

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 9:00 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, Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski, Police Chief Ted Murray, Deputy Mayor Jessica Cleveland, Neighborhood & Facilities Director Bud Burdett, and City Clerk Heather Lisi

ALSO PRESENT: None

AND FROM THE MEDIA: Brian O’Neal – WLEA, Neil Simon – The Evening Tribune

ABSENT: None

BY: Richardson/Parmley

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting, held August 13, 2026 and August 20, 2026 be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all

Absent - N/A

BY: Richardson/Parmley

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: Richardson/Parmley

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$356,692.42 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all

Absent - N/A

MISCELLANEOUS - Mayor Buckley

The annual 9/11 memorial ceremony presented by the Hornell VFW will take place at Union Square Park on Friday. This is the 25th anniversary of the attack. Representatives from both the Police and Fire Departments will be at the event.

The 7th annual Maple City Festival will take place on Saturday 9/12 on Main and Broadway with vendors, food and music.

Compliments to the Police and Codes Departments for their work on the situation at 293 Canisteo Street. There were challenges and hurdles along the way. The neighborhood is better off since steps were taken to have the property declared a nuisance and ultimately secured against unauthorized access. A similar situation has been monitored by Codes at 65 Oak Street. Codes has successfully moved unauthorized persons from the location and with the help of the DPW, has secured the home while waiting for the property to be sold at tax auction.

Fire Dept Update - Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski

The month of August was not too busy for the department. Routine equipment checks and ladder inspections were completed. Paramedic Joshua Szarek graduated and is scheduled to take his national test. He will complete a review course to prepare. New candidate Jacob Giglio has been working nights and will enter the academy in February. The grant from the Bethesda Foundation came through, equipment was received and is in use. We are now waiting for word on FEMA and PERMA grant applications.

Codes Department Update – Bud Burdett

The Steuben County Tax Sale started on Tuesday and will run for one week. There are 7 Hornell properties listed in the sale. The Steuben County Land Bank sometimes acquires properties from the sale and either demolishes or rehabilitates the home. The Mayor attested to the quality of work performed by the land bank and mentioned that there is one currently in process on O'Connor Avenue. The land bank has helped in multiple city neighborhoods. Codes will follow the tax sale to obtain new owner information. Contact with the new owner will be attempted so that Codes can work with them to clean up the property. The department is finding that tickets are being issued multiple times to the same owners and properties. Some ticketed individuals don't bother to show up to their court appearance. Court is the last stop in the process, with the Judge determining the fine/punishment.

Police Chief Ted Murray

Ted thanked Jessica and Bud for the Codes Department's help with various issues in the community. There is a lot of frustration with the court system and their processes. Sergeants Harrison and Murray have been busy with the new Tyler system. Sergeant Murray has been completing all investigations involving computer crimes. Sergeant Giglio has completed his EMT course. Chief would like to see more of the officers take this, as they are often first on the scene. Those minutes before the ambulance or Fire department arrives could make a difference. Captain Sexsmith has been working on multiple grants. A Norfolk and Southern grant would allow us to replace our aging speed trailer. An available grant through New York State would pay for equipment such as computers and radios to be added to police vehicles, pay for 2 years of body cams, and 2 new drones. A bid has gone out for three new police vehicles with opening set for 9/29. Ebike enforcement continues with improvement seen in the form of more helmets and riders obeying rules of the road. The department overall has seen many mental health calls, as well as drug investigations. Courts unfortunately release the arrested individuals too quickly. As always, the department will keep pushing forward with investigations, arrests and indictments.

BY: Parmley/Richardson

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that there being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Carried – Ayes All

Absent - N/A

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Lisi

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