

A special meeting of the Hornell Common Council was held on Monday, July 28, 2025, at 7:01 p.m. in Council Chambers at 82 Main St., Hornell, N.Y.

PRESENT: John J. Buckley Mayor; Council members, Sutfin, Hancock, McKay, Warriner, Brown, Bassage, and Carbone, and City Clerk Holly Snyder

ALSO PRESENT: City Planner Heather Reynolds, and one member of the public Frederic Voss

ABSENT: City Attorney Timothy Rosell and Council members Peck, Valentine and Davis

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Mayor Buckley

Mayor Buckley talked about the purpose of the meeting tonight. Well, first and foremost, I appreciate everyone being flexible. As you know, this is grant season. We're coming up against a hard deadline to submit the CFA's. We passed a slew of resolutions at the last meeting, so thank you for that. This meeting, the agenda is solely for one item, and that is the New York Main Street application. This application was a little bit different than some of the others that we've worked on, in that it takes a little bit more time and certainly outreach. Our city planner, Heather Reynolds, has been working nights and weekends. We were even corresponding yesterday trying to put the finishing touches on the grant application as well. The Main Street grant application, as some of you may know, and certainly John and Jim have been around for prior applications, this has to do with the downtown business owners. What we would like to do tonight is ask the council to approve the grant application so we can submit on behalf of the city. We've got the City Planner Heather Reynolds here tonight to talk about the grant in more detail.

Heather Reynolds went into detail about the grant, the projects and the estimated cost for each property owner. The nice thing about the Main Street grant is we can have a target area. The target area for this grant is buildings on Main Street between Seneca Street and Church Street. The four properties are 96 Main Street, 120 Main Street, 134-136 Main Street and 103-113 Main Street.

RESOLUTION:

HN 25-49 NY Main Street Resolution

Resolution by the Common Council approving and endorsing the City of Hornell in its application to NYS Homes and Community Renewal for funding under the New York Main Street program.

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell desires to apply for up to \$500,000 in financial assistance through the 2025 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) under the New York Main Street program; and

WHEREAS, the application proposes funding for the City of Hornell to assist property owners completing building renovations to downtown "main street" buildings on Main Street between Church Street and Seneca Street; and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding will contribute to ongoing community revitalization efforts;
and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires that the applicant obtain the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Hornell approves and endorses the 2025 New York Main Street program application for assistance prepared and to be submitted by the City of Hornell.

Carried – 7 Ayes

Absent – 3 (Peck/Valentine/Davis)

BY: Hancock/Sutfin

RESOLVED, that there being no further business the Common Council adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Carried – 7

Absent – 3 (Peck/Valentine/Davis)

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Snyder

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City Clerk