

**A REGULAR** meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 9:01 a.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, City Chamberlain Michele Smith and City Clerk Melissa Logan.

**AND FROM THE MEDIA:** William Pirtle from WLEA.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Captain Jordan Pelton, Captain Joel Guthrie, Samantha Jamison, Dan Murray, Trevor Stiles, Matthew Hanrahan.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Scott Richardson

BY: Parmley/Buckley

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the last meeting, held July 13, 2023, be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all

BY: Parmley/Buckley

**RESOLVED**, that the Reports of Fire, Ambulance, Codes and Police be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

BY: Parmley/Buckley

**RESOLVED**, that the City of Hornell, Board of Public Safety, hereby approves the appointment of Trey Swackhamer of 8 Oak Hill Street, Arkport, N.Y., as a Firefighter for the City of Hornell, effective August 10, 2023, 2023.

Carried – Ayes All

BY: Parmley/Buckley

**RESOLVED**, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety hereby accepts the resignation of Police Officer, Tyler Crouch, effective July 31, 2023.

Carried – Ayes All

BY: Parmley/Buckley

**RESOLVED**, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety appoints Hornell Police Officer, Daniel Murray to the position of Sergeant. This appointment shall take effect immediately.

Carried – Ayes All

BY: Parmley/Buckley

**RESOLVED**, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety hereby approves the provisional appointment of Trevor D. Stiles of 46 Maple Street, Hornell, NY 14843, as a Patrolman for the City of Hornell effective August 14, 2023.

Carried – Ayes All

BY: Parmley/Buckley

**RESOLVED**, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety hereby approves the provisional appointment of Matthew P. Hanrahan of 47 Pine Street, Hornell, NY 14843, as a Patrolman for the City of Hornell effective August 14, 2023.

Carried – Ayes All

BY: Parmley/Buckley

**RESOLVED**, that claims in the amount of \$389,606.85 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all

### **Miscellaneous:**

- Applications for the Back to School Bonanza and the Hornell YMCA Splash & Dash were reviewed and approved. Ayes All.

Chief Brzozowski said that their FEMA grant has been finalized and they have ordered their tools and got that finalized. They should have them by early fall. Great timing as they have had some issues with the older equipment. The three paramedics are finishing up with schooling and graduation is tomorrow. Final grades will be sent to the State so that they can sit for their final boards. The three new paramedic students are all registered and ready to start next month. With the appointment of Trey, they will be back up to full staff. They are working with the Hospital, UofR and the medical directors, and they met with the trauma group to

finalize a director for the area to oversee this region. Mayor Buckley asked about conversations with St. James about over night transfers. Chief said that they are working on getting that worked out. Hospitals are not filling all the available beds, as they don't have enough staff. They are trying to get a better hold on the mental health issues. It comes down to bed availability.

Bud Burdett spoke about today being their first time having two court sessions per month, due to the fact that they have a lot more people in court due to Codes issues. There were seven properties in the tax auction. The Codes office has been working with the new owners. They had been working with the previous owner of a house on River Street, trying to help her get funds to save her house, however, it was lost to the tax auction. The new owner of the property has agreed to let her stay in the house and he will fix it up and bring it up to code. They are, also, working with the new owner of a house on Adsit Street and getting that house cleaned up. He met with National Fuel last week at the house at 10 Cottage Avenue, as there are three meters and lines that have to be moved, prior to being demolished. The Land Bank, which will be demolishing some of these properties, now has to do environmental studies and soil samples for their demolitions, thus slowing down the process a little bit. Codes and the police department have been working together and the police have been very instrumental in diffusing situations that could have been major issues. Both the Police Department and the Fire Department go over and above working with these people to resolve situations. As for the issue with the house on Duane Street, inspections have been set up for Tuesday and they will be checking to see if someone is currently living in the house.

Chief Murray wanted to give kudos to Codes and their work they do with the Police Department. Mental health is always an issue and they had some training with Steuben County Mental Health. They learned that there are some situations where people don't need to go to the hospital, they can get help where they are through Steuben County Mental Health and Catholic Charities as opposed to going to a treatment facility. The bicycle patrols have been going really well. They have been able to intercede situations with kids drinking and fights before they start. There has been potential for violent behavior and they have been staying on top of that and have quelled a lot of situations that could have gotten worse. He is excited about the new hires and Dan as sergeant and he knows that they will all do a great job. He wanted to note that Captain Sexsmith is a fantastic resource and that he doesn't get enough credit for all that he does.

Mayor Buckley welcomed the new Deputy Clerk, Samantha Jamison. He, also, wanted to note that the commissioners time invested into this board is unparalleled. They spend countless hours outside of meetings, including police and fire interviews and other outside meetings such as informational meetings with the fire captains. The commissioners are volunteers and he wanted to thank them for all they do and he appreciates what they do to contribute to make Hornell the great City that it is.

Chief Brzozowski wanted to make everyone aware that there was an independent auditor going around, checking on municipal buildings with a camera.

BY: Parmley/Buckley

**RESOLVED**, that there being no further action, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Carried – Ayes All

Respectfully submitted,

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Melissa Logan  
City Clerk