

The Town Board of the Town of Trenton held a Public Hearing at the Trenton Municipal Center 8520 Old Poland Road, Barneveld, New York. Supervisor Joseph Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were: Councilmen Betsy Mack, Bruce Kellogg, Dan Shanley, Stephen Godfrey and Stanley Harris, Town Clerk. Also present were: Geri Speich, Kathryn Muller, Richard Ritzel, Skip Shoemaker, Elizabeth Crane, David Crane, Theresa Inserra, Wanda Poczatek, Fran Righi, Kevin Pinkos and John McCann.

-Smith advised the purpose of this Hearing is for Local Law A of 2015 and asked Clerk Harris to explain.

-Harris explained that the Miracle Network Raffle that is done each year was informed by the State that they were not adhering to the law. Charitable gaming has to be approved by law in each Town or municipality. This is strictly to allow the Miracle Network to sell raffles within our Township. This not only has to be approved by the Town Board, but it has to go on the ballot in November for the public to vote before it becomes law.

-Smith asked if there were any comments.

-Elizabeth Crane asked since this won't be effective until November and the drawing is in October, this will be for next year?

-Harris, yes this would be for next year.

-Smith asked if there were any more comments. There being none. The public hearing was closed at 7:05pm.

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-Smith advised he wanted to recognize Warren Brown of the Planning Board who passed away unexpectedly while he was on vacation; he brought a lot to the Planning Board and cared about his community.

#### **Privilege of the Floor:**

-Ritzel asked about the Community Ed Program and what could be done to bring some of the program back.

-Smith advised this was originally sponsored by the School District, but because they charged for some of the programs, it could no longer be covered by the school.

-Smith advised the Town started sponsoring this program around 2003 but for several years have not been pleased with the way things were going; financially, etc. so it was a Board decision to no longer support the program.

-Muller asked what can be done.

-Smith advised he received a couple of letters wanting to keep the swimming program and volleyball program going.

-Smith advised the Board is willing to look into the issue.

-Muller asked when.

-Smith advised it has only been 30 days and there are many townships under the School District which also poses a problem; we are willing to talk with the other towns involved.

-Shanley advised the Town is looking to expand the Town Recreation Program; we now offer bowling and skiing along with swimming and our park program.

-Smith reiterated that the Board is open to options but feels it should be a cooperative with cost and risks shared by the localities involved.

-McCann asked about the Volleyball program. They had 17 people signed up and used the GWF gym.

-Smith advised he would be willing to set up a meeting.

#### **Resolutions:**

-Smith advised we need to appoint Fred VanNamee as the new Court Attendant.

-Mack made a motion to appoint Fred VanNamee as the new Court Attendant at the existing salary, seconded by Shanley. Roll Call: Smith, aye; Mack, aye; Kellogg, aye; Shanley, aye and Godfrey, aye. Motion carried.

-Smith advised the next resolution is the proposed Local Law A of 2015 which will go to a public referendum after we approve.

-Kellogg made a motion to approve Local Law A of 2015, seconded by Godfrey. Roll Call: Smith, aye; Mack, aye; Kellogg, aye; Shanley, aye and Godfrey, aye. Motion carried.

#### **Permission for Supervisor to apply for Grants:**

-Smith wants to apply for a grant for playground equipment at the West Canada Pavilion.

-Smith wants to apply for an Iroquois Gas grant for Handicap access.

-The Board consensus was to give Smith permission to start paperwork.

#### **Community Ed:**

-Smith advised this was already covered.

#### **Past Community Programs:**

-Smith advised the Holland Patent band concerts in the Park were removed from the budget because the money had not been used recently.

-Inserra asked about this.

-Smith advised there were two public concerts in the park this year and Holland Patent is asking for half of the cost from the Town.

72 -Board consensus was to table for now.  
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74 Prospect:  
75 -Smith explained that he and Righi thought it would be a good idea for the Prospect Board to start coming to meetings.  
76 - Prospect Board members present are Fran Righi, Mayor, Wanda Poczatek and Kevin Pinkos Village Trustees.  
77 -Righi advised they passed a resolution to hire a law firm for the dissolution; waiting on survey.  
78 -Righi advised there are some issues with the quarry and firehouse properties.  
79 -Righi introduced Kevin Pinkos and Wanda Poczatek who are new members of the Board.  
80 -Smith advised Righi gave him a tour of the Village facilities.  
81 -Smith asked Righi if she was confident with the surveys for the wellhead, etc.  
82 -Righi advised this was just done about one or two years ago.  
83 -Righi advised they gave the attorney the letter of intent from the Crown Castle and their proposal; she stated he  
84 thought they were a little low with the offer and he did not like the fact that it was a forever agreement.  
85 -Godfrey advised there was some confusion of just how much land was involved, 6500 sq. ft. (a little over an acre) as  
86 opposed to 65 acres.  
87 -Righi advised there are 3 wells and one water tower.  
88 -Righi advised right now the attorney has agreed to a lump sum of \$20,000.  
89 -Righi advised the survey was through the ARGO Grant.  
90 -Shanley asked \$20,000 for legal services.  
91 -Righi advised yes.  
92 -Righi advised they still have \$8,000 of the first grant left; so we will put the extra survey money on to that and get  
93 back what we can.  
94 -Smith asked about the lighting district.  
95 -Righi advised there is one light outside the village and also mentioned the water district.  
96 -Righi advised they have a request into the Tug Hill Association for maps of those districts.  
97 -Smith asked so basically all the residents know they will have a debt bill, a water district bill and there is going to be a  
98 light district; which they Bond, costs will be billed in January.  
99 -Righi advised yes.  
100 -Righi advised basically we are going to get rid of the Village taxes and replacing with a different type of billing.  
101 -Righi advised the ballpark lights are being paid by the Northern League.  
102 -Smith advised this was not done before.  
103 -Righi advised no the village paid for the ballpark.  
104 -Righi advised the Northern League has really stepped up to take care of the ballfield.  
105 -Righi advised she is talking about the State Park; the overlook and the Village Green; those lights.  
106 -Smith asked if they were not included in the Lighting District.  
107 -Righi advised they have their own bills.  
108 -Shanley asked if the village pays those.  
109 -Righi advised yes.  
110 -Smith asked if there was anything the village needed the Town to do.  
111 -Kellogg asked if they are selling some of the assets?  
112 -Shanley asked if there was a list?  
113 -Righi advised it is not clear what land the firehouse sits on Eastern Rock or trust land.  
114 -Shanley asked if there were any assets that they are not listing for sale?  
115 -Righi advised they could not sell the ballpark or memorial field; the pavilion was put up by the village.  
116 -Shanley advised the Municipal Building and firehouse, those are all for sale.  
117 -Righi yes and the Library.  
118 -Righi advised there is a person interested in buying the Municipal Building; keeping it as a Community Center and  
119 Museum together but they would have to form a Historical Society and a not for profit.  
120 -Righi advised the concerns she has is that the historical items will get locked away and no one will have access to  
121 them.  
122 -Mack stated it could be a Town Historic Museum.  
123 -Righi advised they have Hinckley and Prospect items.  
124 -Mack advised we have lots of items for it.  
125 -Righi advised they have a good record of what they own.  
126 -Righi advised she has had two antique dealers who would like to go in and she has had offers to buy certain things.  
127 -Mack asked if the things they want to buy belong to the village or was it loaned.  
128 -Righi advised she has had a lot of people say their family donated certain items.  
129 -Righi stated a lot of people are concerned that it will go to Utica; she does not know how that started.  
130 -Righi advised they just had their first conference call with the attorney, they have not actually met him yet.  
131 -Righi advised he is having a hard time trying to figure out the village needs so he will try to make the next board  
132 meeting.  
133 -Kellogg asked if she was prepared to sell the library if indeed they receive an offer to buy that building?  
134 -Righi advised absolutely; she has to pay down debt and worry about 129 houses in the village and try to reduce the  
135 debt prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>.  
136 -Righi advised the person looking at the properties now is a private individual and they have stated they might let the  
137 library and ambulance stay where it is, but as this would go back on the tax roll, so there would probably be a fee  
138 involved.  
139 -Godfrey asked when the survey comes through and if Pyramid does an appraisal, do they have to appraise the land  
140 separately?  
141 -Righi advised just the Trust.

142 -Righi advised the 4 acres of land that those buildings set on have an easement for Mohawk Valley Water Authority  
143 and they pay us \$1,500 a year and that money has always gone right into the scholarship fund in the trust; but the  
144 Town Attorney thinks if this was sold to an individual, that money would go to the individual.  
145 -Smith asked how that trust fund was set up; was it through the village?  
146 -Righi advised yes the Village maintains it, but Mary Zacek would know more about it and where it goes.  
147 -Righi advised they have the Howard Thomas and Margaret Usher Scholarship Funds; right now the 1969 Fire District  
148 determines which students can apply to the Trust.  
149 -Righi advised in 2008 when the stock market took a hit, they actually made money; it is invested very well.  
150 -Righi advised the people who run the trust are doing a fantastic job.  
151 -Smith stated it sounds like only the land under the firehouse is in question.  
152 -Righi stated yes, and that is what the confusion is.  
153 -Righi advised they have a buyer but they cannot do anything until someone comes up with an abstract or something.  
154 -Righi advised part of their land is in the Town of Trenton.  
155 -Shanley asked if there is a date that we have to have a number by?  
156 -Smith advised November 1<sup>st</sup> is the final date for taxes.  
157 -Righi advised they are pushing on their end and trying to get stuff settled.  
158 -Smith advised he was not concerned about that date.  
159 -Smith advised, he believes the bond costs have to show on the taxes; the water will just get billed.  
160 -Righi advised she will give Smith the number for their attorney so he could talk with him.  
161 -Righi advised it is government, so it will happen when it happens.  
162 -Smith advised he has already received a letter from the State Comptroller's Office.  
163 -Righi asked if he heard from Civil Service.  
164 -Smith advised yes.  
165 -Harris advised we have 60 days to try to get things together for the taxes.  
166 -Smith advised he knows Prospect is meeting twice a month and either he or Godfrey will try to be at the meetings and  
167 if there is anything the Board can do to help, to let us know.  
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169 The meeting was adjourned at 8:023pm.

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171 Respectfully submitted,  
172 Stanley K. Harris  
173 Town Clerk