

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 10:03 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: William Pirtle of WLEA

ABSENT: None

]By: Zigenfus/Liberto

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting, held January 19, 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)

By: Zigenfus/Liberto

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$787,286.02 be approved and paid as audited. Carried-Ayes all (X)

MISCELLANEOUS:

Rich Dunning said that their construction project is moving along. Blue Heron is there, backfilling and tamping the excavation and repairing the dike. They are pouring the concrete pad that surrounds the channel that will hold the UV disinfection unit. This unit is scheduled for delivery in March or April. It should be up and online May 1. They are waiting for a response for a permit modification for the current phosphorus. Going to do a study on that and they will need to do an extension on that. Visited HP Hood to discuss the industry monitoring program. Talked about new testing responsibilities and billing for them. Next week they will talk to the other businesses they monitor, Bradley's, Alstom, Grey Mfg., St. James, ATM and Stern & Stern. Robert and Josh will be taking their certification tests in March and, Jim Carney will take his 1A in August. They are, also, doing a lot of end of year reporting.

Mayor Buckley asked if there was any talk with HP Hood about odor issues, as it is very prevalent in Arkport and through North Hornell. Rich said their main problem is getting their chemical usage down and changing to a system that doesn't kill their bacteria. They are talking about hiring consultants to help figure out their problem.

Mitch Cornish talked about the 26 water breaks this winter, alone. Mostly 4" mains. They are currently trimming trees and just waiting for the snow. They've been keeping track of the UV project at the WPCP, every other day. They have gotten the dike cleaned up, it looks good. Doing a little building maintenance, cleaning up the parks a bit. Deconstruction of the fishing pier at Shawmut has begun to replace it.

Lenny Fucci spoke of the few mechanical break downs they have been dealing with. The auto dialer for the storage system is up and running. The scales for the alum powder and permanganate failed. New one is on order. System can be checked day to day, in the meantime, to see the day-to-day usage. The reservoirs are full and are spilling daily. The ponds around the well site are back up. They are still waiting to hear from Scantec about the carbon filter. He believes the leaks are coming from the welds and them not being properly prepped. The new chlorine system at the storage tanks, Koester came in last week and did some fine tuning and determined that these larger pumps are capable of pumping at the lower rate that we need them to pump at. So, they are being fine-tuned.

Mayor Buckley spoke about the parks projects moving ahead. Union Square Park should be starting in the spring. There was a park meeting yesterday about James Street Park and that project should begin at the end of August. Projects there to include the tennis courts, basketball courts, splashpad and the pool house. They are waiting to see what the costs will be for paving this year. These currently include Crosby and Thatcher streets, for the larger streets and some smaller ones, as well.

By: Zigenfus/Liberto

RESOLVED, that there being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Carried – Ayes all(X)

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Logan
City Clerk