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 Town Clerk, Rachel Bunker. Also attending Todd Hart, Leo Boulerice.

I. Call to Order

Supervisor Bennison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. Pledge to the Flag

III. Privilege of Floor: Todd Hart advised they are moving into the 5th year of construction of the ballfield. As the community gets more involved with the ballfield and where it's going, it has been mostly positive with volunteer money and labor. He now wanted to talk about the pavilion at the ballfield. Last year he talked to the Board about redoing the pavilion and the prices. For a bare bones pavilion it would be about $300,000, a relatively nice one for $350,000 and an even nicer one with a full kitchen, bathrooms, changing rooms, a memorabilia area, we would be pushing $400,000. He asked previously if the Town would want to split the payment in half; Terry and Todd would front all the money and the town could pay back the Community Foundation $20,000 a year over 10 years. If the town cannot do that, the Harts are still going forward with their plan.

As far as the initiation of the pavilion, it will take a couple of months just to get engineering drawings done, the infrastructure done for that using the same footprint. They want to replace it sooner rather than later for many reasons. If there is a completed pavilion that has the potential for food, shelter, activities inside, it would fit all the other landscaping that is already there and will be ADA compliant. The benefits are that it will attract teams, clubs, farmers markets, vendors, wedding receptions, graduation parties, etc. Once they start they can take down the current pavilion without any interruption in using the ballfield. They need to start the process because prices are going to go up.

Because of the pushback on the roof that was done using $21,000 of ARPA money, Todd said the material that was used can be repurposed for the ceiling on the inside. For material they can't use, they will reimburse the money to the town.

Farr advised that he and Bennison sat down with the Ballfield Committee and want to know what the other councilmen think. He said what was discussed in the meeting was changing the footprint of the pavilion so that

those that are running the concession stand can feel like they are part of the game. Todd said everything is still open for discussion.

Bennison said it was his understanding the building would not be open unless someone rents the whole field. Todd advised that is the Town's call. Crumb said one thing they were concerned about was if we have someone rent the pavilion for their child's high school graduation, how do they keep them off the ballfield. Todd advised it needs to be in the contract they sign when they rent. Farr made motion to go forward with the new pavilion, seconded by Mills, 5 ayes.

A. Town Clerk Annual Report: Rachel handed out a letter advising the Clerk's policy and procedure on how she reconciles all the money day to day in the office. She has her monthly Clerk Reports which summarizes all the money taken in and a stub for the checks that she submits to the Supervisor's Office. She has all her bank accounts that go along with it to peruse. There are 5 bank accounts; she merged Barneveld and Prospect Water into one water fund. She did not merge the districts, just the account so that we could take online payments. The accounts are the water fund, a security deposit refund account that is purely just to hold money that is going back to anyone that rents from us, there is a holding account for anyone who pays taxes, dog licenses, pavilion deposits, anything that is paid with a credit card, goes into the holding account and then it gets disbursed where it needs to be. And then there is the regular Clerk account and a tax collection account which is empty 9 months out of the year.

Farr asked if they will need another account for the cemetery. Rachel said yes, but she doesn't know if that will be the Clerk's account or the Supervisor's account. Bennison asked about paying the fire district; Rachel advised the invoice is on her desk and she will voucher it.

Rachel advised the Clerk's Office reconciles everything at the end of every day – clerk, water and taxes.

Taylor made motion to accept the Town Clerk's Annual Report, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

IV. Resolutions

A. Approve February 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes: Farr made motion to approve February 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mills, 5 ayes.

B. Recycling Agreement (2) Town of Steuben, Town of Remsen: Crumb made motion to have the Supervisor sign the Recycling Agreements for the Towns of Remsen and Steuben, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

C. Library Agreements (3) Holland Patent, Barneveld, Prospect: Taylor made motion to have the Supervisor sign the Library Agreements with Holland Patent, Barneveld and Prospect, seconded by Mills, 5 ayes

D. Singing Hills Senior Citizens Day Club Agreement: Crumb made motion to have the Supervisor sign the Singing Hills Senior Citizens Day Club Agreement, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

E. Wethersfield Historical Preservation Society: Taylor made motion for the Town of Trenton to pay the Wethersfield Historical Preservation Society the sum of $1,000.00 for the year 2026, seconded by Mills, 5 ayes.

F. Foothills Rural Community Ministries: Taylor made motion to pay the Foothills Rural Community Ministries the sum of $5,000.00 for the year 2026, seconded by Farr, 5 ayes.

V. Priority Issues:

A. Highway Department 200 Tons Stone and new Tractor: Bennison advised that Stiehl wants to buy 200 tons of crushed stone from Barrett because he doesn't like the product from Poland. The crushed stone is readily available and he wants to stock pile it. Bennison will advise Stiehl he can go ahead with the purchase.

Tractor – Stiehl wants to purchase the John Deere tractor. Originally he wanted the Kubota because it was cheaper but Crumb advised that the parts are easier to get for the John Deere. The attachments for the Kubota are made by a specialized company and you cannot gets parts for them. Crumb made motion for Stiehl to purchase the John Deere tractor, seconded by Taylor, 5 ayes.

Rachel provided the Board with a notice from the NYS Taxation and Finance Dept. that Americu now owns the property at 139 Mappa Ave. This is the house that burned, the curb stop is broken and we cannot get to it because it's under concrete. Rachel said that maybe in the spring they should try to get permission to dig it up so we can get the curb stop

repaired and can actually print out the water bill. Farr also mentioned that the curb stop at 131 Mappa Ave. also needs to be repaired.

B. Ballfield Committee: Farr advised that the committee is delegating a lot of stuff out. Keith Lighthall came in to see Rachel and asked if there could be a link on the website that goes to the ballfield page specifically and the committee would have access to the back end of that to add things to the calendar and schedule, etc. Rachel will work with Civilly on making that happen. The Athletic Facility Use Request Form is being revamped and at some point will go to the Board for their approval. Rachel asked that Kate look at it before it comes to the Board.

Rachel said her biggest question about the Prospect pavilion is what the Committee's view is on letting the public rent it out for use. Farr advised they would like to go the first year with only the ball teams and then feel their way after that.

C. Planning Board: Bennison advised they need another member and another alternate. Mr. Panzone resigned. Taylor made motion to accept Mr. Panzone's resignation as Chairman of the Planning Board, seconded by Mills, 5 ayes. Crumb advised that Jen and Andy King showed interest.

D. Infrastructure: Bennison advised the state and county want to know if we have enough money for this bridge and water project. It will be about $572,000. They can take $200,000 out of the Barneveld Water District and the rest out of NY Class. Crumb made motion to let the county and state know that we do have the money to go forward with the bridge and water project, seconded by Mills, 5 ayes.

Rachel gave the Board a letter from Keith Lighthall showing interest in helping out Chubb Litchenberger with the cemetery. Mills said it would be nice to have someone learn what Chubb does.

VI. Communications: Next Meeting March 11, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

VII. Adjournment: Taylor made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm, seconded by Crumb, 5 ayes.

VIII. Adjournment: Farr made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48, seconded by Mills, 5 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

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