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 7:03 pm. Present were: Councilmen Michael Bennison, James Farr, Chris Crumb, Eric Taylor and Town Clerk, Rachel Bunker. Also attending, Jason Stiehl, Kate Festine, Ken Cutler, Dave Constable, Kathleen Kellogg, Heidi Wilcox, Taylor Quesnell, Shane Quesnell, Lisa Bellinger, Kevin Kalk.

I. Meeting called to order by Supervisor Godfrey at 7:03 pm

II. Pledge to the Flag

III. Privilege of the Floor:

Heidi Wilcox spoke and told Mr. Godfrey that she got his message and was wondering what the updates are. She is upset that the playground was taken away for the ballpark. Godfrey advised that right now the ballpark is in the final phases – landscaping, etc. They are going to try to play a few games toward the end of the month and try to get the landscaping done in September. Then it will be shut down and grand opening sometime in the spring. As far as the pavilion, it does have a new roof and scheduled for new siding. We are hoping that it will be open this Spring. We do not start renting any pavilions until January 1st.

Godfrey said he met with the Wadas Group over a week ago and showed them plans for the new playground at the ballpark. Everything will be ADA compliant. They then went to Union Park where there are also plans that were submitted to Wadas. We have also submitted them to the NYS Department of Recreation for grant money.

Godfrey also said the town is working with Debbie Premo to put in a basketball court.

Rich Latus spoke and pointed out how much work the Town of Trenton has done in Prospect since the village dissolved. They are talking about putting a playground at Union Park and there will be no restrictions at that playground. It will be open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Chief Kalk talked about working with the Town of Trenton to partner and do a community night out at the Fish Hatchery Rd. Park where we could do touch the truck and maybe have food trucks. Wards is not available to them anymore. Godfrey would have to find out about the food trucks and said he would be glad to work on it with the Fire Department. Rich Latus advised it is definitely doable.

Keith Lighthall asked about the Prospect Cemetery transition. Godfrey advised that we're working on it. We do have to work with the state. It does appear that the board is going to resign so it will come to the town. No timeline yet.

IV. Officer Reports:

A. Highway Superintendent :

Stiehl said that he sees the new truck is on the abstract. The issue is that they will have to put the truck into storage. He has been in touch with All Temp to see if they could provide a spot in their storage barn. Stiehl suggests that we store it if we can get a spot.

Farr asked Stiehl since all plow orders are so far out, is there anything we need to order now to keep the rotation going. Stiehl said he doesn't believe they will even take any more orders. Latus asked about emergency declarations because that is what Kevin Kalk is at the meeting for. Will be discussed later in the meeting.

Kate asked Kevin how far out are they with their new building. He advised her the building has been ordered but they are looking at probably spring. Kate said there will probably be a Resolution at the next meeting for the Emergency Declaration because there is no contractor yet. Latus said he can make that happen.

Stiehl advised he has 2 employees and both of their wives are expecting and due in November. Both are trying to get a feel on family leave. Kate advised we are a state entity and the state policy for family leave is an opt in and we do not have a policy. Godfrey advised we will keep the ad in the paper for the heavy equipment operator and go from there to put on an 8th person.

Councilman Taylor had a correction on the vouchers. The plow truck was under the General Fund and not the Highway, so it was switched over.

Abstracts # 216 to 248 in the amount of $212,721.93. Taylor made motion to approve bills 216 to 248 plus the plow $172,191.00 for a total of $384,912.93. The motion was seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

Kate mentioned that they could set a date out to bid the recycling center per the specs provided by Boulder Consultants. The bids to be advertised and all bids to be received on September 10, 2025. Rich Latus said he talked to Boulder today and they have what's called a bid spec package that spells out everything. Rich will get it to Kate tomorrow. Taylor made motion to call for public bids on the public works project for the Recycling Center with all bids to be received

by September 10, 2025 and on the sealing to take place on September 10, 2025, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

B. Assessor: Nothing

C. **Zoning & Codes:**

Zoning Report: Boulerice not present. Reports handed out.

Codes Report: Cutler wanted to bring everyone up to date concerning the Church St. Prospect house that has come down. It is in the process of being bought. We are also working on the Coombs Rd. home that burned to get that house down. Cutler has given them a time line to take care of it.

Constable has started on fire inspections.

D. **NOCCOG**:

Lisa Bellinger went over upcoming webinars and programs, NYS Town Clerk's Association Real Property Tax Collection Webinar, Grant Assistance Program Workshop, and US Economic Development Administration 2025 Disaster Supplemental Grant Program. All items are posted on their website.

E. **Attorney:**

Kate has nothing new to report but noticed that the Erie Blvd. Hydropower Refund is on the agenda and wants to point out that this Board has already approved the settlement with Erie Blvd Hydropower so there are no additional offers needed to pay out the refund. Tonya Brown did a fantastic job suggesting that we get them to waive the fire district refund which was about $65,000.

F. Clerk's Report:

Rachel said this year we almost made money on the concession stand or at least broke even. We brought in $1100.00 in July in just day passes and $1600.00 in snacks. Local shares remitted are $4555.00.

V. Resolutions:

A. **Approve July 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes:**

Crumb made motion to approve the July 23, 2025 meeting minutes, seconded by Bennison, 5 ayes.

B. **Approve Town Board as Lead Agency for SEQR Process:**

Farr made motion for Town Board to be lead agency for new buildings for Highway, Storage and Recycling Center for SEQR Process, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.
Kate advised we will give the plans to Theresa and ask her to send letters to all involved agencies.

C. **Erie Blvd. Hydropower Refund:**

Already done.

D. Recycling & Highway Cold Storage Building Bids:

Already discussed.

E. Abstracts:.

Hinckley- Abstracts # 16 and 17 in the amount of $89.76. Bennison made motion to pay abstracts numbered 16 and 17 in the amount of $89.76, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

General: Abstracts # 595 to 705 in the amount of $140,463.30 with the exception of voucher #684 ($172,191.00) which was the plow truck that was switched to Highway. Taylor made motion to pay vouchers # 595 through 705 with the exception of voucher #684 in the amount of $140,463.30 seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

VI. Priority Issues:

A. Highway Garage & Recycling Bldg. Updates:

Already discussed. Godfrey advised Rachel is working on. We do have plans for both buildings and going out to get pricing. Rich Latus said we should have numbers by Friday to submit to insurance.

B. Prospect Cemetery Updates: .

Rachel met yesterday with Cindy Richards who has been doing the books and all of the administrative selling of plots for Prospect Cemetery for 23 years. She walked her through all of the records, the process, the forms and paperwork. Most of the forms are antiquated and Rachel would like to digitize everything. Rich Latus asked if we took over a cemetery, do we still have to allow additional plots to be sold. Godfrey said he will have to get with the state and have them lead us through the process. This is not

abandonment, it is the board dissolving. They want to be done by October 31st 2025.

C. Premo Property:

Godfrey spoke with Debbie Premo last week. She was concerned because the taxes are due on that property and said she will pay them. Godfrey with Board approval, hired Dousharm of Rome to go ahead and test the building for asbestos. He will get back to Godfrey and hopefully there won't be any asbestos. Debbie said she will get back to Godfrey after she works with her attorney on a price on the back lot.

VII. Committees:

A. Planning Board: Nothing.

B. ZBA: Nothing

C. Greenbelt: Godfrey got a couple of calls about trees down. Rich Latus said they are working on that. He met with Wendy Whitney 3 times in the last 2 weeks. She wants huge boulders put out to separate the parking lot from the lawn area. Rich has gotten numbers and are looking at approximately $2,000. She is going to try to talk Bob Foote into placing them for us. The Board will have to make the choice if they want to spend the money or not.

D. Infrastructure: Godfrey is going to call John Sherman tomorrow. May put in for the NY Forward Grant.

Rich Latus wanted everyone to know they are closing the park program on Friday. Very successful year.

VIII. Communications: Next Meeting August 27, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

IX. Executive Session:

Bennison made motion to go into Executive Session for Potential Litigation, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

Bennison made motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

X. Adjournment: Crumb made motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel A. Bunker

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