

A special meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Thursday, August 20, 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, Police Chief Ted Murray, Deputy Mayor Jessica Cleveland, Neighborhood & Facilities Director Bud Burdett and City Clerk Heather Lisi.

ALSO PRESENT: Lynn Watt-McAneney, Nancy Watt

AND FROM THE MEDIA: Neal Simon (Tribune) and Brian O'Neil WLEA

ABSENT: Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski

BY: Richardson/Parmley

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2026, the Board of Public Safety initiated public nuisance proceedings regarding the real property located at **293 Canisteo Street, Hornell, NY** (Owner of Record: Estate of Linda Cornish) pursuant to Chapter 201 of the Code of the City of Hornell; and

WHEREAS, formal Notice of Public Nuisance Hearing was duly served upon the Estate Administrator, current occupants, holdovers, and interested parties via Certified Mail, First-Class Mail, and conspicuous posting upon the subject premises in full compliance with City Code § 201-6; and

WHEREAS, on **August 20, 2026**, the Board of Public Safety convened a Special Public Nuisance Hearing at Hornell City Hall, 82 Main Street, Hornell, NY, and provided all interested parties an opportunity to be heard and present evidence; and

WHEREAS, records presented at the hearing establish that 293 Canisteo Street accumulated 43 nuisance points within the preceding 12-month period (including 34 points within the past six months), far exceeding the statutory thresholds under City Code § 201-2; and

WHEREAS, after due deliberation of the record and evidence presented, the Board finds that the operation of said property continues to constitute a severe threat to public health, safety, and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Public Safety hereby formally determines that a Public Nuisance exists at 293 Canisteo Street pursuant to Chapter 201 of the City Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to City Code § 201-5, the Board hereby issues an **Order of Closure** directing the closing of the building and premises at 293 Canisteo Street to all human habitation, occupancy, or use for a period of **UP TO ONE (1) YEAR** from the date of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all occupants and unauthorized persons shall vacate the premises no later than **Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 12:00 PM**, after which any unauthorized person on the premises shall be subject to arrest for criminal trespass; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Police Department is hereby authorized and directed to post the formal Order of Closure on the premises, assist in serving copies on all parties, and physically secure, lock, and board up the premises upon expiration of the vacate deadline.

Carried – Ayes all

Absent – N/A

MISCELLANEOUS:

A brief roundtable discussion was had regarding the ongoing issues at 293 Canisteo Street. Due to the negative impact to the surrounding neighborhood and the danger the situation represents, the board felt there was a strong enough case to move forward with utilizing the Nuisance Law. The Police Department will continue its attempts at outreach to the current occupants and refer to DSS or other agencies for assistance with relocation. Police will also work with the Hornell Area Humane Society if there are any pets remaining in the home.

BY: Richardson/ Parmley

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that there being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Carried – Ayes All

Absent - N/A

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Lisi

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