

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 10:05 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: None

AND FROM THE MEDIA: None

ABSENT: N/A

By: Liberto/Clerk

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting, held April 16, 2025 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

RESOLVED, that the bid for a 2026 or newer Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD work truck, in the amount of \$48,215.00 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 \$4,415,496.40 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried- Ayes all

Absent- N/A

MISCELLANEOUS: Event Applications:

Southern Tier Recruiting Co Change of Command Ceremony

Count it all Joy – Christian Event

Summer Yoga Series

Hornell Association Beach Party

Green Machine Bocce Ball Tuesdays (Special Olympics)

Green Machine Softball Wednesdays (Special Olympics)

**All Listed Event applications were approved by the Board of Public Works

Water Pollution Control Plant – Robert McLaughlin

Phase 1B is almost complete. The SCADA System is being upgraded and operators will be trained regarding the new features in coming days. Flow for the past month has been very high, currently at 5.2 million gallons. Significant amounts are coming from outside of the city. Mike Gibson will test for his Operator's license in early June. New mechanic, Keith Howell, is training with Dana Merring and has jumped right into the work at hand. The summer helper has started at the plant as well. There is approximately 30% more room for sludge storage and the plant will plan on land application in the Fall. There is a slim chance for spring application as well. **Mayor Buckley mentioned the Steuben County Legislature passed a six-month moratorium on land application this past week, but it does not affect the City and its existing contracts for biosolid field application.

Department of Public Works – Mitchell Cornish

Six years ago, we had a grant to repair the city's main sewer trunk line. If available, another grant should be explored to repair additional lines due to infiltration and infusion of ground water entering the system. Four streets were recently milled and paved, with additional streets on the list for late August, early September. As streets are paved, crews are checking and replacing any lead water service pipes per Department of Health requirements. Mowing has begun at the City Parks. Information will be given to crews regarding ticks and how to remove them, as they are abundant this year. Summer helpers have started mowing, planting and watering. The new pavilion at the pool is 90% complete. This will allow a shaded area for parents and grandparents who bring children to swim.

Water Treatment Plant- Lenny Fucci

Water usage remains very high. A water leak survey has been sent out, but has not been returned yet. Heavy rains in March caused some disruption at the plant, but turbidity levels are back to normal currently. The reservoirs are in good shape. We are waiting on quotes to rebuild some of the wells due to their decreasing ability to keep up with capacity. We are getting ready to treat to stay ahead of warm weather issues. The Summer helper has started as well. The plant has seen a number of mechanical issues recently, with parts on order to replace and install so that the pumps maintain pressure and correct calibration. Plumbing work at the carbon plant is in progress. Kevin Diehl is retiring in August and eventually will be replaced by Torin Quinlan, who is undergoing training and doing well. It may take four to five months to get Torin into school for his certification.

Mayor Buckley

Meetings are ongoing with state and local law enforcement, Emergency Services, and Department of Public works in regards to the Big Boy Locomotive, which makes a stop at the Hornell Erie Depot on June 11 from 2 - 2:30pm.

By: Liberto/Clark

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that there being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Carried – Ayes all

Absent- N/A

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Lisi

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City Clerk