The Town Board of the Town of Trenton held a Town Board Meeting at the Trenton Municipal Center, 8520 Old Poland Road, Barneveld, New York. Supervisor Godfrey called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Present were: Councilmen Michael Bennison, Eric Taylor, Chris Crumb, James Farr and Town Clerk, Rachel Bunker. Also attending, Highway Superintendent, Jason Stiehl.

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

II. Pledge to the Flag

III. Privilege of the Floor - None

IV. Clerk Audit - Rachel provided the board with a letter outlining the procedures and how the Clerk's Office reconciles daily. She brought to the meeting 12 months of monthly cash reports for all the clerk happenings and all bank statements and tax reconciliation that she does with the county at the end of the tax season and passed them around for the Board to look at. The Board reviewed the paperwork and asked questions. Rachel explained how she pays the county the tax money. Taylor made motion to accept the Town Clerk's yearly audit for 2024, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

V. Resolutions:

Approve Organizational and Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2025 . Farr made motion to approve the Organizational Meeting and Meeting Minutes from January 8, 2025, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

VI. Priority Issues:

Star Ambulance - Godfrey advised that there was a kick off meeting last Thursday. There was a presentation by Steven Knapp, Executive Director of Marcellus Ambulance Volunteer Emergency Services. They have 5 ambulances that they run, 3 that stay busy doing transport. This is their money niche that they found – transporting from hospital to hospital. They can transport from Urgent Care to a hospital. Star right now has 2 ambulances so none are used for transport purposes. They are used just for emergency services. Marcellus provides transport services for Wynn, Rome, all the way up into Carthage and they get paid by the mile. So this is what they are bringing to Star. Star has a Certificate of Need from the state to provide transport services; they just don't have the equipment or the manpower to do it. These people have taken over 2 other ambulance services. They want to take over Star Ambulance and possibly locate it in another place. Godfrey advised it's not something that would happen overnight. Farr asked if they would be willing to come out and meet with the Board was advised that he believes Knapp would come out. They would keep the guys that work for Star Ambulance now. Still a lot of questions and in the early stages. Godfrey will try to get something arranged in the next couple of weeks for Marcellus to come and talk to the Board.

Water Improvement/BCA - Godfrey handed out an email that he got from Mackenzie regarding the water improvement. It gives an idea if they are going to move forward. As you know we received a $5 million grant and a $6.2 million bond that we were able to get and use at 0% interest. What they are looking at is whether there is some additional grant money available. If we can get additional grant money, the bond would be less and therefore, would reduce the amount that the homeowners

would have to pay on the bond. No vote or resolution tonight – Godfrey just wants the board to take a look at it because they are looking at another $10,000 to keep moving on. Farr asked if another income survey would have to be done or will they accept the one that was previously done. It was accepted by WQIP, but it might not be accepted by Rural Development. If we didn't have to do another income survey it would save quite a bit of money. Farr also said that if there is a public hearing on the water, he wants the public to have more than one option. There was discussion about the old Barneveld Water and whether or not it needs treatment. Farr said Barneveld was G.W.U.D.I.ed (Ground Water Under Direct Influence) of your well source previously for Ecoli and after compliance with Oneida County Health Engineer requirements and recommendations, Barneveld water concerns have been resolved because of changes and improvements made. The new system is compliant.

Godfrey said one other thing is that we have a bill hanging over our head from BCA in the amount of $41,597.97. I do want to talk with them and will have Bennie come with me for this second round of WIIA and WQIP because that is going to come up again this spring and summer. If we do decide to go after these grants again we won't have to go through all the work again. My thought is the $41,597.97 is under the original amount that they proposed on the preliminary agreement that we signed so they have come under that, again successful on the water part of it, but not on the wastewater. Should we move forward and pay this and then move on to help with the grant applications this summer and WQIP and WIIA and Rural Development? I don't want to throw it on the abstract next month without discussion. Kate said there was never any intension on their part. It went into the state's portal and it's like it got lost. Mackenzie did go back and forth with the state on our behalf. Everyone agrees that they did provide the services, so we need to pay.

Snowplow Issues – Godfrey advised there were some issues with the amount of snow we got. He received a couple of complaints from the ambulance. Bob Whitehead came in to talk to Steve and at one point the ambulance was stuck coming out of the garage. The parking lot at the Municipal Center, Jason had to come out and scrape it. Godfrey said he is not sure if it was just the amount of snow or if it's how things are, but as far as Building and Grounds, from what he understands, they are not out there like the highway crew getting on top of the snow buildup. Godfrey said he did talk to Rich about it and he feels that they do not come out at 2:00 in the morning to plow any of the buildings out. There were also issues at the Recycling Center. Godfrey is looking to see how we can streamline the plowing operations for buildings and highway.

Everyone agreed that Jason's team did a great job with the roads, except for a couple of mailboxes. Stiehl said they have been getting slammed this winter as everyone knows. Stiehl has been getting complaint after complaint, mainly the ambulance. Stiehl went there and the parking lot was an absolute mess. As he was leaving a county 10 wheeler is pulling in to plow our parking lot which makes us look terrible. The other big thing we had was Stiehl got a call from Mark Scheidelman, Prospect Library and Stiehl said he kind of agreed with Rich at first that we probably shouldn't be plowing that because it's not our building, but then he finds out that we are using that building for Taylor to do his water testing. That's an easy problem to fix, if Taylor is using that building, then we need to plow the parking lot. It takes 3 passes and you're done. Godfrey is looking for suggestions on how to streamline plowing.

Farr said he would volunteer for a Subcommittee for Plans for the Buildings and Grounds and Parks. Crumb said he would help with that as well.

Taylor made motion to go into Executive Session at 7:42 to discuss employment history, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes. Crumb made motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:18 pm, seconded by Taylor.

Rid-O-Vit – Godfrey advised that people want to get rid of Rid-O-Vit Pest control. We pay $45 a month, a guy comes in and checks the traps and then walks out. Then for $45 down at Star Ambulance he checks the traps and walks out. So it's almost $100 a month for stuff that Rich could do. Taylor made motion to get rid of Rid-O-Vit, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

ADA Statewide Audit Report Response – We were one of 20 facilities chosen to be audited by the ADA for the Municipal Bldg. this past fall. Two gentlemen came and did a whole evaluation on our building. The good thing is this building was built in 1995; two years after all the new ADA requirements, so we did well. We are taking care of the list of items that were flagged. Rich was good in having his guys get everything done. Results will be posted on the website.

Teamsters Update – Eric Taylor said they met with the Teamsters last Wednesday. We have a tentative agreement with them. We went through and put a Step Program in where basically the new hires are at one rate and the folks who have been with us 10/20/25 years are at a different rate.

Zoning Fee Schedule – We have one item crossed off – the junkyard license and renewals. Rachel said she spoke with Leo today. He would like everything in red as the new proposed fee to come before you tonight for a possible resolution to pass except the one we struck out. The junkyard license and renewal – that is a specific code imbedded in the code law about that one so we would have to pass a new local law for that to change and Kate advised him that we wait on that. Ken has a new fee schedule he is working on too. Apart from that he would ask that we pass everything else. It wouldn't be effective until May 1st just to give us time to advertise it and get all the pieces to change. Farr made motion to pass the new Zoning Fee Schedule, seconded by Bennison, 5 ayes.

Crumb had a couple of things from Infrastructure he wanted to discuss. They were requesting that the lighting safety district be initiated by Kate if that's ok with everyone. We talked about whether we could do that with all the intersections. They were just talking about initiating the creation of the district at this point. They were going to ask if we could get Don Ehre to get the water districts finished for Glass Factory, 365 and South Trenton. Godfrey said he would give Don Ehre a call.

VII. Communications – Next Meeting February 12, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

VIII. Adjournment - Taylor made motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel I. Bunker
Town Clerk