

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 10:01 a.m. at Hornell City Hall, 82 Main St., Hornell, NY.

PRESENT: Mayor John Buckley, Commissioner Joseph Liberto, Commissioner Christopher Clark, 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: None

AND FROM THE MEDIA: Brian O'Neal - WLEA

ABSENT: None

By: Liberto/Clark

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting, held August 20, 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$497,634.23 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried- Ayes all

Absent- N/A

MISCELLANEOUS - Mayor Buckley

The Intermunicipal Sewer project has been awarded \$500,000.00 to go toward planning and engineering costs.

Disposal Lane will be closed for approximately two weeks starting 9/11 to undergo a complete cleanout of all stalls used for yard waste as well as milling, grading and paving which will result in better drainage. DPW will pick up residents' yard waste six days a week (Monday – Saturday) until the project is completed. Residents are asked to place bagged grass and leaves at the curb and are encouraged to call Hornell City Hall to arrange for collection.

The VFW will hold their annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at Union Square Park Friday at 6pm to mark the 25th anniversary of the attack.

The 7th Annual Maple City Festival will take place on 9/12 on Main and Broadway with vendors, food and music. DPW will close the streets Friday evening.

Water Pollution Control Plant – Robert McLaughlin

Not much to report since the last meeting. Universal Builders is on site currently and have begun the project of replacing all the doors at the plant. The parking lot will be milled and paved in conjunction with the work on Disposal Lane, (weather permitting). Everything is running smoothly.

Department of Public Works – Mitchell Cornish

The streets that were milled in August will be paved September 23-25th. Striping for Genesee Street is tentatively scheduled for October 1. All work is weather dependent. Crews have been washing bridges this week as part of normal maintenance. This helps eliminate salt buildup from winter. The Leak Detection study results have come back. A total leak of 741,000 gallons of water was detected. Twenty leaks were found. The two largest leaks have been repaired and the rest are in process. Hydrant flushing will resume October 11. The DPW is looking to replace a 2013 John Deere Loader through the NYS CHIPS program.

Water Treatment Plant- Lenny Fucci

The three reservoirs are all spilling. This is the first time in several years that all 3 reservoirs were spilling all summer long. This results in clearer water, which helps to reduce algae, iron, and manganese levels, which in turn allows us to use less treatment chemicals. With the rising costs of chemicals, this creates a significant savings for the City. Hydrant flushing also helps. Lead and copper sampling was conducted over a three- month period. Sample results that we have received as of 9/10/26 have all been below the maximum contaminant level (MCL). RE Kelly will be coming to the plant to assess and seal leaks in the clarifier building near the distribution box and aerator.

By: Liberto/Clark

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that there being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Carried – Ayes all

Absent- N/A

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Lisi

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City Clerk