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 7:02 pm. Present were: Councilmen Eric Taylor, Chris Crumb, Jim Farr and filling in for Rachel Bunker was Theresa Inserra. Also present: Kathryn Festine, Town Attorney, Jason Stiehl, Leo Boulerice, Ken Cutler, Theresa Inserra, Jim Fruscella, Laura Fruscella, Marie Gigliotti, Ken Piersall, Dave Buck and Joe Samson.

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

II. Pledge to the Flag

III. Privilege of the Floor

Eric Taylor asked for a moment of silence for all who died on September 11th.

Dave Buck – County Legislature. We are seeing an increase in bed tax which is also helping with the sales tax across the county. We are one of the only counties in NYS that is actually seeing an increase in the last quarter with sales tax in the county.

We are in the process of coming up with a law to combat with any illegal cannabis and smoke shops, not that we've seen them too much up here but we are seeing an increase in Utica and Rome.

Follow up to a resident complaint about the speed on Powell Rd. The Sheriff's Department put up speed traps and have issued about 12 tickets. He was told the speed has decreased over there. A resident asked if we could look at reducing the speed there. The process was explained, that she has to come to the Board then a request has to go to the County of Department of Public Works. Forms need to be filled out to go to Albany, and then an abstract and proclamation is done. It takes about 4 months. Ken Piersall added there was the same thing on Mappa Ave and he has not seen any results yet. Discussion ensued. Godfrey will follow up with Dave Buck on speed machines and lighted flashing speed limit signs.

Jim Fruscella –Wanted to know who painted the signs at Hinge Park. He thinks they look hideous. Also he read the minutes from the last meeting and the minutes list Brian Evans as being one of the e board members, but his name is Ryan. He advised that when he talks to people about the beautification of the village, there seems to be concerns about the buildings that are run down. Ryan Evans, has young children and the concern is they can't stroll down the sidewalks without dodging a lot of bushes and things. At Halloween kids are walking in the roads because the sidewalks are blocked. There is one house on Mappa Ave where a bush is about 95% across the sidewalk. And there are cars parked on the sidewalks on various streets as well.

Stiehl said there was an issue in Prospect. A lady found out she was responsible for her sidewalk and if someone got hurt, she was liable, so she took her sidewalk out. Laura Fruscella said before the village dissolved, it was a nice walkable community and with all the young families, it would be nice if there was money available to make it a safe walking community. Godfrey said we would have to set up a Sidewalk District. Festine explained the process.

Jim Fruscella also asked about the status of the sewer system. He said there are people that have failing septic systems and they are not repairing them because they don't want to pay that fee and

then have the sewer system go in. Godfrey said completion would be well into 2028. We are still in the early stages with applications for the grants. Then there's the design phase and then the contracting phase. If someone has an issue with their septic system, we can have Ken take a look at it in the hopes it can be pumped out.

Ken wanted to make a comment about sidewalks. He was upset that Prospect lost theirs. Codes addresses things in businesses to exit point of safety and so forth. He thinks it would be remiss not to consider safe walking areas in villages. Ken agrees that forming a district is the only way to accomplish this.

Laura Fruscella spoke about the properties in disrepair on Mappa Ave. Godfrey advised these properties have been in discussion since he started in January. Letters are going out. We've passed a Resolution for those two buildings. Festine explained what has been done already and that there are demolition permits out on those properties. Discussion ensued about multiple properties in disrepair.

Godfrey advised regarding the Barneveld Citizens Committee, the board will go through the Resolution Phase and get them set up as a committee. He has a list of members and asked if there is anyone that needs to be added. Parker Nelson was added to the committee list.

IV. Officers Reports:

Highway Superintendent :

Finished stocking sand. Spent time cleaning up around the town barn last week.
County never showed up to do a large chipping job on the brush pile. They were supposed to show up on August 27th. Old Barn is on Stiehl's docket next. The place needs either major repair or a new structure. Farr said there's no point in putting good money after bad. Stiehl encouraged the board to all go take a look at it especially since they store trucks in there.

Stiehl also mentioned the sign outside the recycling center. Sign is hideous. Godfrey said take it down.

Highway Abstract # 231-262 in the amount of $52,763.52. Crumb made motion to pay vouchers numbered 231-262 in the amount of $52,763.52, seconded by Farr, 4 ayes.

Assessor: Not present. There was an issue with the Star Program. Everyone got their school tax bills and wondering why they didn't get the enhanced Star. It appears that they changed the threshold so Tonya has been fielding calls.

Zoning:

Boulerice handed out copy of his report. He gave an update on the status of the cell tower construction and advised it will be going to Public Hearing. There is a work session coming up on Monday for discussion. The applicant will be present and he anticipates that they will set the date for a Public Hearing at that time. Construction is not starting until after the first of the year.

Water districts are still with Don Ehre. Steve will contact Joe Smith and Don Ehre for updates.

It's been a few months since the Planning Board met. Not much going on. The infrastructure people were asking about the water districts. Is that still in Don Ehre's hands? Boulerice said as far as he knows, yes it is. As you know, they are looking at dusting off the Route 365 project because that was one he had already worked on and will look at the Glass Factory Road Project and the South Trenton Project to get that under way.

Fee Schedule – Leo provided the Board with a revised Fee Schedule based on some comments Kate made with regards to mobile home parks. What is in red is what he is changing. Board will review in next couple of weeks. Kate asked Leo about junkyard licensing, renewables per Chapter 186-5A. Leo said if we wanted to change anything, we would have to pass a local law to change it. Kate advised what she would do is change the Junkyard Local Law to state "for a fee as determined from time to time by the town board." Leo also wants to make provision to the definitions in the zoning regulations so they align with NYS definitions.

Leo was asked how his meeting with Rasko went and he said fine. He didn't find anything that was not registered. Leo did advise him that he will be back in the fall if he sees something suspicious. He claims he is not operating his transport business from that location. We probably need to spend some time in Executive Session and see what his actual operation is and whether it meets zoning.

Codes:

Cutler provided 2 reports since he missed last month's meeting. He was asked whatever happened on Coombs Rd.. Did the woman move out? Cutler said no comment. He would rather discuss it in Executive Session.

Cutler was asked if there was any damage to the Super Shoe's Bldg. He advised minor, no structural or electrical damage.

NOCCOG:

Rowlands gave overview of upcoming webinars and workshops.
September 30th Town Clerk Lunch & Learn at the Town of Trenton Offices
Advised the NOCCOG dinner is October 17th at Woods Valley Ski Area. Send email to Steve if interested.
Another NOCCOG meeting in West Lyden on the 19th.

Attorney:
Kate said the major thing right now is she keeps thinking about the water district and that we have to revise our application. Kate advised she will catch up with Rachel next week to hammer out the revisions.

Supervisor's Report: None

Local Law #1 – 2024 This was introduced at the 8/28/24 meeting. Notice was placed. If the board would like to vote now. Taylor made motion to adopt Local Law #1-2024, seconded by Crumb.

Roll Call: Crumb – aye
Taylor – Aye
Farr – Aye
Godfrey – Aye
Bennison – Absent

Barneveld Citizens Committee – Kate suggested reimbursing expenses rather than giving a budget amount. She doesn't feel comfortable giving them a budget. She said if they want any of this stuff the board can basically approve up to $5,500 and then they can come here, see you for reimbursement for money spent on things for the town with receipts.

Unity Hall Playground – the Town Board will look at it and remove it from the Citizen's Committee's list. The Committee is probably looking at starting next year around Memorial Day. Kate will write up a resolution for the Board to approve the Barneveld Citizen's Committee.

Taylor said there is interest about setting up the same thing in Prospect.

Fishing Access at Cincinnati Creek. The DEC will take care of all the signage and everything. Godfrey is looking for a simple consent where the DEC will place Fishing Permitted signs along the stream. Taylor made motion for a simple consent, seconded by Farr, 4 ayes.

V. Resolutions:

Abstracts:

Hinckley Sewer Abstract #18 to 20 in the amount of $991.90. Godfrey advised that it's a larger number than normal. We had an issue with the submersible level transmitter which needed to be replaced. Farr made motion to pay vouchers #148 to 20 in the amount of $991.90 seconded by Crumb, 4 ayes.

General Abstracts #615 to 701 in the amount of $120,907.99. Crumb made motion to pay vouchers # 615 to 701 in the amount of $120,907.99 seconded by Farr, 4 ayes.

Minutes: Godfrey advised he did not have a chance to look at the minutes from August 28th. We have been having an issue with our emails and he literally missed 7 to 8 days of emails. Taylor made a motion to accept the minutes from August 11, 2024 with the correction of Ryan Evans' name, seconded by Crumb, 4 ayes.

Godfrey asked if anyone had anything more before they get to Priority Issues. Taylor advised he met with the folks at the Prospect Library. They wanted to thank the Board for the donation. They were extremely happy. He got a tour of the place. They have a ton of books. They have usage of chairs, and camping equipment. They do yoga two nights a week. They did talk about their front porch which Steve is aware of. We set aside some money for them and they asked about the ARPA money for the front porch. They were afraid if they didn't get it done this year, the ARPA money would go away but they were assured that as long as we list it within 2024, we can spend it in 2025 so they will be ok. They also talked about doing some sort of beautification with the Hamlet there as well. I talked to Jason about a tree that's hanging in the park up there. Jason was going to take a look at it.

They are working on grants to keep themselves afloat. They had a PreK Program there over the summer.

Priority Issues:

Wastewater – Godfrey talked with Mackenzie at BCA and she gave me an update on some of the scoring they do, especially ECF. We are scoring pretty high on the wastewater. Godfrey sent Taylor into the creek probably 20 times to get samples. We did a lot of sampling and the one thing they found out is that there's some runoff with fecal coliform. They take an average of everything and it averaged out high which sounds bad, but it's good for us.

Water Improvement. We're working with USDA and Rural Development as far as low cost loans or 0% loans for bonding.

Pachura Property – Godfrey said it's gotten to the point where he gets a weekly call from someone complaining. Ken put a letter together but again we're going to look to Kate for some guidance on how to get the garbage cleaned up around the building. We have to make some decisions. Maybe that's something we can discuss as potential litigation in the Executive Session.

Committees:

Planning Board:

Inserra advised they are working with Verizon on the cell tower.

ZBA: - Inserra said Trenton Assembly Park – Kitty Palumbo has filed another appeal application. Leo held off until the Trenton Assembly Park Board made a decision, in which they approved the larger deck. So we have a Public Hearing set up for September 23 to once again review Kitty Palumbo's deck. And they have heard from Susan Simpler. She wants a copy of the appeal application. I will get that to her tomorrow. Notices were amended this time to include not only the adjacent parcel owners but the adjacent cottage owners which was not included in the first Public Hearing.

CAC: - Nothing

Greenbelt:
Nothing. We have to get them going again. I have to get the markers for them to remark the trails.

Infrastructure Committee:

Nothing.

VIII. Communications:

Next meeting September 25, 2024

Motion to go into Executive Session made by Farr, seconded by Taylor, 4 ayes.

Taylor made motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes. No decision made.

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:57 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel I. Bunker

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