. We will try and put a schedule together. Godfrey will fill everyone in on the meeting at the next work session.

Wastewater District: Godfrey included a copy of a letter that they are planning on sending regarding the Wastewater Project. He is going to take off the April 17th mention of a Public Hearing because they are late getting the letter out. Godfrey is looking at them to fill out the survey. He does have a presentation with the Chamber tomorrow and is going to try to enlist their help in getting this to all their members for the Mapledale Corridor. He will also work with Rachel to send this to everyone in the water district. Godfrey asked the Board to look at the letter and make any changes if needed. Rachel advised Godfrey that she would be happy to make an online survey where all the data would come into an Excel spreadsheet. Younger residents might be more apt to respond to it if it's digital.

Samson asked if John Sherman got back to Godrey from Infrastructure Committee. Godfrey he believes he did receive an email from him. He advised that septic systems get rated by number of bedrooms. Water might be different. Godfrey will talk with Mackenzie at BCA.

Committees:
Planning Board:
No report.

ZBA:
No meeting because no quorum.

Greenbelt:
Godfrey is hoping to get a town cleanup by the end of May.

Infrastructure Committee:
Samson nothing new – Just Wastewater District

VIII. Communications:

None.

Next meeting April 24, 2024.

Bennison made motion to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation at 8:05, seconded by Taylor, 4 ayes.

Farr made motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Taylor, 4 ayes.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bennison, seconded by Taylor, 4 ayes.

Meeting Adjourned 8:49 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel I. Bunker
Town Clerk