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 were Theresa Inserra, Kathleen Kellogg, Terry W. Hart, Todd Hart, Ken Piersall, James H. Mills

I. Meeting called to order by Supervisor Godfrey at 6:57 pm

II. Pledge to the Flag

III. Privilege of the Floor:

Ken Piersall talked about the banners and brackets for the town. There were 14 banners that were done wrong and originally could not use but he figured out how to use them with brackets and grommets. For 24 brackets and the grommets, they are looking at about $650.00. Taylor made motion to approve the $650.00 for the brackets and grommets for the banners, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes. Crumb also advised that if we do order more banners, we should remind them that they screwed up 14 of them and that they should make good for them. Godfrey also advised the DAR was in last week and might be able to provide some money next year as well.

Todd and Terry Hart – They gave a short background on how they met with the Community Foundation and Nick Grimmer, Joe Smith, Steve and started one non-profit specifically for the memorial field and a second non-profit for the scholarship in Prospect. Going forward not only are they planning to continue that, but long term it will get larger. They plan to provide all capital improvements and large maintenance items for the memorial field. Day-to-day operations will be on the town. In 2027 or 2028 they will be establishing a second scholarship that will actually be at Holland Patent School and will be exclusively for those kids going into trade programs.

Todd also had a proposal to the Board regarding the pavilion. The building is in rough shape except for the roof which the town recently paid to have replaced. They want to replace the pavilion, get rid of what's there by springtime and put up a new larger pavilion. Inside they want an industrial kitchen and inside bathrooms, replace the overhead doors with sliding doors. They want to repurpose the roof material possibly on the ceiling inside. Cost would be approximately $400,000. The proposal is they will front all the money and would like the town to look at half the money paid back either by 5 years at $40,000 a year or 10 years at $20,000 and paid back into the non-profit for the town/field. Godfrey advised the Board will discuss it with Kate and get back in touch with them. Rachel asked what the capacity would be and they said between 300 and 350.

IV. Resolutions:

A. Appoint Tonya Brown as Trenton Assessor September 1, 2025; 6 Year Term.
Bennison made motion to appoint Tonya Brown as Trenton Assessor beginning September 1, 2025 for a 6 year term, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

B. Bond Resolution for WIIA Grant Application

Godfrey received a call from Mackenzie at BCA and it appears the new number for the wastewater system is now upwards of $32 million. They went out to certain suppliers of major components of the wastewater system and they are all putting in a projected increase. We are looking at 2029 before it's operational. The WIIA grant has changed in that they are now offering up to 50% of the entire number. So instead of us looking at $14 million, we will be looking at close to $16 million. At the same time we have to do a new bond resolution which is the 5 page item that needs to be signed by Rachel. Kate reviewed it and is ok that we move forward. It is costing between $1800 and $2000 for them to do the bond resolution again. Crumb made motion to do the new bond resolution, seconded by Bennison, 5 ayes.

C. Authorize Supervisor to Sign WIIA Grant Application:

Godfrey needs one authorization for him to sign the application for the WIIA Grant and the another authorization that if we are successful in getting the grant, Godfrey can sign off that it will be used for wastewater.
Taylor made motion to authorize Supervisor Godfrey to sign the WII Grant application, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.
Taylor made motion that if they are successful in getting the grant, Supervisor Godfrey can sign all documents, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

D. Town of Trenton Insurance Program:

Discussion regarding One Group vs. NBT. .A decision needs to be made before September 1st as to who to go with. Bennison made motion to have Supervisor Godfry sign papers to go with One Group, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

E. Recycling Labor Rates:

Godfrey received a request from Keith regarding some of the pay rates for his employees. Taylor said we came up with a program for the highway department, we should do the same for Recycling. He will make up a spread sheet with names of all the employees and how long they've been there and work up a program as was done for highway. Tabled until next meeting.

F. Approve August 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

Bennison made motion to approve meeting minutes from August 13, 2025, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

G. Unity Hall Additional $1,000 for Building Fund:

Godfrey had a visit from Jane Bradbury, one of the officers of Unity Hall. They are doing an interior renovation. There is a program whereby whatever gets donated will be doubled., but it has to be done online. Godfrey said he is looking at giving them another $1,000 in addition to the $1,000 they already got from the town to get things started. Bennison made motion to give Unity Hall another $1,000, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

H. Town Board as Lead Agency SEQR Process for Fire District New Building:

Taylor made motion to have the Town Board as lead agency for SEQR Process for Fire District's new building, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

V. Priority Issues:

A. Highway Cold Storage & Recycling Building Updates:

Godfrey advised they do have plans. There was meeting on Tuesday with Godfrey, Bennison, Stiehl, Boulerice and Latus. There is no contractor yet. Godfrey is looking for storage space and one possible place is behind the Jetsew Building owned by Joe Grimaldi. He will get back to Godfrey with a price looking to rent from October 1st through May 1st. Godfrey will also talk to Keith from Hanover, the carrier to see if they will pay for storage. He will also talk to Truman to have him check on getting insurance funds to pay for storage. We are under emergency resolution and will keep up with the Highway building and get the pricing going.

B. Prospect Cemetery Updates:

Godfrey talked with Dave Marcoulier and Cindy Richards who are definitely retiring. They are going to put in a letter of resignation with the State of New York. At that point Godfrey will talk to Cory Moore who is the NYS Cemetery Commission Rep and will start the process to get everything done. Rachel also had a meeting with Cindy Richards as to what it takes to run the cemetery.

C. Star Ambulance Contract:.

It looks like anything that we negotiated with Star Ambulance is done. Bennison and Godfrey had a meeting with Steve Knapp about a month ago and we have the $500 a month which we are getting for the building. We will want to re-negotiate that for next year. Godfrey will set up a meeting with them and Bennison.

D. **Public Comment Policy:**

Truman gave Godfrey the policy that the fire district uses. Godfrey asked the Board to review and see if they want to add or delete anything so they can vote on it at the next meeting.

E. Municipal Siding Selection:

Godfrey said we have the pricing and between materials and labor it's a considerable amount of money. It was $20,000 for materials and $58,500 for labor. However, it wasn't just siding, they are going to do gable ends over the doorways, the soffit was included. Farr asked what the comptroller's amount is.

Taylor made Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:20 pm, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

Taylor made Motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:30 pm, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes. No Decisions made.

VI. Communications: Next Meeting September 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

VII. Adjournment: Farr made motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

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