

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Thursday, October 08, 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, Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski, Police Chief Ted Murray, Deputy Mayor Jessica Cleveland, Neighborhood & Facilities Director Bud Burdett and Heather Lisi City Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT: Karen Carney – Hornell Housing Authority

AND FROM THE MEDIA: Brian O'Neill, Neal Simon

ABSENT: Commissioner Scott Richardson – joined by phone

BY: Parmley/Buckley

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting, held September 10, 2026 be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all

Absent – Scott Richardson

BY: Parmley/Buckley

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

Carried – Ayes all

Absent - Scott Richardson

BY: Buckley/Parmley

RESOLVED, that the bid for three 2027 Dodge Durango, in the amount of \$179,589.45 be awarded to Jim Shorkey Auto Group.

Carried – Ayes all

Absent – Scott Richardson

BY: Buckley/Parmley

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$351,353.44 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all

Absent Scott Richardson

MISCELLANEOUS: Notice of Due Process – 28 Stephens Avenue

Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski explained the condition of the dwelling at 28 Stephens Avenue as it pertained to the violation of the fire code and the danger it imposes on neighboring structures and their inhabitants as found upon initial inspection. Following the initial inspection, a notice of due process was served upon the occupant, with ten (10) days given to the occupant to bring the dwelling to code before a second inspection was completed. At the end of the ten (10) day period, a second inspection resulted in no change to the condition of the dwelling.

Hornell Housing Authority Executive Director, Karen Carney, stated an annual inspection of the property resulted in the same code violation findings. The Hornell Housing Authority is in agreement with Fire and Codes Department's request to close the unit at 28 Stephens Avenue until the fire load and code issues are resolved. Hornell Housing Authority will take the lead on removing the hazardous contents.

Mayor John Buckley made a motion to approve the closure of 28 Stephens Avenue. David Parmley seconded. All were in favor.

BY: Buckley/Parmley

WHEREAS, NY section 107.1 general states: Unsafe structure constitutes a clear and imminent threat to human life, safety or health: Fire load

- A. To accumulate or store on residential premises, except in approved locations, any highly flammable or explosive matter, such as paints, volatile oils, cleaning fluids and similar materials, or any combustible refuse liable to spontaneous combustion, such as wastepaper, boxes, rags or similar materials
- B. To accumulate or store materials on fire escapes or stairs, in stairways or passageways, at doors or windows or in any other locations where, in the event of fire, such materials may obstruct egress of occupants or interfere with fire-fighting operations.

WHEREAS, The City of Hornell Fire Department and Codes Department investigations prove that the dwelling located at 28 Stephens Avenue is an unsafe structure and poses immediate risk and danger to surrounding structures and neighboring occupants due to excessive fire load.

WHEREAS, On September 21, 2026 the occupant of 28 Stephens Street was given ten (10) days to comply with requirements to bring the dwelling back to code before the property is red tagged and no one allowed to occupy the dwelling

WHEREAS, upon second inspection at 28 Stephens Avenue after said ten (10) day period, no change was made to the condition of the dwelling.

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Safety of the City of Hornell has reviewed the evidence brought forth by the City of Hornell Fire Department and Codes Department, and has consulted with the property owner, Hornell Housing Authority, who is in agreement and whose own inspection of the dwelling has found the same unsafe result.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Public Safety of the City of Hornell hereby approves the request to close the dwelling at 28 Stephens Avenue due to unsafe conditions and the potential danger posed to the surrounding area.

Carried – Ayes All

Absent – Scott Richardson

Fire Dept Update - Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski

Fall training days are underway, with two on the schedule. Department physicals have been completed. Joshua Szarek has passed his national paramedic test and is now certified. A \$128,000 FEMA grant has been awarded to the department and will be used to replace fire hoses, nozzles, fittings and equipment as needed. FEMA has been generous in years past, having awarded just under \$2 Million dollars so far to the City of Hornell Fire Department. Repairs to various rigs will be completed this month to ready for inspections.

Codes Department Update – Bud Burdett

October 15th marks the end of grass mowing season and letters of notification to property owners for grass higher than 10 inches. The department is in contact with the new owners of the city properties sold in the county tax auction. There are some evictions in process in order to start with clean properties.

Police Chief Ted Murray

Scheduling has been a challenge recently due to two new fathers on the force taking time off to be with their families. The Chief was happy to share this positive news with the board. It has been a busier month with the temperatures going down, homeless individuals have come to the department seeking help with housing and shelter. The department shared important information regarding a drug known as 7-OH is being sold in area stores in the form of tablets, gummies, energy drinks and candy flavoring. The substance is not illegal in New York State, but is being considered for its dangerous effects which are similar to morphine. Officers have visited local stores and asked the owners or staff to remove the products from shelves of their own volition, with mostly positive results.

BY:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that there being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Carried – Ayes All

Absent – Scott Richardson

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Lisi

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