

The Town Board of the Town of Trenton held a regular Meeting at the Trenton Municipal Center 8520 Old Poland Road, Barneveld, New York. Supervisor Joseph Smith called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. Present were: Councilmen Betsy Mack, Bruce Kellogg and Stephen Godfrey and Stanley Harris, Town Clerk. Also present were: Fran Righi and Kevin Pinkos.

**Prospect Dissolution Status:**

-Smith advised he talked with the State Comptroller to see how the dissolution would take place.

-Smith advised we have the Lighting District, the Water District and the Debt District.

-Righi advised correct.

-Smith stated you billed quarterly for the water, but the Town will have to put this on the January tax bill.

-Righi the debt; the water will be still billed quarterly right?

-Smith stated he was not sure, he is still trying to get an answer.

-Righi advised she will not contract this year for plowing; she will just have Andre do as needed.

-Smith advised as of January the Town will be doing the plowing.

-Righi advised Latus told them the Town would take down their village signs.

-Righi advised she has money left from the ARGO Grant so she will have the signs repainted that state "Welcome to the Hamlet of Prospect": so please do not take signs down.

-Smith stated he had no intentions of taking the signs down.

-Righi advised Zacek is very worried about the Scholarship Fund and who will administer it and how is it going to be awarded; will you keep the same district they have always had?

-Smith advised we would not know why we wouldn't and as far as who administers it, it would have to be someone local.

-Smith advised everything will all be done legal.

-Righi stated she sent the water district map.

-Smith asked if that was the final.

-Righi advised yes.

-Smith asked if there were some that did not get charged.

-Righi advised yes; they shut the water off but they still get charged for the bond.

-Righi asked if they sold anything after December 31 if the proceeds could be applied to the debt?

-Smith stated the Board would take a look at it and see what would be best for Prospect.

-Righi advised they were just hit with another Compensation Bill.

-Smith asked where they are with the debt?

-Righi advised they were told the latest figure is \$576,000.

-Righi advised she was not sure if this included the last statement they received or not.

-Smith asked if they had made a payment this year?

-Righi advised yes, \$38,000 was paid.

-Smith stated we were advised \$554,000.

-Righi advised they just received this latest one.

-Righi advised she tries to forward everything to Smith.

-Righi asked if the ballfield was going to be kept a ballfield and allow the Northern League to use.

-Smith advised we have talked about this and he feels they would.

-Smith advised there are some code issues, but they will be taken care of.

-Smith asked about the power for the park.

-Righi advised the park and buildings are all on one meter.

-Righi asked about the Museum and what was going to happen.

-Smith advised it has been discussed but that is not urgent.

-Mack advised anything they wanted to bring down could be put in the Town Vault.

-Righi advised there is someone interested in buying the Municipal Building but does not have anything in writing yet.

-Godfrey asked about storing boats; was that at the Pavilion?

-Righi advised she has been receiving calls, but she has not accepted any because after December 31<sup>st</sup> it would be the Town and she did not think the Town wanted that liability.

-Smith advised no.

-Godfrey asked if the property survey was done.

-Righi advised yes.

-Smith asked about the water?

-Righi advised she thought she had sent him the information, if not she will.

-Righi advised the 44 acres around the well head and the tower cannot be sold.

-Righi advised the land needs to be kept for a watershed and future well if we should need one.

-Righi advised the 73 acres above that, which is now land locked, the Deed states it is public recreation land and we cannot sell it.

-Godfrey stated you've been logging it haven't you?

-Righi advised yes we've been logging it.

-Smith stated this is a first for most of us; he is going to go see the County next week, if anything is sold in 2016 can it go to the debt, etc?

-Smith he would have to find out about interest rates.

-Righi stated they were told there would be no interest; just administrative fees.

-Smith advised that is what they were told also, but according to the County Comptroller and he said he has received a request to look into some variable interest rates for this loan.

-Smith advised he and Legislator Sacco are going down because that is not what they were told previously.

-Righi stated she wants to go with them as this will affect them the most.

72 -Smith gave Righi a copy of the Amendment passed by the County.

73 -Righi stated this was not what they were told.

74 -Smith advised this was in an e-mail between all the parties; this was a red flag to me and I sent out an e-mail stating  
75 this is not what we were told; once it was set up it was just supposed to be administrative fees.

76 -Kellogg asked what Sacco said.

77 -Smith advised the same as us.

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79 **Minutes:**

80 -Smith advised you have two sets of minutes; 9-9-2015 and 09-16-2015 (see Exhibits A & B).

81 -Mack made a motion to accept the minutes for 9/9/2015, seconded by Godfrey. Roll Call: Smith, Mack, aye;  
82 Kellogg, aye and Godfrey, aye. Motion carried.

83 -Mack made a motion to accept the minutes for 9/16/2015, seconded by Godfrey. Roll Call: Smith, aye; Mack, aye  
84 and Godfrey, aye. Kellogg abstained. Motion carried.

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86 **Grooming Contract with Holland Patent Central School:**

87 -Smith advised this is the contract we have every year with the trail for the school and I just need your permission to  
88 sign it.

89 -Mack asked if there was going to be any problem with the new owners, as Schneible's was sold.

90 -Godfrey stated he sold a couple hundred acres but he also kept some acres for hunting; so it would depend where the  
91 trail goes.

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93 -Mack made a motion to allow the Supervisor to sign the contract, seconded by Kellogg. Roll Call: Smith, aye; Mack,  
94 aye; Kellogg, aye and Godfrey, aye. Motion carried.

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96 **Municipal Electric Power (A.O.T.):**

97 -Smith advised he gave everyone a copy; this is the Association of Towns and they stated they save everyone 20% a  
98 year.

99 -Kellogg asked if this was a shared buying.

100 -Smith stated yes, it is a shared buying; he will check into this and see what is involved.

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102 **Winter Recreation:**

103 -Smith advised this is in regards to the old Community Ed and there are some individuals who would like to keep a  
104 couple of the programs going. We advised them we would cover them this year under Winter Recreation so they could  
105 keep the programs going. I checked with our insurance and that is covered. However, this is only a temporary  
106 solution.

107 -Godfrey asked if the Board checked with Kathleen Davis at the school.

108 -Smith advised yes, and she had no problem with this.

109 -Godfrey asked if anyone ever checked into the Sink or Swim Program and how or who do they operate under?

110 -Godfrey advised that was never under Community Ed; when that pool was put it, the taxpayers were advised there  
111 would be public access.

112 -Smith advised it is listed in the Community Ed Program and this is one of the things they will have to find out.

113 -Smith advised the group will only accept checks, no cash and it will be funneled through the Town.

114 -Godfrey asked how Jackie Tompkins, who runs the swim program, would be paid?

115 -Mack stated it would be vouchered and she would be paid by what they brought in.

116 -Smith advised this is only temporary and the Volleyball will be handled by Kathryn Muller as volunteer.

117 -Smith advised Bill Rostiser is going to handle the basketball and no one will get paid.

118 -The consensus was to proceed.

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120 **Zoning/Codes Fees:**

121 -Smith advised Cutler brought up some good points; that we do not charge enough money for Commercial Business.

122 -Smith advised for the new cell tower we only charged \$250.0 fee; but Cutler showed him examples where other towns  
123 charged \$6,000, \$8,000 and more.

124 -Smith advised he does not want to raise the residents, but maybe we should look at our rates for Commercial  
125 properties which will probably increase in the next few years.

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127 **Planning Board Opening:**

128 -Smith advised so far he has received three applications; John Speich, Walter Tomasik and Kathy Kellogg and heard  
129 we have two more coming.

130 -Smith advised Theresa Phelps, the secretary for the ZBA & Planning Board is resigning by the end of the year.

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132 -Smith advised there will be a meeting next Wednesday at 6:30 pm with the accountant to explain the 2014 audit and  
133 everyone is invited to come.

134 -Kellogg asked if there was a problem?

135 -Smith stated there was a couple of items to be addressed.

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137 The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

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139 Respectfully submitted,

140 Stanley K. Harris

141 Town Clerk