



MANIFEST
HORNELL COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 20, 2026



CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Buckley

INVOCATION: Deacon Mark Clark – Our Lady of the Valley

PLEDGE: Mayor Buckley

MINUTES: June 15, 2026

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

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| 1) Gen Fund Rev. – 6/2026 | 10) BPW Minutes – 6/2026 |
| 2) Water Fund Rev. – 6/2026 | 11) DPW/Sewer – 6/2026 |
| 3) Gen Fund Exp. – 6/2026 | 12) WTP – 6/2026 |
| 4) Water Fund Exp. – 6/2026 | 13) WPCP – 6/2026 |
| 5) City Clerk – 6/2026 | 14) Petro – 6/2026 |
| 6) BPS Minutes – 6/2026 | 15) Humane Society – 6/2026 |
| 7) Fire/Amb. – 6/2026 | 16) HAT Commission – 7/2026 |
| 8) Codes/Codes Log – 6/2026 | |
| 9) Police – 6/2026 | |

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Audit Committee, Finance Committee, Policy & Procedure Committee

RESOLUTIONS:

- HN 26-38 WQIP City of Hornell Intermunicipal Grant Application
- HN 26-39 Climate Smart Communities Grant Application
- HN 26-40 Budget Amendment General Fund – Fire Department
- HN 26-41 Water/Sewer Rates Increase
- HN 26-42 NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) Grant Application

PETITIONS: NONE

CLAIMS: \$485,552.32

MISCELLANEOUS:

ADJOURN:

HN-26-38

RESOLUTION

CITY OF HORNELL, NY July 20, 2026

BY:

WHEREAS, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation is soliciting applications from eligible applicants for Water Quality Improvement Project Grants; and,

WHEREAS, Public sewer infrastructure in the Hornell region extends throughout the City of Hornell (City), Village of North Hornell (Village) and a portion of the Town of Hornellsville (Town). The municipalities proposed the following improvements: Town - Replacement of three pump stations (new wet wells and pumping equipment) and replacement of aging trunk line piping; Village - Replacement of one pump station (new wet well and pumping equipment) and lining of trunk main piping; and City - Repair of four existing wet wells and replacement of aging pumping equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell, the Town of Hornellsville, and the Village of North Hornell have entered into an Inter-Municipal Agreement to collectively undertake a project consisting of the replacement, upgrading and general overhaul of a sewer line and related infrastructure components and equipment that serves the municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, resolutions authorizing the issuance of bonds to pay the cost of the improvement of the sewer facilities have been undertaken. The City of Hornell adopted a Bond Resolution dated August 25, 2025 authorizing improvements at a maximum estimated cost of \$2,570,000. The Town of Hornellsville adopted a Bond Resolution dated September 9, 2025 authorizing the issuance of \$10,710,000 bonds. The Village of North Hornell adopted a Bond Resolution on September 8, 2025 authorizing the issuance of \$3,502,000 bonds.

WHEREAS, the municipalities have been awarded an Intermunicipal Water Infrastructure Grant (IMG) for the project in an amount not to exceed \$6,712,900; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell proposes to act as the lead applicant for the project for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Water Quality Improvement Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hornell hereby authorizes and empowers the City Mayor to sign and submit an application to DEC through the 2026 CFA process and to act in connection with the submission of the application, including execution of all required certifications and forms and to provide such additional information as may be required; and, it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

HN-26-39

RESOLUTION

CITY OF HORNELL, NY July 20, 2026

BY:

WHEREAS, Public water supply infrastructure is owned and operated by the City of Hornell and includes Reservoir #1, Reservoir #2, and Reservoir #3 located in the Town of Fremont and water transmission infrastructure from the reservoirs to the water treatment plant located at 7460 Seneca Road in the Town of Hornellsville. The water system provides residential and business service connections to the City of Hornell, Village of North Hornell, and Town of Hornellsville Water Districts #1 and #3.

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell proposes a climate adaptation project to evaluate the existing conditions of the reservoirs and transmission main infrastructure and associated appurtenances thereof, and produce engineering feasibility studies to include watershed hydrology analysis, dam hazard classification study, hydraulic assessment of dam components, dam compliance with dam safety regulations, mapping of wetlands, Seeley Creek Hydrologic and Hydraulic Analysis, Water System Improvement Preliminary Engineering Report, 30% Detailed Design, and 60% Detailed Design.

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell hereby requests financial assistance from the New York State Climate Smart Communities Grant Program pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law Article 54, Title 15.

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell certifies that it has identified 20% of the total project cost, not to exceed **\$300,000.00** of matching funds from the Water Fund pursuant to the requirements of Environmental Conservation Law Article 54 Title 15.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the City of Hornell hereby authorizes the City Mayor, John Buckley, an official or employee, to act on its behalf in submittal of an application through the Consolidated Funding Application for \$1.5 million dollars to be used for Hornell Water Source Climate Adaptation Project.

Carried –

Absent –

HN-26-40
RESOLUTION

CITY OF HORNELL, NY

July 20, 2026

BY:

WHEREAS, a budget amendment is necessary to amend the 2026-2027 General Fund budget to account for Bethesda Foundation grant funds received for the Fire Department.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Hornell, NY, that the 2026-2027 City of Hornell General Fund budget now reflects the following adjustments:

Increase Revenue:

A 2705 – Gifts & Donations by \$20,000

Increase Expenditure:

A 4540.2 – Ambulance – Equipment by \$20,000

Carried –

Absent –

HN-26-41
RESOLUTION

CITY OF HORNELL, NY

July 20, 2026

BY:

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell is committed to maintaining safe, reliable, and environmentally responsible water and wastewater systems for the benefit of its residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to experience significant increases in the costs associated with operating and maintaining its water and wastewater utilities, including but not limited to electricity, process chemicals, treatment materials, equipment, replacement parts, contracted services, and regulatory compliance; and

WHEREAS, inflationary pressures have substantially increased the cost of energy required to operate the City's Water Filtration Plant and Water Pollution Control Plant, both of which are energy-intensive facilities that operate continuously to provide essential public services; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to meet stringent federal and state environmental regulations, including enhanced wastewater treatment standards associated with the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, resulting in increased operational and treatment costs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell Common Council desires to establish water and sewer rates that generate sufficient revenue to support the continued operation, maintenance, repair, regulatory compliance, and long-term capital investment necessary to sustain the City's water and wastewater infrastructure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hornell Common Council authorizes the following increases:

1. Increase water and sewer rates according to the attached schedule.
2. Increase the water surcharge to **\$19.00** per year.
3. Increase the Chesapeake Bay Watershed fee to **\$29.00** per year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council finds these adjustments to be necessary to ensure the continued financial stability of the City's water and wastewater utilities while maintaining reliable public services and compliance with applicable environmental regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect upon passage by the Common Council.

Carried –
Absent –

Flat Water

	Current	Sept.2026
Base	\$160.32	\$178.00
Surcharge	\$7.50	\$9.50
CBWS	\$12.50	\$14.50
Biannual Bill	\$180.32	\$202.00

Metered Water – Commercial Inside City

	Current	Dec.2026
Base	\$82.92	\$90.00
Surcharge	\$3.75	\$4.75
CBWS	\$6.25	\$7.25
Sewer	\$12.00	\$16.00
Quarterly Bill	\$104.92	\$118.00
Water rates over base usage		
10,001-50,000 per 1,000 gallons	\$4.01	\$4.35
Over 50,001 per 1,000 gallons	\$2.21	\$2.40
Sewer rates over base usage		
20,001 and up per 1,000 gallons	\$0.54	\$0.72

Metered Water Outside City – Town of Hornellsville (with sewer)

	Current	Dec.2026
Base	\$121.61	\$137.00
Surcharge	\$3.75	\$4.75
CBWS	\$6.25	\$7.25
Sewer	\$36.00	\$42.00
Quarterly Bill	\$167.61	\$191.00
Water rates over base usage		
10,001-50,000 per 1,000 gallons	\$12.13	\$13.67
Over 50,001 per 1,000 gallons	\$6.42	\$7.23
Sewer rates over base usage		
10,001 - 50,000 per 1,000 gallons	\$3.60	\$4.20
50,001 and up per 1,000 gallons	\$2.16	\$2.52

Metered Water Outside City – North Hornell (no sewer)

	Current	Dec. 2026
Base	\$121.61	\$137.00
Surcharge	\$3.75	\$4.75
CBWS	\$6.25	\$7.25
Quarterly Bill	\$131.61	\$149.00
Water rates over base usage		
22.01K-50K per 1,000 gallons	\$12.13	\$13.67
Over 50.01K per 1,000 gallons	\$6.42	\$7.23

HN-26-42
RESOLUTION

CITY OF HORNELL, NY

July 20, 2026

BY:

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State Smart Growth Community Planning Program is providing funding for new or updated comprehensive plans for municipalities that integrate smart growth planning principles pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 28-A. Awards will begin at \$75,000.00. This grant, if awarded, requires a minimum local match of 10% of the project cost (City share starting at a minimum of \$7,500.00); and

WHEREAS, the City desires to submit a grant application via the 2026 CFA to update the existing Comprehensive Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor or designee is hereby authorized to submit an online application through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) for the above grant program for up to \$150,000 (\$15,000 maximum city share).

Carried –

Absent –