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 7:00 pm. Present were: Councilmen Michael Bennison, James Farr, Chris Crumb, Eric Taylor and Town Clerk, Rachel Bunker.

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

II. Pledge to the Flag

III. Privilege of the Floor - None

IV. Resolutions:

A. Approve Proposal for Emergency Demolition and Clean-up of Recycling and Highway Buildings – Festine presented a resolution she adapted from the one the Fire District did. She reviewed the Resolution with the Board members advising because there is a health and safety hazard arising from the collapsed roofs and the resulting construction debris, the Town Board considers Bronze Contracting LLC to be a responsible contractor, that they provided an estimate of services in the amount of $24,700 for the Recycling Center and $22,500 for the Highway Department Storage Building, that those amounts are reasonable and that Bronze Contracting, LLC has offered to further discount $1200 if both demos are performed together, that the collapsing of the roofs of the two buildings represents a public emergency and needs immediate action that cannot wait for competitive bidding and that it resolves to authorize the Town Supervisor to retain the services of Bronze Contracting, LLC.

Godfrey advised he also supplied additional information in the form of dialog that he had with the insurance company explaining our plan which included the Bronze Contracting proposal to us. He said the guestimate on tonnage between the two buildings is about 120 tons at about $44 per ton based on the 50% discount we are receiving because of emergency from the county. The response from Keith Mabel of Hanover is thank you for sending this proposal, we have reviewed it and are agreeable with it. Once work is completed, please forward a copy of final invoice direct to me for reimbursement. Godfrey asked Festine if that could be included in the Resolution. Festine agreed to add it to the Resolution.

Taylor made motion to approve Resolution, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

Festine also had a Resolution in regard to the exchange of land owned by Unity Hall for an adjoining parcel of land. She now has descriptions of the properties to be exchanged along with a map. The Board needs to resolve to ask the NYS Legislature to authorize the town to exchange this land because it's technically park land. Festine prepared a Resolution authorizing that.

Crumb made motion to accept and pass onto Senate and Assemblyman the Resolution to exchange park land, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

Festine said she is going to fill out a short SEQR form and is asking the Board to make an additional resolution to declare this an unlisted action. Festine explained that under the SEQR

Law, you can have a Type 1 action and a Type 2 action and an unlisted action. She believes this would be an unlisted action. She is going to send a SEQR Part 1 Form to Godfrey to sign. She doesn't think there will have to any coordinated review but doesn't want to make a final SEQR declaration until she gets the ball rolling with the Assembly.
Farr made motion to make this an unlisted action for purposes of SEQR and declared itself Lead Agency, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

Verizon Project - Festine will compose a body of a letter for Godfrey laying out the Boards conditions for issuance of the permit for Verizon. She is asking the Board to resolve to issue the permit with the following conditions:

- Verizon is going to provide the Highway Superintendent and the Town Supervisor the name and cell phone number of the Supervisor for this work.
- They are going to provide the name of the contractor that is doing the work, and insurance certificates for all the work that is done.
- They are going to indemnify the town for any damage that is done.
- They are going to promise to restore the area to it's previous condition which means if they break anything, they fix it.
- If they dig up grass, they are going to put seed down, they are going to replace the dirt and basically going to have to restore the area.

Eric made motion to approve the revisions to the Verizon permit as Festine laid out, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

A. Approve Amendment of BCA Engineering Agreement – Godfrey advised that payment was already made, however he did not sign page 2 of the Agreement. Farr made motion to allow the Supervisor to sign the Agreement, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

B. Approve March 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes - Farr made motion to approve March 12, 2025 meeting minutes, seconded by Bennison, 5 ayes.

C. Approve payment of LED Light Project, NY Power Authority – Godfrey gave copy of the bill to the Board for the street lighting. It is still not 100% complete, but he wanted to stop the additional interest payments which were stopped. NY Power Authority originally sent a bill in the amount of $72,768.33 but Godfrey asked to have it itemized. On page 3 of the chart, bottom, righthand corner is the minus $1,726.64. That is the interest that they were charging, but that has been taken off. There is still a couple of items that need to be done but it probably won't come to the $14,110.12. Boulerice has been trained on looking at all the lights, adjusting them, etc. He checks them every day.
Crumb made motion to pay NY Power Authority $72,768.33, seconded by Bennison, 5 ayes.

D. Approve Public Announcement, Engineering Services for Wastewater and Water Improvement Projects – Godfrey advised when BCA was hired back in 2019 or 2020, they never interviewed anyone else. Mackenzie provided verbiage to Godfrey for engineering firms that qualify that would want to look at the wastewater and water projects. USDA and Rural Development is requiring that it be made a public notice. Farr made motion to put public notice in the Rome Sentinel requiring that we put this out for bid, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

E. HP Fireworks – Godfrey has gotten Cutler's ok on this with the letter from Holland Patent School as requested by Cutler. Taylor made motion, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

F. Approve Teamsters Bargaining Agreement – Godfrey provided the Board Members with the agreement between the Town of Trenton Highway Department and the Teamsters. The agreement gave everyone a base salary and a standard amount of raise for each year. Taylor reworded the agreement to say people that have been with the Highway Dept. for a significant amount of time should be given a different amount. They get a cost of living bump, but after 5 years, they add on and then again after 10 years. It's to reward the guys that have been here for a significant amount of time. It passed today with a vote of 5 to 2.

Bennison made motion to approve Teamsters Bargaining Agreement retroactive to January, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

A. Priority Issues:

A. Prospect Cemetery – Godfrey advised at their meeting last Friday they decided they are going to dissolve the Board and asked if we would consider taking over the operation of the cemetery. They are going to put him in touch with someone from the NYS Department of Cemeteries. Godfrey has no other information and is looking for guidance from Festine. She said they are authorized as a town Board to receive and execute any trust for the care of any cemetery which the town is required to care for pursuant to the provisions of a section of the Town Law. Festine believes we can do this and it won't be that complicated but thinks that any money that comes over from the cemetery is going to have to be completely separate from town funds. She will look into it more. No decision made tonight.

B. Prospect/Premo Land/Building Donation – Festine asked Godfrey to email her the parcel information so she can do a cursory review. She will provide a Resolution at the regular April meeting.

C. Complete Consulting Services Proposal – Godfrey said these are people who called right after the building fell in. Godfrey and Audrey met with them right after the building fell in. He was asked by people if they got a public adjuster. Godfrey advised they are sales people and their pitch is we can get you more money from the insurance company, etc. Godfrey said Hanover seems workable. They are working on an equipment list but still have to pull stuff to see if it's functional or not. The question is what will they do with the remaining highway building as both engineers and a contracting engineer came in and looked at it. Godfrey doesn't know what they will deem that building at this time. Old part is still standing, new part is crushed. It appears it's from either old age or the snow that the room trusses are showing stress. They are looking at it as one building.

Recycling Center – Because it's partitioned off between the old and new, they have to buy new doors and some bracing which has been done. The center has been opened since March 19 and is operational at about 85%. They opened the brush pile today.

Godfrey said the adjusters charge 3.5% of what they settle out with. Bennison said his thought is if the insurance company gives us $400,000 and we can get these guys to get us

another $50,000, do they get 3.5% of the $50,000 or the $450,000? Bennison said as long as the insurance company is treating us right…… Godfrey agrees. Godfrey said Hanover that insures both buildings has done a good job.

Godfrey got the condemnation letters from Cutler today to send over to Bronze Contractors. Sites will be cleaned up in the next week or two.

Crumb said one more thing – Stiehl wanted to hire an 8th guy. Godfrey said he doesn't know how they want to do it. Wait until this summer and then advertise it for the fall/winter. He doesn't believe that he needs one for the summer. Tabled for now to discuss with Jason.

B. Communications – Next Meeting April 9, 2025 at 6:30 pm with Rachel and Joe Smith.

C. Adjournment - Farr made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel I. Bunker
Town Clerk