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, Chris Crumb, James Farr and Town Clerk, Rachel Bunker. Eric Taylor was absent. Also present: Leo Boulerice, Ken Cutler

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

II. Pledge to the Flag

III. Privilege of the Floor

Carol Hameline – She came on behalf of Unity Hall checking in about paving the parking lot that belongs to the Town. Unity Hall is willing to pave it and take care of it if it's ok with the Board. Godfrey will talk with the attorney to see if there is any issue. Stiehl advised that if it's a cheap blacktop job and only good for a year then it will start coming apart. Hameline advised it was someone who had 5 ton of blacktop left over from another job. Stiehl advised that wouldn't be enough and once it is done, there is maintenance that comes along with it.

Cathy and Mike Nimey, and Cody and Emalyn Howe, all of Fox Road. The Amish built a big oil tank with a chimney on it and they are burning scrap wood from the sawmill. It is so bad that you can't even leave the house. It's constant and always hazy. Cathy Nimey has COPD, and Asthma and heart issues and is unable to breathe. They are not able to go outside or keep their windows open. The smell is on their dog when he goes out to pee and comes back inside. It's on their clothes etc. She said they used to burn in the field but believes that got shut down by DEC.

Godfrey will get guidance from zoning and codes and get back to them.

They also complained about them buying tractor trailer loads of chicken manure and spreading it and leaving it for days. NYS Law says it must be buried within 24 hours.

Cody said they also moved their fence closer to his dug well and now with all the animals being there he is concerned. Godfrey advised there is no fence law in the town so he's not sure what can be done. He will discuss it with Zoning and Codes also.

Greta Madore wanted to thank Godfrey and the Board for the funding for the library. They want to put a flag up on the library. She also asked about the summer program because she wants to do a reading program and asked who is heading up the summer program. Godfrey advised Grace Mahanna, same as last year.

The library book sale - can they put a sandwich sign out in front of the library? Godfrey advised it would be fine for the one day.

Diana Scholsky also has a neighbor who is burning things in their backyard on Vanderkemp. She has asked them nicely not to and the next day he was out there burning furniture, cardboard, plywood. The smoke goes right into her house. She too has asthma and told them that. The neighbor has been in her backyard and said to Diana we are having a lovely fire tonight. There are all kinds of construction vehicles on the property and in the road. She was under the assumption they live in a residential area not a commercial area. They park their vehicles on the sidewalk in front of the no

parking sign, and change the oil in the vehicles on the sidewalk. When they drive by her house now, they toot and rev their motors at all hours because she complained. Diana is concerned and would like something to be done with the zoning.

Godfrey said he talked with Leo about people running businesses from their homes. Godfrey has found quite a few lately.

Todd and Terry Hart – Terry first wanted to thank Steve and the Board for giving them a few minutes to talk about the Prospect Ballfield. Terry current lives in Southern Arizona and his brother Todd currently lives in Northeast Ohio, just outside of Akron. Background: they grew up in Prospect, went to Holland Patent School. Over the years they have been all over the country but have always called Prospect home. They retired both in 2015. Some of their nonprofit or philanthropy endeavors started before then. They started with a scholarship and some unrestricted donations in Oneonta. Fast forward now they wanted to do more in this area. They are always well aware of Prospect and the ballfield there. As Steve knows going back, they literally grew up on the ballfield and have fond memories. So they decided there is something they would like to do more and more here for the Town of Trenton. In November of 2019 they flew up here and met with Joe Smith and then Joe and Steve and they had two proposals for the Town of Trenton. One was to fund a scholarship which they named the Hart Family Scholarship and pretty much set those guidelines somewhat similar to the Mildred Usher and Howard Thomas Scholarships. The second one was to provide the funding for the entire renovation of the ballfield in Prospect.

"Why did we do this? A. I don't want to die with dreams, I want to die with memories. So I want a memory of what we're going to do. Plus I want to die broke. This is why we do what we do. After the initial with Joe and then with Steve we got a good understanding about the town and who we would be working with. It was primarily going to be with Building and Grounds and with Rich and Bill and Bart. Jason was going to provide with the highways guys and we would have never undertaken this type of project without knowing who we were going to be working with. Fortunately with each of them individually, all of these guys have some skill levels that work with the type of project that we wanted to undertake."

"Covid hits – sets us back 2 years. Now here in 2024 we are into our third summer now of actually doing more than just dirt work that we did back in 2021. I hope there are never any more setbacks. We hopefully expect to be playing ball this fall. That is still the goal and are doing our best to make that happen."

"The funds for this – This is all public information. By the time we are done, we will be north of over $2 million on just the initial project. I want people to know the asset they will have now on that facility. Unfortunately, because of today's world, we made the decision to upgrade to a security system that is going to be efficient in coverage and provide enhancements in the future, when we are done with what Todd's keeps referring to as Phase I and that is the ballfield, the entrance, the parking, the paving, the roundabout, the grandstands, the dugouts, the warm up areas. The roof got finished on the pavilion, all the exterior now is done on the restrooms. They all got stoned today. Inside they still have plumbing and partitions to finish up, but they are continuously making progress. Both Leo and Jason have been out in the last day. They started today doing the roofs on the dugouts."

"Going forward in the future, and as another benefit for the town, we have since day one been working with Nick Grimmer and the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida County. When we are done we will either continue with the same 501C3 for the ballfield or if we need to, set up a separate one, however we need to do it from a tax standpoint because we are going to fund all future capital improvements and major maintenance items in perpetuity. The day-to-day operations will still be on the town. After we get all this done and get to playing ball, we want to put in a really nice playground. Steve is familiar with this and we want to work with the Community Foundation on this. There is another foundation, the Wadas Foundation that provides grants. Now that we have actually got something physical to see, we are going to be in a much better position getting and acquiring and requesting grants for that. The playground equipment or structure that we are looking at is going to be a key piece of that. I know Todd and I are not your constituents, but I would like to know if there is anything you would like or any questions you need answered. Is there anything you want from us that could help? We look at this as an amenity that the Town of Trenton and the Hamlet of Prospect is going to have a benefit from both in the short term and in the long term. It is going to be very well signed on the back of the press box, outside the beautiful green wall outside, above the stonework and will say Prospect Memorial Field – Home of Fastpitch Softball. That will be on all the correspondence also."

Godfrey said he wants to say that he has been friends with Todd and Terry for over 50 years. They grew up in Prospect as neighbors and they are not just talk. They back up everything that they say. So a huge debt of gratitude for the financial part of this, but these guys, they are actually working stacking stones and working with our crews. They have put a lot of effort into this and we certainly appreciate it. Jason's crew has helped us out a lot and Rich and Building and Grounds. It's a juggling act because Jason has to get his work done and Rich has to get his work done so it's not easy for these guys and they have put a lot of effort in. I know that both I and the Board appreciate it.

Todd also said that Nick Grimmer most likely in the fall is going to be doing a profile on this and the Town of Trenton.

Greta Madore asked Godfrey if there was going to be a Veteran's Program. Godfrey said yes, the Veteran's Picnic was discussed the other day. It's usually around the end of August. Betsy Mack usually did that so they will have to get the information from her.

IV. Officers Reports:

Highway Superintendent :

Stiehl advised they started cold paving today. One road is done. Going to Woods Rd. tomorrow. They did take delivery of the new Gradall. So far it has been an asset to the town. The loader is in and they will be taking delivery of that next Wednesday. The old loader is gone so they will be looking for that check.

Scheduled to oil and stone in the next few weeks, hot pave is scheduled in July. More work on the softball field next week.

Highway Abstract # 150-182 in the amount of $91,742.56. Bennison made motion to pay vouchers numbered 150-182 in the amount of $91,742.56, seconded by Crumb, 4 ayes.

Stiehl wanted to point out that there was an open position. There were 3 people that responded and the person most qualified is the guy he brought up at the last meeting. I made 3 phone calls and have had 3 good reports on him. I am suggesting that we hire him. He does have a CDL and has worked for 2 other highway departments. I have talked to both of those Highway Superintendents and they had nothing but good things to say about him. We do have a 3 year probationary period.

Farr made motion to hire David Chapple, seconded by Bennison, 4 ayes.

Assessor:

Nothing new.

Attorney:

Not Present

Zoning and Codes:

Boulerice provided copy of Zoning Report. Before next meeting he will be investigating more violations and sending out notices. Crumb asked Leo what is the current rule on the chickens? Back when they were a village, someone asked up on Mappa can we have chickens in the backyard and it got approved. Then other people never asked and just got chickens. Leo advised if you have chickens you have a hobby farm. And hobby farms are not permitted in every zoning district in the town. The people on Mappa Ave went to the Zoning Board of Appeals and they were approved. They were doing it the right way – had a chicken coop, it was fenced in and they took care of the chickens.

Boulerice advised that the Amish with the outdoor woodstove is not going to fall under the category of outdoor woodburning boiler. He is using that to get around the DEC burn ban on open burning. He just built a big wood stove and set it outside.

Godfrey asked about property across from Ward's Drive in. What is going in there? Leo advised he wanted to put in another single wide and he denied the application. Single wides are only permitted in mobile home parks. He resubmitted the application for a doublewide. We currently permit doublewides in the town.

Placard Sign Violation - Cutler is proposing a resolution from the board because they don't have the legal authority to hold someone responsible for removing and destroying a sign. Farr asked if it is a violation for someone to enter a Placarded building and leave and Cutler said yes. The placard is two fold – to prevent the owner from going in and doing stuff that he shouldn't be doing without a permit and to prevent, as in this case, allowing the tenants to go back in and rent.

Bunker asked how the money part works – who is collecting the fees for this? Cutler said it would have to go through the board and the town attorney.

Farr asked to table the matter until the attorney gets back and they get legal counsel. Cutler is just looking for a resolution and does not want to wait. The state mandates a $1500 fee for this. Cutler wants to push it because there are still 3 tenants there and the building is supposed to be placarded on

the 24th of June. I have been trying to work with Adult Services, Social Services, etc. and they are still there in structures that are unsafe and unhealthy. Godfrey said he will take a motion and if there is something wrong, the attorney will correct it. Farr said he doesn't know the laws and we are suggesting that we take it upon ourselves the right to fine these people thousands of dollars for non-compliance. Cutler said this is just a fee schedule; it isn't a law of regulation. Fee schedules are determined and voted on by a resolution by the board. The laws are already done in State Law and Town Code. Farr agreed to go along with the motion as long as our action is in compliance with the State Law. Cutler said it is.

Bennison made motion for fee schedule for Placard sign violations, seconded by Farr, 4 ayes.

Bennison – Aye
Godfrey - Aye
Crumb - Aye
Farr - Aye

Godfrey said the other thing that was brought up was street memorials, road memorials, etc. like on Route 12 and Hinman. Cutler said that according to DOT we have no authority on them. Farr said according to the counseling they received at the Turning Stone Conference, the ones who maintain the right of way have the authority to remove it.

Godfrey has a call into DOT and will wait for a call back.

Supervisor Report:

Godfrey advised that Rachel has them up to date and he has to review them. He is bringing in Joe Smith to help him out and should have them ready to go next work session.

Clerk Report:

Nothing to report.

NOCCOG:

Healt gave overview of seminars and webinars coming up.
2024 Consolidated Funding Applications (CFA) is open for grants. Information available on NOCCOG website.

V. Resolutions:

Abstracts:
Hinckley Sewer Abstract #12 and 13 in the amount of $93.72. Farr made motion to pay vouchers #12 and 13 in the amount of $93.72 seconded by Bennison, 4 ayes.

General Abstracts #318 to 405 in the amount of $96,014.88. Crumb made motion to pay vouchers # 318 to 405 in the amount of $96,014.88, seconded by Farr, 4 ayes.

HPCSD -Trenton Swim Lesson Contract:

Godfrey advised that he asked for some help from Holland Patent Central School District because they are paying more than they are used to. Godfrey asked for $8700 and they approved it. That will cover the increase that we have to absorb for hiring Michael Reilly. He is the swim coach who trains life guards. It will also help cover the additional lifeguards needed.

Crumb made motion to approve the Holland Patent Central School District and Trenton Swim Lesson Contract, seconded by Bennison, 4 ayes.

Appoint Theresa Inserra – Part time Clerk

Godfrey advised that Theresa Inserra is retiring from her full time work. She is the secretary for the Planning and Zoning Boards. She has asked if there might be additional hours for her. She spends about 4 hours per week handling issues for Planning and Zoning. Steve's Clerk Audrey could use some help. Theresa also would work with Jason as far as organizational items, the CHIPS Program. Audrey wants some time off during the summer and Theresa could come and fill in. We are looking at her as a part time, no more than 20 hours. If it's over 20 hours then the county gets involved. Farr made a motion to hire Theresa Inserra as a part time clerk, seconded by Crumb, 4 ayes.

Appoint New Employees:

Building and Grounds:

Dylan McGuire is a return employee so he gets an extra $1.00 /hour. A list of the new hires is attached. Rachel advised that Liam's last name is Locke. Farr made motion to approve the hire of the 4 employees for Buildings and Grounds, seconded by Bennison, 4 ayes.

Park Program:

Godfrey advised that Grace Mahanna is back as Program Director. She is getting a $500 raise. The two assistants are each getting $4500. One return counselor is going to be making $17/hour. The other returning are at $16/hour and new counselors are at $15/hour. See new hire list attached. Bennison made motion to approve the hire of all those listed under Park Program, seconded by Crumb, 4 ayes.

Swim Beach Seasonal:

Mike Reilly as the Aquatics Director. You will notice the amount, which is what he received from the school last year and since we are receiving money from the HPCSD , it will help offset that cost.

He has 2 assistants listed. We have to remember that the pool is going to be open 7 days a week, 12:00 until 6:00. Four of those days, Monday through Thursday it will be opened at 10:00 for the lessons. Godfrey said we might be a little over budget with the Park Program but he thinks the Swim Beach is right on budget. The good thing is there is a lot of excitement about opening the pool again.

We will also be hiring 2 additional lifeguards but we couldn't make offers until they finish with their credentials which won't be until the 17th. There is about 4 or 5 of them and we are going to hire 2 more after we look at their credentials. Farr made motion to approve the hiring of Swim Beach employees, seconded by Crumb, 4 ayes.

Godfrey advised that Bart Stahl decided to leave and go to Forestport so he submitted his resignation. I need a motion to accept the resignation. Crumb made motion to accept the resignation of Bart Stahl, seconded by Farr, 4 ayes.

Barneveld Water District – Approve Preliminary Bond Resolution

Godfrey talked with Mckenzie at BCA and the 3 options that were submitted. We need to take a vote on whether we accept Plan 3 and to approve the Preliminary Bond Resolution. Farr made motion to approve the Preliminary Bond Resolution, seconded by Bennison, 4 ayes. Godfrey said most of this is looking to get grant money.

Approve Barneveld Water Improvement Plan Option #3 Presented by BCA:

Crumb made motion to accept Option #3, seconded by Bennison, 4 ayes.

Godfrey said he was reading through minutes from 2021 where Joe had to get approval to sign a grant for the WQIP so he called Mckenzie to see if he needed approval to sign for the WEIA grants and she advised yes.

Farr made motion for Steve Godfrey to sign for the WEIA grants, seconded by Bennison, 4 ayes.

Rachel had a question on the bond resolution. Usually Kate tells her when she needs to publish it and for how many days in the newspaper. She needs a digital copy of it. Steve agreed to send it to her.

Minutes:
Godfrey asked for approval of minutes from May 22nd meeting. Farr made motion to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2024 meeting, seconded by Bennison, 4 ayes.

Priority Issues:

Swim Beach – Going to do a soft opening on July 1st. Mike Reilly will be training his lifeguard crew at the same time with the idea that grand opening will be on July 5f, 2024.

Playground – We signed up 80 kids so far which is 20 more than last year. About 50 of those are signing up for swim lessons too. Holland Patent kids will do swim in the morning and our kids will do lessons in the afternoon.

Wastewater District Surveys & Testing - We did a lot of testing and it came back with some pretty eye opening test results for the Hamlet. Hopefully this will come back in our favor for the sewer district. We got letters of support from Griffo, Smullen and the Mapledale business owners.

Committees:

Planning Board:
No report

ZBA:
No report

Greenbelt:
Godfrey did get some interest and there is a group that is interested in marking the trails.

Infrastructure Committee:
Not a lot going on.

VIII. Communications:
None.

Next meeting June 26, 2024
Motion to adjourn the meeting by Farr, seconded by Crumb, 4 ayes.

Meeting Adjourned 8:44 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel I. Bunker
Town Clerk