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, Attorney Kate Festine, Kendra Kruse, JoAnne Rotach, Theresa Inserra, Cameron Tabor, Michael Riegler, Timothy Halpin.

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:** Michael Riegler was concerned about the parking issue in Prospect. Bennison advised the town is going to put up no parking signs to relieve some of the congestion. Festine advised if the Board wants to make a Resolution now, she will advise the Code Section of the law to go under. Tim Halpin asked if there is an Ordinance stating that parking on the street is not allowed. Festine advised under the Traffic Law, towns are authorized to regulate parking on town roads the way they want to. They can say where parking is or is not allowed, they can decide to meter, etc. Halpin said he is all about making things right. He has talked to Bennison, and doesn't want anything to impede the business, but does understand when people are calling about a problem with parking. The Tavern on the Gorge has been there for years and they always had parking on the street when there was an overflow. Festine advised they would have to be specific in the Resolution. Taylor said since the bar is relatively new, let's hold off and see where we are in 4 weeks from now. Bennison will keep his notes for the Resolution for the no parking signs - 202 to 206 on Church St and 402 to 412 on Academy Street.

IV. Resolutions:

A. **Approve April 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes:** Taylor made motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2026, seconded by Mills, 5 ayes.

B. **Codes Dept. Fee Schedule:** Crumb made motion to approve the revised Codes Department Fee Schedule, seconded by Mills, 5 ayes.

C. Formation of Water District Resolution: Festine advised that they have been approved for grant funding to make improvements to what is known as the Barneveld Water District, which doesn't legally exist. At

the April 8th meeting, the Board held a Public Hearing as required by law. Prior to that hearing, a map plan and report was filed with the County Clerk's Office, prepared by the engineers at BCA. The State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) was completed for the water improvement project in the Barneveld Water District in April of 2024. Now that we have fulfilled all the prerequisites for the formation of the water district, there is a Resolution and Order for the formation of the water district at a maximum cost of $11,908,000.00. The plan of financing for that includes issuance of $4,908,000.00 in bonds from NYS Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DSWRF) for a period of 30 years. The Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) cost is $1,218.00 per user and operation and maintenance expenses are projected to be $89,648.00 the first year and are included in the EDU cost. Festine also advised it does not require Comptroller approval because the amount of $1,218.00 per EDU is below the threshold to require Comptroller approval.
Motion by Taylor to approve the Formation of the Barneveld Water District, seconded by Crumb.

Roll Call:
Michael Bennison Aye
James Farr Aye
Christopher Crumb Aye
Eric Taylor Aye
James Mills Aye

D. **Contract for Professional Services/Legal:** Festine advised she also has for the Board's consideration a Professional Services Agreement between Kathryn M. Festine and the Town of Trenton to be paid $15,600.00 per year from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026. Any additional services outside of the scope of duties for the town will be billed at $175.00 per hour.
Crumb made motion to accept the Contract for Professional Services with Kathryn M. Festine, seconded by Mills, 5 ayes.

V. Priority Issues:

A. Employee Handbook: Crumb made motion to adopt the new Handbook, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

B. Old Town Hall Roof: Bennison said we need to redo the roof, get rid of the chimney and put in a new furnace. Keith will check out the heat source and advise. Was approved at previous meeting, so Mike King will do it next month.

C. Municipal Center Parking Lot: Bennison advised the parking lot will be done in May depending on the weather. Work scheduled to be done on May 8, 9th and 10th. Rachel will post "no parking" at the Municipal Center that weekend.

D. Prospect Ballfield: Bennison had a meeting with the Harts. They are not going to do the pavilion now.

E. Fence Regulations: Festine advised that Theresa gave her the fence regulations and after looking through them, she would like the Board to give her any input and she will prepare the legislation working with Leo. The handout was the Planning Board suggestions. The Board ultimately gets to decide the zoning regulations and set backs, etc. The Board can look at what the Fence Law currently is and the recommendations from the Planning Board and she will prepare any legislation they request. Boulerice entered the meeting and advised the Fence Law was agreed upon in 2019 but it never got passed. He advised there is no current Fence Law; there are a couple of notations about fences such as the set back. The Board will review both the current regulations made in 2019 and the Planning Board Recommendations and discuss at the next meeting. Taylor made motion to table until the next meeting, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

F. AYSO: Taylor made motion for Resolution to accept AYSO Use Request from Melissa Parzych, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

G. Hard Water: Rachel advised that she spoke with Water Superintendent, Taylor Mills. Mills said the softener is just for his building. However, the resident complaining is at the end of the line and that could be why she has so much sediment building up. He said he might be able to flush it out and see if that helps. The town does not soften Prospect's water. Mills advised the water in Prospect is not as hard as the water from Mohawk Valley Water Authority. Rachel said she would call the resident after the Board Meeting with the findings.

H. Tramp & Trail – Bennison advised that Peter Franz called and said on the Greenbelt Trail there are 8 or 9 trees that need to be removed. Rich Latus had told him the town would do it and he wants to be notified once they are removed. Keith advised they will get on that this week. Crumb advised that Tramp and Trail is coming the end of the month and will be taking care of the Greenbelt Trail, cleaning it up and will widen the trails as needed. Keith will contact Peter Franz directly to be sure the clean up

by Tramp and Trails are trees that have already fallen. Rachel also advised they need to set up a meeting with the Trenton Greenbelt people whose committee is made up of homeowners and maybe someone from the Board because there is a lot of gray area. She has all the original deeds of everyone that the board may be interested in seeing. Festine said she would like to be involved in that meeting as well.

Keith also wanted to advise that when they were talking about the ballfield, he knows the parking is an issue and that between the Ballfield Committee and some of the coaches from Holland Patent, they came up with a better game plan where the players that drove their own personal vehicle and buses would go park out back so spectators had more room to park in the parking lot.

Question about the playground and whether or not it will be fenced in and the answer is yes it will. Also the old skating rink - are there plans for that as it would be perfect for a basketball court. Bennison advised they will work on that. Keith will get bids. Taylor made motion to go ahead and remake the Basketball court, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

VI. Communications:

A. Next Meeting May 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm

VII. Adjournment: Taylor made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel I. Bunker

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