

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 10:02 a.m. at Hornell City Hall, 82 Main St., Hornell, NY.

PRESENT: Mayor John Buckley, Commissioner Joseph Liberto, Commissioner Jared Zigenfus, 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: N/A

AND FROM THE MEDIA: Brian O'Neal - WLEA

ABSENT: N/A

By: Liberto/Clark

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Public Works appoints Michael Gibson to the position of Wastewater Treatment Plant Assistant/Shift Operator. This appointment shall take effect on August 7, 2026.

Carried – Ayes all

Absent – N/A

By: Liberto/Clark

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$604,983.75 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried - Ayes all

Absent - N/A

MISCELLANEOUS:

Water Pollution Control Plant – Robert McLaughlin

Mike Gibson was the highest scoring applicant on our list for the Civil Service test. He has done very well at the plant and we are happy for him and his appointment.

Currently things are slow at the plant. We are back to the normal 3 million gallons per day. The 1B project is nearly done. Waiting on replacement doors and paving to be completed. There is a

small crack in the primary clarifier. We have a company coming to inject polyurethane foam to seal it. The summer helper did a great job at the plant with projects that included interior and exterior painting, mowing and landscaping.

Department of Public Works – Mitchell Cornish

At the end of September, the streets that were milled in August will be paved. Disposal lane to the Water Pollution Control Plant will be repaved as well, with a more slanted grade to allow for water runoff that often pools near the yard waste dump. Mitch commented on how nice the Water Pollution Control Plant looks and thanked Robert for initiating the clean- up project. The Park and Recreation Program season ends Friday August 21st. This is also the last day for the pool. Playground boxes will be picked up thereafter and put into storage for the winter. An evaluation of parks and pool will be completed for anticipated repairs and replacements so that they can be budgeted for next year. Hydrants were recently flushed for the Water Treatment Plant. City Wide hydrant flushing went well in July and will be done again in October.

Water Treatment Plant- Lenny Fucci

Well pump #2 was recently taken out and a temporary submersible pump installed. The pump will be examined to determine whether to rebuild or replace. The pump motor has been sent to Athens PA to be rebuilt. The cost for this is approximately \$4000, as opposed to a replacement which would cost approximately \$12,000. We should have a price for the pump itself in about a week. The reservoirs have been spilling all summer. The benefits are, of course having a lot of water, but also additional sampling and testing for manganese and iron show there are no issues with either. Summer helper Joe Mitchell's last day is August 21st. He has been a tremendous help.

Mayor Buckley

We are exploring grant opportunities in order to conduct a study of the reservoir system, trunk and transmission lines. This is a lengthy process, which could take several years to complete. The last study of this kind was done in 1969. Lenny thanked the Mayor for pushing this effort forward. There are also plans to explore grants to examine Water Pollution Control Plant changes to sludge usage versus land application.

By:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that there being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Carried - Ayes all

Absent - N/A

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Lisi

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City Clerk