

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 2:13 p.m. at Hornell City Hall, 82 Main St., Hornell, NY.

PRESENT: Mayor John Buckley, Commissioner Jared Zigenfus, 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 City Clerk Holly Snyder.

MEDIA: Brian O'Neil - WLEA

ALSO PRESENT: Frederic Voss

ABSENT: Commissioner Joseph Liberto

By: Zigenfus/Buckley

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting, held June 20, 2025 be approved as read.

Carried- Ayes all

Absent- N/A

By: Zigenfus/Buckley

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

Carried- Ayes all

Absent- N/A

By: Zigenfus/Buckley

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$823,539.60 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried- Ayes all

Absent- N/A

MISCELLANEOUS:

HPG Pop Up Concert – Matt Sassano – Approved

Summer Jam, Hornell Association - Approved

Public Works Superintendent Mitchell Cornish said paving is done on Dennis Ave, Emmett, Hubbard and Seward Streets. The next round of milling on the 25th will be Center Street from Main to Loder and Hill Street from Cass to Spruce. We are in the middle of our second round of hydrant flushing. The water meters are at the end of the battery life, and the system we use is obsolete. We are looking into a cellular system where the readings would download right to Mariora's computer in the Chamberlain's office. The old salt truck is going to auction and we are waiting on delivery for the new one.

Water Pollution Control Plant Operator Richard L. Dunning, II provided an update on construction at the plant. Tuesday last week we received our new emergency generator. Next week we should receive the doors for the seal lock system in the equipment screening room, first week August we're expecting delivery of the fiberglass replacement stairways and in October the raw sewage pumps are expected. The next technical meeting with HP Hood is scheduled for August 15th, and at that time we'll do the annual inspection, go out to their treatment facility and look at the progress that they've made in the past year as far as treating phosphorus and improvements to their waste treatment system. We have a meeting today with Abigail Johnson to talk about our flow certification. We have exceeded the limit for total solids we received at the plant last year, we have to submit a plan for future growth. We will talk about increasing the capacity from 4,500 to 8,000 pounds per day. We also finished our annual review on our toxicity program and sending that to Albany next week.

Water Filtration Plant Chief Operator Leonard Fucci talked not being able to treat the reservoirs yet, Friday will be the first time. We are really late on that, they look good but there's some spots, pockets of Algae. The motor to the boat failed, we got it fixed then, when we went out to treat, boat started to sink and it can't be fixed. We just started adding sodium permanganate for the iron and manganese. We've been doing a lot of testing. We got away without adding it in May and June, several thousand dollars that we didn't put in the water, which is good. The flow meter quit working so didn't know how much we were putting out for about a week. We got it working but not sure if it's going to keep working. I had a meeting about the leaking aerator box in the Clarifier 1 building. There are products that will seal the cracks so it's not leaking in the building. Not sure of the cost but we are looking into contractors who work with the product and see if we can get taken care of. We also have a meeting with LaBella and Mike from the Department of Health about the new lead and copper rule that we will be testing for next year. Tomorrow afternoon Caleb has his review with Mike Bailey and Joes's is beginning of August. The review will take about 4 to 5 hours, if it goes well, they can apply for their license.

Mayor Buckley mentioned the sewer truck is about 10 years old and we use it every day. He asked Mitch to see what is out there and to start looking at pricing for a replacement.

By: Zigenfus/Buckley

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that there being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Carried – Ayes all

Absent- N/A

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Snyder

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City Clerk