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.

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

Pledge to the Flag

Privilege of the Floor - None

I. Clerk's Report:

A. Water Bill: Rachel explained that there are 2 disgruntled residents regarding their bills. She has spoken with the water operator and he has checked the meters 3 times. The numbers don't lie; the water moved through their meters, whether they intended it to or not. The one that is $1100, Sullivan, her son lives there. We couldn't get a reading on the meter for 6 months because we only read every 3 months the meter was covered under the snow so the bill was estimated. The water operator told us today that if a toilet is running, 3 gallons a minute is used. These people used 100,000 gallons when they usually only use a couple of thousand in a quarter. Rachel advised her he would talk to the Board. Farr advised that in the past you had to be a non for profit entity to get a break. Crumb advised that in the past he got a courtesy call from Stanley advising that he used 60,000 gallons and that he may have a leaking toilet. When he checked, both of them were leaking and he was still responsible for the water bill. After a lengthy discussion the Board decided they would give them extra time to get their bills current.

Farr made motion to divide the payments up into 4 payments along with paying their normal quarterly water bill, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

Supervisor's Report (March): Board members given the report to review and questions asked regarding outstanding checks. Rachel advised she will back out stale checks. Will vote to approve at the next meeting.

V. Resolutions:

A. Approve Highway Hire: Brett Hoffman at $27.15/hr

Stiehl and Godfrey interviewed Brett and he has all the credentials that they were looking for. He has his CDL, experience as an auto mechanic, and he worked as an airport maintenance worker where he did plowing, etc. His last employment was with the NYS Corrections. Jim Farr made motion to hire Brett Hoffman for the Highway Department at $27.15/hr beginning June 9, 2025, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

Approve Summer Park Program Staff:

Grace Mahanna, Camp Director - $6,000
Hannah Mickle, Asst. Camp Director $4,750
Camp Counselors:
Madison Oliver - $17/hr.
Anna Healey - $17/hr.

Isabella Stalker - $17/hr.
Jacob Hart - $16/hr.
Brianna Mullins - $16/hr.
Ella Harmitage - $16/hr.
Caiden Knapp - $16/hr.
Zoe Kelly - $16/hr.

Crumb made motion to approve the Summer Park Program Staff along with Camp Counselors, seconded by Bennison, 5 ayes.

B. Approve Summer Concession Stand Staff:

Alice King, Team Lead - $17.50/hr.
Julia Callahan - $15.50/hr.
Ava Rasmussen - $15.50/hr.
Leah Doolen - $15.50/hr.

Crumb made motion to approve Summer Concession Stand Staff, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

C. Approve Meeting Minutes (May 14, 2025)

Taylor made motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 14, 2025, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

D. Prospect Library Sale Auctions International

Godfrey advised he did not renew with Pavia and is thinking to go to Auctions International. It's been up for sale for 2 years now. Godfrey advised that if this falls through we can independently put it up for auction and save the 10% that has to be paid for Auctions International. We would have to do a referendum and give people 30 days to comment if an offer is made. Bennison made motion to go with Auctions International, asking for $69,900, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

E. Weathersfield School House 200th Anniversary

Godfrey advised the budget expenditure for the Trenton Falls Gorge and Weathersfield is $5,000 and we only spent $2,283 for 2024. On behalf of the 200th anniversary for Weathersfield, Godfrey asked the Board if they would agree to give them another $1,000.
Farr made motion for the 2025 year to give Weathersfield an extra $1,000, seconded by Bennison, 5 ayes.

VI. Priority Issues:

A. Route 12 Property Sale Cancellation:
Godfrey advised he had to send over a DEC report to our attorney, who then sent it to the buyer's attorney. There are certain stipulations on that property which would have

been no problem for storage units which is what he was going to use it for. But the guy backed out. He is still going to buy the Cindy's Diner property.

B. Miner, Pachura Properties:

Godfrey, Cutler and Kate have a meeting tomorrow. We have already approved for Kate to take care of this in court so we are just putting together a plan to do that. Pachura's property probably has 30 or 40 bags of garbage there and Miner we already know is a collapsed building.

C. Highway 8th Man

Jason is still looking to get an 8th man. Godfrey asked the Board to think about it and we'll look at it in the fall. Stiehl did have some issues with guys this past winter with all the plowing. Farr asked about the DOT regulations and how they get around having the guys work 70 or 80 hours. Taylor advised that once there is a state of emergency, all the regulations go out the window.

D. Star Town Page

Godfrey advised that we pay a total of $13,000 a year for the town page. Part of the reason we added a Facebook page to the town and Rachel and Audrey are instrumental in getting the town website up is so we can do daily announcements. The Star comes out every two weeks and what we are putting on that page is sometimes old and repetitive. It's not of any great value anymore with people using other media. We saw what happened when we listed the Trenton Falls Trail on Facebook and our webpage and it exploded with visitors. The Star is not the paper we use to post legal matters – that's the Rome Sentinel.

Rachel spoke and advised that there is a calendar on the new website, which she is working on to make it more accessible. There is a whole page of news and events. What they are hoping is to make it more visually appealing so it looks like a newsletter and we can update that in real time as things come in. It would be current every day with what is happening in the town. Godfrey thought about talking to the Singing Hills Seniors to see what they thought. Claudette is the one who works on getting all the information over to Mike for publication and told Godfrey she is done at the end of this year. Godfrey wants to move forward with what they decide; maybe doing the page once a month, and give him a time frame and tell him we are discontinuing. Godfrey told Claudette to post the playground program and the dates and to say for more information go to our website.

Taylor made motion to continue the Star full page ad once a month until the end of the year, and then end it, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

E. Premo Prospect Property

Godfrey has a call in to see what it will cost to test the building for asbestos. If it's standing and there is no asbestos, it would cheap to take the land over because Jason's guys could rip it down. Once Godfrey has the information the Board can make a determination on what to do.

F. Prospect Library Report

Godfrey advised they sent the Report over for the Board to read.

G. Betty Adler – BOA Review

Taylor made motion for Betty Adler to be re-appointed to the Board of Assessment Review, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

VII. Communications:

A. Next Meeting June 11, 2025 at 6:30 pm

VIII. Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel I. Bunker

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