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 Eric Taylor, James Farr, James Mills and Town Clerk, Rachel Bunker. Councilman Chris Crumb was absent. Also present, Mike Thompson, NOCCOG, Donald Ehre, Kathy Kellogg, Dave Constable, Ken Cutler, Leo Boulerice, Theresa Inserra, Donna Mills, and Thomas Synakowski.

I. Call to Order

Supervisor Bennison called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

II. Pledge to the Flag

III. Open Bids – Recycling Center/Highway Cold Storage

Recycling Center - Rachel advised there were 3 bids for Highway and 1 for Recycling Center. First bid was from Bebee Construction, $310,445. Ehre asked if the bid bond was included and it was. Ehre said at this point we only have one bidder on the project so the apparent low bidder is Bebee Construction for the amount of $310,445. Generally the Town Clerk would release the bids to Don Ehre and he would check the addition on the breakdown of the bid and then he would make a recommendation at the next meeting to the Board after checking references and numbers.

Highway Garage/Cold Storage – First bid is from Upstate Companies. Ehre advised there is a main bid and 3 alternates depending on the budget. Alternate #1 is to add a lean to on the back of the building. Alternate #2 includes paving of the driveways into and out of the building. Alternate #3 is to add a 30 ft. wide gravel driveway behind the building. The total is $1,082,000.00 Alternate #1 lump sum of $140,000.00, Alternate 2 lump sum of $32,000.00 and Alternative #3 lump sum of $14,400.00. All required paperwork confirmed.

Bid #2 is Bebee Construction, total is $903,200.00. Alternate #1 is $123,833.00. Alternate #2 is $34,194.00. Alternate #3 is $11,241.00. All paperwork confirmed.

Bid #3 is West Lake. Bid is $1,087,697.88. Alternate #1 is $104,571.15. Alternate #2 is $21,577.63. Alternate #3 is $11,770.00.

Bid #4 is Richard E. Alexander Company Inc. Bid is $851,480.00. Alternate #1 is $85,000.00. Alternate #2 is $30,500.00. Alternate #3 is $12,000.00.

Ehre advised based on that the apparent low bidder is Richard E. Alexander Company, Inc. Ehre advised that he will take the bids and research the pricing and make sure the addition is correct, check all the references and report back at the next meeting.

IV. Privilege of Floor – Bennison asked Tom Synakowski if he wanted to address the Board. He said no, he has talked with the attorney.

V. Officers Reports:

A. **NOCCOG** - Mike Thompson from NOCCOG wanted to remind everyone that the Tug Hill Commission Local Conference is April 20-21 at the Turning Stone. NOCCOG pays for one entrance fee. Cutoff is March 13th and you would need to get in touch with John.

Tug Hill Commission Meeting is March 18th at the Lorraine Municipal Office in Lorraine.
There is a NYS local government Records Management Improvement Fund Program going on now and they are accepting applications for this year. Projects include disaster management, document conversion and access, file management and historical records.
NOCCOG Executive Committee Meeting is March 19th at the town of Annsville Municipal Building.
Running your Highway Dept. workshop on March 26th at the Oneida County Public Works Garage.
Webinar on March 26th Meeting Basics and Open Meeting Law.
NOCCOG is doing the $500 scholarship again this year.
All information is on the NOCCOG Website.

B. **Highway Superintendent:** Stiehl asked to get a meeting set up with the Engineer, and Bennison and himself before anything else happens. Cutler asked to be included on the meeting. Meeting set for Monday March 16th at 11:00 at the Municipal Center.

i. Abstract – Taylor made motion to accept Highway abstracts 99-134 in the amount of $48,904.23, seconded by Farr, 4 ayes.

C. Assessor: Nothing.

D. **Zoning/Codes:** Cutler provided report. Constable advised he is currently revamping the Fire Inspection Logs to reflect the next 3 or 4 more years.

Kate asked Cutler in adopting the new 2025 Codes, does he have changes he wants to make? Cutler will get in touch with Kate this week so the Board can pass the new local law. Mills made motion to accept the Codes Report, seconded by Taylor, 4 ayes.

Zoning: Theresa Inserra advised it's been quiet. There have been 3 applications approved and the Mower question handled by Boulerice.

E. Supervisor Report: No new report yet. Taylor made motion to accept December's Supervisor's Report, seconded by Farr, 4 ayes.

F. Town Clerk Report: Rachel advised local shares remitted $1717.00. Taylor made motion to accept the Clerk's Report, seconded by Mills, 4 ayes.

G. Attorney Report: Kate said that she spoke with Redder and because the threshold has gone up, they agreed that the EDU should be at the maximum cost because of constructions costs. In the Draft Map Planning Report that everyone saw and reviewed the EDU was at $1,090.00 per user. The numbers have been readjusted to $1,218.00 per user. That will build in a little bit of wiggle room because of the construction costs. Everyone knows that we need to form a district for the Barneveld Water District and are contemplating improvements to what will be known as the Barneveld Water District. Kate received the final version which includes the numbers bumped up to account for the increase in the Comptroller. Kate is asking that the Board move to direct the filing of the Map Planning Report received today with the Town Clerk. Farr made motion to file the Map Planning Report with the Town Clerk, seconded by Mills, 4 ayes.

Kate advised the next thing is to resolve to schedule a Public Hearing on the formation of the water district. The Resolution will call for a Public Hearing on April 8th, 2026 at 6:30 pm. It can only be advertised no less than 10 days and no more than 20 days before. The whole Order and Resolution gets published. Kate advised they are looking at the proposed project which includes transmission and distribution approvements and two connections to the Mohawk Valley Water Authority System. (MVWA) One connection northeast of Barneveld and the MVWA main transmission which is the main source of supply and connects to the Mapledale Area. The proposed facilities will provide domestic service to 208 equivalent dwelling units and the maximum amount proposed to be expended for this

improvement and formation is $11,908,000. This is based on estimated and anticipated funding of $5,000,000 in WIIA funds, $2,000,000 CDBG Grant and DWSRF Loan at 0% interest for 30 years in the amount of $4,908,000. The Annual debt service would be $787.00 per EDU and the annual operating and maintenance cost would be $431.00 per EDU. The estimated cost of EDU is $1,218.00 If the Board is in agreement, she asks that they call for the public hearing to be held on April 8th and 6:30 pm. She has prepared a long Resolution and gave the Board highlights of it.

Taylor made motion that they call for the Public Hearing to be scheduled for April 8th at 6:30 pm, seconded by Mills, 4 ayes.

Prospect Cemetery – Kate advised as far as having the property deeded to the town, she has ordered the abstract because she needs the description of the property to properly have it conveyed from the Cemetery Corporation to the town. Kate advised that we should just start operating the Prospect Cemetery and as soon as she has the property description, she will put a deed together.

Unity Hall – Bennison asked about the transfer of the piece of land. Kate advised it's on hold for now. Waiting for the church to pass a Resolution. Unity Hall Foundation, the property occupant and lessee made a proposal to acquire the Unity Hall property from the church.

Mike Thompson from NOCCOG spoke up and wanted the Board to know that he does the GPS mapping and implementation of all the programs and trainings and works with local municipalities mapping the underground piping, and valves and control valves etc. Once they are mapped, you can walk up to it with your phone. It is a free service with NOCCOG; you just have to let John know and he takes care of all of it. He advised they can also do cemetery's and walking trails.

Bennison wanted to talk about the Businesses not approved because they don't come in and fill out the paperwork. Kate advised if the business is not changing their use and they are not building anything or changing anything physically we cannot require them to apply for a zoning permit. If they are not building anything you cannot require them to fill out a building permit application. NYS Town Law allows towns to regulate a large class of businesses. We can regulate their operation including having them come in a register. It also allows us to regulate any hotel, boarding house, and any retail business. If we ask people to come in and fill out paperwork and they do not need a permit and they sue us we will

lose. We could pass a local law that we want to start a business registration, asking who the contact person is for the business. Boulerice advised when there is a new owner and a change of use or even if the use is the same we ask them to submit a zoning and building permit application or application for a site plan approval. Usually it is not needed because if it's a similar use, the Planning Board just says continue on and register with Ken and Dave so they can do their yearly inspections. If it's a totally different use, they go through the site plan review to review parking areas, etc.
Bennison advised they will discuss passing a Local Law at the next meeting.

VI. Res**olutions:**

A. Approve February 25, 2026 Minutes:. Farr made motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from February 25, 2026, seconded by Taylor, 4 ayes.

B. Approve Dave Hoke Resignation from Infrastructure Committee: Taylor made motion to accept the resignation of Dave Hoke from the Infrastructure Committee, seconded Mills, 4 ayes.

C. Approve Joe Samson as Chairman of the Planning Board: Mills made motion to approve Joe Samson as Chairman of the Planning Board, seconded by Farr, 4 ayes.

D. Approve Judson Brown as member of the Planning Board: Farr made motion to approve Judson Brown as a member of the Planning Board, seconded by Mills, 4 ayes.

E. Planning Board Proposal: Create Two Paid Alternate Planning Board Positions. . .

i. Approve Randall Marsden, Planning Board Alternate - Taylor made motion to appoint Randall Marsden as an alternate Planning Board member, seconded by Mills, 4 ayes.

ii. Approve Charles DeRider, Planning Board Alternate - Taylor made motion to appoint Charles DeRider as a second alternate Planning Board member, seconded by Mills, 4 ayes.
Board also agreed to pay them $400/year provided they attend the meetings.

F. Approve Employee Handbook: Taylor made motion to approve the Employee Handbook, seconded by Mills, 4 ayes.

G. Abstracts:

i. Hinckley – Mills made motion to pay Hinckley abstracts 5 and 6 in the amount of $246.04, seconded by Taylor, 4 ayes.

ii. General - Taylor made motion to pay General abstracts 159 through 243 in the amount of $431,959.27, seconded by Farr, 4 ayes.

Mills brought it to the Board's attention that abstract #224 in the General Account in the amount of $425.00 to NYS Department of Environment should have actually been billed to the Hinckley account. Voucher was successfully transferred out of General and into Hinckley before they were paid.

Taylor made motion to revise his Hinckley abstract amount to $760.04, and approve the General Account in the amount of $431,534.27, seconded by Farr, 4 ayes.

VII. Priority Issues:

A. Prospect Cemetery:

B. Prospect Scholarships: Taylor made motion to approve the Mildred Usher, the Thomas Memorial, and the Hart Family Scholarships and the requirements as provided, seconded by Mills, 4 ayes.

C. Trenton Falls Open Weekends: Rachel advised we don't have a director right now – Ann Getbehead stepped down. Rachel said there is the Tramp and Trail Club who wants to have a meeting. They want to come in and maintain the Greenbelt trails for free. It might be a perfect fit for their organization. Rachel is setting up a meeting with them and Greenbelt and Buildings and Grounds.

D. Unapproved Businesses: Discussed earlier.

VIII. Committees:

A. **Planning Board -** Inserra was thinking of using the work session to do a mini training session since there are so many new people on the board.

B. ZBA – Nothing

C. Greenbelt -Nothing

D. **Infrastructure –** Rachel advised Infrastructure was not on the website until today. Boulerice advised that Don Ehre is looking at the maps that he put together for the proposed water districts. He wants to have a meeting with Boulerice and Chris.

Rachel advised that she had an Oneida Town Clerk's Assn. Meeting yesterday and there is a county level NYAOT and they have tried to revitalize their meeting. They are deciding at their next meeting whether they are going to try to continue functioning because the attendance is so poor. They are basically doing one last push if anyone is interested in being involved in the NYAOT on the county level, they vote at the meeting March 26th at Gone Coastal.

Taylor advised that based on the conversation and class that was provided for the outsourcing and working with the folks in the office he believes the town should move forward on The Edmunds GovTech administrative software. Taylor proposes they do the plan with payment over the 3 years. That way if we get into year 2 and it's something that's not going to work, we haven't paid the full amount. Maybe do an October or January start.
Farr asked Bennison to reiterate the financing of this. Bennison advised some money would come out of the Barneveld Water District, and some out of the Prospect Water District and the rest will be Records Management Budget. Taylor made motion to move forward with Edmunds GovTech for new software and pay the 3 year term, seconded by Mills, 4 ayes.

Boulerice talked about replacing computers. Computers were purchased in 2018 and 2019. Unfortunately the state contract keeps changing and the latest version out there for a desk top computer is by Cero Technology. It's basically $750 which includes only 1 monitor. We have approximately 15 computers and his budget is $7500 so he could do a little more than half this year and the other half next year. If we do that, he would look at doing the purchase toward the end of this year and then next year he can order the others. Taylor asked which computers and Boulerice said everyone, including Jason and Rich. Taylor said if we know we can put it in the budget for next year.

IX. Communications:

A. Next Meeting March 25, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

B. Executive Session – Nothing.

X. Adjournment: Taylor made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54, seconded by Farr, 4 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel I. Bunker

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