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, Dave Constable, Theresa Inserra, Kiersten Funke, Stuart Fowler, Chris Synakowski, James Fruscella, Laura Fruscella, Keith Lighthall, Pat Robinson, Linda Parker, Joe Rowlands, Shane Quesnell.

**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 –** Jerry Dussault wanted to talk about the speed limit on Old Poland Road. Bennison advised they are working on it and would like to propose to make all town roads reduced speed.

Kiersten Funke – Wanted to give the town an update on renovations for the daycare. The kitchen is in; she is working on the new permit for furnace.. On last denial letter she got, one of the things required was the elevation of the house and she wants to know why. And the parking is not an issue. Regarding wanting more information about the children; according to OCFS, she can have two infants under 2, four preschool age and 2 school age children. Her oldest son does not count, her youngest son does. Legally she cannot give any information regarding the children. Heating system is being installed this weekend. Kate advised her to amend her original permit for the daycare and have it approved based on the Social Services Law. Boulerice recommended that she put in a new application because of the heating system.

Chris Synakowski – Wanted an update on the Amish and wanted to talk about how farmers coming out the field and getting mud on the road and how they are expected to clean it up. Over the last 3 weeks he has had to clean horse poop in front of his driveway from the Amish. Kate advised it has come up in another one her towns and she will see if we can pass some sort of law. Farr advised that Cortland County has a law in place; Kate advised she will find it.

James Fruscella – Thanked the Board for the Veterans Memorial Dedication. He was there for the Barneveld Citizens Committee. Keith visited him yesterday regarding the procedure for projects and payments. Fruscella advised they had Project A which was the

banners, Project B is for two historical signs in the village that are rusty and in bad shape. Project C is decorations for the entry signs, decorations for Hinge Park and the renovation for Van's water tub. He has gotten prices for the water tub and from Olney's for wreaths. They would like more brackets for banners and flags. They also want to do a festival of lights and are planning a community dinner at Unity Hall on December 6th at 5:00 pm.

Pat Robinson and Linda Parker – Keith approached them and said he would like to get a Beautification Committee started and they have people that want to be on the committee. They provided the list to the board. They want to do a Christmas Tree lighting, with the Methodist Church providing cocoa and cookies. Trenton Trees is providing the tree which will go in the park across from the library. They are looking for help with finances to get lights and a star for the tree. They have a poster and provided a copy of what they need to the Board. Rachel advised them to email the poster to her she will post it on the website and on the Town's Facebook page. Tree lighting is scheduled for December 6th and 6:00 pm. Bennison advised them to give the Board of list of what they need and the Board will purchase them.

## IV. Officer's Reports

**A. Highway Superintendent**: They are getting ready for the snowfall. Have been cleaning out the old town barn. They did work over at Fish Hatchery Park and will continue in the spring; planting grass and spreading topsoil. The Board needs to make a decision on the center planter. He was informed that the loader came in a month early. Stiehl talked with Benny and they made a couple of changes on the Henderson plow equipment and knocked off about $10,000; but the time frame is still the same with Viking and both are looking at next summer. Truck will sit another year hopefully indoors. Construction seems to be moving very slowly and was supposed to be done in 90 days. Kate will review the contract. Stiehl had a discussion with Jim Farr about the Barneveld Water. Wanted to know if we have a time frame yet. Bennison said it will be a year or two at the most. Stiehl said he has been holding back on putting money into some of the roads and has helped with 2 water main breaks in the past couple of months. Taylor advised that the cost will be $11 million and so far we've gotten $7 million in grants.

**i. Abstract:** Eric Taylor made motion to approve Highway abstracts 350 to 392 in the amount of $32,057.05, seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes.

**B. NOCCOG:** Joe Rowlands advised a lot of the announcements for this month have already transpired. There is an article on villages only. Technical assistance for emergency response plans for publicly owned treatment works webinar. It's for NYS wastewater cybersecurity regulations. Will get a copy to Keith.
Work zone package equipment program is back.
NY Town Clerk's Association regional training December 7th.

**C. Zoning/Codes:** Boulerice advised there were a lot of FOIL requests for Adirondack Ridge because apparently it is up for sale. Theresa advised they do have a buyer interested. In the matter of the Adult Grow Cannibus license approval; it was denied and the deadline is over. No updates on the Jetsew building.

Dave advised there are approximately six businesses that need to be addressed. Theresa is working on letters. Board has already approved Codes to do what is necessary. Eric Taylor inquired about a house on Glass Factory Rd. where a house was built. There are blocks all over the place, and now they are digging up the whole front lawn. Stiehl advised they are putting in a well.

**D. Supervisor Report:**

i. Cold Storage Delay – Kate is going to look for the contract.

ii. Town Roads Speeding – Kate advised that she did form TE-9 for a couple of other towns and there has been no response. We can still send one out and maybe Jason can call the county highway Superintendent and see if he can send it to DOT. Jason advised that the state absolutely hates dropping speed limits. Kate advised that she has the form where all town roads in the Town of Trenton with a speed limit of 55 be dropped to 45 mph. Old Poland Road should actually be 30 mph because it's very narrow, blind curves, hidden driveways. Mr. Dussault advised if they can get it reduced to 30 mph it would deter people from deviating from the State Routes and cutting through. Taylor advised that Dave Buck said if it's a county road, the town has to start the process. Kate advised the Board to give her a list on which roads they want speed limits changed, she will prepare a resolution and give it to the Board at the next meeting. Taylor will work with Stiehl on making that list for Kate.

iii. Hinman Road – Bennison met with the Regional Engineer. They are looking to close off Hinman Road on Rt. 12 so you cannot go across the highway.

iv. Hinckley Well Water – Bennison said he's not sure what can be done. Kate advised that people's wells are drying up. MVWA said it's not them. Audrey found a form they can fill out. Boulerice said DEC is tracking this.

**E. Town Clerk Report:** Rachel will circle back with Bennison on that.

**F. Attorney Report:**

i. Deeded Land South Trenton – Kate just got a copy of the survey map from Bennison. She had brief communication with Mr. Polt today. Will look at everything and give him a call to see if they can get matter resolved.

ii. Approve MVWA Agreement – Kate advised the town needs an agreement with MVWA. Basically when we have the new facility for the new Barneveld Water District, we are going to lease it for however long the bonds are to the MVWA and they are going to operate it. We can't do a lease agreement yet because there is nothing for them to lease but we have an agreement with them that everyone received. It's basically saying we are going to enter into an agreement with the MVWA for a lease. We need this to send off to Environment Facilities Corp. MVWA prepared it and they are going to pass it at their meeting in December. Eric Taylor made motion to approve the MVWA Agreement, seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes.

iii. Remsen Annexation Set Joint Held Public Hearing Date – Kate advised last month the Board passed a Resolution for annexation with a joint hearing date. Remsen didn't pass theirs last month but did pass it last night. We have coordinated an agreed upon date for this joint public hearing which is December 8th at 7:00 pm at the Trenton Town Hall. Kate is asking the Board to pass an Amended Resolution exactly the same as the Resolution passed last month but with the Public Hearing date of December 8th at 7:00 pm. Eric Taylor made motion to pass the Amended Resolution, seconded by Chris Crumb, 5 ayes.

Kate advised they also need to do an Environmental Review. She has prepared a short Environmental Effective Form to declare this an

unlisted action and to declare Trenton the Lead Agency and she will send the Lead Agency letter out to the Town of Remsen. Chris Crumb made motion to declare the proposed annexation of certain Town of Trenton parcels by the Town of Remsen an unlisted action, seconded by Jim Farr, 5 ayes. Chris Crumb made motion to declare the Town of Trenton the Lead Agency, seconded by Eric Taylor, 5 ayes.

Bennison advised he has two agreements from BCA for money for design phase; one for water in the amount of $8,825.00 and wastewater in the amount of $20,000. Taylor made motion to approve the agreement for BCA to get additional money of $8,825.00 for water and $20,000.00 for wastewater, seconded by Chris Crumb, 5 ayes.

**G. Buildings & Grounds:** Keith has a new water operator employee who started this past Monday. A thank you to Keith from Bennison for doing a great job and from Rachel for getting the meters read so we can get the billing done.

## V. Resolutions:

**A. Approve October 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes:** Eric Taylor made motion to approve October 28, 2026 minutes, seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes.

**B. Abstracts:**

**i. Hinckley:** Chris Crumb made motion to approve Hinckley abstracts number 22 and 23 in the amount of $97.91, seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes.

**ii. General:** Jim Farr made motion to approve General vouchers numbered 1004 to 1127 in the amount of $401,883.34, seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes.

**C. Adopt Budget:** Bennison advised Budget not completely done yet and need a Special Budget Meeting to adopt budget on Tuesday 11/17/2026 at 6:00 pm. Chris Crumb made motion to have a Special Budget Meeting on November 17, 2026 at 6:00 pm, seconded by Eric Taylor, 5 ayes.

## VI. Priority Issues:

**A. Zoning & Planning Boards to Fill Vacant Positions – 2027** - Theresa wanted to talk to the Board to see what the process is. ZBA has nothing on the agenda so she doesn't need anyone right away. She has 2 alternates for Planning Board and will see about moving them up.

**B. Job Descriptions:** Eric Taylor sent Bennison job descriptions for a couple of people talked about in Executive Session to give them some idea of what is expected of them.

Rachel handed out Boards and Committees Purpose document and asked everyone to look it over for discussion at the next meeting.

Eric Taylor said if everything can be accomplished on the meeting scheduled for November 17th, can they eliminate the November 23rd meeting? Motion by Eric Taylor to eliminate the November 23, 2026 meeting provided everything gets done at November 17, 2026 meeting, seconded by Chris Crumb, 5 ayes.

## VII. Committees:

**A. Planning Board –** Nothing new

**B. ZBA:** Nothing

**C. Greenbelt:** Nothing

**D. Infrastructure:** Nothing

## VIII. Communications:

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

B. **Executive Session**: None

## IX. Adjournment:

Eric Taylor made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm, seconded by Chris Crumb, 5 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel I. Bunker

Rachel I. Bunker
Town Clerk