

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 10:04 a.m. at the City Building, 82 Main St., Hornell, NY.

PRESENT: Mayor John Buckley, Commissioner Jared Zigenfus, Commissioner Joseph Liberto, Deputy Mayor Jessica Cleveland, Waste Water Treatment Plant Chief Operator Richard Dunning, Water Filtration Plant Chief Operator Leonard Fucci, Public Works Superintendent Mitch Cornish, and City Clerk Melissa Logan.

ALSO PRESENT: Caleb Mitchell and Brian O'Neal

ABSENT: None

By: Zigenfus/Liberto

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting, held March 16, 2023 be approved as read. Carried-Ayes all (X)

By: Liberto/Zigenfus

RESOLVED, that the Reports of Department Heads be approved and ordered filed. Carried-Ayes all (X)

RESOLUTIONS:

None

By: Liberto/Zigenfus

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$824,622.51 be approved and paid as audited. Carried-Ayes all (X)

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Five event application were reviewed and approved. Ayes All.

Rich Dunning said they started sludging on Saturday. As of today, they have 220,000 gallons land applied. On average, it takes 1 ½ hours to load, get to the property and land apply. In a week's time we will be at 300,000 gallons, which is one of the 6 tanks that are full of sludge. If we get 4 weeks in, we will do a little over one million gallons in the Spring. We can apply more in the fall, if the weather cooperates. They had problems finding a new fuel filter, so they had to switch to a new one. WPCP Phase 1A construction is 85% complete. MW

Controls ordered parts when the plans were approved and those parts are still not in. Will not make May 1st deadline, but will proceed with testing on May 1. Will probably have some violations. Phase 1B will be next project. They are looking at equipment that needs replacing. Hoping to advertise for bids in August. In upgrading our industrial user program, they went out and sampled all of the industries that are online. They will take a look at all of the contributions that came in from all of the facilities on that day and review what the City's treatment plant can handle and they will portion an amount for each industry and an amount for all of the citizens of the City. From there they will be able to proceed with the industrial monitoring program. Industries will have to test 2-4 times a year to show evidence that they are not putting an excess amount of chemicals into the system. They started the second year of testing effluent toxicity due to the fact that they had positive hits last year and this past January. They turned those results into the DEC. The crew took trips to Dansville to look at their UV system and got tips on how to maintain and what to look for. They learned that there is a lot of surging due to lightning strikes. They have a surge suppressor which has helped to not lose bulbs and ballasts anymore. Josh Scialpa passed his 2A test last week. They are still having issues with HP Hood. They toured and talked with the principals, the general manager and the maintenance manager and then toured their facility. Their treatment facility was in upset that day and they did not mention it at all. They keep speaking of spending money on their treatment facility, but they never do anything.

Mitch Cornish said they have been working with Rich hauling sludge. The garage is getting mowing equipment around. They have their two summer guys coming back this year and have been working on hiring summer kids. They have been working on issues with the HAT busses. The South Division bridge has been closed. They are working on repaired the arm wrangles, poured concrete and are waiting on asphalt. There is a CHIPS meeting Tuesday to schedule millings and fillings, etc. They are flushing hydrants now. They might hold off on flushing in July. Union Park is underway. The Mayor is working on Veterans Memorial Park additional playground equipment. Street Sweeping starts April 30.

Lenny Fucci just submitted the annual water report. When it is approved, it will go out in our City newsletter and North Hornell will put it in their newsletter. Metered customers will get a notice about it with their bills. In 2022 he was contacted by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission regarding how many gallons they can withdraw from the reservoir. Currently they report it monthly, but Susquehanna River Basin has requested quarterly reporting, daily. DEC called yesterday to do some sampling on reservoir #3 in July. Rural Water contacted

mitch via email. They highly suggested that we get in on this class action law suit regarding the PFAS issues we've been having. Lenny talked to one of the lawyers and we are in on it. They group of tests for it has 150 elements in it. This summer we will have to put 4500 lbs. of anthracite into filter #3. That filter seems to lose anthracite. Hopefully with a hot summer, they can start adding promagenate early to get residual built up.

Mayor Buckley mentioned that Norfolk Southern is putting a communication tower with an antenna on their property in the west end of the city. Going out to bid in May and July for James Street project and the DRI streetscape, wayfinding and alleyway improvements. Downtown projects will start this year and will go into next year.

Lenny spoke of the issues they are having with beavers building dams up at the reservoirs. He showed photos and mentioned the issues they are having due to it.

By: Liberto/Zigenfus

RESOLVED, that there being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Carried – Ayes all(X)

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Logan
City Clerk