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, Deborah Finn.

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

II. Privilege of the Floor

HPCSD School-To-Work Program - Debbie Finn provided a handout to each Board member and discussed the program with them. She is a Special Education Teacher at Holland Patent School and had been developing this program for several years. It is for Juniors and Seniors to earn credentials towards their graduation requirements, developing good work ethic skills. There are presently 7 students in the program and they are all on track for either a Regents or High School Diploma. The hope for the students is that if they are not going to be college bound, they will be work force ready. As of now the students have been doing jobs within the school Athletic Department, Cafeteria, Transportation Dept. and with Buildings and Grounds. They rotate through the different positions and have done a great job. She has some businesses that will take the students, such as Super Shoes, Circle K, the Holland Patent Co-Op, Nimey's Automotive, and Hudon's. Because it's a school function, the liability falls within the school's parameters, there is no pay involved, and they are supervised at all times by an ARC instructor. There is not a lot of responsibility on the part of the business other than to say these are the tasks that are expected to be done and then the instructors will be sure that the kids follow through. It's a short period of time – morning students from 9:00 to 10:25 on Tuesdays and Thursdays and afternoon students are days 4 and 6 (HP schedule) from 12:00 to 1:15. A calendar will be provided to the business. She is hoping that students can work with the grounds crew, building maintenance, cleaning and working at cleaning gravestones at cemeteries the town is responsible for. The students will be available at the end of January.

Godfrey advised that he will talk to Rich Latus and the Board will discuss and he will get back to Debbie as soon as possible.

III. Resolutions:

Adopt 2025 Budget: Will add $300 for municipal dues on page 12 (A1920) to make it $7800 for the year. Farr made motion to adopt the 2025 Preliminary Trenton Town Budget with the addition of $300.00 for municipal dues, seconded by Bennison, 5 ayes.

Highway Truck and Plow Kit: Stiehl advised that the State has granted a one year extension for snow plows but he called Mack for an update and although the DEC is heading up the yearly emissions extension but Mack refused to take the letter from DEC as legit. Stiehl said the specs for this truck are identical to the one they got in 2022. All Board members got the pricing for the truck and the plow kit. When you add the numbers up it is $317,000.00 for the truck and the plow, $172,191.00 for the truck and $145,329.10 for the plow. Stiehl is looking for approval to get the truck. It will take at least 6 months to get it and then another 6 to get the plow. So it may be before 2026 before the plow is on.

Stiehl advised they can use CHIPS money on the plow. He is looking for Board approval to purchase the Mack plow truck.

Taylor made motion to approve the purchase of the Mack plow truck, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

Sign Law # 2: Bennison made motion to adopt Sign Law #2 – 2024, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

NYS DOT – Old Poland Rd.-Trenton Falls Rd – Stop Sign:
Bennison made motion to accept NYDOT to have a four way stop, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

Minutes 9/25/24 and 10/9/24: Will table until next meeting. Board members did not get email that was sent with the minutes.

Employee Handbook Public Section HR Consultants: Godfrey advised that that he talked everything over with Audrey. NOCCOG has recommended Public Sector HR Consultants with the idea of developing a new employee handbook for the Town of Trenton.
Crumb made motion to move forward with hiring Public Sector HR Consultants, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

Approve Picnic Table Purchase: Godfrey advised that he had some complaints especially at the Veteran's Picnic about the older people having to climb over the seats to sit down. New tables are open and you can just walk through. Bennison made motion to purchase 10 picnic tables and 2 ADA compliant picnic tables, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

IV. Priority Issues

LED-NYPA Lighting Invoice: Godfrey looked into the LED lighting. If you look at the original proposal it was $86,878.00. Actual cost to date is $73,416.26. The estimate for final project closure which he is dating out at November 30, 2024 is $78,144.00. Godfrey asked for more of an itemized invoice. What concerns Godfrey is the short term financing charge of $5,000. He was told that National Grid had to do an inspection of the lights and they didn't get to it for 3 months. Joe Smith had been asking them for a final number, Godfrey asked for a final number and now they get back to him and it's still not a final number. The short term financing is adding up to about $300/month. Wordage in the contract allows them short term financing. But we have no control of the timeline. Godfrey said he will talk with Kate and discuss further. They also wanted to tie us into a 2 year maintenance agreement to replace light bulbs for $10,000 which Rich said we can do that, no need for a maintenance agreement.

Noise Ordinance: There was a question from Ryan Evans on Mappa asking if there was an ordinance on the books for contractors working hours. Godfrey handed out Remsen's ordinance. Farr advised they went through that as a Village. You have to have special instruments and the instruments have to be calibrated and the person operating the instrument has to be qualified and it's a very tedious thing. He looked at Oneida County but didn't find anything.

NOCCOG Dinner: Reminder for tomorrow night.

V. Communications

Next Meeting November 13, 2024

VI. Adjournment:

Godfrey adjourned the meeting at 8:06 – no motion or second made.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Mills

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