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. Attorney Festine was absent. Also present, Lorraine Fava, Susan Piersall, Ken Piersall, Joe Samson, Jennifer Synakowski, Tom Synakowski, Lisa Bellinger, Ken Cutler, Dave Constable, Judson Brown, Theresa Inserra, Leo Boulerice.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Pledge to the Flag – Done prior to the Public Hearing

III. **Privilege of the Floor:** Nothing.

IV. Officers Reports:

A. **Highway Superintendent:** Stiehl advised they are starting the Spring clean up. Sweeper is coming next week.

Stiehl talked about the Agreements to Spend Town Highway Funds, Option A and Option B. On Option B the last page highlighted $758,000 is our CHIPS funding. He suggests that the town spend some of that. He explained with Option A Putnam Rd. from 365 up to North Gage gets paved.. Option B ave from North Gage almost down to Cheese Factory gets paved.
Farr made motion to choose Option A, seconded by Mills, 5 ayes.
Rachel passed the agreement around for all the councilmen to sign.

Bennison advised that they have a resignation letter from Chad Dupres. Crumb made motion to accept the resignation letter, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

i. Abstract – Taylor made motion to accept Highway abstracts 135-166 in the amount of $164,563.71, seconded by Mills, 5 ayes.

B. NOCCOG: Lisa Bellinger advised there are a couple of workshops in regard to rural water projects.
There is information regarding NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation grant funding.
The MRB Group and Hancock Estabrook have been offering once a month webinars. This month's topic is on solar battery storage and a

local review process and is April 23rd. They are held at the end of each month.
The Kubota Hometown Proud Grant Program – Kubota offers $500,000 to local communities where they award ten $50,000 grants to municipalities. Application portal opens April 1st and closes May 7th.
GPS Mapping Program is being offered again.
NYS Tug Commission Hill MetroCount Program to collect vehicle traffic by number, by weight, by speed.

There was a discussion about the solar battery storage.

C: Assessor: - Nothing

D. Zoning & Codes - Boulerice advised things are picking up and more applications coming in.

Cutler advised there were 2 fires – 139 Mappa and 104 Mappa. They are being aggressively taken care of. He will soon fence off the burned out building to avoid access. With regard to Pachura, Cutler advised that tomorrow the Sheriff's will be out throughout Barneveld to catch him outside of the residence. Sheriff's Office will then notify Cutler when he can go on the property to placard the building. Once the town secures the structure, if he goes back in he will be breaking and entering and can then be arrested.

Bennison asked Boulerice how things were going with the junkyard in South Trenton. Boulerice advised he was going to pay them a visit because when he was there last he had things cleaned up. He will talk with Kate about it. Farr said when he does make that visit he would like an invoice of the registered vehicles.

E. Supervisor Report:

i. Resignations: Rich Latus resignation – Taylor made motion to accept resignation of Rich Latus, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

ii. Hirings: Bennison requested Board approval of the new hirings per the list. Most are rehires from last summer. Crumb made motion to accept all the new hires per the list, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

F. Town Clerk Report: Rachel advised local shares remitted $1468.00.

G. **Attorney Report:** Attorney Festine absent.

V. Res**olutions:**

A. Approve March 25, 2026 Minutes:. Farr made motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from March, 25, 2026, seconded by Mills, 5 ayes.

B. HP Softball Athletic Facility Use Request: Taylor made motion to accept the Holland Patent Youth Softball to use the upper softball field any nights from 5 to 9 pm from Monday through Friday from 4/13/26 to 6/26/26, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

C. Accounts Payable Documentation Policy: Rachel advised that Heather is running into a lot of people just submitting a voucher with no invoice, which is not enough proof that services were rendered and expenses paid. She needs supporting documentation and is asking that we adopt that as a policy. Taylor made motion to adopt a policy that invoices must accompany voucher, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

D. Abstracts:

i. Hinckley – Mills made motion to accept Hinckley abstracts 7 through 9 in the amount of $774.85, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

ii. General - Farr made motion to accept the General abstracts 244 through 324 in the amount of $123,233.35, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

VI. Priority Issues:

A. Prospect Cemetery: Bennison advised that he and Rachel met with Chubb. They are going to give him some help this year with weed whacking.

B. NOCCOG Fiscal Agent vs. Officer: John Healt met with Bennison and Rachel. Traditionally Betsy Mack was always the Financial Officer for NOCCOG and because she lives, resides and worked here at the Town of Trenton, the Town was always the fiscal agent. As they renew the contract, he is asking that we continue to hold as their agent while Betsy is still the Financial Officer. If the officer changes to someone else in a different town, that town would then become the fiscal agent. There are no financial

ramifications on us, it's just a technicality. Taylor made motion to remain as the fiscal agent for NOCCOG, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

C. Phone system – Taylor asked why we don't use Northland and Rachel advised they do not service this area. Tom Zielinski has been meeting with Rachel regularly trying to get our phone system updated and he is great because he works with everyone. He is recommending that we update our internet speed because if we go to a voice over IP system, it's going to bog down the system. It is only $30 more a month and will allow us to update in the future. Taylor made motion to update the phone system for an extra $30 per month, seconded by Mills, 5 ayes.

D. Bennison advised we received a quote to redo the Old Town Hall roof and redo the mortar on the chimney. The quote was $17,000; not to exceed $20,000. Steve had put in for ARPA money to do that so Bennison would like to get that done. Farr made motion to go ahead and redo the roof on the Old Town Hall and redo the mortar on the chimney for $17,000 not to exceed $20,000 seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

E. Farr made motion to adopt the Proposed Barneveld Water District as indicated by the Public Hearing, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

VII. Committees:

A. **Planning Board -** Samson advised they have been having more projects come in and both Leo and Ken have come in to help the new members. Samson appreciates the Board appointing the alternate members as some of the regular members didn't show up. He advised some of the things that came up at the meeting. They talked about the property on Mappa and the Board issued a letter to the owners about what was discussed. Farr mentioned to Samson about the services available to the alternates at the Turning Stone on the 21st. Theresa Inserra advised she has 2 members that are interested but missed the early deadline. It will now cost more and Bennison advised they can go ahead and still register.

B. ZBA – Nothing

C. **Greenbelt -**Tramp and Trail people are coming in May. Rachel advised she did talk to Tramp and Trails this week and she pitched some potential opportunities for them regarding Trenton Falls so they are going to discuss it and get back to us.

D. **Infrastructure** - Samson advised last time they met they were talking about the funding available and what had been pursued through BCA.

Farr had a question for the Codes Officer. In dealing with the baseball committee, how far from getting the approval for the concession stand. Cutler advised he has not been aware of anything that has taken place for the concession stand. There will have to be major coordination between Codes and the Harts as to what they plan to do. The Harts will be up the 17th, 18th and 19th of this month and Keith Lighthall will discuss with them. Mills asked if they need a Certificate of Occupancy to occupy the field. Cutler said he will work with Keith.

Tom Synakowski said he was supposed to get information on what is happening with the Amish from Kate tonight but she's absent. He advised they are still bringing in logs.

VIII. Communications:

A. Next Meeting April 22, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

B. Executive Session – Taylor made motion to go into Executive Session for potential legal action at 7:45, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

Taylor made motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:22 pm, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes. No action taken.

IX. Adjournment: Taylor made motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:23 pm, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel I. Bunker

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