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 at 7:00 PM. Present were: Supervisor Elect Michael Bennison, Chris Crumb, James Farr, Eric Taylor and Town Clerk, Rachel Bunker. Also attending, Councilman Elect James H. Mills.

**I. Meeting called to order by Supervisor Elect Bennison at 7:00 pm**

**II. Pledge to the Flag**

**III. Oath of Office:** None

**IV. Privilege of the Floor:** None

**V. Officer's Reports:**

A. Highway Superintendent

i. Supervisor Bennison advised there were 2 trucks down and one fixed today.

ii. Highway Abstracts – Vouchers 360 and 361 in the amount of $875.40. Taylor made motion to pay the Highway vouchers #360 and 361 in the amount of $875.40, seconded by Crumb, 3 ayes.

iii. General Abstracts – Vouchers 1066 through 1087 in the amount of $11,825.36. Taylor made motion to pay vouchers 1066 through 1087 in the amount of $11,825.36, seconded by Crumb, 3 ayes.

B. Assessor Report – None

C. Zoning and Codes:

**Codes Report:** Jim Mills advised there is a placard on Boon St. across from 108 or 112 – the old Gallagher building. Bennison advised that he knew. George Ruffrage's wife called Bennison about it. Bennison advised her it's up to Codes. He spoke with Ken and Ken advised he should have put the placard on years ago because it hasn't been occupied in years. They will have to get a new certificate of occupancy.

D. NOCCOG Report – None

E. Attorney Report – None

F. Supervisor Report – None

G. Clerk's Report - None

## VI. Resolutions:

A. **Approve November 12, 2025 and December 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes.** Crumb made motion to approve November 12, 2025 and December 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Taylor, 3 ayes.

B. **Re-appoint Earl Davis as ZBA Chairman (5 years)** Crumb made motion to re-appoint Earl Davis as ZBA Chairman (5 Years), seconded by Taylor, 3 ayes.

C. **Approve North Star Ambulance Contract & Lease:** Taylor made motion to accept the North Star Ambulance Lease, seconded by Crumb, 3 ayes. Crumb made motion to accept the North Star Ambulance Contract, seconded by Taylor, 3 ayes.

## VII. Priority Issues:

**A. Building & Grounds Snow Removal:**

**B. Ballfield Committee:** Bennison advised the Board should each bring in a few names as to who should be on the Committee and then the Board will chose and vote at the January 14th meeting. Discussion ensued on what the committee's responsibility will be and who will be reporting back to the Board. Taylor made motion to form a Committee for the Prospect Memorial Ballfield, seconded by Crumb, 3 ayes.

**C. Motion for Bids on Highway Garage and Recycling Center:** Bennison advised that there needed to be amendments to the highway garage because the cold storage is now going to be heated. He suggested holding off going out to bid until February 11, 2026. Taylor made motion to push out the date for bids for the Recycling Center from January 14, 2026 to February 11, 2026, seconded by Crumb, 3 ayes.

Crumb made motion to push out the date for bids for the Highway Garage to February 11, 2026 as amendments need to be done because the cold storage is now going to be heated, seconded by Taylor, 3 ayes.

Taylor made motion to go into Executive Session at 7:14 pm for personnel matters, seconded by Crumb, 3 ayes.

Taylor made motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:30 pm, seconded by Crumb, 3 ayes. No decisions made.

Bennison also advised that Kate called him this morning to talk about Ken's Fee Schedule. She thinks it needs a little more tweaking. She is going to talk to Ken about what she didn't like with the schedule as he drafted it.

Bennison also talked to the Judge about the audit – they will do that at the next work session meeting in January.

Bennison said he and Crumb are going to be doing a Webinar about the grants the Town got on January 8th. Jim Mills has agreed to attend as well.

Rachel asked Bennison about the Cemetery - As of 12/31/2025 they are dissolving and then we are in limbo. Rachel wants to make sure that Kate has gone over everything legally. She doesn't want any disputes later on down the road as to how the town took it over. There has been no Resolution to accept the cemetery. Taylor made motion that the Town of Trenton Board is committed to take over the Prospect Cemetery as it's dissolved and continue to run it as it has been run, seconded by Crumb, 3 ayes.

**VIII. Communications:** Next Meeting January 14, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

**Adjournment** - Crumb made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm, seconded by Taylor, 3 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

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