

A regular meeting of the Hornell Common Council was held on Monday, June 15, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at 82 Main St., Hornell, N.Y.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Jessica Cleveland, City Chamberlain Michele Smith, Chief Ted Murray, and 1 member of the public.

FROM THE MEDIA: None

ABSENT: Kevin Valentine

INVOCATION: Minister Marseena Harmonson

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Mayor Buckley

BY: Brown/Sutfin

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Common Council meeting of May 19, 2026 be approved as read.

Carried – 9 ayes

Absent – 1 (Valentine)

BY: Peck/Warriner

RESOLVED that the Reports of Officers be and hereby are approved and placed on file.

REPORTS FILED:

Gen Fund Rev.- 5/2026; Water Fund Rev.- 5/2026; Gen Fund Exp.- 5/2026; Water Fund Exp.- 5/2026; City Clerk- 5/2026; BPS Minutes –5/2026; Fire/Amb - 5/2026; Codes/Codes Log- 5/2026; Police- 5/2026; BPW Minutes – 5/2026; DPW/Sewer – 5/2026; WTP – 5/2026; WPCP – 5/2026; Petro – 5/2026; Humane Society 5/2026; HAT Commission -N/A

Carried – 9 ayes

Absent – 1 (Valentine)

BY: Davis/Sutfin

RESOLVED, that the Reports of Committees be accepted and placed on file.

Carried – 9 ayes

Absent – 1 (Valentine)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit Committee

June 15, 2026

To the Honorable John J. Buckley, Mayor

And

Members of the Common Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Bills were audited and approved by Audit Committee Members, Jim Bassage, Kevin Valentine, Steven Peck, Christina Hancock and Audit Committee Chairman John Carbone.

Bills audited and approved:

CC	\$767,577.40
CD	\$ 61,696.48
<u>PAYROLL</u>	<u>\$104,968.77</u>
TOTAL	\$934,515.65

Respectfully submitted,
John Carbone, Chairman
Audit Committee

RESOLUTIONS:**HN 26-33 Reappoint Samantha Jamison Deputy Registrar**

BY: Warriner/Peck

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Hornell, hereby reappoints Samantha Jamison, of 320 Ells Road, Alfred Station, N.Y., as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics, for a two-year term, effective June 29, 2026 and expiring June 28, 2028.

Carried – 9 ayes

Absent – 1 (Valentine)

HN 26-34 Reappoint Samantha Jamison Deputy Clerk

BY: Carbone/Bassage

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hornell, N.Y., hereby reappoints Samantha Jamison, of 320 Ells Road, Alfred Station, N.Y., as Deputy City Clerk for the City of Hornell, for a two-year term, effective June 29, 2026 and expiring June 28, 2028.

Carried – 9 ayes

Absent – 1 (Valentine)

HN 26-35 Reappoint Katherine Canty Fair Housing Officer/ADA Coordinator

BY: Hancock/Brown

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council does hereby re-appoint Katherine Canty as the Fair Housing Officer/ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Coordinator for the City of Hornell for a one-year term to run from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Carried – 9 ayes
 Absent – 1 (Valentine)

HN 26-36 Reappoint Kelly Valentine Hornell Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

BY: Peck/Davis

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Kelly Valentine, of 17 West Vanscoter Street, Hornell be re-appointed to a four-year term on the Hornell Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, effective July 1, 2026 and expiring June 30, 2030.

Carried – 9 ayes
 Absent – 1 (Valentine)

HN 26-37 Authorize Police Chief – IMA – Law Enforcement Grant

BY: Hancock/Sutfin

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Hornell hereby authorizes Chief Theodore Murray, on behalf of the City of Hornell, to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with Steuben County for the execution and acceptance of funding from the Law Enforcement Grant Program.

Carried – 9 ayes
 Absent – 1 (Valentine)

CLAIMS:

BY: Hancock/Peck

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$934,515.65, as audited by the Audit Committee of the Common Council of the City of Hornell, are approved and authorized paid as audited.

Common Council	\$767,577.40
Community Development	\$ 61,969.48
Payrolls	<u>\$104,968.77</u>
TOTAL	\$934,515.65

Carried – 9 ayes
 Absent – 1 (Valentine)

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mayor Buckley shared news of the Big Boy Locomotive’s visit to Hornell. There were several planning meetings leading up to the arrival that included State and local police, Steuben County Sherriff Department, HPG and NYS DOT officials. Railroad Officers stated that Hornell had the best set up for the train’s arrival than any other community they had seen to date.

Pool and Playground season begins June 29th. Parks are looking great as crews work to ready them for opening. The pavilion has been completed at the Pool at Veteran’s park and Adirondack chairs will make the space a comfortable area to escape the summer sun.

The East Elm Street footbridge has been closed out of an abundance of caution. Structural Engineers will examine the bridge and assess for necessary repairs.

A planning session was held today to discuss grant opportunities. “NY Bricks” would help fund improvements to the Hornell Arts Center. “NY Plays” is a playground grant that would enable the City to create a special needs playground at Veteran’s Park sometime next year. “Restore NY” is being explored to help with funding gaps for buildings in need of improvements, such as the David Gray Discovery Center. An application for the Main Street Grant is also being considered. The City is awaiting designs for the anticipated skate park improvement.

Congressman Langworthy and Senator Gillibrand have endorsed the City’s request for funding a new pumper truck for the Hornell Fire Department, which takes the burden of cost off the taxpayers. The request will move on to the Committee on Appropriations.

BY: Hancock/Brown

RESOLVED, that there being no further business the Common Council adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Carried – 9 ayes

Absent – 1 (Valentine)

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Lisi

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