

A REGULAR meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 9:11 a.m. in the 2nd floor conference room, Hornell City Hall, 82 Main Street, Hornell, NY.

PRESENT: Honorable John J. Buckley, Mayor, Commissioner David Parmley, Commissioner Scott Richardson, Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski, Police Chief Ted Murray, Deputy Mayor Jessica Cleveland and City Clerk Melissa Logan.

AND FROM THE MEDIA: Everett Davison of WLEA.

ABSENT: Neighborhood & Facilities Director Bud Burdett.

BY: Parmley/Richardson

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting, held January 11, 2024 be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all

BY: Parmley/Richardson

RESOLVED, that the Reports of Fire, Ambulance, Codes and Police be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all

RESOLUTIONS:

BY: Parmley/Richardson

RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Fire Department elects to participate in the Steuben County Fire Mutual Aid Plan, and will agree to recognize a call for assistance through the County Fire Communications System. They will comply with the provision of such plan as now in force and as amended from time to time. And be it further,

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be filed with the Steuben County Fire Coordinator.

Carried – Ayes all

BY: Richardson/Parmley

RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety hereby approves the appointment of Matthew F. Hanrahan of 420 South Division Street, Hornell, NY, as a Patrolman for the City of Hornell effective February 8, 2024.

Carried – Ayes all

BY: Parmley/Richardson

RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety hereby approves the appointment of Trevor D. Stiles of 46 Maple Street, Hornell, NY, as a Patrolman for the City of Hornell effective February 8, 2024.

Carried – Ayes all

BY: Parmley/Richardson

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety approves the appointment of Justin Haynes, of 147 East Elm Street, Hornell, NY, as a Call Man in the Hornell Fire Department.

Carried – Ayes All

BY: Richardson/Parmley

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety approves the appointment of Eric Watkins, of 5608 Thomas Road, Woodhull, NY, as a Call Man in the Hornell Fire Department.

Carried – Ayes all

BY: Parmley/Richardson

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$405,699.23 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all

Miscellaneous:

- Solar Eclipse Event Application
- Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Parade Application
- Hornell YMCA Run for the Shamrock 5K Application

All event applications were approved.

Chief Brzozowski spoke of the two new call men. They are both currently working at the Corning Fire Department. One moved back to Hornell and the other is close to retiring. They both reached out to the Chief and we have a couple openings on our call man list, so that will help with transfers. He reviewed the yearly numbers for the fire department. These included milage, the National Report from Homeland Security, Quality Assurance levels, crew member listing, call number breakdowns and training hours. Three candidates are ready to head to the Fire Academy and they will start Monday at Montour Falls. They had a meeting there to discuss what safety measures have changed, since the accident there. Our department will receive weekly reports on how the recruits are doing. The three in paramedic school are doing good and will have their final in May.

Deputy Mayor Cleveland gave a quick Codes update. Due to the lack of snow this season, there has been no shoveling complaints. However, the calls about blight this time of year are up, due to this. Inspections are nonstop. There continues to be mental health issues. The Police, Fire and Codes office have been working well together with multiple issues.

Chief Murray said that this January has been the most eventful that they have had. There were 127 calls for mental health issues in January. Some were more serious than others. They haven't received much help from County mental health, as there are only 2 workers for the whole County. The three new officers are doing great. They are working different shifts in order to get the experience of different calls. At the end of March, they will be in their own positions. There were two incidents last month that Chief wanted to commend two officers on. He read two letters to recognize Officer Koehler and Sergeant Harrison. They were both instrumental in saving lives. Thanks to the Fire Department, as well. The Governor's Clean Slate Act will mean that criminal history is sealed after three years for a misdemeanor and after five years for a felony. This will affect us with background checks for contractor permits and housing. So, we will have to look at how we are doing our background checks.

Mayor Buckley spoke about the Governor's executive budget that has a provision that would formally declare emergency medical response and dispatch as an essential service. The language would require every county to develop a plan to ensure that emergency medical response exists in the county. The proposal will, also, give counties the authority to create ambulance districts. A large portion of Steuben County is underserved in regards to EMS. Chief Brzozowski and Mayor Buckley went to a meeting three weeks ago with the Department of Health and the

State Director of EMS. There was a lot of good feedback on the problems with contracts and rural America.

BY: Richardson/Parmley

RESOLVED, that there being no further action, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Carried – Ayes All

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Logan
City Clerk