The Town Board of the Town of Trenton held a Town Board Meeting at the Trenton Municipal Center, 8520 Old Poland Road, Barneveld, New York. Supervisor Godfrey called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Present were: Councilmen Michael Bennison, James Farr, Chris Crumb, Eric Taylor and Town Clerk, Rachel Bunker. Also attending, Jason Stiehl, Leo Boulerice, Tom Synakowski, Jennifer Synakowski, Rich Latus, James H. Mills, Kathy Kellogg, Theresa Inserra, Joe Rowlands, Todd Hart.

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

II. Pledge to the Flag

III. Privilege of the Floor:

Tom Synakowski wanted to know what is going on with the Amish and the sawmill. Leo Boulerice said he will be handing everything over to the attorney to go to court. ZBA denied their variance, and they were given 90 days to comply. Godfrey said he will advise once he talks to the attorney.

Rich Latus advised they are getting close to where someone can play on the ballfield and are hoping to have some games. Being that it's town property, Rich is following through with all the proper insurance and he is hoping to circumvent the facilities use request form. The Board would have to give approval.

Rich also wanted to talk about the siding bid. Because we are a municipality the bid has to be prevailing wage. Very few contractors can provide certified payroll; this was the only company and is highly recommended. Godrey said any job over $30,000 we are supposed to get more bids on. Rich said if we request bids and people do not respond, we can prove that we did request bids. The town does not post bids or requests for proposals in the newspaper. The Board asked why our guys can't do it and Rich advised he just doesn't have the manpower or the time. Stiehl needs his roof repaired on the office section because water is pouring in and Rich is trying to get a contractor.

Rich also asked if we are working on getting permits to be operating the water districts. Godfrey is working with DEC and filling out the forms. When Prospect and Barneveld dissolved, it was never transferred over to the Town of Trenton.

IV. Officer Reports:

A. **Highway Superintendent :**

Stiehl advised the sand is all up, one plow truck is together; 3 more in the process with routine maintenance. They are going to try to pour sidewalks next week. There are 3 sections that need to be dug up and repoured.

Godfrey and Stiehl talked with Joe Grimaldi from the Jetsew Building. He has a pole barn with approximately 3,000 sf that he would rent to the town at $1500 a month. Stiehl feels we need it from October 1st to May 1st for storage. That would be $10,500. Godfrey got a commitment from one of the fire commissioners that he would give us half of that. He also talked with Keith Mable who is the adjustor with Hanover Insurance and he feels that he would be able to cover some of that as well. As far as the building goes, Keith is going to put in writing what the offer will be for replacement of the building.

Even though we put in for emergency, Godfrey feels we may have an issue getting a contractor and may have to wait until spring, get the bid specs together, put it in the paper. Rich advised that that the insurance company had given the go ahead 3 or 4 months ago, when they had the numbers. The building would already be up, but it was dragged out. Godfrey advised he never received a price from Rich Latus for a complete new building to give to the insurance adjuster.

Stiehl said there is no other option than to rent the pole barn from Joe Grimaldi because he has to get his equipment housed indoors.

Godfrey asked for a resolution to make the deal with Mr. Grimaldi on the pole barn. Taylor made a motion to rent the pole barn from Joe Grimaldi for $1500 a month, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

Abstracts # 249 to 275 in the amount of $270,372.87. Crumb made motion to approve vouchers 249 to 275 in the amount of $270,372.87 seconded by Bennison, 5 ayes.

Godfrey advised that the $190,277.42 is just a passthrough for the bridge work on Old Poland Rd. over Cincinnati Creek. We have already received a NYS payment. Godfrey just received the bridge plans and will forward them on to the Board. Start date April, 2026 to November, 2026.

Stiehl put in a couple of items for budget requests which they will discuss once the budget is done. He advised the Board that over the next 8 to 10 years the town needs to budget money into the main highway building. Over the next few years the overhead doors need to be replaced.

Taylor said they have been kicking the 8th guy for Highway around for months. Stiehl only had one person that reached out to him. Discussion on advertising more. Taylor made motion that they hire an 8th guy for Highway, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

B. Assessor: Nothing

C. **Zoning & Codes:**

Zoning Report: Boulerice advised that what they are doing with the firehouse does not need to go to Planning Board or Site Plan Review because it's not in a commercial district. He started the SEQR process which is a type 2 action which means it stops there. We do have the option to send it out to outside agencies for a coordinated review and Theresa has started that process. The reason we are doing that is it's encircled by flood plain because of the proximity to the creek so this will give DEC the opportunity to speak up before we get into construction.

We can move forward on the Recycling Center.

Boulerice said he is going to talk to Kate regarding the sawmill. DEC didn't follow through. He still has an issue with the business on Vanderkemp. They got rid of one of the unlicensed vehicles but there is a dump truck parked in the yard.

Codes Report: Cutler and Constable are at a conference. Cutler did leave a copy of his report for review by the Board.

D. **NOCCOG**:

Joe Rowlands gave a review of upcoming events. The NOCCOG Annual Fall Dinner is October 23and Woods Valley Ski area. Sarah Foster Calero, President of Oneida County Tourism is the scheduled speaker.
Oneida County Youth Bureau is seeking 2026 Grant Applications.
Clerk's Association Regional Training September 22nd in Alex Bay.
Strategies for Attracting Housing Investment to your Community – September 25th.
Tug Hill Commission Annual Dinner – October 9th – Delta Lake Inn.

E. **Attorney:** Not Present

F. **Supervisor's Report:** Rachel advised we are reconciled up through June. She got July's bank statements today and is working to get them to the Board for the work session this month. She did clean up some mischarges. They have been pretty significant since Joe left, so we could use more people learning the codes and more eyes on how things are coming through on the abstracts. Rachel explained that when they get reimbursed for the ballfield, it has to go into a revenue account. The total fund of A will be fine, but the individual budget lines will show negative because that is what actually went out. At the end of the year we do adjustments to take the revenue.

G. Clerk's Report:

Local shares remitted are $3227.00.

V. Resolutions:

A. **Approve August 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes:**

Farr made motion to approve the August 27, 2025 meeting minutes, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

B. **Approve AYSO use of Trenton Park Soccer Field:**

Godfrey advised we have a request of the AYSO to use the Trenton Park Soccer Field. They provided the insurance and a signed application. Taylor made a motion to approve AYSO use of Trenton Park Soccer Field, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

C. Abstracts:.

Hinckley- Abstracts # 18 and 19 in the amount of $82.10. Bennison made motion to pay abstracts numbered 18 and 19 in the amount of $82.10, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

General: Abstracts # 706 to 794 in the amount of $208,689.09. Taylor made motion to pay vouchers # 706 through 794 in the amount of $208,689.09 seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

VI. Priority Issues:

A. Highway Cold Storage & Recycling Building Updates:

Godfrey advised that he never received any pricing on the Recycling Building based off of the plans that were provided by Don Ehre. He is going to send the plans out to 5 or 6 different contractors. He has talked to a few general contractors and they will more or less work with other people and give us one price.

B. Premo Property:

Godfrey heard back from Eric Douscharm from Rome Testing. All they found was a little asbestos on the windows. He is going to get a price on getting that taken out and then we can have Stieh's crew take it down once the land gets transferred over to us. If we get the property and it's asbestos free, we might be able to get the county to take it down. Once we get that done, we will see what Debbie wants to do with the back property.

C. Prospect Cemetery Updates:

Godfrey talked with Cindy Richards from Prospect Cemetery. Previous to talking with Cindy he called Cory Moore who works for the Cemetery Commission for the state. Cory was unavailable but he talked with his boss. The Prospect Cemetery Board trusts the town to handle this. He is sending me what we need to do to get this done by the end of the year. Rachel advised that she needs time to get the records updated and get trained.

Abandonment vs. Transfer – Godfrey said with abandonment what happens is it ends up in your lap and you don't proceed as a cemetery. You just do the maintenance. We are looking at running it and can do it how we want to administratively.

VII. Committees:

A. Planning Board: Theresa will hold off getting them to review the cold storage building until there is a final design.

B. ZBA: One member left the ZBA – Gordon moved so they will need a replacement as well as an alternate. Will put it on the website.

C. Greenbelt: Godfrey advised Rob Foote is going to place boulders instead of having a fence.

D. Infrastructure: Crumb said one of the topics discussed was the status of the water districts for Glass Factory, South Trenton and 365. Boulerice said there are 3 different water districts they are looking to form. From 365 to the Village of Holland Patent, Glass Factory Rd between Coombs and Powell Rd and then for South Trenton which would be from Powell Rd. where it meets Hinman down to Trenton Rd. They have asked Don Ehre to put together a very basic set of preliminary drawings and have not received anything yet. He previously did one 20 years ago for the water district from 365 to the Village of Holland Patent. Godfrey said he will call Don Ehre and also BCA to get quotes on what it will cost to get basic drawings done.

VIII. Communications: Next Meeting September 24, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

IX. Executive Session:

Taylor made motion to go into Executive Session at 8:40 to discusss employment history of a certain individual, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

Motion to get additional bids on siding made by Taylor, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

Bennison made motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:26, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

X. Adjournment: Crumb made motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:28, seconded by Bennison, 5 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

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