The Town Board of the Town of Trenton held a Public Hearing at the Trenton Municipal Center, 8520 Old Poland Road, Barneveld, New York at 6:30 pm for the Billboard Moratorium. Supervisor Bennison opened the hearing at 6:30. Noone from the public attended the Public Hearing.
James Mills made motion to close the Public Hearing at 6:45, seconded by Eric Taylor, 5 ayes.

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 Mills. Also attending 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. Eric Taylor made motion for Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Moratorium, seconded by Chris Crumb. Roll Call:
Michael Bennison – Aye
Chris Crumb - Aye
Eric Taylor – Aye
Jim Farr – Aye
Jim Mills – Aye

B. Eric Taylor made motion to introduce the Billboard One Year Moratorium, seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes. Eric Taylor made motion to have a Public Hearing at the next meeting on August 12, 2026, seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes.

C. Approve July 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes: Jim Farr made motion to accept the minutes from July 8, 2026, seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes.

D. Trenton Old Poland Road Bridge Resolution: Jim Mills made motion to designate the Responsible Local Official (RLO) Michael Bennison, Town Supervisor to have executive authority for

oversight necessary to serve as the Administrator or primary user of the EBO system on behalf of the town, seconded by Jim Farr.

Roll Call:

Jim Mills - Aye
Jim Farr - Aye
Chris Crumb – Aye
Eric Taylor - Aye

E. Brian Tolbert Resignation: Tabled until next meeting to get more information from Jason Stiehl. Eric Taylor made motion to table Brian Tolbert Resignation until next meeting, seconded by Chris Crumb, 5 ayes.

F. Grant Writer – Don Hall: Bennison said he and Audrey were very impressed by this man. He would like to hire him at $1200/month. Jim Farr made motion to hire Don Hall as the grant writer, seconded by Chris Crumb, 5 ayes.

V. Priority Issues:

A. Unity Hall Mohawk Valley Gives Donation: Bennison advised they are doing this again as last year. We give $2090.30 and Unity Hall gets double. Money has been budgeted. Chris Crumb made motion to pay Unity Hall $2090.30, seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes.

B. Red Cross Swim Lessons: Eric Taylor made motion to formalize the town swim lessons via the American Red Cross Licensed Training Provider Status, seconded by Jim Farr, 5 ayes.

C. Waste Water Funding: Bennison advised he signed all the documents electronically to reapply for the wastewater funding.

D. Trenton Falls Trails: Haven't heard anything from the Tramp and Trail people yet.

E. Water System Updates: Keith is going to Cortland for the Water Operator Course and testing September 21st through the 25th.

F. Buildings & Grounds: Keith said they are ready to do the roofing on the highway garage. Playground is complete. The basketball court is done; they are in the middle of updating the shed. Moving forward he

will provide the Board pricing for projects to see what they want him to get done this year. Prospect signs are coming. Light poles at the basketball court are being secured and bulbs have been replaced. They are going to try to get grants for the fencing around the basketball court.

Farr asked if there were any picnic tables that can be spared for Union Park. He got clearance from the Harts to use pavers for 2 picnic tables. Keith advised there is one there now; he will put another one there.

Farr also advised that the town has 3 industrial grade sprinklers that are for the ballfield and asked where they are. Keith advised he will look into it.

G. Amish Sawmill Update – August 11, 2026

H. Camden Group Proposal:

I. Recycle Building Rebuild: Bennison advised he signed agreement and will drop it off tomorrow for the other braces at the cost of $3919.00. Eric Taylor made motion to approve change order #6 for the recycling center in the amount of $3919.00, seconded by Chris Crumb, 5 ayes.

J. Route 365 Water District: Bennison asked Crumb about the Route 365 Water District. He advised that he believed it was in Don Ehre's hands. Donna advised it was done a long time ago. She said she has a trailer park there with 14 families who will be out of a home with no water. Bennison said this will be a priority for Don Hall, the grant writer. Taylor said with the Route 365 Water District, sometimes if you contact Mohawk Valley Water Authority, because it's only a mile and if there are enough users on it, they will just run the line.

Taylor asked about the other 2 water districts – where do we stand on them? John Sherman was working on submitting all the parcels in each of the water districts.

K. Prospect Overdue Water Bills: Discussion on sending out a 90 day shut off letter. Eric Taylor made motion to send out 90 day shut off notice, seconded by Jim Farr, 5 ayes.

L. Prospect Pavilion Rentals: Donna said the Clerk's Office was advised the pavilion is being rented on August 1st. There is a fee like there is for the other pavilions; $50 to rent the pavilion with a $100 deposit which is returned as long as they follow the rules. She asked if we are renting out the pavilion, what do we tell people about the ballfield? Keith said

he would say use it just like you would use the volleyball court or the other ballfields. Crumb said if they want to use the ballfield too it will be $250 deposit , $50 to rent the pavilion with a $200 deposit for the ballfield and the island. Keith advised that the pavilion is half full of stuff and Farr advised some of that stuff people can get hurt on. There are no tables. Keith feels we should treat the ballfield just like any other park that gets rented in the town. Eric advised that we need to let people know that the whole pavilion is not available at this time; there are no tables, etc. They are renting it "as is." They need to check it out before renting to see what is available and possibly meet with Keith. All the rules for the other pavilions apply. The one rental we do have now for August 1st is aware of what is and isn't available. Keith will find out what the occupancy rate is on the building.

M. Oneida Co. Tax Auction Information:

VI. Executive Session: None

VII. Communications: Next Meeting August 12, 2026 at 7:00 pm Bennison advised they will have the Billboard Hearing at 6:30 pm.

Christopher Barbosa from Tug Hill will be joining at the next meeting. He will be talking about updating our Comprehensive Plan.

VIII. Adjournment: Jim Mills made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm, seconded by Eric Taylor, 5 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna R. Mills

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