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 Keith Lighthall.

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 - None

IV. Resolutions:

A. **Approve June 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes:** Chris Crumb made motion to accept the minutes from June 10, 2026, seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes.

B. **Recycling Center Rebuild:** Keith Lighthall advised all of the big trusses are up. Keith also brought the Board up to date on ongoing projects. He advised everything is on track with the basketball court in Prospect; it will be finished on the 29th of June. He will be installing astroturf around the playground. He is going to be removing the stumps from the three trees on Hinge Park. With regard to the mounting plates that are going to be installed at the Recycling Center, he asked if they want to attach the plate that came off in the winter by welding it internally? Bennison gave the okay to try internally first.

Farr asked Keith if he found that he was working excessively with everything he has to do. Keith advised that he expected to work more in the beginning to get things done. Bennison asked if he had any leads since he's down a couple of employees. He does have two possibilities. Bennison also advised that since Keith wants to take the course to get the C Water Permit this fall. There are 2 courses coming up, one in September and one in October. The October one is in PA and the one in September is in Jamestown or Cortland. Eric Taylor advised there is also a course that you can take over the internet. Keith thinks he can find time after the holiday week. Taylor told Keith that from his perspective, whichever way Keith would learn better is the way he should do it; don't just opt for the computer class. Bennison said that once they find a replacement for

Taylor Mills, then that person along with Farr who would also like to get certified can take the class.

Rachel advised if she had a job description for Taylor Mills' position, she would post it for him.

Bennison said next week after the holiday they will get together and get the jobs posted both for Taylor Mills' position and the building and grounds workers.

C. Oriskany Central School District – Park Program Bus Agreement: Bennison advised that Eric Taylor saved the program's bus trips. After Holland Patent let Audrey know there were no bus drivers available yesterday, Audrey called Eric. Eric spoke with his business manager and they agreed to do whatever was needed for the kids. The town will pay the driver, and pay to put fuel in the bus and basically will get the bus for nothing. There is an insurance rider where the town will name Oriskany as an insured. Jim Farr made motion to have the Supervisor sign the Park Program Bus Agreement with Oriskany Central School District, seconded by Jim Mills, 4 ayes. Eric Taylor abstained as an Oriskany employee and Superintendent.

V. Priority Issues:

A. Asset Inventory: Bennison said he's been talking about this for some time. Inventory says we have 11 pick up trucks. He believes new trucks were added on but none were taken off. Keith will go through his list and Jason will go through his list.

B. Municipal Center Parking Lot: Will be done this weekend June 26-28th; milled on Friday and paved on Saturday and Sunday.

C. Trenton Community Hall Roof: The roof will be started on July 7th . Chimney will be repaired as well.

D. Waste Water Funding: Board was given a copy of an email from McKenzie Lehman. Bennison does not want to gamble with the $16 million for a slight chance to get $2 million more.

E. Trenton Falls Trails: Bennison advised they need someone to head it up, coordinate volunteers together, etc. Rachel said she will call Tramp and Trail as they seem very interested. Farr advised that the power company also hires. Rachel said that is just for parking.

F. Water System Updates: Bennison has a quote from Veolia for running the system. Very surprised by the price – over $100,000/year. These are people right out of Prospect. Still have to meet with a company out of Camden.

G. Playground: All set. State inspectors are coming in on the 29th of June to inspect. Brady Fence is also coming.

H. Buildings & Grounds: Talked about a new employee that is needed.

I. Amish Sawmill Update: The Board received a copy of the email from Kate regarding her court appearance with the Millers and the sawmill. Judge ordered them to immediately cease and desist. Hearing is now set for August 12, 2026. Millers indicate it is a home occupation and should be legal. They also said they need a Pennsylvania Dutch interpreter which the Judge agreed to. Farr said with the Millers, we should be documenting anything we see that looks like business with time and date.

J. Signs: Eric Taylor talked about the Welcome to Prospect Signs – Lighthall showed the color of the signs. The $2700 is for all five of the signs but Keith advised it is going to be less. He was told it would take 4 to 5 weeks and he asked if there was anything we could do to help the process to get them earlier. He was told if we took the signs down and then they will examine the posts to see if they have to be replaced, etc. Lighthall said if we're taking the signs down, we can look at the posts as well and paint them or do whatever needs to be done. The quote will be adjusted accordingly.

Crumb advised that they need to order a new Municipal Center sign for Route 12.

Eric Taylor advised they also talked at one time about doing the signs coming into the Town of Trenton. Will look into getting signs done and also will add verbiage "Zoning and Codes Enforced" on signs. Bennison will get a count on how many signs are needed.

K. Start Up Concessions: Rachel advised the Board she is taking $400 out of the Clerk for start up cash for concessions. Then she will put it back in at the end of the season.

L. Door – Handicap Accessible: Rachel advised that she had a resident come in, Stanley and Theresa Metzgier. He tried to bring his wife in to vote on Tuesday in her wheelchair and he said the lips on the front door are top heavy and it almost dumped her right out of the wheelchair. Plus the door doesn't stay open. Keith advised that we could possibly get some grant funds to make it handicapped accessible. We need to look into what can be done for an immediate fix.

VI. Executive Session:

A. Personnel - Employment history of an employee. James Mills made motion to go into Executive Session, at 7:30 pm seconded by Eric Taylor, 5 ayes.

Eric Taylor made motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:55 pm, seconded by James Mills, 5 ayes. No decisions made.

VII. Communications: Next Meeting July 8, 2026 at 7:00 pm

VIII. Adjournment: Chris Crumb made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm, seconded by Jim Farr, 5 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

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