The Town Board of the Town of Trenton held a 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, Eric Taylor, Chris Crumb, Jim Farr and Town Clerk, Rachel Bunker.

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

I. Resolutions:

A. Minutes - Bennison made motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2024 Board Meeting, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

B. Public Hearing – Crumb made motion to approve Public Hearing Minutes from April 17, 2024, seconded by Bennison, 5 ayes.

C. Casey Roadside Stand – Approved and signed by Supervisor Godfrey.

D. Barneveld, HP Library Increase – Godfrey advised we did give an increase to the Prospect Library and somehow Barneveld and Holland Patent got word that all the libraries were going to get the increase. I will push it to the board and we can do one of 3 things; 1) either they don't get any more money 2) we can possibly send them checks this year or we can put it to raise the budget next year and give them the increase in 2025.

After discussion Bennison made motion to approve taking $3,000 out of the contingency fund for each library, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

E. Pay Raise – Rachel would like to give pay raises to her deputies for getting her through the first quarter. They are now getting $16.50/hr. and $17.00/hr. They work about 36 every pay week. Because Donna is the First Deputy and can do everything that Rachel can do, she should get more money. Rachel advised she did budget extra money in case she wanted to hire a third deputy but she's not going to do that. There was a question about Theresa Inserra and Steve will talk with her.

Taylor made motion to give $1.00 pay raise to Donna Mills, Florence Jones and Theresa Inserra, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

Godfrey advised that he sent a message to everyone that he wants to appoint Michael Bennison as Deputy Supervisor. Taylor made motion to appoint Bennison as Deputy Supervisor effective May 1, 2024, seconded by Crumb, 4 ayes. Bennison abstained.

II. Priority Issues:

A. Water System Improvement Project - Godfrey advised that he has maps of the three alternatives for the board to review. Board reviewed Plan 1, Plan 2 and Plan 3 on the map. Plan 3 follows the road, the other two plans go across fields and will need right of ways. BCA recommended Plan 3 that follows the road. There is quite a bit of difference in price between the plans. After careful review the Board agreed to go with Plan 3. Godfrey advised that he needs to get the surveys out by next week. No decision needs to be made tonight, but by next meeting for sure.

B. ARPA Fund Spending - Godfrey advised that there wasn't a lot of money spent last year with the ARPA funds. There was $75,000 funded into the Main Street Program. Moore Hotel, J. Liam, Tavern on the Gorge, funds have been paid. We approved $40,000 for the Prospect Pavilion Improvement. In regard to prevailing wages, the Labor Dept. advised if it's a single guy doing the work or 2 single guys, who both have DBA's, they can work on it. One of the bids we have is considerably less than $40,000.

Farr brought up his list of items for ARPA funds with the Fire Department and a training center and handed out a sheet from Kevin Kalk of the breakdown for the contractor. Kevin said there was a proposal of $112,000 to build the structure. This is a project the Fire Company has been looking to do, not the Fire District because the Fire Company can stay away from prevailing wage. The Fire District has to come up with $157,000 for new radios because the county pushed through a new radio system and didn't provide us with enough radios.

The $112,000 will allow them to build a two story structure. The structure would benefit them because now they are going to Floyd. It would benefit the entire town because there is nothing like this in our area. We could get the state training in house. Training is normally done at training centers so we could host the training here in town instead of sending people to Cassville and Verona which pulls them out of service.

Kalk advised any assistance we could provide would be appreciated. The fire company does have some money to put forward. Holland Patent is on board with this but he is not sure they will put up any money for the structure. Once the funding is secure, they are ready to sign the contract. They did put in for a grant but the grant money will have to go towards radios.

Godfrey asked Kalk if he had a number in mind. $75,000 would get the project going, If they don't get the $75,000 they would have to wait another year and do funding raising. Godfrey said they will discuss it and make a decision by the next meeting in May.

Next meeting 05/08/2024

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel I. Bunker

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