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 attending Dave Buck, Isaac Nieman, Sarah Nieman, Michael Laflair, Joe Samson.

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Pledge to the Flag**

**III. Privilege of the Floor**

Dave Buck advised the counties are going to start the roadside cleanings. They are still on midnight shifts so he expects calls from residents complaining about the cleaning at night. There is also still money allocated for the septic replacement. If you know of anyone interested, it's up to $10,000. Will be winding down in the next several months. They are focused on Chobani and the impact for Oneida County and the surrounding areas. They have put some programs together to help some of the farmers who may be interested in growing their farms.

Don Ehre on the Recycling Center – He advised he emailed out copies of the notice of award. Generally, the Board has to vote to accept the bid and also authorize Bennison as Town Supervisor to sign the award and the Town Clerk will send that off to the awarded contractor, Bebee Construction. We have to send them 3 copies of the proposed contract documents, 3 sets of the drawings and they will send 2 fully executed contracts back, the bid bond and the labor material payment bond and their Certificates of Insurance. Once that has been received we can move forward to executing the contract. He explained the full process to the Board as far as when construction can begin.

Taylor made motion to accept the Recycling Bid from Bebee Construction, seconded by Mills, 5 ayes.

Taylor made motion to give the authority to the Town Supervisor to sign the contract, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

**IV. Resolutions:**

A. Approve March 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes – Crumb made motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2026, seconded by Mills, 5 ayes.

B. Accept Recycling Center Bid – discussed above.

C. Reject Highway Cold Storage Bids - Don Ehre advised he needs a vote from the Board to reject all bids for the Highway Cold Storage building and allow him to return the deposits of $100 each. Crumb made motion to reject all bids for the Highway Cold Storage and for Don Ehre to return the $100 deposit to each bidder, seconded by Taylor 5 ayes.

Ehre advised as of yesterday Jeff Duda surveyed the elevations on the site. The original elevation that had been set was too high. It would have required Stiehl to put in 3 feet of fill throughout the property just to keep the building above the street. Stiehl and Ehre have come up with an elevation that is the exact ground where it is in the northwest corner right now, elevation 822.9. They will have to grade the area between the building and the street so the water will move away from the building. Ehre has put together a plan that shows where all the fills are and he will get it back to Stiehl. Plans have been revised.
Now need to redo a bid for advertising with a due date for return of bids. Taylor made motion to advertise Highway Cold Storage going out to bid on April 1st with a return date of May 13th , seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

D. Holland Patent Central School District Fireworks- Kate advised the Board does not have to do a Resolution for the fireworks. They have everything in place, with insurance, the license, co-insurance with the high school, etc.

## V. Priority Issues:

A. **Review Employee Handbook** – Bennison said he would like to approve this handbook by the next meeting, April 8th. Asked that everyone review it closely. Discussion on how to bind it. Rachel said she will pass ideas along to Audrey.

B. **Trenton Summer Program Restructuring** - Rachel advised that we spend a lot of money that is not in the budget. It is a highly desirable program so they want to put a $50 amount per week. Broken down to the 4 days, 6 hours of instruction, activities, sports, it is very minimal. $50.00 add on for swim lessons. Also, there will be a build in for

middle school grades 6 through 8. Rachel advised too that if you put a fee on it, instead of you're either in for 6 weeks or you don't make the cut, you can opt in for a week and then if you go on vacation, you're not paying for it and it opens up spots for more availability. Taylor asked about doing a fee for residents and one for non-residents and Rachel advised that we have to do only residents. It's a taxed based program and costs over $600 per child per summer. We are charging less than half of that if they do the full 6 weeks. She advised the overhead amount is incredible with payroll, lifeguards, medical director, all the equipment and supplies, etc.

Farr made motion to approve the Trenton Summer Program Restructuring, seconded by Mills, 5 ayes.

C. **NCLL Approval** – Northern Community Little League Athletic Facility Use – Rachel advised this is the Athletic Facility Use Form for all the baseball teams to use the fields. Mills advised that last year there were a lot of times when they were parking along Fish Hatchery Rd. and not parking in the lot. There are no parking signs there already. Motion by Taylor to accept the Athletic Facility Use Request form for Northern Community Little League, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

D. **Townwide Shred Day** – May 30, 2026 9:00 am to 12:00 PM at Highway Garage Parking Lot. Mills made motion to approve May 30, 2026 for Shred Day, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes. It will be put on the website and Facebook.

E. **Municipal Center Parking Lot** – Bennison advised he has quotes on doing the parking lot. Stiehl suggested doing it with milling 1.5 inches for the whole lot and striping. Mills requested making the spaces a little wider when they do the striping. Mills made motion to spend up to $40,000 to redo the parking lot at the Municipal Center, with milling and striping with Precision, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

Joe Samson –Wanted to thank the Board for approving him as Chairman of the Planning Board at the last meeting. He advised everything at the Planning Board is going well. He has the support of the majority of the members. He also wanted to discuss the letter he sent about the transfer of park property for Unity Hall. He wanted to know if there were any questions or if they needed any help in moving it along. Bennison advised that Kate was going to call him and would call her to remind her to call. Samson will wait for the call from Kate.

F. **Municipal Building Gables and Siding Renovation** - Bennison said we need to get prices for the gables. He is dead set against siding it. He is looking for someone to head it up. Farr is going to work on getting bids. Bennison has someone that can look at it as well.

G. **Trenton Community Hall Roof** - Bennison is going to call Mike King to see what the price will be. It was $18,000 last year. Crumb said it might just need to be resealed. Discussion ensued on different types of metal roofs out there. Taylor advised they were originally thinking about replacing the roof because they had ARPA money. Tabled for now.

H. **Prospect Ballfield** – Farr advised that Keith Lighthall has a list of names that the committee has agreed should have keys for access to the ballfield. When he gets what he needs he will be in to ask for the funds to get the keys cut. Farr also advised they need Rich Latus to be at the next meeting Tuesday night so he can have a conversation with the ballfield committee. Farr asked if the town can take care of pulling the bags with the cans out and putting them in one of the dumpsters after an event. Finally, they don't want any mowing done by the town, just the weed whacking. At some point they will need to know from Ken Cutler what he needs from them to actually have the concession stand. They are talking about a food truck for opening day. The back gate at some point needs to be redone.

I. **Eagle Project** – Veteran's Memorial – Crumb advised we got the final approval from the Legion. We sent the verbiage of what the plaques were going to be. They made a small change – they took out past, present and future. It will read "<u>This Memorial is Dedicated to All the Veterans of the Town of Trenton Who Have Served Honorably in the United States Armed Forces.</u>" Crumb said we did update all the plaques for the Memorial Wall. They are going to be in Bronze as opposed to color. The price went up a little bit, $1,000 to $6433.00 so need a new motion. Farr made motion to approve the new cost of $6,433.00 for the Eagle Project dedication to Veterans, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes. Hopefully it will be done by Memorial Weekend. Tristan Pinkos is doing the work.

J. **Grant Writer** - Crumb advised there is $20,000 in the budget for Grant Writers. He has a list of 3 names right now. We haven't put out any feelers or requests of those 3 names. He wanted to talk about starting the interview process for grants from NY Forward and NY Bricks. We

have recommendations from NOCCOG for grants. Tabled for now. Will look into it.

**VI. Executive Session:** Mills made motion to go into Executive Session, at 8:00 pm for employment history of an individual. seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.
Taylor made motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:27 pm, seconded by Mills, 5 ayes.

**VII. Communications:**

A. Next Meeting – April 8, 2026 at 7:00 PM

**VIII. Adjournment**: Farr made motion to adjourn at 8:27 pm, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rachel I. Bunker*

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