

A special meeting of the Hornell Common Council was held on Monday, March 23, 2026, at 7:20 p.m. in Council Chambers at 82 Main St., Hornell, N.Y.

**PRESENT:** John J. Buckley Mayor; City Attorney Timothy Rosell, Council members, Sutfin, McKay, Peck, Warriner, Brown, Bassage, Davis, and Carbone, Stenographer Ellen Kerr, and City Clerk Heather Lisi

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Chamberlain, Michele Smith; Deputy Mayor Jessica Cleveland, and ten (10) members of the public

**FROM THE MEDIA:** None

**ABSENT:** Council members Hancock and Valentine

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor Buckley

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

### **HN- 26-16 Local Law #1 of 2026**

BY: Peck/Sutfin

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of this local law to allow the City of Hornell to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c., and

**WHEREAS**, this local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Hornell, County of Steuben, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT** Local Law No. 1 of 2026 is hereby adopted and shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Carried – 8 ayes

Absent - 2 (Hancock, Valentine)

### **HN 26-17 2026-2027 General Fund Budget**

BY: Davis/Brown

**RESOLVED**, that the 2026-2027 City of Hornell General Fund Budget be and is hereby approved.

Carried – 8 ayes

Absent – 2 (Hancock, Valentine)

**HN 26-18 2026-2027 Water Fund Budget**

BY: Warriner/Davis

**RESOLVED**, that the 2026-2027 City of Hornell water budget be and is hereby approved.

Carried – 8 ayes

Absent – 2 (Hancock, Valentine)

**HN 26-19 Apportion Taxes**

BY: Sutfin/Peck

**WHEREAS**, the budget report, as adopted, shows the amount to be raised by tax for the current year to be \$4,938,695.00.**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council does ascertain that the aforesaid sum of \$4,938,695.00, as above set out, be and the same is hereby levied according to the valuation upon the assessment roll for the current year, and the City Clerk and the Mayor along with the City Chamberlain be, and are hereby directed, in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter of Hornell, to apportion said sum levied on the assessment roll to be raised by tax, and to receive and collect same.

Carried – 8 ayes

Absent – 2 (Hancock, Valentine)

**HN 26-20 Official Depositories**

BY: Peck/Brown

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Chase Manhattan Bank, MBIA Municipal Investors Service Corp., Five Star Bank, Community Bank and Citizens & Northern Bank be and are hereby designated official depositories for monies of the City of Hornell, N.Y., for fiscal year 2026-27

Carried – 8 ayes

Absent – 2 (Hancock, Valentine)

**HN 26-21 Draw Checks**

BY: Davis, Warriner

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, City Chamberlain and City Clerk be authorized to draw checks.

Carried – 8 ayes

Absent – 2 (Hancock, Valentine)

**HN 26-22 Official Newspaper**

BY: Brown/Carbone

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council does hereby designate The Spectator as the Official Newspaper for 2026-27.

Carried – 8 ayes

Absent – 2 (Hancock, Valentine)

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Mayor Buckley gave special thanks to City Chamberlain Michele Smith for her work on the General Fund and Water Fund budgets and to Deputy Mayor Jessica Cleveland for her work at HAT. He thanked all City of Hornell Department heads for keeping their budgets tight and in line for the coming fiscal year.

BY: Brown/Sutfin

**RESOLVED**, that there being no further business the Common Council adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Carried – 8

Absent - 2 (Hancock/Valentine)

Respectfully submitted,

*Heather Lisi*

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City Clerk