The Town Board of the Town of Trenton held a Public Hearing at the Trenton Municipal Center, 8520 Old Poland Road, Barneveld, New York at 6:30 pm for the 2027 Preliminary Budget. Supervisor Bennison opened the hearing at 6:33. As there were no comments from the public, Eric Taylor made motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Chris Crumb, 5 ayes. Public Hearing was closed at 6:41.

The Town Board of the Town of Trenton held a Public Hearing at the Trenton Municipal Center 8520 Old Poland Road, Barneveld, New York at 6:45 PM for Local Law Amending Chapter 239 (signs) of the Code of the Town of Trenton to Repeal Subsection A(13) of Section 239-4 Regarding Political and Election Signage. (Local Law #5). Leo Boulerice advised he has no objection to the new proposed law. There were no other comments. Eric Taylor made motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Chris Crumb, 5 ayes. The Public Hearing for Local Law #5 was closed at 6:50 pm.

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 Theresa Inserra, Kathleen Kellogg, Keirsten Funke, Leo R. Boulerice, Stuart Fowler, Robert LaPolt and Don W. Hall.

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 – Kiersten Funke spoke regarding the day care center at her house. At first, she didn't know she needed a permit, but once told, she applied for one. She provided engineering drawings that were required and did everything else that was asked of her. She advised that Codes has not gone and done any inspections on any of the work and is welcome to come any time. Kiersten was given a copy of a letter that Ken Cutler wrote today advising what he requires of her. She is putting in a new heating system as requested. The engineer will give any information that Ken requested to him. The Board has agreed that once Ken does all the inspections and everything passes, they are all ok with her operating the day care.

Robert LaPolt owns a piece of property on the corner of Old Cheese Factory Rd. and Cheese Factory Rd. He had a survey done of the property after purchasing it and then realized there was a road that went through the front of the property. That property was deeded back to the

town but the county did not update the tax map so when he purchased it, he thought he was getting 5.44 acres and actually only purchased 4.4. He believes there is a way for this to be remediated for him to be able to get back what the state abandoned. He would like to request a motion to be made for the Superintendent and the attorney to work with his attorney for a potential solution. Supervisor Bennison advised he will look into it with the town attorney and get back to him.

IV. Resolutions:

A. Budget - No vote tonight. They are still making adjustments.

B. Local Law #5 - Eric Taylor made motion to pass Local Law #5, seconded by Chris Crumb, 5 ayes.

C. Approve October 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes - Jim Farr made motion to approve the October 14, 2026 meeting minutes, seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes.

D. Approve Adirondack Ridge Renewal – Jim Farr made motion to approve Adirondack Ridge Trailer Park Renewal, seconded by Chris Crumb, 5 ayes.

E. Approve Reclassification of Employee Audrey Pincott from hourly to Salary - Tabled until end of the meeting to go into Executive Session to discuss.

V. Priority Issues:

A. Grants: Don Hall - Mr. Hall thanked everyone for the wish list. He advised it is the best he has ever seen. He has reviewed the listed needs but hasn't had a real deep dive into it, but enough to advise where they want to go. Grants.gov – he got 55 hits for potential federal sources.
On Candid – that is a foundation website that they use commonly – over 60 hits.
On the Grantsmen Chip Center – a subscription service – there were 120 hits.
NYS Parks and Rec – there is a plethora of programs. He will put together a report for the Board on all of it. Some of the Parks and Rec are in the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA); some are independent. The next grant opportunity is for 2027. One is is BRICKS but we are not ready to even attempt. There is also NY UNPLUG and KIDS PLAY. Among the wish list there are several things that caught

his interest. He has also done a deep dive in the demographics for the town to see how the town would fair in competitions. Mappa District would be a targeted area and downtown would be a great project. He would like to put together maybe 4 hours a month with the Infrastructure Committee and then meet with the Board as a Planning Session. He will do the prep and he would like the board to critique.

B. Veterans Day – November 11th 1:00 PM - Chris Crumb advised they are doing an unveiling for the ceremony over at the Veterans Memorial at the Town Park. Steve Pinkos is going to be there with Triston who is the one who did the Eagle project. We are going to invite the VFW Commander and the Legion Commander, and all the veterans from the town by a mass email. There is also a Board meeting that night.

Eric Taylor asked if they were meeting on November 25th, the day before Thanksgiving. It was decided to reschedule the meeting. Eric Taylor made motion to reschedule the meeting to Monday, November 23rd at 7:00 pm, seconded by Jim Farr, 5 ayes.

C. Remsen Annexation - Joint public hearing is scheduled for December 2, 2026. ***Due to a phone call from Kate Festine to Bennison, the hearing will have to be done on December 8, 2026.** Remsen will pass their resolution on November 10, 2026, the Town of Trenton will pass the resolution at the next meeting on November 11, 2026. Then a special meeting on December 16, to pass a resolution with bindings. Trenton will pass a special election on January 27, 2027 and both boards have a meeting on February 10, 2027.

D. BCA – Supervisor Bennison had a zoom meeting with BCA today about the grants. SWIFT Grant is a gamble. Bennison doesn't know if he wants to gamble with $8 million not knowing if we're going to get it or not until we have the Notice to Proceed. They are also looking for more money to do the other grants. They are looking into WQIP for $10 million. Bennison will check with Oneida County to see if they still want to sell the property behind the Oneida County Highway Garage for the Wastewater Facility.

E. Venture Barneveld, LLC also came up this afternoon – Joel Grimaldi. He was given a list of what needs to be done.

VI. **Executive Session:**

A. Chris Crumb made motion to go into Executive Session at 7:53 PM, seconded by Eric Taylor 5 ayes. .

B. Eric Taylor made Motion to move the Administrative Assistant position to a part – time salaried position, seconded by Chris Crumb, 5 ayes.

C. Jim Farr made motion to compensate the Buildings and Grounds and Administrative Assistant positions with 2 weeks of paid vacation time, seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes.

D. Chris Crumb made motion to combine Keith Lighthall's position to one job title – Buildings and Grounds Supervisor with a job description forthcoming for both, seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes.

E. Jim Farr made motion to grant Supervisor Michael Bennison Board approval to move forward in hiring a new Buildings & Grounds laborer/water operator, i.e. Shane Quesnell, seconded by Eric Taylor, 5 ayes.

F. Jim Farr made motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes.

VII. Communications: Next Meeting November 11, 2026 at 7:00 pm

VIII. Adjournment: Eric Taylor made motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM, seconded by Jim Mills, 5 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel I. Bunker
Town Clerk