

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. 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, Water Filtration Plant Chief Operator Leonard Fucci, Public Works Superintendent Mitch Cornish, and City Clerk Melissa Logan.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Jessica Cleveland and Chamberlain Michele Smith.

**ABSENT:** None

By: Zigenfus/Liberto

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the last meeting, held September 22, 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 \$548,320.41 be approved and paid as audited. Carried-Ayes all (X)

#### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- An Event Permit Application was reviewed for Hornell for the Holidays and was approved – Ayes all

Rich Dunning spoke about the meeting yesterday, which discussed construction progress and safety. He, also, discussed alternate operations to add a bypass to the new UV system and the need to install a new flow meter. They have put in the new magmeter and there has been some delay with some of the equipment. He will have talks with the DEC about these delays. He spoke about replacing pumps and the issues with supplies and rebuilding them. There have been one million gallons of biosolids land applied to Smith Stock Farms. The tanks are at the lowest level they have been in years.

Mitch Cornish spoke of the paving that has been going on around town the past few days. Today is the last day of paving. They have been getting the plows up

and running. There was a tour of the DPW garage on Monday night with the Aldermen. The garage is in rough shape. The roof is brittle and it leaks. The bathrooms are, also, pretty rough. Mayor Buckley spoke of the options and opportunities that they have been exploring. Dave Parmley's building, on Thacher Street, would be a great option. It has storage, parking, two lifts, and a pit. They are, also, looking at the old Stobles building on Adsit Street for HAT. The barn could store the vehicles and the building could be used for office space. The Thacher Street property comes with two houses that could be used for offices. Mitch stated that the end of street sweeping will be on October 28, 2022. Also, put a reminder out to not rake leaves into the street. If the leaves are bagged, the City will pick them up. They have been in the process of changing the City buildings over to winter mode. It was found that one of the roof top units at the Art Center has a crack in it. We will, eventually, have to replace all three of them, as they are from the 1980's. Today they are working at the Library, as they have no heat upstairs and they are working on that. The BOCES house is 99.9% finished. About November 1, it should be ready to be showcased and ready to go up for bid. The City Hall building had an issue with the cast iron drain and hydro sulfide cracking the pipes, emitting sewer gases. The building had to close early on Friday and they had to replace 25 feet of pipe. The building next door, owned by Myers, has an apartment that has not been used for two years and the sewer is not capped. So, that was emitting fumes, as well. Crowley's has been having issues, again and have been "bombing us". A business on Seneca Street has been complaining about sewer gas smell. We believe that may have to do with the new pumps in a neighboring village.

Lenny Fucci said that the plant has been running well. The magnesium problem has subsided. There was an issue with the flat roof. Joe and Caleb put a rubber roof on it. It cost \$3,000 in materials and was done in 2 ½ days. There is an issue at the Carbon Plant. One of the tanks needs to be replaced. It will be a 4-6 month process to replace it. New chlorine pumps have been ordered for storage tanks. There was some vandalism to our property at Meeks Hill. They are putting a trail cam up to keep an eye on it. The hydraulic panel still needs to be replaced and the lagoons need cleaning out.

### **Enter Executive Session – Personnel Issue**

**By: Zigenfus/Liberto**

### **Exit Executive Session**

**By: Liberto/Zigenfus**

BY: Liberto/Zigenfus

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Public Safety hereby extends Shane Kramer's thirty (30) day time limit to acquire both, his operator's permit and his driver's license, an additional fourteen (14) days. Failure to meet these requirements may result in further disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

Carried – Ayes All

Absent – None

By: Liberto/Zigenfus

**RESOLVED**, that there being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Carried – Ayes all(X)

Respectfully submitted,

---

Melissa Logan  
City Clerk