

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 10:07 a.m. via conference call and at the City Building, 82 Main St., Hornell, NY.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Shane Kramer and Chris Potter from the Evening Tribune (via Zoom).

ABSENT: Water Filtration Plant Chief Operator, Leonard Fucci.

By: Zigenfus/Liberto

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting, held October 15, 2020 be approved as read. Carried-Ayes all (X)

By: Zigenfus/ Liberto

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 \$2,018,427.38 be approved and paid as audited. Carried-Ayes all (X)

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Jane Street parking request From Joe Rose was revisited. They were requesting lines on the street for parking spaces across from Stop & Shop, so that employees had space to park. Whereas this is in a residential area, the request was denied.

Rich Dunning gave an update on the Water Pollution Control Plant. They submitted a delayed application to the DEC for the SPDES permit. The permit, in the past, has been for 150 tons. They had to modify the permit this year to 500 tons due to the increase in sludge. Crowley Foods had a problem at their facility that lasted three months. They had to get their caustic from a new supplier and this new caustic raised the PH. We started to see a sludge blanket coming from them and were in jeopardy of exceeding sludge storage. Crowley's didn't realize the effect

this had on the hornell plant and did not contact us about the problem. We contacted Crowley's and requested that they stop using that caustic and, now, within a couple weeks, both facilities are looking very good. Because of this, Crowley's has, currently, acquired \$13,000 in fines. They are going to get a permit for trucks to take sludge to Canandaigua and Rochester. They are going to rent a belt press and reduce the sludge to 20%.

Shane Kramer spoke about the belt press rental and the fee for it being \$22,000/mo. with a minimum rental time of 1 month. Between the press rental, the polymer and the landfill, it will be about a \$65,000 cost. They will try to get rid of 900 tons of sludge with 75 trips to the dump expected and this should satisfy the DEC. They were able to land apply 100,000 tons of sludge this fall.

Mitch Cornish spoke about the 22,000 gallon tank rental. They will press sludge into a dry cake. There will be trucking costs for this and they will have to line the trucks as part of the DEC plan. Once the permit process is done we will have 500 tons and this shouldn't happen again. We have to take into consideration that the Chesapeake Bay initiative does factor into this. The DPW went to Crowley's and told them to let us know, sooner than later, when there is a problem from now on.

The salt truck was out 2 nights ago. The garage workers are using up their vacation days. The hot plant is done for the season and they have moved on to cold patching. The East Main Street Bridge is just waiting on a guardrail. The 2 million gallon tank is up at the water treatment plant. The #1 clarifier is going back together. Workers will be going inside for computer work. There have been lots of requests for bagged leaf pickups. The plows are up and ready for snow and the street sweeper is going out once in a while.

By: Liberto/ Zigenfus

RESOLVED, that there being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Carried – Ayes all(X)

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Logan
City Clerk