

The Regular Meeting of the City of Hornell Industrial Development Agency was held January 22, 2026 at 8:00 am at 40 Main Street, Hornell, NY.

PRESENT: David Parmley, Chairman
John Buckley, Vice Chairman
Ed Flaitz, Treasurer, CFO
John Carbone, Secretary
Richard Andolina Jr., Assistant Treasurer

ALSO

PRESENT: Michael Nisbet, CEO, Executive Director
John Dagon, Agency Council
Michelle Burch, Administrative Assistant
Erin Ferris, Administrative Assistant

MINUTES

Chairman Dave Parmley called the meeting to order at 8:02 am. Chairman Parmley reported that there was a quorum for the meeting as required by the by-laws.

Secretary John Carbone presented the minutes of the December 18, 2025 meeting. A motion was made by Rick Andolina, Jr., seconded by Mayor John Buckley to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2025 meeting. Carried All.

Treasurer Ed Flaitz presented the financial statements for December that had been emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. A motion was made by John Carbone, seconded by Rick Andolina, Jr. to approve the financial report as presented. Carried All.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee- Secretary John Carbone reported that the Audit Committee had paid bills in December from the operating account in the amount of \$550,084.13. A motion was made by Rick Andolina, Jr., seconded by Ed Flaitz to approve the Audit Committee report as presented. Carried All.

Personnel Committee – No Report

Governance Committee – No Report

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Ice House Road Property for Sale – Eric Biscaro, or an entity formed on his behalf, is purchasing the property on Ice House Road (Tax Parcel No. 166.00-03-009.200). The Board previously approved a requirement to commence construction within one year of execution of the contract, with the option to extend up to two years, with Board approval. Executive Director Nisbet informed the Board that Mr. Biscaro has requested extending the commencement period to up to two years, and recommended to the Board to allow the up to two-year time frame. Mr. Biscaro and the adjoining property owner, Gray

Manufacturing, are currently working on a Right of Way agreement. The Resolution adopted on December 18, 2025, notes allowance of one year with an option to extend the commencement date of construction of up to two years with Board approval. Board approved Mr. Biscaro's request of up to two years and no additional Resolution is required.

Railhead – Executive Director Nisbet updated Railhead located at 40 Park Drive is expected to close in March 2026. Chad Giglio, Michael Bradley and David Woolever have signed the Letter of Intent to transfer the Lease and the PILOT at 30 Park Drive. Executive Director Nisbet confirmed that the building at 30 Park Drive will be used for an Ice Cream Shop and Arcade.

2026 CHIDA Board Appointments - Executive Director Nisbet reviewed 2026 CHIDA Board Appointments listed below.

DAVID PARMLEY, CHAIRMAN - 4 YEAR TERM – ENDING 12/31/2026
JOHN J. BUCKLEY, VICE CHAIRMAN – MAYOR, CITY OF HORNELL
EDWARD FLAITSZ, TREASURER – 4 YEAR TERM – ENDING 12/31/2027
JOHN CARBONE, SECRETARY – 4 YEAR TERM – ENDING 12/31/2026
RICHARD ANDOLINA, JR. DDS – 4 YEAR TERM – ENDING 12/31/2028

40 Main St. – Executive Director Nisbet informed Board the furnace located in back-office rental space, currently PEF, which provides heat to back office, upstairs apartment along with other areas of the building, was replaced earlier in December. Immediate replacement of the furnace was necessary after noticing condensation had caused large hole in existing metal ductwork, resulting in a carbon monoxide leak. The new 95% high-efficiency furnace with PVC piping has been installed. Condensation caused mold in the back storage room where furnace vent ran through; once the space fully dries, the mold will be remediated and the room will be used for storage.

CHIDA Audit – Mengel Metzger Barr & Co. LLP, were present on-site Tuesday, January 20, 2026 and Wednesday, January 21, 2026 and anticipates presenting the audit at the February meeting.

430 Canisteo St. – Executive Director Nisbet reported the 430 Canisteo St. property has had a lot of interested parties in leasing the available spaces. PEF has expressed interest in property, if it meets their needs, they would consider signing a long-term lease. PEF stated property will require some renovations to accommodate offices and conference room.

117 Main St. – Executive Director Nisbet confirmed a letter was sent to interested party to set a deadline of February 26, 2026 to require a firm commitment to proceed with project. Shawn Griffin is writing drafts to transfer ownership of interested parties' current business location to CHIDA if both parties agree and project moves forward. All required quotes have been received, with the exception of flooring. If interested party decides to proceed with moving business to 117 Main St. location, CHIDA will be responsible for replacing furnace and repairing water leak, any additional work and necessary restaurant equipment, including walk in cooler/freezer will be responsibility of potential lessee. Interested party will need to work with City of Hornell, Codes Office and Frank Brzozowski to ensure project is moving forward correctly.

Old Business

Lu Engineers has completed the survey work located at the west side of West St. property, including three lots totaling +/- 8.502 acres and the project is nearing the point where it can be reviewed by the Governance Committee. CHIDA looking into applying for infrastructure grant. Board will review all information from Lu Engineers at February meeting. This year's grant application is expected to be less than the previous year's application. The previous grant application was substantially more which consisted of 16-18 lots and included sidewalks, curbs, street, lighting, and water and sewer to the properties. The need for new housing in Hornell and throughout Steuben County remains significant.

New Business

Mayor John Buckley shared the City of Hornell remains interested in organizing a workshop with CHIDA to explore strategies to encourage Hornell downtown economic development. Mayor Buckley would like the City and CHIDA to pair resources to educate downtown businesses on programs available and encourage improvement in downtown area. Ed Flaitz noted return on investment will be a concern for most businesses.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 am upon motion from Rick Andolina, Jr., seconded by Ed Flaitz. Carried All.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Carbone, Secretary