The Town Board of the Town of Trenton held a 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 I. Bunker. Also present, Kate Festine, Esquire, Jason Stiehl, Leo Boulerice, Ken Cutler, Dave Constable, Theresa Inserra, Kathleen Kellogg, Chris Synakowski, County Legislature Dave Buck, John Healt.

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: Dave Buck advised not much going on in the county right now. Just passed the rates for the plowing season coming up. They did increase the amount to give the municipalities. Stiehl commented that whoever's idea it was to mill all the county roads and leave them for 3 weeks should be fired. Roads are terrible. And whoever's idea it was to cold pave their roads was also a terrible idea. They ground up a better road than they replaced.

IV. Officer's Reports

A. Highway Superintendent: Stiehl advised that sand is just about done, maybe one more day. Did a little work for Holland Patent on their softball field. He has the information on the Loader. Girl from Henderson cancelled the meeting today and rescheduled it for the 23rd. Bennison advised they are doing the budget; he has the money and would like to do the payloader this year. Stiehl advised they are offering $95,000 for a trade in. Jim Mills made a motion to trade in the old payloader and purchase a new one, seconded by Chris Crumb, 5 ayes.

Stiehl talked about the bridge on Old Poland Road. He doesn't believe they can risk sending plow trucks over it this winter. He would like to close the bridge to all traffic on December 1st. He spoke with Chris at the school and was told it would not affect them at all. He will speak with Kevin at the Fire Department but said Kevin he knows it's coming. Eric Taylor made motion to authorize Highway Superintendent Jason Stiehl to close the Old Poland Road Bridge effective December 1, 2026, seconded by Chris Crumb, 5 ayes. Kate will draw up something to put out to the public. Stiehl would like it put out to the public starting now so they are aware.

i. Abstract: Jim Farr made motion to approve Highway abstracts 286 to 301 in the amount of $16,701.65, seconded by Chris Crumb, 5 ayes.

ii. Highway Plow Package: Bennison talked about it and Stiehl said he will think about it some more.

iii. Payloader: Discussed above.

iv. Parker Hollow Road: Stiehl advised the best course of action is to rent a track hoe and jackhammer next year and jackhammer out the old retaining wall because the retaining wall is tipping over and as it does, the road is settling into the cavity it's leaving. If we get rid of that old retaining wall and put up a new guardrail, it will buy us time.

B. NOCCOG: John Healt gave overview of upcoming events.

- NOCCOG Dinner meeting October 29th. This year it's at McConnellsville Country Club. Reservations by October 15th.
- NYS Archives is doing webinar on Managing Social Media Records on September 10th 10:00 to 11:00
- Super COG Meeting on September 22nd. Reservations by September 10th.
- NOCCOG Executive Committee Meeting September 17th.
- Accounting Principles & Procedures October 7-8.
- NYAOT Legislative Conference September 22 and 23rd.
- Snow & Ice Control Operations for Highway Officials workshop September 24th.
- Stormwater Management Webinar September 24th
- NYCOM Public Works Training School October 19-21
- NYSAOTSOH 97th Annual Conference September 29-October 2
- Annual Land Use Workshop September 29th
- Tug Hill Commission Annual Dinner October 8th
- NYSERTA Municipal Permitting Modernization Program
- Oneida County Veterans Capital Restoration Matching Grant Program
- More information on the NOCCOG website.

C. Zoning/Codes: Boulerice provided copy of his report. No questions or comments.

Cutler also provided copies of his report. Bennison said on the letter to Stepanyuk, Jim Farr found one grammatical error. Kate told Cutler she

thought they were going to do the Local Law for an unsafe building to have it demolished. Cutler advised he doesn't believe we can legally do that. Cutler advised the town has to give the property owner the opportunity to rebuild and if not, then they must demo. Oneida County Finance advised homeowners they could do anything they wanted because they paid the back taxes. They are looking to take up residence in the burned building. Since they will not listen, the Board has asked Kate to take them to Supreme Court. Motion was done at the last meeting for that.

Dave is working on getting businesses in compliance. There are 5 businesses right now not in compliance. The board was given a list. Bennison asked if Joel Grimaldi has talked to anyone about what he is doing at Jetsew. Still no response from him. Taylor advised that is another one that the Board was advised has been contacted several times and has not responded and is non-compliant. Eric Taylor made motion to take legal action against the 5 businesses that are not compliant and have been so for at least 6 to 8 months, seconded by Chris Crumb, 5 ayes.
Taylor said there is a trailer and a garage on Round Barn Rd. that went for county auction. Cutler advised that he was just advised by Troya on Fox Rd. that he bought it and will be renovating.

D. Supervisor Report:

E. Town Clerk Report: Rachel advised that shares remitted are $6,951.00. Eric Taylor made motion to accept the Clerk's Report, seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes. Farr asked how we did at the concession stand. Rachel advised that the goal was to just break even with the consumables. We invested in a lot of new equipment. The ice cream was a big hit so next year we will do less of the hot food and more of the ice cream.

F. Attorney Report: Kate advised that there is no court date yet. Last week she met with the Code's Officer, and they went over 2 local laws that were introduced last month, one to adopt the July, 2025 NYS Building Codes, Property Maintenance Code and the other was for a Commercial Disclosure Law in the town pursuant to Town Law. Ken and Kate went through the two laws together and made some changes and Ken is now satisfied with the laws. Kate would like the Board to introduce the local laws tonight and call for a new Public Hearing on them since they changed.

Eric Taylor made motion to introduce Local Law No. 4 of 2026 to update the NYS Building Codes Replacing Local Law 1 of 2022, with a Public Hearing on October 14, 2026 at 6:40 pm, seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes.

Local Law #5 is a Commercial Local Law about businesses coming in acquiring property in the town and their intended use so town officials can determine if any town approval is needed. Eric Taylor made motion to introduce Local Law No. 5 of 2026 Requiring Ownership and Intended Business Use Disclosures for Commercial Property Acquisitions in the Town of Trenton, with a Public Hearing on October 14, 2026 at 6:40 pm Chris Crumb, 5 ayes.

Local Law #6 of 2026 is a local law to Amend Chapter 300 of the Code of the Town of Trenton to Regulate Roadside Stands for Homemade Woodcrafts and Seasonal Produce. All Board members agreed to not introduce Local Law #6 tonight because they want to make changes.

G. Buildings & Grounds: Keith gave updates from the last meeting. Highway roof was coated today. Old Town Hall is in the process of getting repaired and painted. He will be replacing the tiles on the Highway roof after it's caulked and dries. Prospect Church gazebo was repaired and will be painted. Beach House and concession stands were emptied out and shut down for the season. Keith's training is coming up on the 21st through 25th of September. Keith sent Scott Rockwell a message and hasn't heard anything from him regarding the Ambulance. Eric Taylor thanked Keith for all his hard work and the Board all agreed that he hit the ground running and has done an outstanding job. Jim Mills said the Hinge Park looks great with the trees down. Cutler asked Keith about the new electrical panel at the Recycling Center. Keith advised not done yet.

V. Resolutions:

A. Approve August 26, 2026 Meeting Minutes: Jim Mills made motion to approve August 26, 2026 minutes, seconded by Eric Taylor, 5 ayes.

B. Abstracts:

i. Hinckley: Chris Crumb made motion to approve Hinckley abstracts number 18 and 19 in the amount of $91.74, seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes.

ii. General: Chris Crumbs made motion to approve General vouchers numbered 792 to 889 in the amount of $155,151.73, seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes.

C. Hire Mike Benedetto as Deputy Codes Officer: Bennison asked Ken if he was good with Mike working with him as Deputy. Jim Farr made

motion to hire Mike Benedetto as Deputy Codes Officer beginning October 1, 2026, seconded by Eric Taylor, 5 ayes.

D. Appoint Michael Bennison as Budget Officer: Eric Taylor made motion to appoint Michael Bennison as Budget Officer, seconded by Jim Farr, 4 ayes. Bennison abstained.

E. Reinstate Theresa Inserra: Eric Taylor made motion to reinstate Theresa Inserra, seconded by Chris Crumb, 5 ayes.

F. Bridge Resolution: Bennison asked Kate if we have a Resolution that we are going to borrow money to pay for the bridge. Kate advised that we cannot do that until we get a written Bond Resolution from Bond, Schnoek and King. Bennison and Kate will get together to take care of that.

G. Bond Resolution: None

VI. Priority Issues:

A. Venture Barneveld LLC Joel Grimaldi: Already discussed.

B. Don Hall Town of Trenton Wish List: Don is going to meet with the Infrastructure Committee about what they are looking into. He is asking for a wish list. Board will think about it and advise. Theresa advised that anything she gets from NOCCOG or Tug Hill regarding grants, she forwards right to Don.

C. 2027 Budget Requests: Bennison advised he is working on the budget and asked the Board to get him any requests. Rachel said each Department Head should get a template that they can issue, sign and return to Bennison for tracking purposes.

D. Fuel Bid Process: Kate wanted to discuss this while Stiehl was still at the meeting. She asked is the contract expired? Bennison said expiration is coming up. Kate said she asked Audrey to get the estimates from last year. Then this Board needs to set a date for sealed bids to be returned to the Supervisor. Current contract expires on September 30. Kate suggests that bids be in by 3:00 pm on September 23rd to be opened at the board meeting. There needs to be a notice in the newspaper and on the town's website and Facebook. Eric Taylor made a motion to go out for bids for #2 Propane, diesel and fuel oil, with a bid

opening date of September 23, 2026 and all bids to be received by 3:00 pm that day, seconded by Chris Crumb, 5 ayes.

E. Trenton Falls Trails: Will be October 17 and 18th. There is a new contract with Brookfield and the new contract states there are going to be 6 weekends a year the Trenton Falls Trails will open. More details to follow.

F. Tug Hill Commission Annual Dinner: Bennison gave a handout to each Board member. If anyone wants to attend, let Rachel know.

VII. Committees:

A. Planning Board: Theresa said she got an email along with Ken and Leo that Trenton Meadows is starting up. The architect contacted her by email. He wanted to show up at the October 5th Planning Board Meeting and wanted to know how many drawings, reports, etc. he needed. Leo will respond to him and copy Ken in.

B. ZBA: Nothing come up. Waiting to see what happens with the Judge's decision on Millers before they review Schwartzentruber.

C. Greenbelt: Nothing

D. Infrastructure: Nothing

VIII. Communications:

A. Next Meeting September 23, 2026 at 7:00 pm

B. **Executive Session**: None

IX. Adjournment:

Eric Taylor made motion to adjourn the meeting at7:58 pm, seconded by Jim Farr, 5 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel I. Bunker

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