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 Eric Taylor, James Farr, James Mills and Deputy Town Clerk, Donna Mills. Councilman Chris Crumb was absent. Also present, Theresa Inserra.

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:**

IV. Resolutions:

A. Fuel Bids: Deputy Clerk opened the first bid from Buell Fuel:
Category A – Propane - Fixed Rate $1.429/gallon
Category B – ULSD Diesel Fuel – Fixed Rate $5.049/gallon
Category C – ULSHO-Fuel Oil – Fixed Rate $5.449/gallon
Category D – Diesel Exhaust Fluid Fixed Rate $3.999/gallon

Second bid is from Mirabito:
Category A – Propane – Rack Rate $+.4500/gallon
Category B – ULSD Diesel Fuel – Rack Rate $+.0975/gallon
Category C -ULSHO Fuel Oil – Rack Rate $+.0975/gallon
Category D – Diesel Exhaust Fluid – Rack Rate – no bid

Eric Taylor explained to the Board what the prices that Mirabito quoted were. That whatever the rack price is, they would be the above amounts over that price.

Jim Farr also advised that Whitesboro made an offer of $2.50/gallon for only diesel but we would have to come up with a tank to go get it. Eric Taylor advised if we were going to go that route, we shouldn't have gone out to bid. Something to think about for next year.

After lengthy discussion of the pros and cons by the Board, Eric Taylor made motion to go with Buell Fuel for the year, seconded by Jim Mills, 4 ayes.

B. Bond Resolution for Bridge Construction: Attorney Kate called into the meeting for the Bond Resolution. Eric brought up that in the Resolution, Section 3, it states 40 years. Bennison wanted only 10. Kate advised it goes

by the useful life of the bridge. She said you don't have to go 40 years, but you can go 40 years. Kate advised to hold off on approving it tonight and she will talk to Tom Clifford about it tomorrow. She will find out if we can go lower than 40 years and up to $870,000. And whether or not it can be paid off early. She will have the information for the October meeting. Supervisor Bennison wants to only go at a maximum of 20 years.

DOT Agreement Contracts: No questions for Kate on the two agreements; the Original DOT Contract and the Supplemental DOT Contract. Eric Taylor made motion to accept the Original DOT Contract, seconded by Jim Mills, 4 ayes.

Roll call:
Michael Bennison – Aye
Eric Taylor – Aye
Jim Farr – Aye
Jim Mills – Aye

Jim Mills made motion to accept the Supplemental DOT Contract, seconded by Eric Taylor, 4 ayes.

Roll Call:
Michael Bennison – Aye
Eric Taylor – Aye
Jim Farr – Aye
Jim Mills - Aye

Eric Taylor asked Kate about the Local Law for Political Signs. Do we need to have a Public Hearing? She advised that we could repeal the one section of the law. She will prepare a Local Law repealing the one section to be introduced at the next meeting. She also advised it will not be enforced throughout this election season.

Kate advised that tonight after proper notice, the Board needs to move to adopt Local Laws #3 and #4 of 2026. Jim Mills made motion to pass and adopt Code Enforcement Local Law #3 of 2026, seconded by Jim Farr, 4 ayes.

Roll Call:
Michael Bennison: Aye
Eric Taylor: Aye
Jim Farr: Aye
Jim Mills: Aye

Eric Taylor made motion to pass and adopt Commercial Disclosure Local Law #4 of 2026, seconded by Jim Mills, 4 ayes.

Roll Call:
Michael Bennison: Aye
Eric Taylor: Aye
Jim Farr: Aye
Jim Mills: Aye

Eric Taylor advised that the Roadside Stand Local Law #5 was tabled. He would like some of the language changed; like how many buildings can be left on site for 30 days. He will come up with something and email it to everyone for a vote at the next meeting.

Kate asked how the bid opening went. Eric Taylor explained what happened with them and the pricing. They advised her they voted to choose Buell Fuel.

C. **Approve September 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes:** Eric Taylor made motion to approve September 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Jim Mills, 4 ayes.

D. **Mike Benedetto, Letter of Resignation from Zoning Board:** Eric Taylor made motion to accept Mike Benedetto's Letter of Resignation from the Zoning Board, seconded by Jim Mills, 4 ayes.

E. **Keith Lighthall, Acceptance of Full-time ZBA Board Member:** Bennison advised Keith that he didn't think it would be good to have him be a member of the ZBA Board or even an alternate. He feels it would be bad optics because he is already a full time employee. Eric Taylor also asked how he would be paid because he's already being paid as a full time employee. The town will now look for a full time ZBA member to replace Mike Benedetto and also an alternate to replace Keith Lighthall effective October 1, 2026.

F. **Master Plan Committee:** Keith Lighthall asked if he could be on that committee and Eric Taylor said he believes he should be. There should be a couple of Board Members, maybe Jason Stiehl and someone from the Planning Board. Supervisor Bennison put Jim Mills in charge of getting together a Committee of 5 people and will announce who they are at the October meeting.

V. Priority Issues:

A. Grant Wish List: Keith Lighthall said he put in a list to Chris Crumb. Supervisor Bennison advised he will be out of town from October 1st to the 5th and since Chris Crumb is not going to be back until the 5th, Jim Mills asked who will be in charge while they are absent. Eric Taylor made a motion that with the Supervisor and the Deputy Supervisor both out of town for a week, Jim Mills will be the acting Supervisor until they return, seconded by Jim Farr, 3 ayes. Jim Mills abstained.

Jim Mills advised that the Infrastructure Committee had a wish list for the trails and that the three water districts were on the list. Don Ehre will be at the October meeting. Keith Lighthall advised that Don Ehre requested the third payment on the Recycling Center. He replied back to him that the building is not done yet, the electrical is not done and it has not been inspected.

Jim Farr asked if the town could apply for grants for the string of lights between the middle school and the high school that nobody seems to know who owns it. He would like to see those lights replaced with LED's.

They discussed putting a lighted sign for the Municipal Center up and an electric opening for the front door.

Theresa Inserra asked if it would be possible to get a grant to clean up the back room by codes. Eric Taylor advised that NOCOGG has a grant specifically for that. Bennison asked that everyone send him emails with their wish lists and he will forward them on to the grant writer.

B. Dump Truck Wick's Place: Michael Bennison is going to stop over there. Keith advised him that the truck belongs to Albicker on Vanderkemp.

C. Daycare Trenton Falls: Theresa Inserra advised that at the Planning Bard Meeting on Monday it was discussed. She called the department in Albany that does the licensing and they directed her to the Syracuse Office which covers Oneida County. She was advised they did file an application for licensing and it's being handled through the Neighborhood Center in Utica. Theresa sent an email to the Neighborhood Center and she is waiting for them to get back to her. She did tell the Neighborhood Center and sent a copy of Leo's letter that it has not been approved in the town because it exceeds the 15% allowance of the floor area of the primary structure. According to information she read online for licensing, they have to go to the town first. It states if the town denies them, there will be no CSF license

if the site does not meet local zoning and building requirements. The ZBA has also not received an appeal from them with the $100 fee, so right now they are in violation. Theresa wants to get the information from the Neighborhood Center because according to Kate, if they are not licensed then we can send a violation notice out.

Keith Lighthall advised that in regard to the Glove Shop in Prospect, he has received phone calls that people were going in and out of that building. He checked and there were kittens in there. They caulked and taped the entrance. Keith tracked down who was going in there and they have since removed the kittens. What should be the next step?

D. 2027 Budget: Deputy Clerk Donna Mills presented to the Town Board the 2027 Tentative Town Budget in the absence of the Town Clerk. The Board agreed to meet Monday, September 28, 2026 to go over the 2027 Budget line by line.

Emergency Operations Plan was placed in everyone's packet. The Board was previously given the Plan and will vote on it at the October 14, 2026 meeting.

VI. Executive Session: None

VII. Communications:

A. Next Meeting October 14, 2026 at 7:00 pm

VIII. Adjournment: Jim Farr made motion to close meeting, seconded by Jim Mills, 4 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna R. Mills

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