

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at Hornell City Hall, 82 Main St., Hornell, NY.

**PRESENT:** Mayor John Buckley, Commissioner Joseph Liberto, Commissioner Christopher Clark, Water Pollution Control Plant Operator Richard L. Dunning, II, Water Filtration Plant Chief Operator Leonard Fucci, Public Works Superintendent Mitchell Cornish, Deputy Mayor Jessica Cleveland, and Heather Lisi, City Clerk.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Josh Scialpa, Robert McLaughlin

**AND FROM THE MEDIA:** None

**ABSENT:** N/A

By: Liberto/Clark

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the last meeting, held January 15, 2026 be approved as read.

Carried- Ayes all

Absent- N/A

By: Liberto/Clark

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Reports of Department Heads be approved and ordered filed.

Carried- Ayes all

Absent- N/A

By: Liberto/Clark

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Public Works hereby accepts the resignation of Richard Dunning, of 40 Armory Place, Hornell, NY, for the position of Chief Operator effective February 16, 2026.

Carried – Ayes all

Absent- N/A

By: Liberto/Clark

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Public Works hereby provisionally appoints Robert McLaughlin, of 165 Leach Ave, Hornell, NY, to the position of Chief Operator. This appointment shall take effect on February 16, 2026.

Carried – Ayes – all

Absent – N/A

By: Liberto/Clark

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Public Works hereby appoints Joshua Scialpa, of 33 Mill St, Hornell, NY, to the position of Assistant Chief Operator. This appointment shall take effect on February 16, 2026.

Carried –Ayes all

Absent: N/A

By: Liberto/Clark

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the bid for a 2025 or newer Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD work truck, in the amount of \$47,385.00 be awarded to Joe Basil Chevrolet.

Carried – Ayes all

Absent N/A

By: Liberto/Clark

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that claims in the amount of \$541,623.52 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried- Ayes all

Absent- N/A

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Run for the Shamrock 5K Event approved

**Water Pollution Control Plant – Richard Dunning II and Robert McLaughlin**

Things were slow at the plant for the month of January, but ramped back up in February. Work on the raw sewage pumps continues. Number two and number three are in use, and they hope to have number one up and running Tuesday or Wednesday next week. They had to drain the primary tank and may have to take it offline again due to ice formation. Warmer temps next week should help. They will continue to monitor. Rich is happy with the team of problem solvers we have in place at the plant.

**Department of Public Works – Mitchell Cornish**

Kudos to City crews for working eighteen days of below freezing temperatures on 9 major water leaks around the City. We have used 700 tons of salt so far this winter season. The are still working on their summer paving list. Boces House number 13 on Madison Avenue is currently up for bid. Boces house number 14 on Canisteo Street should be completed by late spring. Plans for Boces house number 15 are being worked on.

**Water Treatment Plant – Leonard Fucci**

Water usage is high, possible due to people running faucets to avoid frozen pipes and water main breaks. Brutal winter temperatures have yet to cause issues at the plant as they have in the past. Freezing weather slows chemical processes down. The plant continues to run short staffed due to Joe Brungard's injury. He will return to work on light duty on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Reservoir levels are good.

By: Liberto/Clark

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that there being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Carried – Ayes all

Absent- N/A

Respectfully submitted,

*Heather Lisi*

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City Clerk