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 present James Mills, Kathy Kellogg, Theresa Inserra, Audrey Pincott, Michael Parker.

I. Call to Order – Supervisor Godfrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. Pledge to the Flag

III. Privilege of Floor

Discussion about the power outage and Trenton Municipal Center being open as a cooling station on Tuesday from 2:00 to 7:00 pm. Steve stayed but noone showed up. He also advised that according to National Grid, if you're over 72 hours without power, you can put in for food spoilage. Rachel will put it on the website – claims must be made by July 9th.

A. **Audrey Pincott Recreation Coordinator** – Audrey wanted to talk to the Board about the NYS Unplug and Play Program. This program is through NY Bricks Grant for building recreational infrastructure for community kids and seniors. The first thing she thought of is the Old Town Hall and updating it. The roof is scheduled to be updated under ARPA fund by the end of the year. We do have some people that rent out that building, plus 4-H Club uses it, Cub Scouts use it. Improvements would help with what they could do there and would increase interest in others wanting to rent the space. Audrey would need approval to go forward and getting plans to update the building, windows, door, air conditioning, etc. Also, the bathrooms would need to be ADA approved. She said with the summer program, during storm days like we had last year, if we have the kids at the Old Town Hall, they could watch movies, do crafts and other indoor activities. There would need to be parking but we would also want to save some of the green space to put in culinary and vegetable gardens to get both kids and adults interested in a garden club.

The camp program Director teaches clay and other arts down at the Kirkland Art Center. She is one resource of many in the community that might be interested in having programs there. The building is close to the trails and Audrey would talk to DEC about working with us to see what type of improvements we could do. There was a question about what the grant would cover. Audrey said it's 80/20% but she would have to see if the ARPA funds being allocated toward the roof would change that or not.

As far as the trails go, Farr said that would be a great Eagle Scout Project – it's been done before.
Audrey reached out to Jennifer from Tug Hill who is willing to help as soon as she gets the okay from the Board to move forward. Audrey also reached out to

Mohawk Valley Economic Development to advise she was trying to get this going.

Crumb advised that also the Infrastructure Committee is including the trails in their NY Forward Grant of $4.5 million as well. They want to get the bridges fixed and they also want to put lighting on the trails. Audrey said when Betsy brought it up before, the architectural design of it we were being quoted $5,000 to $6,000 on the building and about $2,000 to design a parking lot. Audrey advised they would have to get the drawings in and find out what type of costs would be incurred where that 80/20 would come from.
Taylor made a motion to try to get the grant, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

B. **Mike Parker** – Godfrey advised that he did have a discussion with Mike about the Board's decision to cut back to one time a month for the Star paper and then end it at the end of this year.
Mike said when Godfrey told him newspapers were going out of business, he didn't want to be one of them and the support of the Town of Trenton has been what has kept the paper going. He doesn't believe you can compare it to Facebook because not everyone does Facebook. He believes we are unique because we have a newspaper like this. He said the paper is free because that way it can be in more places. The Lions Club is desperate for people and they donate over $6,000/year for different things but they need more community support. If the Town used the page to help create things for the area and highlight it, I think they will find the area will expand and these organizations will keep running.

Taylor advised that the media has changed so much and we have to keep up with the times as a town. We have spent a lot of time, energy and money into the website to be more interactive with either people here or people coming into our area where they can click on and see what is going on with the town in real time. We have a Facebook page now that we never had before. We have really pushed the media thing and have spent a lot of money there. At some point we have to shift gears a little bit and that's why we didn't just say we're not going to do it anymore, we're going to end it over a period of time. Mike advised he may get a petition going to keep the paper and will ask to come before the Board again.

IV. Resolutions:

A. **Pachura Emergency Clean-up** – Godfrey advised that it has turned into a huge mess. He reached out to Kate and she put together an Emergency Resolution for cleanup of the property. Godfrey talked to Tom Hawkins, the guy who handles the recycling roll-offs and he is going to take one of our containers over there and then Stiehl will give us a couple of guys and the bobcat and clean it up. We will haul it away, add up the hours and expense and re-levy the cost to his tax bill. Crumb said he would like to make a recommendation that Stiehl order some 10 ml Nitrile gloves. Godfrey said it's already done.

Bennison made motion to approve Resolution to do Emergency Clean up at Pachura's, seconded by Crumb.

Roll Call:
Godfrey – Aye
Bennison – Aye
Crumb – Aye
Farr – Aye
Talor - Aye

B. **Approve June 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes** - Taylor made motion to approve June 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

C. **Holland Patent Swim Lesson Agreement** – Godfrey advised that this agreement is the same as last year. Kate reviewed it said it's fine. They will send 2 bus loads of kids at 10:00 and 11:00 am a couple of times a week. They average about 90 kids between the bus trips.
Farr made motion to accept the Holland Patent Swim Lesson Agreement, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.
Crumb made motion to approve two new lifeguards, Conner Swift and Aldyn Mosher, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

D. **Spring Creek Lavender Roadside Stand** – Bennison made motion to approve Spring Creek Lavender Roadside Stand Operating agreement, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

E. **Privilege of the Floor Policy** - Rachel asked the Board to come up with a policy for privilege of the floor as there currently is none. Discussion ensued regarding the amount of time each spokesperson should be limited to. Taylor advised that the Supervisor should be contacted if someone wants to come before the Board for questions and answers. Just public comment should be limited to 5 minutes. Taylor made motion to table until next meeting, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

V. Priority Issues:

A. **Pemo Property** – Debbie Premo is now interested in possibly selling the other property behind the property she wants to give the town. The property she wants to give the town has the old glove shop on it. Godfrey contacted Eric Dousharm and he is going to do an asbestos test on it which we have appropriated $1,000 for. Hopefully it will come back negative and then our guys can take the building down. Debbie would like to come in at the next meeting and propose selling the property adjacent to that. It does have a small shack on it. If you combine the two properties, we could possibly do a playground or basketball court there.

B. **Prospect Cemetery** – There was a plot owners meeting with the idea to see if they could save the Prospect Cemetery Board. They were going to try to drum up

replacements, but it didn't go well. The Town of Trenton will probably be taking it over by the end of the year. Godfrey wasn't sure how it would work as far as taking in money for burials, etc. Rachel advised she talked to Whitestown because they have a couple of people they hired that do a great job of coordinating cemeteries and funeral homes. She will find out more information.

C. **BCA Hire for Barneveld Water** – Godfrey talked with Mackenzie and they are winding up for that CDBG Grant – the $2 million that we are after for the water infrastructure improvement for Barneveld. We have not hired them for the next phase. We put out the request for qualifications and what they brought back. It's more or less just showing what their qualifications are. All the work they did previously was for the grant application. The next step would be for us to hire them to actually engineer the placement of the new lines that we can go out to bid with. We did what we needed to do based off the 2019 guidelines from the state for competition. We can take a vote on that at the next meeting. At that time if we do hire them, Godfrey will want them to come in and give the Board a full idea of how the whole process is going to go. We are looking at starting construction 2027 and finishing in 2028.

D. **Star/Northstar Ambulance** – Godfrey and Bennison met with 3 of the Northstar people. One guy, Sal is going to be the appointed regional guy that comes up here. They will be taking over July 1st. Godfrey is not sure how they got a CON from the Department of Health that quick, but it's done. Right now STaR Ambulance is renting that space from us for $500 which is a super deal. We looked at maybe negotiating with Northstar for next year. Contracts with STaR are all null and void effective July 1st so we will have to come up with another contract with Northstar. Taylor advised that we had a 3 year contract ending in 2026 with Star Ambulance and believes Northstar will have to honor that. Star Ambulance still owes us about $6,000.

E. **Taylor Road -** Godfrey talked with Michael Galerani, the local engineer for DOT and this came up again because we had the one issue and we are trying to determine the best way to go about it. The State of NY has an intersection warning system that is staged to go in next year and it's for Taylor Road and for Prospect Depot Road. Going past Ward's Drive-In heading west, you are going to see a blinking sign indicating someone is down at the intersection at Taylor Rd. There is a sign warning of a blind intersection for Prospect Junction Depot Road now. That will be replaced by a sign warning that someone is at the intersection. Michael Galerani believes we should still pursue the one way road. Stiehl and Godfrey took a ride up there and there are 4 residents on Taylor Road, the last one on the corner of Taylor and Plank. If you close that down and make it a one way, those people will not be able to come out on 365. Stiehl would like to try and extend that out further, but there is a pretty deep gully there plus a pole so the state is not fond of that idea. We would probably have to go out to the public if we want to make it one way. Will try the new signage first and see how it works.

F. **New 2025 Trenton Directory** – Rachel sent new trifold directory to everyone, but some couldn't open it up because of all the graphics. Upstate Ink and Design did a rough draft and Rachel asked that everyone look it over, check the phone numbers, etc. and if there are any changes to let her know.

VI. Communications

A. Next Meeting July 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

VII. Adjournment – Crumb made motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bennison, 5 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

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