

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 10:01 a.m. at the City Building, 82 Main St., Hornell, NY.

**PRESENT:** Mayor John Buckley, Deputy Mayor Jessica Cleveland, Commissioner Joseph Liberto, Commissioner Jared Zigenfus, Water Pollution Control Plant Chief Operator Richard L. Dunning, II, Water Filtration Plant Chief Operator Leonard Fucci, Public Works Superintendent Mitch Cornish and City Clerk Melissa Logan.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Michele Smith, Sammy Jamison and Everett Davison from WLEA.

**ABSENT:** None

By: Liberto/Zigenfus

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the last meeting, held November 16, 2023 be approved as read. Carried-Ayes all (X)

By: Zigenfus/Liberto

**RESOLVED**, that the Reports of Department Heads be approved and ordered filed. Carried-Ayes all (X)

By: Liberto/Zigenfus

**RESOLVED**, that claims in the amount of \$765,887.56 be approved and paid as audited. Carried-Ayes all (X)

#### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

An Application for the Hornell Area Wind Ensemble for their Summer Concert was approved. Ayes All.

Mayor spoke about the Siemens project for energy performance. Buildings looked at include City Hall, Hornell Senior Center, the Art Center and the DPW garage. Siemens will be at the next Common Council meeting and will give a presentation.

Mitch Cornish said that they are short staffed, as the workers at the garage are using up their vacation time. There was a water break that was fixed. Alstom, plant 2, had a water leak inside, under their concrete slab, on Horton Street. There is work being done at both BOCES houses, the one on Upper Bennett Street and the one on Madison Avenue. They have finished picking up leaves and have been working on changing lightbulbs for the Mayor.

Rich Dunning said they have negotiated a new deadline for the total phosphorus limit. There was a teleconference to talk about the problems they are experiencing on December 6, 2023 with the DEC. They discussed the toxicity testing and the fact that they have failed the last three toxicity tests. There are a number of factors that could have caused this. They collected data and the DEC was impressed with their findings.

They also discussed the phosphorus problem. They will have to find the source of the toxic substances and have it taken out to help with this situation. The DEC liked our plan to remedy the issue and the gave us until January 1, 2025 to get this work done. On January 17, 2024 they will go to the industries & present this plan to them and give them a list of tests that they have to perform to remedy this issue. This is going to be a long-term solution. The Phase 1B bid opening has been moved to January 11, 2024. There were two companies that attended the pre-construction meeting and they know there is interest in the bid, but it is a tough time of year.

Lenny Fucci said the plant is running well. They have one worker off for hip surgery. The clarifier that was just rebuilt has been offline. The alarms were going off, three weeks ago, and they were reset. They noticed that the scraper arm was struggling. They shut it off and noticed that one side of the arm has dropped. They adjusted the paddle furthest out and doing that the rest of the arm dropped. The support system that holds this arm either had a weld break or something else. He is waiting for a call back to get it fixed. It is still under warranty. The reservoirs are doing ok for this time of year, but we could use more water.

Mayor Buckley said we will enter executive to discuss a personnel issue. No further business will be discussed when we exit executive session.

Enter Executive Session

BY: Zigenfus/Liberto

Exit Executive Session:

BY: Zigenfus/Liberto

By: Zigenfus/Liberto

**RESOLVED**, that there being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.  
Carried – Ayes all(X)

Respectfully submitted,

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Melissa Logan  
City Clerk