

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 10:03 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: City Attorney Joseph Pelych

ABSENT: None

By Liberto/Zigenfus

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting, held August 18 and September 6, 2022 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: Liberto/Zigenfus

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$934,138.79 be approved and paid as audited. Carried-Ayes all (X)

MISCELLANEOUS:

- An Event Permit Application was reviewed for the St. Ann's Academy Field of Honor and was approved – Ayes all
- An Event Permit Application was reviewed for the HHS Homecoming Parade and was approved – Ayes all
- An Event Permit Application was reviewed for the American Legion Halloween Parade and was approved – Ayes all

Rich Dunning said that Aaron Smith has invited us to start land applying sludge on his fields. The construction project is going well. There will be a break in the action as they are waiting for some tubes to come in, as they are on backorder. We are in good shape with sludge storage capacity.

Mitch Cornish spoke about having to foot a \$400 bill from Andy Smith for the rat problem at the garage. They could, possibly, be coming in with the MBI trucks from New York City. The rats are a foot and a half long and will continue to be an ongoing problem. They have milled more streets and will be paving around the 16th-17th of October. There has been a 700,000-gallon difference in water from the WTP to the WPCP. Will check the numbers again next month and if it keeps up, they will have to do some leak protection. There currently have 6 people out mowing grass.

Lenny Fucci asked if we have had anymore issues with water complaints. The complaints have quieted down. He, then, talked about the issues that we had last year and, now, again this year. The issues this year were different. There was an issue with the amount of manganese. The DOH was called as the manganese was extremely high. With guidance on how to feed it to correct the issue, the level went back down. He stated this was one of the hardest things he's ever done.

A discussion regarding recirculating water for the upcoming projects, including the fountain at the new park and the spray park at James Street.

There has, also, been a discussion with Scott LaMountain of Empire State Development on a joint project for re-lining the sewers, that included North Hornell and Hornellsville.

Enter Executive Session – Personnel Issue
By: Liberto/Zigenfus

Exit Executive Session
By: Zigenfus/Liberto

BY: Liberto/Zigenfus

RESOLVED, that the Board of Public Safety hereby suspends Shane Kramer without pay from the Water Pollution Control Plant. It is required that he make an effort to acquire, both, his operator's permit and his driver's license within thirty (30) days. This issue will be revisited, at that time. 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 11:29 a.m.

Carried – Ayes all(X)

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Logan
City Clerk