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 7:04 pm. Present were: Councilmen Michael Bennison, James Farr, Chris Crumb, Eric Taylor and Town Clerk, Rachel Bunker. Also present was Jim Mills and Terry S, Court Clerk.

I. Meeting called to order by Supervisor Godfrey at 7:04 pm

II. Court Audit – Town Justice

Terry presented everything for the Board to review and answered questions.
Terry advised that average is about 33% that stays with the town.
DA's office has a Traffic Diversion Unit where everything is done electronically on their website.

Taylor made motion that the Board reviewed and has accepted Town of Trenton Justice Clerk Audit, seconded by Bennison, 5 ayes.

III. Resolutions:

A. BCA Wastewater Amendment

Godfrey advised they already approved the $41,597.00 and BCA received their payment. BCA is looking for approximately another $7900 which was not included in the first resolution for the $41,597.00. Godfrey asked for a resolution to spend $8,000 more for additional grants.

Godfrey said as far as the water project, the Board did move to do option #3 even though Farr is opposed to it. Godfrey referenced what is happening in Remsen and what a mess they are in. Farr believes that there should be two options to give to the people as far as the water main because there is really good water in Barneveld. He believes the proposal that we are looking at putting to the public is second rate water. Farr would like to see a full study on both options because he said we know how much water there is from the source we have now, but there is no water tower between the source on Corey Rd. if we go with Utica water. Farr said if we were connected to Utica water what is the redundancy on the flow if we need it. We know the redundancy on the one we have now.

Godfrey said Mohawk Valley Water has already acknowledged they do not need a tank. They originally they thought maybe we would need one but they did the flow test and they understand that it would be connection in Trenton Falls. Farr said he would like to see that report. And he would like to see two different maps of two different lines, two different options and the two different costs for the public hearing.

Godfrey advised that the Infrastructure Committee gave their recommendation and the Board already voted on this to move with Option #3. We are going to have to see if we can actually back up. Godfrey will talk with BCA. The money that we already got is based off the option that we chose. Farr believes there was some fluctuation in there. He said the report is already done; all they have to do is reprice.

Farr made motion to spend $8,000 more to try to get additional grants, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

IV. Priority Issues:

A.& B. Old Highway Garage ("The Ice House") and Recycling Center:

Godfrey said, as everyone knows, it has been a difficult week in the Town of Trenton. First the Firehouse collapse on Sunday. After he saw that, he was a little concerned about town buildings, so on Sunday he texted Rich and Jason and said we need to get together tomorrow and formulate a plan. Then Sunday morning at 11:30 he gets a message from Keith Lighthall, who said he worked in the Recycling Building all day Saturday, everything was fine. Then he gets a call from Jason at 11:35; you're not going to believe what just happened. Half of the Recycling Bldg. is down. Ten minutes later, part of the Old Town garage (the Ice House) went down. They went down within ten minutes of each other.

In the last couple of days we have had engineers go over there and take a look. We had the insurance guy over there today. They are going to send their own engineer just to take a look at both buildings. Thankfully there was not a lot in storage in the Ice House. There is a couple of trailers, and a couple of dump boxes. There is not a lot of damage other than the building is flattened. What Godfrey is more concerned about and is getting calls on, is the Recycling Center. He went over there with Rich and they hired an engineer, Dominick Aiello, who looked at the part of the structure that is still standing for the Recycling Center, which is the original part. The actual end wall is still in tact. We do have a garage door on that. Two of the side garage doors got blown out. At this point, he recommended that we put bracing on, which should have been there, to brace the corner of the trusses. He also said we need to check the electrical. The insurance man said go ahead and order the door, so they have been ordered. The idea is to get that building up and running as soon as we can. We won't have the space that we have now, but Keith feels we will be ok. We might have to have some outside dumpsters.

Godfrey is putting together a committee with Rich, Keith and Ken from Codes and would like one Board member to volunteer for the committee. They will have meeting next week and put a plan together as to how quickly we can get the building up and running. The next part of that is once the insurance money becomes available, Godfrey wants the Committee to decide if they want to put on an addition, or do a whole new building.

Godfrey advised that the Municipal Center Bldg. is getting shoveled off, and the buildings in Prospect are now getting shoveled off.

Farr asked if we are at liberty to clean up the debris and haul it away. Godfrey advised there is one business owner that has run into trouble because he did have a permit from us but it appears the NYS Department of Labor Asbestos Bureau came in and now there is an issue with that. Apparently they assume that there is asbestos in every building. I spoke with someone yesterday and asked him what we need to do to get going because we do want to get rid of the debris out of the Recycling Center. His answer was you need to get a bid from 3 different asbestos companies and have them evaluate. Godfrey told him we are talking about a pole barn, not insulated, no ceiling, no floor other than concrete. I gave him the addresses of both facilities and he said he would get back to me tomorrow. He

needs to speak with his supervisor. Steve and Audrey are putting a letter together to go to Robert Smullen, Joe Griffo, and Anthony Picente. The insurance guy was ok with us getting rid of stuff, but Godfrey said we don't want to do that because if this guy from the NYS DOL Asbestos Bureau comes, we will get fined. If by the end of the week we are not getting any satisfaction we might have to move with what they want.

C. Teamsters: - Godfrey advised that we haven't heard back from them. We are waiting for them to rewrite the contract. Farr asked if there was any more on the possible 8th employee. Godfrey said it's probably something that will be discussed at the next meeting.

D. **Star Ambulance**: Godfrey talked with Brian Healey. He would like to schedule our next work session to come in and he will bring in the appropriate people and have the information for the Board to have more detail on the possibility of this Marcellus Ambulance Volunteer Emergency Services come in for the takeover. They are having significant monetary difficulties right now.

E. Fire District: Godfrey just wanted to give the Board an update on what they are doing. We set up a desk for Truman here at the Municipal Center. The plan was for putting the fire trucks in what's left of the old Highway Building. We just had it evaluated and after the rafters were checked, we were advised that's not in great shape either. Godfrey spoke with Jason and he believes there is enough room to house the plows and the fire trucks in the new highway garage. We got the ok from the guy at All Temp who has buildings in Remsen to store some of our equipment there.

Godfrey said they were talking about putting another building up. We actually have a plan and a price. Farr mentioned that if we have to have an asbestos inspection done, why don't we have the whole structure at the old Highway Garage done and get the certificate. Then we can demo it whenever we are ready.

Taylor made motion to house fire trucks at the new Highway Garage, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

V. Communications: Next meeting 03/12/2025 at 7:00 pm.

VI. Adjournment: Farr made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58, seconded by Bennison, 5 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel I. Bunker
Town Clerk