December 11, 2024

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 Michael Bennison, Eric Taylor, Chris Crumb, Jim Farr and Town Clerk, Rachel Bunker. Also present: Jason Stiehl, Leo Boulerice, Ken Cutler, Dave Constable, Joe Rowlands, Kenneth Piersall, Joe Samson.

I. Meeting called to order by Supervisor Godfrey at 7:02 pm

II. Pledge to the Flag

III. Privilege of the Floor

Ken Piersall from Barneveld Citizens Committee. Godfrey advised Ken that their Committee will be listed on the new website. Ken presented the board with their requisitions for 2025.

Officers Reports:

Highway Superintendent :

Stiehl advised the Highway Department has been very busy. New employee is now driving and doing well. The section on the salt barn that needed replacement has been done. Stiehl still does not have a firm answer on the order for the new truck.

Highway Abstract # 340-374 in the amount of $34,285.49. Taylor made motion to pay vouchers numbered 340-374 in the amount of $34,285.49, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

Assessor: Not present. Godfrey advised everything going well.

Zoning:

Boulerice handed out his report. Things seem to be at a halt. Farr asked how many lots Wilcox wants to divide his place up into. He was approved by the Planning board years ago to create 4 parcels, and he sold 2 together and then another. Because so much time has passed, he wanted to make sure it is still considered a buildable lot, and it is.

Planning Board – Telecommunications Tower for Verizon on the corner of Putnam and North Gage Rd. No decision has been made. At the last meeting the applicants agreed to provide some additional screening around the ground mounted equipment, so they are waiting on those plans to see what they look like.

Zoning Board of Appeals – The one item before them is the sawmill on 365. We are going to have them complete another application because they felt they weren't provided with enough information so they could fully complete it to provide the information to the ZBA.
Going forward the new revised application will be on file and reviewed.

New fee schedule – look for that in the near future.

Codes:

Godfrey gave Cutler kudos for the updated fees collected from DG Market. Cutler provided new fee schedule 2025 for the Board to look at. He made some changes that are in red. Godfrey wants Town Attorney to look at it. Ken also wants to add pyrotechnics to the new schedule with regard to fireworks on school grounds.

Farr asked if there was currently a fee for removing a placard from a building. Godfrey said they passed a resolution for a fee of $500 per incident.

Jo Samson had a question about the fee schedule. When the actual fee is included in the statute, the law has to be changed. Does the law say per the fee schedule as approved by the Board? That would give the Board the ability to vote on these fee schedules without having to enact a law or change the law. Godfrey said he will run that by Town Attorney.

Godfrey advised in Kate's absence that Miner was served November 6th and he had until December 6th to respond as to how he was going to take care of the issues. The completion date is January 6, 2025. We have not heard anything so on January 7th , the town can move forward with the next step.

Cutler advised that if Miner does call him for a permit, he is going to refer him to Kate.

Clerk: Local Shares Remitted $988.00.

Supervisor's Report: Godfrey advised they are working on it and will have it by the next meeting..

NOCCOG Report:

Joe Rowlands advised there will be a NOCCOG Executive Meeting at the Municipal Center the following day at 2:00 pm.

Webinars being offered by the Comptroller's Office in Accounting.

Hazard Mitigation and Water Resources webinar.

Local Technical Assistance Program Center is presenting a webinar on pavement.

Oneida County is transitioning from their old website to a new .gov domain.

Godfrey advised Rowlands as part of the grant writing for infrastructure we have to go out to bid to 3 different engineering firms.. He asked Rowlands if NOCCOG or Tug Hill would have a list of engineers to recommend? Rowlands advised he would check on it and let Godfrey know.

V. Resolutions:

Purchase of Truck for Building and Grounds: Godfrey talked to Rich Latus this morning. As you know we sold one truck with plow to Woodgate. So we now have 3 trucks for building and grounds. There are 2 set up with plows, one that Taylor uses and we plow the Municipal Bldg, the

Old Town Hall, some parking areas in Prospect that are off the streets. Rich uses one truck with no plow. This 4th truck will be replacing the one sold to Woodgate and that is used during the summer. There is usually a 4 man mowing team in the summer months. Will table purchase until next meeting.

Rachel is going to be getting a new office which Rich was able to negotiate to 45% off.
They are doing some work at the Pool Building now.
ADA advised that they audit 20 buildings in all of Upstate NY and we were chosen to be one of them. We did really well but there are some items that need to be corrected.

Minutes:

Godfrey looking to approve minutes for November 13, 2024 and November 25, 2024. Farr made motion to approve minutes from November 13 and November 25, 2024, seconded by Benny, 5 ayes.

Abstracts:
Hinckley Abstracts # 26 to 28 in the amount of $141.88. Farr made motion to pay abstracts 26 to 28 in the amount of $141.48, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

General Abstracts #860 to 933 in the amount of $63,203.54. Crumb made motion to pay abstracts # 860 to 933 in the amount of $63,203.54, seconded by Bennison, 5 ayes.

VI. Appointments:

John Brown to Reappointment as Commissioner of Trenton Fire District. Godfrey talked with everyone who is in favor of reappointing John Brown. Taylor made motion to reappoint John Brown as Commissioner of Trenton Fire District, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

VII. Priority Issues:

Wastewater: Godfrey advised we are waiting to hear from Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) Should be either late this month or early next year.

Water Improvement: Godfrey put in the Board packets the announcement for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) which was approved for $6 million with a zero percent loan. The water improvement plan as it stands right now is funded. We will pick it up again after January first.

NYPA LED Lighting: They have finally closed and sent Godfrey 100% completion to sign. Godfrey made sure Rich checked everything. They wanted us to sign off on an $11,000 maintenance program. Rich checked around and called other municipalities and got some replacement bulbs and nodes. We decided to work with other municipalities that have bucket trucks. It will be less expensive than signing off with a maintenance program.

Old Poland Road Bridge Update: Godfrey said it just passed the DEC SEQR and we should be getting a final plan by the end of the month.

Committees:

Planning Board: Boulerice went over that earlier.

ZBA: Boulerice also discussed earlier in the meeting.

Greenbelt: We are trying to resurrect.

Infrastructure Committee: Samson said John sent him a request for the qualifications package. Samson read through it and found it to be in favor of the town. He did send John back the document with corrections, mostly typos. Godfrey advised the Board that he wanted infrastructure to take a look at what Governour did when they went out for a request for qualification for 2 engineering companies for wastewater and water projects.

Samson wanted to say one more thing about the Planning Board. They did have a Public Hearing on the antenna. The hearing was very long and from that there were more requests made to the applicant. The applicant came back with the required information and then there was an even further discussion.

Powell Road speed limit sign submitted last month. First goes to county then to state.

VIII. Communications:

Next meeting tentative December 23, 2024 if needed. Godfrey out of town.

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

Meeting Adjourned 7:59 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel A. Bunker

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Town Clerk