

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, October 15, 2026 at 10:03 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: N/A

AND FROM THE MEDIA: Brian O'Neil - WLEA

ABSENT: N/A

By: Liberto/Clark

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting, held September 10, 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 \$757,448.29 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried- Ayes all

Absent- N/A

MISCELLANEOUS: Hornell YMCA Turkey Trot 5K – approved by Board

Water Pollution Control Plant – Robert McLaughlin

Eleven new doors have been installed throughout the plant and are working well. Paving work has been completed and new signage installed for no trespassing. The plant is set to sludge once area farmers give the go ahead. The farmers have not cut their corn just yet. There is a tank and a half available for storage. Once the sludging starts, we will go until either the ground freezes or the farmers dismiss us due to deer season. Hope to start in the next week or so. With phase 1B complete, the plant will consider accepting septic again. Pricing will be researched.

Department of Public Works – Mitchell Cornish

There is a water leak on Swan Street this morning and crews are on site to repair. Crews are finishing up the last round of hydrant flushing for the year. DPW has finished street paving list for 2026, having paved 14 streets. There have been many compliments regarding the newly paved Disposal Lane and yard waste station. “Do Not Enter” signage has been placed at the end of the yard waste station to dissuade residents from entering the property of the Water Pollution Control Plant. Boces House #14 is close to completion with curb work and patching being performed currently. Church Street Bridge and Spencer Culvert projects are looking to go to bid in March 2027. Estimated start time is April 2028 due to steel availability.

Water Treatment Plant- Lenny Fucci

Water quality has been excellent. Turbidity and clarity are normal. Reservoirs are slightly lower than they were earlier in the summer, but a good rainfall will fix that. Signage has been installed for no trespassing. Our extensive certification process for ELAP earlier in the year has paid off enabling us to perform testing locally. There has been some bad luck with equipment lately. Two new pumps recently installed broke down within weeks with completely different issues. Pumps were sent to Koester and two new pumps were sent to the plant with no questions asked. The pumps are ready to be installed as soon as scheduling opens. Lenny will speak with the Koester representative. There are no operational issues currently at the plant.

Mayor John Buckley

There have been a series of meetings regarding the Skate Park Upgrades. It has been decided that the DPW will perform some earthwork to further the project. Construction should begin in the Spring. The new street from Route 36 leading to Hornell Street Extension and Shawmut Drive should be usable by the end of November. However, large trucks will not have access immediately. A street dedication will be planned. DPW crews will start putting holiday decorations up after Veterans Day.

Mayor Buckley recognized David McMichael for thirty years of service with the Department of Public Works. The Mayor presented David with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the City, as well as a certificate from NYCOM, praising him for his excellent work and dedication.

By: Liberto/Clark

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that there being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Carried – Ayes all

Absent- N/A

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Lisi

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City Clerk