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 Deputy Town Clerk, Donna R. Mills. Also present, Attorney Kate Festine, Lisa Bellinger.

I. Call to Order

Supervisor Bennison called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

II. Pledge to the Flag

III. Bid Opening – Cold Storage Bldg. Opened 4 bids. MA Schafer, Construction, Altamont, NY - $733,600.00. Alternate #1 work lump sum of $10,800.00, Alternate #2 work lump sum of $7,600.00. Sum includes all applicable fees, and related costs. If accepted he agrees to execute the agreement with the owner to perform all of the work within the time period specified therein.

Con Tech Building System, Governeur. Base bid lump sum of $1,071,125.00. Alternate #1 work lump sum of $36,200.00, Alternate #2 work lump sum of $27,500.00.

Richard Alexander Company, Inc., Marcy, NY. Lump sum of $642,240.00. Alternate #1 work for the lump sum of $21,500.00 and Alternate #2 work for the lump sum of $27,000.00.

Beebe Construction. Base bid lump sum of $683,656.00. Alternate #1 lump sum of $12,542.00, Alternate #2 for the lump sum of $14,422.00.

Farr asked Don Ehre to explain what the alternates meant. Discussion re alternate #1 and 2 for possible extra work.

Chris Crumb made motion to accept the bids to be reviewed, seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes. Don Ehre will now take the bids to review.

Don Ehre discussed how things are going with the Recycling Center. He will send the Notice to Proceed to Beebe Construction. The clock starts tonight after Supervisor signs. Chris Crumb made motion for Supervisor to sign the Notice to Proceed to Beebe Construction, seconded by Eric Taylor, 5 ayes.

Don Ehre advised that Beebe has been supplying submittals for various materials they plan on using. He also advised he wants to schedule a

preconception meeting. He will get back to Bennison with his schedule for next week.

IV. Privilege of the Floor - Nothing.

V. Officers' Report

A. Highway Superintendent – Stiehl advised they have completed the cold paving project, oil and stone will be done next month. No date for hot pave project yet. There is a concern with the bridge project regarding plow trucks. Stiehl feels they need to close the road/bridge after this summer due to concerns regarding the bridge collapsing. Will close the bridge this fall and keep it barricaded until new bridge is complete.

i. Abstracts: Chris Crumb made motion to pay abstracts 167 to 203 in the amount of $25,702.10, seconded by Eric Taylor, 5 ayes.

B. NOCCOG – Lisa Bellinger thanked those who attended classes at the Turning Stone. Discussed Planning Board Meeting webinars that are available.
There is a Planning Board and ZBA Training event June 9th at Griffiss Institute.
Budgeting and Financing June 18 and 19 at Tailwater Lodge.
All Information on their website for these and other meetings.

C. Assessor –

D. Zoning & Codes - Reports Reviewed. Boulerice said he is working on trying to get the new businesses that haven't received letters from the Planning Board squared away. He is going to be sending out the road side stand renewal permits.

Cutler provided reports. Supervisor asked Cutler to address properties of Robenski, Ferguson and Hart to be cleaned up. Will get paperwork together to start cleanup on some of the properties placarded. Cutler advised 104 Mappa to be demolished next week.

E. Supervisor's Report – Chris Crumb made motion to accept the January, 2026 Supervisor's Report, seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes.

Prospect Pub to sell food and beer at May 30th opening of the ballfield. Keith has been working with Prospect Pub. They will need proper permit to be able to do this. Ken wants more information. Keith will work on that. Cutler wants to know what they are setting up, where, etc. Jim Farr made motion to have Prospect Pub sell food and beer at the May 30th opening of the Prospect Ballfield, seconded by Eric Taylor, 5 ayes.

i. Resignations: Taylor Mills, Leroy Grogan – Jim Farr made motion to accept Resignations of Taylor Mills and Leroy Grogan, seconded by Chris Crumb, 5 ayes. Bennison wanted it noted that we will miss Taylor immensely.

ii. Hirings:

a) Buildings and Grounds Seasonal: Alex McCormick, Michael McCormick, Mike Sheets, Chris Kelly (returning), Mark Wilcox (returning), Nathan Bennison. Eric Taylor made motion to approve all new hires for Building and Grounds including Matt Murphy, seconded by James Mills, 4 ayes. Michael Bennison abstained because Nathan is his grandson.

b) Highway: Jonas Meays

Chris Crumb made motion to accept the January, 2026 Supervisor's Report, seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes.

F. Town Clerk Report – Total shares remitted $2,421.00. Eric Taylor made motion to accept the Clerk's Report, seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes.

G. Attorney Report

i) Festine amended the Resolution and Order forming the Barneveld Water District now with estimated costs. Jim Mills made motion to accept the Amended Resolution and Order forming the Barneveld Water District, seconded by Chris Crumb.
Jim Mills - Aye
Chris Crumb – Aye
Jim Farr – Aye
Eric Taylor – Aye
Michael Bennison – Aye

Kate advised she is also working on the Amish lawsuits. Marvin Miller will be in a couple of weeks – others in August.

H. Keith Lighthall – Building and Grounds – Keith provided Cusworth Proposals for highway garage doors. Jim Farr made motion to purchase the doors from Cusworth and pay one half down to order, seconded by Eric Taylor, 5 ayes.

Keith also talked about roof repair/sealing at the highway garage. He wants to get certified to install roofs which would save the town a lot of money. We could seal it now without the 10 or 15 year warranty. Also discussed the basketball court/lights and fencing in Prospect. Looking at getting quotes. He will need to get a shed to store the basketballs and nets, etc. as the shed there now is not usable.

VI. Resolutions:

A. **Approve April 22, 2026 Meeting Minutes:** Jim Farr made motion to approve the April 22, 2026 minutes, seconded by Eric Taylor, 5 ayes.

B. **Abstracts:**

i) Hinckley: Jim Farr made motion to pay the Hinckley abstracts number 10 and 11 in the amount of $160.94 seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes.

ii) General: Festine asked that voucher 373 in the amount of $1740.00 be made out to Advantage Abstracts and not her. Eric Taylor made motion to pay General vouchers numbered 325 to 439 with a change of vendor in voucher 373, in the amount of $91,745.32, seconded by Chris Crumb, 5 ayes.

C. Approve Paying Harry "Chubb" Lichtenberger Time and half for Weekends. Jim Mills made motion to pay Chubb time and a half on weekends, seconded by Chris Crumb, 5 ayes.

D. **Approve Resignation of Taylor Mills.** Previously done.

VII. Priority Issues:

A. Water Plant Supervisor – Bennison will be talking with MVWA to possibly contract a water operator.

B. Prospect Free Library's Athletic Field Use Request Form: The Board needs more information for the Touch the Truck event – How many trucks? What kind of trucks? Need the insurance on file, pending no

game scheduled. Keith Lighthall provided information on how it will work; that bathrooms will be open and trucks will be in the parking lot. Still need information on how many trucks. Eric Taylor made motion to go forward with the Touch the Truck, if there is no game, seconded by Chris Crumb, 5 ayes. As an alternative, they can use Municipal Center Parking lot.

VIII. Committees:

A. Planning Board – Theresa advised they are working on Dave's issues. She has sent certified letters out giving them 15 days. The people at the old Flotilla are out. Someone wants to put a barber shop in.

B. ZBA – Theresa advised it has been quiet. Public hearing on someone who wanted to build a long wood shed on Old Poland Rd which was approved.

C. Greenbelt – No report

D. Infrastructure – Nothing new. Meeting regarding grants May 26th.

IX. Communications:

A. Next Meeting May 27, 2026 at 7:00 pm

X. Adjournment: Eric Taylor made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm, seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna R. Mills

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