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 Michael Bennison, Councilmen Chris Crumb, Eric Taylor, James Farr, James Mills and Town Clerk, Rachel Bunker. Also present, Theresa Inserra, Dennis Williams, Leo Boulerice, Donald Ehre, Joe Rowlands, Dave Constable, Ken Cutler.

I. Call to Order

Supervisor Bennison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. Pledge to the Flag

III. Privilege of Floor

A. Don Ehre – Highway Storage/Recycling Center Bids – Supervisor Bennison advised there was some confusion about the bid openings, so the Board is going to do a Resolution tonight to open bids for the Highway Barn and Recycling Center on March 11, 2026. Crumb made a motion to resolve to open bids for the Highway Barn and Recycling Center on March 11, 2026, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

Don Ehre advised that just before Joe Smith left, he mentioned the fact that the Route 365 water district would be reactivated. Boulder Consultants looked at it in 2007. At that time they did a boundary description of what that water district was going to be. Ehre advised that maybe the town should check their files to make sure the district boundaries are what the town wants because he understands now that it may not be just 365 but a couple of other roads. He would like there to be a liaison between someone at the town and his office so they can draw what the boundary is and then he can size and talk to the water board and see where they will connect and what size the lines will be. He advised there will also have to be DOT permits to allow water service to go from one side of the road to the other side. Chris Crumb volunteered to be the Liaison along with Leo Boulerice helping him out.

Don Ehre also explained the process of opening up the bids on March 11th. Bids received, opened and read aloud, then the Board votes to accept the bids, not approve them. Don Ehre will take them and check the numbers, and then makes his recommendation to the Board.

Jim Farr wanted the Board to meet Dennis Williams who is representing the new Baseball Committee for the Prospect Field. The Committee met and there were questions asked about the garbage pick up fee, bathroom cleaning, maintenance, lining and mowing at the field. Mr. Williams brought up that they

need to make sure users of the field are accountable for the condition they leave the field in. The committee would like permission to use the other Trenton fields, (Town Park) if need be. They are looking for an insurance agreement for their activity on the field. Concession stand – do we need to have a county health inspection and consider a seasonal food service permit. The back gate of the cemetery has to be more secure. The town should consider waiving the light fee for the first year.
Cutler advised that he needs to be involved because before the concession stand opens he is going to need an Oneida County sign off and he will need to go through and finish his permit process and issue a certificate of occupancy use. At this time there is no concession stand.

Next meeting for the Committee is 2/17/2026 at 6:30 pm.

IV. Officers Reports:

A. NOCCOG: Joe Rowlands advised there is going to be a webinar on February 26th. Topic is Your Role as State Agency Records Management Officer. Registration is required.
Also on February 26th webinar from 6-7 pm by the MRB Group and Hancock Estabrook – Developing and Implementing Comprehensive Plans. Rowlands advised that having a Comprehensive Plan helps with getting grants.
Local Government Council at the Turning Stone April 20 and 21st.
All information on the website.

B. Highway Superintendent:

1. **Abstract** – Taylor made motion to pay Highway Abstracts 54 to 98 in the amount of $43,068.85, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

2. **Snow Removal Budget** – Stiehl advised we are a long way from being done with 2026 and still need to buy a lot of salt. Salt is $70+ a ton and he will need at least another 1200 tons. Usually the sweeper comes out of snow removal budget and that's $10,000 to $12,000.

3. **Culvert Pipe Policy** – Talked about at the last meeting. Farr made motion to implement the Culvert Pipe Policy, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

4. **Tree Removal Policy** – Stiehl advised he brought up the policy about 2 years ago. The problem they run into is that people plant these nice trees in front of their house and then they get too big and they want the town to cut them down. Average price to cut a tree is $1000 if not more. If we can't do it we need to

hire it done and Stiehl doesn't see why the town is responsible unless the tree poses a danger to the road. Tabled until the next meeting.

5. **New Equipment Purchases** – Stiehl said we probably won't see the new truck in 2026 and he's trying another place. Hasn't received the quote yet but possibly can get it in October. Stiehl advised that as far as equipment, we are going back a little bit. The 2022 dump truck probably should go. They don't use primer on anything anymore and things rust quickly. Truck is fine, but body is starting to rust. Old tractor is fine – but mower is shot. Stiehl will get quotes and the Board will go from there.

C. Assessor: Nothing.

D. Zoning/Codes:

i. **Codes Fee Schedule** – Cutler provided reports to Board. 139 Mappa Ave. – Cutler has been dealing with Americu CU who apparently owns it. The person who was in there, Mr. Aiken was squatting. He has been dealing with a lawyer who got in touch with Americu CU and the lawyers client has purchased the building. Cutler sent out letters advising the building is placarded. Before it can be used and occupied they need a permit and need to bring the building back up to standards. The curb stop is shut off and needs to be repaired as well. Rachel advised the curb stop is under the concrete and needs to be dug up. Previous owners never paid their water bill and we could not turn the water off on them.

Cutler asked about the Premo property. Bennison advised there are too many unknowns about tanks being in the ground from the gas station that was there. Bennison said they should just put the playground in at Union Park and forget about the eye sore. Bennison also still has not heard about the $20,000 lien she has on it. Crumb made motion to not move forward with the purchase of the Premo property, seconded by Mills, 5 ayes.

ii. **Short-Term Rentals** – Cutler advised that he needs to be involved in both short term rentals and Air BnB's. Boulerice advised that the template came from our attorney. Boulerice advised that short term rentals are not permitted in the Town of Trenton because they are not listed as a permanent use. If someone comes and wants to open up an Air BnB it cannot happen unless the ZBA approves it. They did approve one, but they have been educated since.
Air BnB's – as above.

Zoning - Boulerice advised that the violation notices listed on the report have not been mailed out yet because he wanted to talk to the Board and Kate about the duration he was going to give for compliance of those. The reason he asks is for the last major one he gave them 90 days and ended up giving them another 90 days because that was what Kate recommended. What he would like to do so we don't get caught in a trap, is make the compliance period 6 months instead of 90 days.
Taylor made motion to do 180 days for compliance on Boulerice's letters to the 3 sawmills including cleanup, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes. Boulerice will redo the letters and run it by Kate. The 4th sawmill Kate is researching.

Boulerice advised that the project of the proposed Data Center in Marcy will span partly in Trenton. Marcy is looking at rezoning the particular parcel in question with a developer who is out of Boston. There is a very large parcel there and they are looking to purchase it and construct the Data Center. What the Data Center is exactly, we don't know but he has been in discussions with the Town of Marcy and their Planning Board is going to look at it and if they decide to move forward they need to make a zoning change. They may be coming to us to ask for a change in zoning for the Trenton parcel as well to align with Marcy. Mills said it's about 55 acres in Trenton and about 150 in the Town of Marcy.

E. Supervisor's Report: Bennison advised he needs a Resolution from the Board to have him as the authorizing person for NYClass and Chris to be the secondary. Farr made motion to authorize Michael Bennison to be the authorizing person for NYClass with Christopher Crumb as the secondary, seconded by Taylor 5 ayes.

Bennison advised that he has been giving the Board tasks and the Disaster Report is about 20 years old and needs to be updated. He asked Taylor if he could give that to him to do. Taylor advised he would work on it.

Mills made motion to accept the November Supervsior's Report, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

F. Town Clerk's Report: Local shares remitted were $1,604.00. As an update, tax season we have brought in over $2 million so far and have about half a million left to go.

V. Resolutions:

A. Approve Eric Constable to Planning Board- Crumb made motion to approve Eric Constable to Planning Board, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

B. Greenbelt – Tramp and Trail Club – Crumb advised the Tramp and Trail Club wants to come in twice a year and clean up the trails and widen them up as necessary at no cost to the town. They have all their own equipment. Some of the property belongs to private homeowners who are all on the Greenbelt Committee. Taylor made motion to approve the Tramp and Trail Club to come in twice a year and clean up the trails, seconded by Mills, 5 ayes.

C. Steve Smith, Wolverine Ski Club – 2004 Snow Mobile- Crumb advised that Steve Smith stopped in today. He is one of the people in charge of the Wolverine Ski Club which takes place at the Trenton Fish and Game Club. They have a cross country skiing program over there for the kids. Apparently, the town owns a 2004 snowmobile that has some modifications to it so they can drag their trail groomer. There was a slight design flaw. The line for the oil got a little to close to the exhaust and melted through and all the oil leaked out and the engine blew. It is approximately $2,000 to get the engine fixed. Taylor made motion to approve $2,000 to have the snowmobile fixed by Hudon's, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

D. Prospect Playground – Crumb advised Landscape Structures was slightly more, however it is a bigger, nicer playground. The other proposal has picnic tables and stuff but Buildings and grounds wants to put in more permanent picnic tables after the playground is built. It's already been funded for $113,000. The town needs to come up with another $9,000. Crumb made motion to accept the proposal from Landscape Structures, in the amount of $122,283.74 seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

E. Highway Storage & Recycling Center Building – Invitation to Bid moved to March 11, 2026. - Already talked about with Don Ehre.

F. Approve January 28, 2026 Minutes – Mills made motion to approve January 28, 2026 minutes, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

G. Abstracts:

i. Hinckley – Mills made motion to approve abstracts 3 and 4 in the amount of $234.77, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

ii. General - Farr made motion to approve abstracts 76 to 168 in the amount of $82,262.06, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

VI. Priority Issues:

A. 139 Mappa: Valve Repair/New Meter – Already discussed.

B. Prospect Cemetery

i. Chubb Lichtenberger – Bennison tried to get in touch with Chubb and left him a message. No response yet.

C. **Ballfield Committee:**

D. **Steve Smith, Wolverine Ski Club – 2004 Snow Mobile**

VII. Committees:

A. Planning Board - Theresa Inserra advised nothing on the table. She spoke with the architect for Trenton Meadows. He was putting the cart before the horse. The design of the project hasn't even been started.

B. ZBA – Nothing on the table. Theresa met with Jim Farr, who is the liaison with the Board and it worked out really well. She thanked him.

C. Greenbelt -Nothing

D. **Infrastructure –** Bennison advised good meeting the other night. Moving forward with the water districts.

VIII. Communications:

A. Next Meeting February 25, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

B. Executive Session – Taylor made motion to go into Executive Session at 8:27 pm for personnel matters, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

Crumb made motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:48 pm, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes. No decisions were made.

IX. Adjournment: Farr made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48, seconded by Mills, 5 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel I. Bunker

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