

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the 2nd floor conference room, Hornell City Hall, 82 Main Street, Hornell, NY.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Eva Clark, Firefighter Kelsey Brzozowski

AND FROM THE MEDIA: Neal Simon - The Evening Tribune and Brian O'Neil - WLEA

ABSENT: Mayor John Buckley

BY: Parmley/Richardson

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting, held June 11, 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 the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety approves the appointment of Lawrence G Ebert, of 1720 Rte 70A, Hornell, NY, as a Call Man in the Hornell Fire Department effective July 9, 2026.

Carried – all

Absent – N/A

BY: Parmley/Richardson

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$353,870.88 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all

Absent - N/A

MISCELLANEOUS:

Street Closing Application: Lincoln School Reunion at Hornell VFW

Event Permit Applications: Summer Socialization Event

Annual Shrimp Bake- Hornell Association

****Listed street closing and event applications were approved by Board of Public Safety. Final review at Board of Public Works meeting on July 16, 2026.**

Fire Dept Update - Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski

New call man, Larry Ebert is retired and will be especially helpful for daytime calls, which can be a challenge to staff. The department recently responded to two fires, located at the Hornell Transfer Station, and a car fire on Canisteo Street. The operator at the transfer station was extremely helpful in running equipment to allow the firefighters to sift through and thoroughly extinguish the fire, which was in a pile of garbage at the facility.

Bethesda Foundation Grant Award - Firefighter Kelsey Brzozowski

Kelsey took the lead in securing a \$20,000.00 grant from the Bethesda Foundation that will be used to obtain new EMS Training equipment, including an E-Sim Monitor and two new mannequins; one adult and one infant. This will greatly improve training capabilities at the station, which is an AHA training facility. The department added six new CPR instructors recently and will be adding four ACLS and PALS instructors in the near future.

Codes Department Update – Bud Burdett

The Codes Department has received 92 grass complaints so far this summer. The department has sent notices by mail which have resulted in contact with multiple owners. The DPW has mowed eight lawns so far at a total cost of \$300 per mow.

Tax Auctions are coming up and these properties are also monitored to prevent any issues in city neighborhoods.

Recently a tree on Bennett Street was taken down with the help of NYSEG. The tree had been a nuisance in a city right of way, with residents complaining about the limbs and power lines. NYSEG was very helpful and had the tree removed within a week of being notified by Codes.

The department is working through the eviction process for multiple homes in the city where either squatters are present and/or the property has been sold at tax auction. The process can be lengthy. Codes is working closely with Hornell City Court to ensure the process is performed correctly.

Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski commented that a drone for the Codes department is now operational and will help greatly with roof inspections and other inspections that necessitate climbing up to higher locations. Both Larry Bacon and Frank have certification to fly the drone for these inspections.

Police Chief Ted Murray

Chief Murray expressed his gratitude for Chief Brzozowski's personal efforts at the scene of the car fire on Canisteo Street last week. The individual who started the fire threatened Chief Brzozowski with a knife, but did not deter the Fire Chief from providing aid at the scene. The fire had spread to a nearby telephone pole and the safety of the people in the surrounding area were his top priority. Chief Brzozowski praised the efforts of the police officers who arrived and worked to disarm the man.

An estimated 40-50 E-Bike stops have been performed this last month. Officers are seeing an increase in riders wearing helmets as well as obeying traffic devices.

The department offers free bicycle helmets which can be obtained by stopping by the Police Department.

The Fourth of July holiday was relatively calm, with a lower number of calls this year than in the past. Unfortunately, the department is still seeing a number of mental health issues, with repetitive calls from the same individuals, most often during the 3-11 shift. Assistance with these calls is often obtained from Steuben County Mental Health.

Two officers have recently become certified to fly the department's drones.

The popular fundraiser, "Battle of the Badges" softball game is this Friday, July 10th. Both teams are looking forward to the event.

BY: Parmley/Richardson

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that there being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Carried – Ayes All

Absent - N/A

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Lisi

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City Clerk