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, Jim Farr, Chris Crumb and Deputy Town Clerk, Donna Mills. Also present: Kathryn Festine, Town Attorney, and Jason Stiehl Highway Superintendent, Mary Zacek, Betsy Biel Mack, Kevin Kalk.

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

II. Privilege of the Floor

A. Mary Zacek re Prospect Scholarships: the Mildred Usher, Howard Thomas and Hart Family Scholarships. Her question is what qualifies as 3 years of residency. Her concern is others may feel her grandchildren are not eligible due to being out of the country. She is looking for the board to make the decision because she is on the scholarship committee and if people ask her she needs to know what to tell them. Mary also spoke with one of the Harts and he made it clear that he feels if they do not live here, they would not qualify for the Hart Scholarship.

Kate agrees that students should live here for the prior 3 years to receiving the money. Will discuss and let Mary know the decision.

B. Betsy Mack – Town Historian. Betsy is trying to form a Historical Committee. Six people have volunteered, 2 from Barneveld, 2 from Prospect, 1 from Hinckley and 2 from Holland Patent. She would like the Town Board to accept the committee as part of the town because by being part of the town, they will be able to get grants. They would like to use one of the buildings to have a museum and in order to have the museum it has to be humidity controlled and it has to have safety measures. They would like to use the community building for the museum if they get grants.

Festine believes it can be done. The Board would have to pass a law or resolution establishing the Town of Trenton Historical Committee and appoint the first member. They would make it clear that it is not a decision making body, it is an improvement committee and looking into historical preservation in the town. Then the Town of Trenton can put that person's name on all the grant applications. Festine will get it done for the next meeting.

III. Officers Report

A. Revised Road & Street Paving Plan – Stiehl added some paving work – Lower State Street for hot pave, and Park Ave for hot pave, Prospect Junction Rd. to finish cold paving that they started 2 years ago and only did half. They are still under the $300,000 but they are going to go over the $56,531 remainder. He can't say how much, but they will go over. The extras will be what makes them go over – diesel fuel, stone etc. Stiehl is figuring $20,000 over. Bennison made motion to increase the existing Highway Agreement amount with the Town Supervisor and the Highway Superintendent seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

B. Shared Services Agreement – NYS DOT Godfrey provided copy of the Shared Services Agreement between the NYSDOT and the Town of Trenton which is set to expire July 3, 2024. If town wants to renew, all board members and Stiehl need to sign and send back. Discussion

ensued on pros and cons of the agreement. Crumb made Motion to approve the Shared Services Agreement, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.
Stiehl also wanted to discuss one of the Highway guys leaving. Festine asked for a Motion to go into Executive Session. Crumb made motion to go into Executive Session to discuss potential personnel issues, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

Taylor made motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Crumb.

Stiehl advised the 2013 year old loader sale ends tonight. $90,100 offered. Auctions International was asking $100,000. Market is drying up. Can counter offer or accept. New one was $240,000. John Deere trade in value is $84,000. Bennison made motion to accept the bid of $90,100, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

IV. Resolutions

A. Prospect Library Sale - Festine explained the sale of the property and paying off the Prospect debt. The property was marketed through Dave Hoke. There is an offer from Nancy and Robert Hample from SC. Festine explained to the buyers what the process is. The offer is for $75,000 with a commission to be paid to Dave Hoke when it closes. It is a cash offer, no inspections, no contingencies. If the board approves it, Festine has already prepared a notice for Rachel to put in the newspaper for a Permissive Referendum. Once that runs, the closing can take place.

B. Playground Program Employees – List given to Board. There are 2 more people than last year mainly because the pool and the concession stand are opening. List was finalized on Monday and offers sent out. Will approve at next meeting after Godfrey hears back from potential employees.

C. Change to J.E. Barrett Water District Penalty Fees - Festine explained a while back the town board resolved to reduce the J.E. Barrett Water District penalty fees to 10% per quarter from 10% per month. It was never done, so Festine said the board needs to resolve to change the penalty fee from 10% per month to 10% per quarter. Farr made motion to reduce the J.E. Barrett Water District penalty from 10% per month to 10% per quarter, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

D. Approve Minutes from May 8 Board Meeting – Changes to May 8th meeting minutes. Chris Crumb was marked absent but was present at the meeting. Farr wants clarification of lines 108-116 if that was actually what was said. Wording needs to change. Farr made motion to approve the minutes with the changes, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

V. Priority Issues

A. ARPA Fund Status – Godfrey found out that they are going to get another bill for about $30,000 for the LED lights and had appropriated $40,000 for the pavilion at Prospect. He believes it might even come in lower. Godfrey said there seems to be 2 items that the Fire District wants; the radios and the Training Center behind Barneveld's Fire Department. Godfrey asked Festine if there would be a conflict if there are members on the Board that are members of the Fire Department. Festine advised yes. If they are going to be voting on using

funds to benefit the Fire District and if they are also on the board, they would have to recuse themselves. So that would leave only 2, Godfrey and Taylor and no quorum eligible to vote. Festine said she would have to look into it and asked that they table the matter. Kevin advised they would be looking to build a training center in Barneveld because the Fire District owns the land. The only other land the Fire District owns in Holland Patent is the parking lot next to the fire house. Kevin explained that the Fire District owns the equipment, all the land and insurance and then the Fire Companies provide the manpower. All the equipment that was bought by the fire company got turned over to the Fire District and they maintain it.

Kevin advised that the building would be a district asset after completion, not a fire company asset so it would be open for the entire town to use. The building will cost $112,000. They asked for $75,000 from the town and the Barneveld Fire Company will put in the remainder of the money – approximately $50,000. Everyone is in favor of moving forward if the funding comes through. Holland Patent would not benefit until after all the bills are paid.

Festine asked the board to table until the next meeting so she can check the ARPA funds and how you can use them, and check on the conflict issue.

Godfrey asked Kevin about shared services with the towns and wanted to know what the one the county built in Remsen is all about. Kevin said the county is not maintaining their building as nice as they should be. They are looking into putting in a regional training center in Whitesboro. There is no equipment there so they have to take everything with them and then it's all out of the district.

Taylor made motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

Next meeting June 12, 2024

Meeting Adjourned 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Mills
Deputy Town Clerk