

A REGULAR meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 9:01 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, City Clerk Holly Snyder and Chamberlain Michele Smith

ABSENT: None

Mayor Buckley started the meeting with a moment of silence in honor and remembrance of the heinous terrorist attacks on 9-11, which was 24 years ago today and in the light of recent events that we've had throughout our nation yesterday and in the past couple of weeks.

Mayor Buckley shared a statement he sent out this morning.

Twenty-four years ago, our nation suffered a loss beyond words on that tragic Tuesday morning.

On this anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, we remember the victims and the families whose lives were forever changed. We honor the courage of the first responders who ran toward danger without hesitation, and the service members who continue to defend our freedoms.

In the aftermath, America grieved, but we also stood together. The image of firefighters raising the flag at Ground Zero became a lasting symbol of our unity and resilience. All these later, it still reminds us that even in our darkest moments, the American spirit endures.

Yet today, we are reminded once again that evil is still very real. Yesterday's political assassination of Charlie Kirk, the heartbreaking school shootings in Colorado, and the murder of a young Ukrainian refugee in North Carolina are painful examples of that. These are not just acts of violence. They are attacks on the very fabric of a civilized society. There is no place for such hatred in our communities. We must reject hatred in all its forms and stand firm in defense of peace, civility, and the rule of law.

BY: Richardson/ Parmley

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting, held August 14, 2025 be approved as read.
Carried – Ayes all

BY: Parmley/Richardson

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Reports of Fire, Ambulance, Codes and Police be approved as read.
Carried – Ayes all

BY: Parmley/Richardson

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety approves the appointment of Trey Swackhamer of 8 Oak Hill Street, Arkport, N.Y., as a Call Man in the Hornell Fire Department.

Carried – Ayes all

BY: Parmley/Richardson

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$387,049.17 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all

Miscellaneous:

Turkey Trot 5K – Approved

Chief Brzozowski gave an update on the Fire Department. He thanked the Mayor for those words. 9-11 is always held tight to our heart and the losses that we experienced. Twenty-four years ago, the death toll of the incident that day in the firefighter service was 343, to this date we are over 24,000 that were related deaths because of the aftermath, the hazmat, the asbestos, and everything, the cancers that have developed. We had six people down to Ground Zero to help out in the aftermath. Captains Fred Christ, Dan Smith, Greg Tsibulsky, Mark Moore and firefighters Bill Clifford and Dennis Solo. They spent a week down there running the EMS calls for the city. Kudos to them for what they did and the service they provided.

For 9-11 today we are going to BOCES to give them an insight of what firefighters went through that day, we put them in the gear and simulate what people went through and how important physical fitness is. Then tonight we have the services at the VFW.

Austin Wheatcraft is in his third month at the Academy and graduates the end of October.

Firefighter Joshua N. Szarek started paramedic school. The two new firefighters, Dale McMichael Jr. and Jordan Emo are doing in-house training, getting them geared up so they will be ready to go to the Academy.

Bud Burdett gave an update on the codes department. We are still getting grass complaints. The codes and police departments are working together on mental health issues in the community. The County Tax Auction ended yesterday. Once the new owner's names are received the codes department will reach out to them and talk to them about the property and see what the new owners plan is with the property.

Police Chief Ted Murray gave an update on the police department. To highlight 9-11, we had four officers, Sergeant Mahoney, Sergeant Cunningham, Officer Scavo and Officer Reagan, that went down on 9-11. He thanked those officers for going down. August has been one of the busiest months, particularly on the 3-11 shift. They were going from call to call to call and the majority of the calls are mental health or drug related. A nice letter will be put in Officer Brett Flaitz file. He picked up a person from Texas on the highway who was armed with a handgun. Officer Flaitz talked to him and brought him to our police station where he interviewed the guy. The guy talked about a robbery that happened at the bank in Addison. The sheriff's department was contacted and they carried the investigation on. Officer Hoyt will also have something put in his personal file. Officer Hoyt is one of the coaches on a high school team and they had an incident

where a young boy took ill. Officer Hoyt was able to intercede and really help out with the young boy. Over the summer he worked a lot of narcotic investigations and did a great job. The police department is going to a new report writing system within the whole county. It is going to be a lot of learning but it'll make us more of a paperless organization.

BY: Richardson/ Parmley

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that there being no further action, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Carried – Ayes All

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Snyder

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City Clerk