

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 10:02 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: None

ABSENT: None

By: Zigenfus/Liberto

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting, held October 20, 2022 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: Liberto/Zigenfus

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$784,393.70 be approved and paid as audited. Carried-Ayes all (X)

MISCELLANEOUS:

- An Event Permit Application was reviewed for Cookies with Santa and was approved – Ayes all

Mayor Buckley said that the City was awarded two CFA's. The first was a \$50,000 grant to complete a water asset management study and the second was a \$1,250,000 grant for improvements to the WPCP, for Phase 1B.

Rich Dunning said they will rebuild the 3 main sewerage pumps, as they are a 1968 vintage. They will rehab the anaerobic digesters. The sludge system that is in these digesters has been broken for about 15 years, or so. They will, also, start cleaning gas before reusing it in our boilers. They will be replacing the return pumps. They will be putting in an automatic blanket depth reader. They decided to rebuild the return pump as the turnaround time for a rebuild is only 3-5 weeks.

If they went with a new pump, there is a 16-week waiting period. They bought a valve operator to help turn valves. They will use it to exercise valves regularly. The construction project is moving along and they should have the base poured next week. Shane Kramer has got his drivers license and he submitted his 20 credits and application to get his certification as an operator back. He expects to have that certificate in hand next week. They had 2 million gallons of sludge out this year. Hood is still “bombing us” on a daily basis. Fines will be going out soon.

Mitch Cornish said that the salt truck has been out. The plows have been put on and are up and running as is the sidewalk plow. We have plenty of salt for this year. The heaters at the Art Center need to be replaced as they are old and parts are no longer available. The digester roofs have been replaced at the WPCP. The filter building needs a roof, next year. The roofs that have been replaced are at City Hall, the Art Center, WTP and the Library. The Senior Center roof needs to be looked at. Money for sewer lining is needed. The large liner for Fairview has been put back to December 4. Ashley is working with LaBella’s on the fountain for the new park. The Christmas décor downtown is out. The BOCES house had its inspection yesterday.

Mayor Buckley spoke of the activity we will have in the next couple of years with the park project and the DRI and there was a discussion about what to expect.

Commissioner Liberto asked about the proposed roundabouts, as he is getting questions. That is not a City project, but the DOT.

Lenny Fucci talked about one of the cartridges that was leaking. He got permission from the DOH to bypass and do some testing on them. Now both are leaking. Stantec engineers sent someone to come and take a look at them. It’s probably a defect in the weld. The reservoirs are being checked every day and are up. We got some good rain last week and they filled up fast. The siphon has been winterized. They have noticed a lot of activity at the reservoirs with boating, hunting, fishing and other recreational uses. They have Posted, no trespassing signs up all over up there, but people are still trespassing.

By: Zigenfus/ Liberto

RESOLVED, that there being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Carried – Ayes all(X)

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Logan
City Clerk