

REGULAR meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Thursday, December 12, 2019, at 9:04 a.m. at the Hornell Fire Department, 108 Broadway, Hornell, NY.

PRESENT: Honorable John J. Buckley, Mayor, Commissioner Dave Parmley, Commissioner Scott Richardson, Police Chief Ted Murray, Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski, Director of Facilities Mgmt. & Neighborhood Revitalization Bud Burdett and City Clerk Melissa Logan.

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Potter from the Spectator, Bill Dugan from WLEA, Tom Aini, David Logan, Jackie Lewis, Brian Tingley, Todd Smith, Cameron McConnell, Brian May, Matt Donovan, Joel Guthrie, Chris Flaitz, Dwight Smith, Mike Robbins, Barry Dye, Lorne Courtney, Max Wilson, NYSP officer Baker, SCSD Ramirez and one DEC Officer.

ABSENT: None

By Parmley/Richardson

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting held November 14, 2019 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: Richardson/Parmley

RESOLVED, that the bid for the Three (3) New 2020 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD's in the amount of \$82,986.00 be awarded to Maple City Dodge.

Carried – Ayes All

By: Parmley/Richardson

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety approves the appointment of Kelsey Brzozowski, of 9 Spencer Ave., Hornell, as a Call Man in the Hornell Fire Department.

Carried – Ayes All

BY: Parmley/Richardson

RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety hereby approves the appointment of Jackie Lewis of 24 West Academy Street, Canisteo, as a Firefighter for the City of Hornell effective November 22, 2019.

Carried – Ayes All

By Parmley/Richardson

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$570,385.17 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all

Miscellaneous:

Brief discussion about Bid minutes and Bid being accepted.

Chief Murray spoke about the Preston Avenue fire and how the quick actions prevented death and serious injury. He commended the off duty Steuben County deputies who assisted on scene.

Mayor Buckley spoke about how we have never had a fire of this magnitude. An incredible job by everyone from start to finish. He mentioned that it is amazing that no one lost their life that day. We are fortunate to live in a community with so many volunteer firefighters and the possibility of their quick response. He expressed heart felt thank you's to all.

Chief Brzozowski reiterated how this fire was the perfect storm. In times past, there would be firefighters who were farmers, store owners, etc., that would leave their jobs to volunteer to fight fires. That's not the case anymore. Fire

Departments can't afford what they could before. They have to take into consideration how much your resources can handle. You have to be ready and have that structure in place to make it work. Looking back on the fire, the response was on task. The deputy coordinators office was on hand, duties were divided up and they were all reporting back in to see what else was needed and where. Extra resources had to be brought in due to the heat of the fire. Our pumper was out of commission, so a volunteer pumper was brought in. Everyone did a dynamite job.

Commissioner Richardson spoke about how his daughter was affected by the fire. She lost everything. He gave a big thank you to all.

Mayor Buckley then presented certificates of appreciation to the fire companies who helped including – Arkport, Canisteo, Fremont, South Hornell and North Hornell. A thank you, as well to all law enforcement.

By Parmley/Richardson

RESOLVED, that there being no further action, the meeting was adjourned.

Carried – Ayes All

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Logan City Clerk