

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 9:04 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, Police Chief Ted Murray, Deputy Mayor Jessica Cleveland, Neighborhood & Facilities Director Bud Burdett and City Clerk Holly Snyder.

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Captain David Logan, Police Sergeant Danile Murray, Police Sergeant Ryan Harrison and Ron Boyle

AND FROM THE MEDIA: Neal Simon The Evening Tribune and Brian O'Neil WLEA

ABSENT: Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski

BY: Parmley/ Richardson

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting, held October 09, 2025 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: Parmley/ Richardson

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$462,654.68 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all

Absent - N/A

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Socialization Trick or Treat - Approved
- Concert on the Mall – Hornell Area Wind Ensemble – Approved

Codes Department Update – Bud Burdett

- Bud reported that the Codes Office recently underwent a mini-audit from the NYS DMV and the Driver Privacy Protection Act due to the office's access to COMPASS for running license plates.
 - The auditors requested justification for use of the system. The department provided information on what is recorded during vehicle checks, including: plate number, location found, time, registration address, vehicle type, registered owner, and any additional details relevant to the response.
 - The DMV responded that the records submitted were sufficient and demonstrated an acceptable permissible use.

- The Codes Office continues to manage several properties with significant issues requiring coordination with multiple departments and outside agencies.
 - Fulton Street: Police, Fire Department, landlord, and the courts are all involved. The property has been red-tagged.
 - Hartshorn Street: Involves Police, Fire, landlord, Child Protective Services, the Humane Society, and Life on the Wild Side (Belmont). The property included various animals that the Humane Society does not handle.
 - Bennett Street: Police involvement.
 - Bostwick Place: Police and landlord involvement.
- Bud noted an increase in cases involving mental health concerns. The Codes Office often attempts to involve Child or Adult Protective Services, but the limited availability of mental health resources complicates efforts.
 - The county's mental health task force consists of only two people who are responsible for the entire county and are available only during regular office hours.

Discussion – Mental Health Services

Mayor Buckley

- The Mayor discussed the ongoing decline in mental health services over the years. Historically, mental health services were available in the city and at the hospital, but those services were discontinued when the hospital operated at its former location.
- Mental health issues have increased significantly, and local agencies are struggling with limited support from the state and restricted resources at the county level. Communities across the region are facing similar challenges.
- When an individual must be transported for evaluation, they must be taken to the nearest medical facility—St. James Hospital—which is not equipped for mental health crises.
 - The hospital typically conducts only a physical evaluation and often discharges individuals quickly without a full mental health assessment.

Police Chief Ted Murry

- Chief Murry echoed the Mayor's concerns, stating that the police department encounters these situations frequently.
 - He emphasized the danger posed when individuals in crisis are released back into the community without adequate evaluation or support.
 - While the city is currently in better shape than some communities—where homeless individuals live under bridges—he noted ongoing concerns, especially given the increasingly cold and windy weather.

Fire Department Update – Fire Captain David Logan

- Fire Captain David Logan reported that Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski is attending a conference focused on enhancing ambulance services, which are already performing at a high level.
- Firefighter Joshua N. Szarek is doing well in paramedic school.
- Firefighter Austin Wheatcraft has graduated from the academy and returned for specialized training, which he is expected to complete tomorrow.
- The new firetruck that was ordered is projected for delivery next October, Approximately one year from now.

Police Department Update – Police Chief Ted Murray

- Police Chief Ted Murray reported that it has been “one of the busiest years” he can remember, though call volume has decreased somewhat in the past couple of weeks.
- The new citywide camera system is active. Adjustments are still being made, but once finalized, the system will add roughly 50 cameras throughout the community, all viewable from the police department.
- The department launched its new report-writing and records management system, Tyler, on Tuesday, replacing the old platform. Chief Murray described it as a complex, fully computer-based system that required extensive preparation and training.
- He recognized Sergeant Harrison and Sergeant Murray for their critical roles in the project. Both attended specialized training, worked to customize the system to the department’s needs, and have been responsible for training other officers. Chief Murray emphasized that the system would not have been implemented successfully without their work.
- The Tyler system will allow the department to become fully paperless and streamline information-sharing with the District Attorney and other agencies across the county.

Discussion – Tyler System

Sergeant Harrison

- Sergeant Harrison explained that the Tyler system functions like a shared “book,” with each department writing its own chapter and controlling what information it shares.
- The system creates “global jackets” for individuals and vehicles—centralized profiles accessible to all county agencies. This allows officers to see prior interactions a person or vehicle has had anywhere in the county.
- Implementation began in April. Responsibilities were divided between Sergeant Harrison and Sergeant Murray, with Sergeant Murray overseeing the evidence-management transition.
- The team collaborated weekly with County IT, City IT, and Tyler IT, first building and testing the system in a test environment before training staff and transitioning to the live platform with only minor issues.
- Dispatching has been upgraded to a CAD-based system identical to the 911 center’s, enabling immediate, shared information between agencies—replacing what previously required phone calls.
- Sergeant Harrison noted that Ed Flaitz played an instrumental role in linking these systems together.
- Officers are being trained individually to ensure full proficiency. To support the transition, Sergeant Murray and Sergeant Harrison are currently working 12-hour rotating shifts to remain available to staff.
- The department is converting from UCR to IBR crime reporting, which requires identifying and correcting reporting errors prior to submission. The Tyler system will simplify state reporting for administrative staff, allowing information to be transmitted with a single click.
- The new system is expected to greatly enhance data accuracy, information flow, and report quality. All reports will now require supervisory approval before advancing, improving consistency and oversight.

Sergeant Murray

- Sergeant Murray highlighted that moving from the old PD Manager system—largely handwritten and outdated—to Tyler is a major modernization step.
- Last year's grant-funded upgrades, including new servers and computers, positioned the department well for this transition.
- Although the switch will involve some backlog, the new system will make supervisory functions easier, providing real-time insight into open cases, officer workloads, and overall service demands.
- He emphasized that after 20 years on the old system, the department is finally moving forward with a modern, efficient platform.

BY: Parmley/ Richardson

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that there being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Carried – Ayes All

Absent - N/A

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Snyder

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City Clerk