

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 10:02 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 Operator Robert McLaughlin, Public Works Superintendent Mitch Cornish, and City Clerk Melissa Logan.

ALSO PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Waste Water Treatment Plant Chief Operator Richard Dunning.

By: Zigenfus/Liberto

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting, held October 21, 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: None

By: Liberto/Zigenfus

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$729,675.07 be approved and paid as audited. Carried-Ayes all (X)

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Robert spoke about the water pollution control plant sludge program. It has been too wet to do a lot. In the last two weeks they were able to land apply 370,000 gallons. They won't be able to apply to that field again, due to shotgun season. They might have an option to apply at Gerow's fields in South Hornell, if it dries up enough. They will apply until the ground freezes. Hoping to get more sludge applied to hold us over until springtime. If it remains wet in the spring, they might have to use the belt press again, but it will not be as urgent as last year.
- Lenny said that their project, at the Water Treatment Plant, was coming to an end. SKATA system is on hold for now. They are going to be back from the 22nd-24th and then they will schedule a day to do some comprehensive training for the staff. They will have to address the solenoid panel in the spring, as it is corroding. He wants the new cabinet to be powder coated.

The new panel will have to be replaced onsite and it will take 3 days. There is, also, a problem with the clarifier. Right now, it's as simple as replacing the oil seal. However, the whole thing seems to have a wobble, so they think there is something else going on. One option is to put a quick sleeve on the shaft, or revisit the whole thing and possibly have a whole new assembly built. The prop might not be properly balanced. They will have to address construction issues in the Spring. As for the issue with the discolored water in the summer, there was so much rain that streams and banks by the reservoirs have been washed out. With all this rain and the water rushing in, the turbidity went up very high causing darker colored water. On the night that the new Allen pump quit, the alarm system wasn't set up to put the call out to him, as the area code was not programmed in. With the change with the phone system requiring area codes, the call did not go through to him, so the alarm wasn't discovered until morning.

- Mitch mentioned that the Canisteo Street bridge is re-opened. The DPW has been putting the Christmas decorations up. They are paving a 2,400 square foot parking lot at James Street park, by the pool. There was an incident with a stolen DPW truck. It was parked, overnight, in a city lot and was gone in the morning. Both sets of keys were accounted for. It appears that they jimmied the lock and the ignition. The vehicle was found on Davenport lane and looked like someone had been sleeping in it. There was a chop saw and some tools that were stolen from it and it will need a new ignition. The DPW will be picking up leaves that are bagged up and placed at the curb. He spent the day, yesterday, at a water class. State DOH is revising the lead and copper rule for water system and a change is coming. There will be further information to follow in the coming year.

By: Liberto/Zigenfus

RESOLVED, that there being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 10:57a.m.

Carried – Ayes all(X)

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Logan
City Clerk