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 6:06 pm. Present were: Councilmen Michael Bennison, Eric Taylor, Chris Crumb, Jim Farr and Town Clerk, Rachel Bunker.

I. Meeting called to order by Supervisor Godfrey at 6:06 pm

II. Privilege of the Floor - Nothing

III. Resolutions:

A. Mobile Home Park Applications:

i. Mapledale Community
ii. Adirondack Ridge
iii. Mayer Mobile Manor

Farr made a motion to approve the applications for Mapledale Community, Adirondack Ridge and Mayer Mobile Manor, seconded by Bennison, 5 ayes.

B. BCA Architects

Amendment #2

Godfrey advised that he and Bennison met with BCA two weeks ago. He wanted the board to see the costs being paid to BCA for the Wastewater Collection & Treatment Project. He handed out a copy of a bill and payment summary to the board members and advised the $25,000 has already been paid for the study. Amendment #1 in the amount of $13,500 for the funding application has been paid. Off to the right the amount of $94,100 is the estimated total for them to do everything, the plans, helping us submit the grants, the study, etc. Godfrey asked Cory for at least a draft of what we owe them at this point for the additional work from 2020 up to the present. This draft is not an invoice, but right now we are at a point where the invoice would be about $41,500. We were just approved for a $6.2 million loan with zero percent interest from Rural Development USDA. Basically we are funded for the water improvement. We are still waiting for wastewater from WQIP (Water Quality Improvement Plan) which will probably be late December or early January. Because we missed out on the WIIA (Water Infrastructure Improvement Act) (the $10 million), BCA will help us resubmit for next year. That will probably be an extra $8,000 so he is looking at a projected amount of about $49,000 if we go the rest of the way with them on the wastewater. For the Barneveld Water Improvement, we are going to have to go out and seek additional engineering companies. We have to abide by the competitive sourcing that the federal government set up in 2023. I have infrastructure working on that now.

Godfrey would like to pay the $41,597.97 out of this year's budget. He advised when they get to ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) there is a line where he recommends that we pay $20,000 out of ARPA funds. He also included information regarding ARPA where it tells you how to do it if you use the funds for wastewater or water improvement.

Taylor made a motion to pay BCA the $41,597.97, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes. Farr advised he would agree on the condition that it's appropriated as discussed through ARPA.

C. Approve ARPA SLFRF Budget

Godfrey gave Board members a handout of 2024 ARPA projects approved for funding by the Board. He advised he did work with Joe on this because he had to make sure what we paid and what we didn't pay. The board went through the list item by item. Items on the list total $240,517. There is still $10,000 left.

The Old Town Hall came up for funds and Godfrey advised that Betsy would like to make it into some sort of museum. He doesn't see that happening unless there is grant money available because of the amount of work that would be involved.

Digital Sign – Board asked where is it going? Godfrey advised in front of the Highway Dept.

Crumb made a motion to approve the $240,517 that is anticipated on funding for the ARPA projects, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

D. Fiscal Officer

i. Joseph Smith - Godfrey advised that Joe has been a big help to him with the budget and revenue items and the Supervisor's Report. Godfrey said he could use his help for his final year and they need to discuss salary. Bennison made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes. Taylor made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes. No decision made.

IV. Priority Issues

A. Pavilion & Meeting Room Fees – Rachel handed out a sheet with proposed increases in the fees. Currently for pavilion rentals residents pay $25.00 with a $75.00 deposit that gets returned. We are proposing to change it to $50.00 fee and $100.00 deposit. Marcy, Lee and Whitestown are significantly higher and have less amenities. Rachel pointed out that once the event is over, Rich has to go inspect, Donna has to clean, plus all the paper towels, bathroom tissue, soaps, etc. supplied by the town.

The non-resident fee is currently $100.00 for fee and $100.00 for deposit. We are going to go up to $150.00 for each.

Godfrey asked about the quilting guilds that come every Saturday. We only charge them the fee and not the deposit. Rachel said we could talk about that and maybe do a discounted rate if you book 5 or more times consecutively. She will call it a Multi-Use/Organization Discount. The seniors use the room every Tuesday and they do not get charged either. Bennison made a motion to approve the new charges for the PMR/Pavilions, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

B. Board Meeting Schedules – Godfrey wanted to change the day that they do the Board Meetings. They have been on Wednesdays for years because of convenience of the members. Godfrey is not a fan of Wednesdays and it didn't work for Rachel with her coaching. Monday is not good because court is here. He asked the guys to think about possibly Tuesdays and will revisit at a later date. Godfrey will have to check with Audrey regarding vouchers.

C. Barneveld Water Improvement Funding - Godfrey advised that he got a notice that they can get a $6,113,000 loan at zero percent interest to help with the funding.

V. Communications

Next Meeting December 11, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

VI. Adjournment: Farr made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bennison, 5 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel A. Bunker

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Town Clerk