

A REGULAR meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 9:05 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, Neighborhood & Facilities Director Bud Burdett, Police Chief Ted Murray and City Clerk Melissa Logan.

ALSO PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

BY: Parmley/ Richardson

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting, held July 14, 2022, be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all

BY: Richardson/Parmley

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

Carried – Ayes all

Resolutions:

BY: Parmley/Richardson

RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety hereby accepts the resignation of Matthew R. McHale, of 40 Erie Avenue, Hornell, as a Call Man for the City of Hornell effective August 10, 2022.

Carried – Ayes All

BY: Richardson/Parmley

RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety hereby approves the appointment of Matthew R. McHale, of 40 Erie Avenue, Hornell, as a Firefighter for the City of Hornell effective August 11, 2022.

Carried – Ayes All

BY: Parmley/Richardson

RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety hereby approves the appointment of Joshua N. Szarek, of 9696 Oak Hill Road, Arkport, as a Firefighter for the City of Hornell effective August 11, 2022.

Carried – Ayes All

BY: Parmley/ Richardson

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$355,420.86 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all

Miscellaneous:

- The Hornell City School District submitted a proposed project for the City's review. There was a discussion with concerns for egress, hydrants, emergency response staging area and, also, concerns about the proposal to move the softball field, thus blocking Red Raider Drive. The proposal has been tabled. Ayes All.
- An Event Permit Application was reviewed for the Back-to-School Bonanza at James Street Park and was approved – Ayes all

Chief Brzozowski is thankful for the new hires. There are two current members of the fire department who are preparing to go to paramedic school. Firefighters Robbins and Hancock will go to orientation on August 24, 2022. Whereas St. James Hospital is an affiliate of the University of Rochester, their clinical work can be done here in Hornell, now, as opposed to Rochester. The fire department has been working with Codes down at the old St. James building, due to numerous issues. A letter was written to the owners about the issues there are in the vacant building and the Chief heard back last night. They asked about permits, but none have been applied for. Their maintenance man stepped down, as he is not getting answers from the group and cannot chance his reputation. We are coming up on cold weather and snow. The group has not been mowing, so they probably will not be plowing. There is a YouTube video out that talks about what they plan to do with the building, however, it appears to be a lot of false information. Chief is, still, working with the county safety committee and the City's ambulance calls have been broken down by quadrant for the upcoming meeting. The Mayor spoke about the big economic impact that EMS has on the City taxpayers and we are subsidizing other municipalities. These meetings should help to have contracts in place by next year. The surrounding areas know that there is an issue and they are asking for help. The County is open to ideas to solve these issues. On another note, Firefighter Pat Murphy has turned in his resignation and will be done on September 26, 2022.

Bud Burdett and the Codes office is thankful for their new 2019 vehicles and they have received numerous compliments on them. There is a local church group that

is going to help out at 33 Taylor Street. They will be repairing a porch, fence and cleaning up the property on Saturday. This property is owner occupied and the taxes are paid up on it. They are having a big problem with unlicensed vehicles. There are numerous all over the City. They have been working with landlords on evictions and trying to get tenants out. There are quality of life issues in these properties and they have been writing tickets to court for them. The county had one tax auction already and some of these properties are now being worked on. The next tax auction should have 12-15 houses going up for auction. The Mayor spoke of the land bank that is going to be demolishing two houses in the near future. These houses are at 274 Walnut Street and 179 Madison Avenue. John Carbone is interested in the property at 10 Cottage Avenue and would like to take it down, as it's in a terrible state of disrepair. He has had a hard time getting a contractor to show up and meet with him.

Chief Murray spoke about how they have been dealing with a lot of mental health issues on a regular basis. There was a murder in Corning and the suspect drove from Corning to Hornell. Captain Sexsmith and Sergeant Harrison waited at the suspect's mother's house and arrested him, upon arrival. Harrison questioned him and got a confession out of him. Chief Murray recommends a letter of commendation from the Board for their efforts. The Drum & Bugle Corp. will be happening on Saturday and both, Fire & Police will be present.

Mayor Buckley spoke on the problem with speed on Route 36, as well as all over town and asked Chief Murray to focus on these issues.

Commissioner Parmley asked when the surplus items would be taken care of. It is believed that possibly when Ashley Brown comes back from maternity leave, if not sooner.

By: Parmley/ Richardson

RESOLVED, that there being no further action, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Carried – Ayes All

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Logan
City Clerk