

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 9:02 a.m. in the 2nd floor conference room, Hornell City Hall, 82 Main Street, Hornell, NY.

PRESENT: Honorable John J. Buckley, Mayor, Commissioner David Parmley, Commissioner Scott Richardson, Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski, Police Chief Ted Murray, Deputy Mayor Jessica Cleveland, Neighborhood & Facilities Director Bud Burdett and Heather Lisi City Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT: John Bradley

AND FROM THE MEDIA: Neal Simon, The Evening Tribune

ABSENT: none

BY: Richardson/Parmley

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting, held February 12, 2026 be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all

Absent - N/A

BY: Parmley/Richardson

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Reports of Fire, Ambulance, Codes and Police be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all

Absent - N/A

BY: Parmley/Richardson

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$343,508.46 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all

Absent - N/A

MISCELLANEOUS: Event Permit Applications:

- HPG Wildflower Festival
- HPG Independence Day Celebration
- HPG Thursdays at the Square
- HPG Palmapalooza
- HPG Maple City Festival
- HPG Trunk or Treat
- HPG Hornell for the Holidays
- The Veggie Van
- Alstom Day of Fun
- No Kings Hornell
- Spring Socialization Event

Fire Dept Update - Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski

Nothing out of the ordinary during the month of February. The Department is busy getting things back in order. Yearly testing, vehicle inspections, recertifications, and permits are being renewed or completed, as well as the installation of a new Medical Director. Two cadets currently in the academy are both doing very well and are expected to be in service by the end of May. Josh Szarek is doing well in paramedic school as well.

Deputy Mayor Jessica Cleveland

Hornell Area Transit will be running buses during the City's St Patrick's Day celebration on 3/14/26. Four buses will run that day, including a route extending outside of city limits to include, Racalto's Restaurant, Bullseye Ax Throwing in Thacherville and The Valley Grill in Canisteo. Sponsors were obtained within two days to cover the expense thanks to Hornell Area Transit employee Cassie Feenaughty's efforts.

There are continuing issues with unlicensed dogs in the City. Codes continues to collaborate with the Hornell Area Humane Society regarding the State's mandate on licensing dogs and up to date rabies vaccinations in order to keep the community safe. There is a four dog limit in the City of Hornell.

Codes Department Update – Bud Burdett

Codes inspectors have completed their annual Code School to recertify for 2027. The office has had a large volume of court dates recently for various code violations. Attempts to contact and work with homeowners are ongoing, as well as Order to Remedy letters mailed prior to going to court. Letters are also sent to Landlords to alert them of expired inspections. Working directly with the Codes office is encouraged to avoid court.

Police Chief Ted Murray

The police are also getting calls regarding dog issues. Chief Murray has appointed Officer Seth Blanchard as the department's liaison to the Hornell Area Humane Society, as he has canine experience.

The department continues investigating the presence of drugs in the community. Unfortunately, arrests made for sales often result in the suspect being released by the courts in a short amount of time. It is an ongoing battle. Officers Berglund and Stiles recently took a course in Elmira on drug overdoses, learning about how the body metabolizes drugs, the chemical changes that occur, and autopsy topics.

The department will have officers on hand to guide the St Patrick's Day parade on 3/14/26, as well as have extra patrols throughout the festivities. The HAT Buses will hopefully help cut down on the number of people drinking and driving. Officers will be monitoring the camera systems for any issues that might arise.

Mental health issues continue to be prevalent. Kudos to the officers who handle these calls with patience and professionalism. These calls can often take hours, due to the lack of facilities in our area to treat suffering individuals. When a facility is located, the person is often released within 24 hours, often not getting the help they truly need.

Mayor Buckley

The Fourth of July parade will be larger this year, creating the need to kickoff from the Hornell High School parking lot, rather than the parking lot at Community Bank as in previous years.

The light and camera apparatus at the Canisteo Street 7 Eleven has been removed.

BY: Parmley/Richardson

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that there being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Carried – Ayes All

Absent - N/A

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Lisi

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City Clerk