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 Deputy Clerk, Donna Mills. Also present: Jason Stiehl, Leo Boulerice, Ken Cutler, Theresa Inserra, Joe Rowlands, Lisa Clemons, Cyndi Pylman, Dave Geer, Colleen Geer, Ellen McMahon, Dave Buck and Kathleen Stalker.

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

II. Pledge to the Flag

III. Privilege of the Floor

Dave Buck – County Legislature. Approved cannabis law which will basically be targeting any illegal smoke shops, giving us jurisdiction to enforce anything illegal going on.

We are in the budget season so we started looking at the budget for 2025. The County Executive was looking at a modest increase. We pushed back drastically on that. We want to see more coming back to our towns and villages. There were some resident complaints regarding speeding in a couple of different locations. Buck has requested that they put up trailers for the speed monitoring so they can collect data. Godfrey advised the town was looking into putting one on Mappa Ave. and Buck said he will put it in the queue.

Stiehl asked Buck what the county was doing in regard to the Clean Air Law and trucks. Buck said the last they were told was to stay away from it because everything they have done with the trucks is not meeting the needs of the municipalities. Buck said the county does have some trucks on order.

Group of people from Powell Rd were at the meeting regarding the speed on Powell Rd. They have put together a report and have a letter from Laurie Roberts, who wasn't able to make the meeting which was read to all board members. Godfrey suggested they put together a Petition to decrease the speed limit. He said the more names on it, the better. Dave Buck will check into how to proceed because it is a county road. They were also looking for signs regarding blind driveways. Buck will check on that as well.

IV. Officers Reports:

Highway Superintendent :

Stiehl advised the new employee got his license today. He is very concerned about the new law January 1st regarding electric vehicles. He has a quote on a new truck as well as plow equipment. The truck went up $40,000 in 2 years, the plow equipment went up about $10,000 in 2 years. The problem is because of this law that NY has, he doesn't think they will be able to get one. This law states that any medium or heavy duty diesel powered place like Utica Mack or Peterbilt has to sell one electric vehicle a month before they can sell 10 diesel powered vehicles. Unless the state drops the new law, there will be no new trucks in the future. Stiehl heard today that legislation was by Maryann Buttenshon to try to get it extended a few more years was suspended. Stiehl said it is

his understanding that if you try to buy one out of state, you will not be able to register it in NY. At this meeting Stiehl is looking for permission from the board to order a truck provided the law gets extended. After major discussion, the board will table until the next meeting and decide at that time.

Oneida County Plow Agreement - Godfrey asked for a Motion to approve the Plow Agreement with Oneida County. Bennison made motion to approve the Plow Agreement, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

Highway Abstract # 263-304 in the amount of $132,333.92. Crumb made motion to pay vouchers numbered 263-304 and adding voucher 779 from General in the amount of $2,0000 in the amount of $132,333.92, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

NOCCOG – Joe Rowlands advised the NOCCOG Annual Fall Dinner Meeting is the 24th at the Woods Valley Ski Area in Westernville. Steve Smith, Exec. Director of Mohawk Valley Economic Development is scheduled speaker. Godfrey advised they were all signed up.

Tug Hill Commission scheduled to meet October 21st in Martinsburg.

Restore New York Grant Program – they are accepting letters of intent, to demolish, rehabilitate and restore structures and transform them into vibrant resident and commercial developments.

NYS DEC seeks participants for winter rock salt use in online service. They are encouraging the general public to consider an online survey in helping to understand how the over use of rock salt can potentially impact the environment and health of New Yorkers.

Assessor: Not present.

Zoning:

Boulerice sent out certified letters to multiple residents. One person came back with a foil request. Very busy especially Adirondack Ridge.
Planning Board met Monday and discussed the cell tower site at Putnam and North Gage Rd. Most comments are with regard to the access road. The Highway Superintendent sent a letter with requirements he would like to see for the access road. Boulerice talked to Truman Willliams when he was in, advising that they really need to have a Fire District Chief look at this in detail as far as availability for rescue by road or air. There was a detailed discussion with Board from Ken, Leo and Theresa. Ken advised it all boils down to the Fire Chief getting involved and expressing the departmental needs for the access road.

V. Resolutions:

Sign Law – Godfrey said he talked with Festine and what she asked is that we pass a Resolution for a Public Hearing for Local Law #2. Crumb made a Motion to have a Public Hearing for a new Sign Law on October 23, 2024 at 6:00 pm, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

Codes:

Board reviewed the report. Constable started his safety inspections for the year.
Godfrey advised Festine is proceeding with the Miner Building. Crumb asked about the other 3 buildings on Mappa Ave. Cutler said there was a Supervisor's Round table the other day and the talk was about abandoned buildings and cleaning up buildings. It appears there might be some legislation coming out that might help us.

Supervisor's Report: Godfrey is working on with Rachel.

Clerk's Report: Board was given copy of Clerk's Report to review.

Public Sector Consultants Employee Handbook: Discussed need for an Employee Handbook and consultant firm. Godfrey said the town doesn't really have a HR Department. We have an Employee Handbook dated either 2010 or 2013 and found out that our liability insurance people are not happy with the handbook we have. We reached out to NOCCOG and Tug Hill and they responded with this company called Public Sector HR Consultants. There is a brief scenario of what they do. They will help us set up an employee handbook. Price is $5700.00. Cutler advised before they go that route, they can get handbooks and pamphlets through PESCH for free. Audrey did look at some alternatives but said they are not free. Godfrey asked that everyone look at it and they tabled it until the October 23rd meeting.

Abstracts:

Voucher # 721 to D.A. Schallenberg Const. Co in the amount of $1,680.00 was removed from the General vouchers and put on Hinckley. Taylor made motion to remove voucher 721 in the amount of $1680.00 from the General Fund and put it on Hinckley, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

General Abstracts #702 to 780 removing voucher 779 in the amount of $2,000.00 from General to Highway totaling $124,996.48. Farr made motion to pay vouchers # 702 to 780 with adjustments in the amount of $124,996.48 seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

Preliminary Budget Public Hearing: Godfrey said they need to set up a Public Hearing for the Budget. Farr made motion to schedule the Public Budget Hearing for October 23, 2024 at 6:30 pm, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

Priority Issues:

Fence Replacement Bridge Trail - Valonia Bridge – Latus is going to get back to Godfrey. They put in a proposal for about $10,000 for a stockade fence. Price was high because it was for an 8' fence. Latus will get a price for the 6' fence and get back to Godfrey

Teamster Negotiation Update - Taylor discussed the proposal from teamsters. Discussed the wages and ways to keep employees that are loyal to the Town. Taylor said they wanted to discuss something a little different from what they proposed and they were open to what was suggested. One of the things is there are people working for the Town that have been here for 20 years and making $2.00 more an hour than someone just starting. There is no incentive to stay here.

NYPA Lighting – Godfrey gave Board members a copy of an email he received. Wasn't happy with them just giving a total amount. He asked that they break it down with how many lights they will install, etc. We need more information and more structured costs.

School to Work Program - Godfrey gave a handout regarding this Program. Godfrey said they will get someone to come in and give a presentation on this. Will be looked into further.

Bridge NY – Godfrey passed out a progress report received from C&S Companies. It gives an idea of the timeline for completion. It looks like completion date is November, 2025.

Committees:

Planning Board: Discussed earlier.

ZBA: - Quiet – nothing to report.

Greenbelt: Still trying to get them going.

Infrastructure Committee: NY Forward – funding from the state to revitalize the downtown area. Godfrey thinks one is better suited for the business districts. John Sherman said he would start looking at some ideas so next year we can get in line for the grant money.

Crumb said he looked at the tennis courts. They are in bad shape. Talked to niece on the team and they don't even use the courts for games. Will work with the school on repair possibly and see what can be done.

VIII. Communications:

Next meeting October 23, 2024

Bennison made motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

Meeting Adjourned 8:29 pm

Note: After the meeting, it was discovered that voucher #779 actually should be on General, so it was removed altogether and will be approved at the next board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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