

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, March 19, 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 Robert McLaughlin, Water Filtration Plant Chief Operator Leonard Fucci, Public Works Superintendent Mitchell Cornish, Deputy Mayor Jessica Cleveland, and City Clerk Heather Lisi

**ALSO PRESENT:** John Bradley, Heinz Pollinger

**AND FROM THE MEDIA:** Neil Simon, Evening Tribune

**ABSENT:** N/A

By: Liberto/Clark

**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: 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 bid for the Boces House at 179 Madison Ave in the amount of \$180,000.00 be awarded to Jonathan LeRoux and Charlie LeRoux.

Carried – Ayes all

Absent – N/A

BY: Liberto/Clark

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Public Works hereby appoints Toran Quinlan, of 380 Seneca Rd., Hornell, NY, to the position of Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee (HELPS Program). This appointment shall take effect on April 13, 2026.

Carried -Ayes all

Absent – N/A

By: Liberto/Clark

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that claims in the amount of \$714,581.72 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried- Ayes all

Absent- N/A

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Heinz Pollinger – presentation regarding work at Veteran’s park to create a Veterans Memorial Wall honoring all branches of the military at the Park Drive entrance. Project is being funded by donations from local clubs and merchants.

**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

**Water Pollution Control Plant – Robert McLaughlin**

Construction continues at the plant. Pumps one and three are operational, as well as the newly installed return pumps. New SCADA system is being integrated and will be fully operational as well. Trainee Mike Gibson is attending school this week and next. He will take another course in April before he is eligible for his operator license. Jim Carney is out on medical leave. Josh Scialpa and Robert McLaughlin are covering shifts.

**Department of Public Works – Mitch Cornish**

A late storm of snow and ice recently put our two salt trucks to good use. Crews are working to get the pool summer ready by working on the pool deck and a 20x30 pavilion that is in the planning stages in order to provide shade during the hot summer months. There will be a seating area created as well. Crews have also been repairing water leaks. We are up to approximately 20 so far this year. A leak detection service is being researched as the city has not engaged one since 2022.

**Water Treatment Plant- Lenny Fucci**

Water quality is really good currently. The Water Quality Report has been submitted to the Department of Health and we can expect to see it published by May. Department of Health mandated sampling is underway. The Water Treatment Plant’s newly acquired 2025 Silverado has been put into service. Hydrant flushing season begins April 11.

By: Liberto/Clark

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that there being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Carried – Ayes all

Absent- N/A

Respectfully submitted,

*Heather Lisi*

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City Clerk