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. Also attending, Kate Festine, Joe Rowlands, Joe Samson, Kathleen Kellogg, Heida Wilcox, Mark Wilcox, Taylor Quesnell, Shane Quesnell, Gary Lefevre.

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

II. Pledge to the Flag

III. Privilege of the Floor

Heidi Wilcox asked what was going on with the Prospect Park. She called the Clerk's Office regarding the pavilion and said no one knows what's going on with it. Godfrey advised that right now we are on the home stretch with it. Within the next 2 weeks we will be applying for grants for 2 playgrounds, one over at the ball park and one over at Union Park. The grants with be with the Wadas Foundation and through the NYS Recreation. She also asked about the pavilion because she wants to rent it for next year for her son's graduation. Godfrey said the pavilion is going to be renovated this year. They are looking into putting in a kitchen and possibly renting it out like the two on Fish Hatchery Rd but that will be a Board decision. The amount of money spent on the ballpark project was questioned and Godfrey advised that the Town did not go over their budget on the project. The majority of the funds were donated.

Godfrey was asked to research putting in the playground at the ballpark before they look into putting it elsewhere.

Gary Lefevre came to talk about a drainage issue he is having at his property in Hinckley. Godfrey talked with Stiehl about it and they are going to see what they can do to help him out.

IV. Officer Reports:

A. Highway Superintendent – Stiehl asked if there was an update on the building situation. Godfrey advised that Bronze got back to him and they are going to start demolition clean up next week. Stiehl asked if it would be reasonable to think there is going to be a new building built. Godfrey is still waiting to hear back from the insurance company regarding the old highway garage and what they are going to come up with. Stiehl said the man from Jetso reached out to him and he has a pole barn he is willing to rent. If it's not reasonable to think there will be a new building, Stiehl doesn't want equipment sitting out and thinks we need to consider this. Godfrey said within the next month we should have a better idea of what we need to do.

Stiehl also asked what is the update on building the Barneveld Sewer and Water District. He is holding up on doing road work in Barneveld until he knows. Godfrey advised that the water district project is already funded and they are going to start mapping for the new lines. The plan needs to be fully instituted by 2026 or we will lose funding.

Abstracts # 97 to 135 in the amount of $70,629.24. Bennison made motion to pay vouchers #97 through 135 in the amount of $70,629.24, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

B. Zoning: Boulerice gave copies of his report. Applications are starting to filter in.

C. Codes: Cutler gave copies of his report. He advised he has processed most of the items on Boulerice's report. Cutler wanted to mention the 3 condemned structures on Mappa Ave. and people living in them. Cutler has discussed it with Godfrey and Godfrey said he is working with the attorney on it.

Cutler also handed out a proposed Fee Schedule for the Board to look at. Cutler will be at the work session at the end of the month to go over it.

D. **NOCCOG**: Joe Rowlands gave overview of upcoming events in the newsletter. NOCCOG has a reference guide for municipalities coming out and is designed for newly elected and appointed officials who are not familiar with certain aspects of protocol. May be available next month – digital version is available now.

E. **Attorney:** Godfrey advised a little change in the agenda because Festine has someplace to be so they are going to go into Executive Session. Crumb made motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

Motion by Crumb to come out of Executive Session at 8:04, seconded by Bennison, 5 ayes.

Festine advised the Board is voting to approve a settlement offer to settle pending litigation with Erie Boulevard Hydropower for tax year 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 outstanding, reducing the assessment for those years which will project the town to a refund payment of approximately $82,0000. Further giving prospective release to Erie Boulevard Hydropower for 7 years including the tax years 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030 with additional settlement inducements including equalization rate protection and strict definition of the word inclusion. The Petitioner, Erie Boulevard Hydropower has also agreed to waive any refunds due and owing from the Fire District.
Farr so moved as advised by the Town attorney, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

Festine also advised that in the last work session meeting they passed a resolution to seek the assistance of the State Representatives including Joe Griffo and Assemblyman Smullen about a park land alienation that is necessary for a land swap with Unity Hall and Festine erroneously forgot to include in that Resolution one of the parcels that Unity Hall is giving to us in exchange for the parcel we are giving to them and that is Wick Place. Festine is going to Amend the prior Resolution to also include Wick Place . Taylor made Motion to amend the prior Resolution to include the parcel that is Wick Place, seconded by Bennison, 5 ayes. Festine will get the written Resolution to Clerk by Friday.

Godfrey asked Festine about the next step in the Miner property. Festine said they will have to go to court. If the town has to get an order to do any demolition, Festine will need Board authorization to do that. Taylor made motion to authorize Festine to seek solution through court to demolish property on Mappa Ave, seconded by Bennison, 5 ayes.

F. Supervisor's Report: Already done.

G. Clerk's Report: Bunker advised $3,204.50 local shares remitted.

V. Resolutions:

A. **Approve Funds for Old Poland Road Bridge -** Bridge cost increased to $22,400.00 which is 4% of the total cost. Bidding will go out in November with construction starting about this time next year. Godfrey advised that this price is locked in as the final number. Farr made motion for Godfrey to sign off on the bridge proposal, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

Farr asked what point will the Board get to look at the plans. Godfrey said as soon as they send them out, he will give them to the Board. Tyler Reichtner had a concern because there is no guardrail on the bridge. He is concerned that someone could drive off the bridge and go into the creek pretty easy. He also wanted some landscaping done too.

B. **Approve March 26, 2025 Minutes-** Taylor made motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 25, 2025, seconded by Bennison, 5 ayes.

C. **Northern Community Baseball Concession Stand-** They are using both of the fields this year and Nick Granato is trying to get as many games on the fields as possible. They would like to use our concession stand during the game. The season ends middle to third week in June, so it shouldn't interfere with the playground program or swim beach. Tabled until the April 23rd meeting to check with Department of Health.

D. **Use of Pavilion Barneveld Fire Department Fund Raising** - Rosette Collins requested to have a Community Picnic for the Barneveld Fire Department. She wants to know if she can use the pavilion for that. She was turned down to use the PMR room because it's a fundraiser. Farr asked why she doesn't use the twin churches. Crumb says if the Fire District sponsors it, then there are no issues. Godfrey will talk to her and it will be tabled for now.

E. Abstracts :

Hinckley- Abstract # 7 in the amount of $48.93. Farr made motion to pay abstract numbered 7 in the amount of $48.93, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

General: Abstracts # 231 through 324 in the amount of $205,421.84 Farr made motion to pay vouchers # 231 through 324 in the amount of $205,421.84, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

VI. Priority Issues:

A. STaR Ambulance – They will be at the meeting on April 23, 2025 to go over everything.

B. Recycling and Highway Buildings Update – Bronze Construction is ready to move on clean up next week. Will have a meeting with Don Ehre and will have a couple of Board members involved as far as the new building. Stiehl is looking for an 8000 sf space.

C. **Prospect Cemetery –** Godfrey talked with one of the state people to get some information. Donna gave Godfrey some information from a class she attended regarding cemeteries. Godfrey will be working with the NYS Cemetery Association to see exactly how this happens step by step.

D. Premo Property Prospect – Godfrey asked if Board members got a chance to take a look and see if makes sense for us to own the property. He believes the building will have to be taken down and then you are in with asbestos. Will talk with Festine about it.

E. Prospect Library Ambulance Garage Sale - Pavia Real Estate contacted Godfrey about the 6 month being up. Godfrey said he'd have to put it up to the Board. Hoke had offers and it was almost sold but the people backed out. Farr said his boys want him to buy it. Godfrey did check with Festine about having a real estate auction on it with a minimum amount. But it's been up for sale for 2 years. Samson said it might be worth it to get an appraisal on what it would take to get it up to code for a residence and then if someone said they wanted it for a residence we would have the information to advise them what it would cost them.

VII. Committees:

A. Planning Board –

B. ZBA –

C. Greenbelt- Wendy Whitney said instead of doing a clean up day, she is thinking maybe if we supported the effort with bags and gloves and vests maybe we could get people to sign up to take care of certain roads. They are looking into it. Rich Latus is going to be using some of the kids from the program set up with Debbie Finn to clean trails.

D. Infrastructure- Godfrey talked with John Sherman and brought him up to speed on what's going on with the water and sewer projects.

VIII. Communications: Next Meeting April 23, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

IX. Adjournment - Farr made motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 pm, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel I. Bunker
Town Clerk