

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 10:01 a.m. at the City Building, 82 Main St., Hornell, NY.

PRESENT: Mayor John Buckley, Commissioners Joseph Liberto and Jared Zigenfus, Waste Water Treatment Plant Chief Operator Richard Dunning, Public Works Superintendent Mitch Cornish, and City Clerk Melissa Logan.

ALSO PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Water Filtration Plant Chief Operator Leonard Fucci.

By: Liberto/ Zigenfus

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting, held November 18, 2021 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:

By: Liberto/ Zigenfus

RESOLVED, that the bid for a 2014 or newer 2500 series, four-wheel drive pick-up truck, in the amount of \$28,500.00 be awarded to Maple City Dodge.

Carried: Ayes All

By: Liberto/Zigenfus

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$320,041.49 be approved and paid as audited. Carried-Ayes all (X)

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Rich Dunning said that they are hoping to get out and do another land application in this nice weather, if they can. They got out last month and they also were inspected by Mike Miles with Region 8 and he was satisfied with what he saw at Smith Stock Farms. They are waiting for a power steering belt to come in and then they can get back out there and do some more if the weather cooperates. Land application is the most economical way to dispose of sludge. They could put in a thermophilic digester help get

around the problem with the weather and not being able to land apply. Crowley's is trying to boost production, so we are running into problems. They are superseding the capacity of the lift station on Joe Jones farm and are approaching \$60,000 in fines for overages for November and these last two weeks. It was set up in 1980 for them to have 20,000 gallons of treatment and they are going past that limit and causing these overages. These issues seem to be happening more frequently. Our industrial treatment program is coming up for review and we are going to consider upping our fines. There was a discussion about the solar panels at the plant and they are still running.

- Mitch Cornish spoke of the major upgrade at the water treatment plant. They are working on the SKATA system and the new turbiditors have been put in. Lenny has a laptop at home now and can see how the whole plant is running from his house. He has the ability shut some things down from the laptop, as well. There have been no issues and the plant is running at 100%. Some of the grass didn't come in around the tanks. They are planning on adding an extra flush into the year. Usually, they flush in spring and fall and will add July flush in. DPW does all the flushing now instead of the fire department. With street, material costs are up. They got a lot done this summer, 22 streets and parking lots. Waiting on snowplowing and are currently cleaning Crosby creek, making gravel, picking up bagged leaves and doing some raking. They are working on fixing one of the plow trucks and are looking to upgrade some old equipment.

By: Liberto/Zigenfus

Motion to enter Executive Session – Ayes All

By: Zigenfus/Liberto

Motion to enter back into Regular Session – Ayes All

Resolution:

By: Zigenfus/Liberto

RESOLVED, that the Board of Public Works amends the procurement policy of the City of Hornell as follows:

The dollar amount included in the procurement policy of the City of Hornell shall be increased to that of the State of New York. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Carried: Ayes All

By: Liberto/Zigenfus

RESOLVED, that there being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 11:16a.m.

Carried – Ayes all(X)

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Logan
City Clerk