

**A REGULAR** meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 1:06 p.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room, Hornell City Hall, 82 Main Street, Hornell, NY.

**PRESENT:** Honorable John J. Buckley, Mayor, Commissioner David Parmley (via telephone), Commissioner Scott Richardson, Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski, Police Chief Ted Murray, Deputy Mayor Jessica Cleveland, Neighborhood & Facilities Director Bud Burdett, City Chamberlain Michele Smith and Deputy City Clerk Fran-Marie Cheresnowsky.

**ALSO PRESENT:** None

**ABSENT:** City Clerk Melissa Logan

BY: Richardson/Buckley

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the last meeting, held December 8, 2022, be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all

BY: Richardson/Buckley

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

Carried – Ayes all

**Resolutions:**

**BY: Richardson/Buckley**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety approves the appointment of Brandon Owen, of 3451 Old's Road, Greenwood, NY, as a Call Man in the Hornell Fire Department.

Carried – Ayes all

**BY: Richardson/Buckley**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety approves the appointment of Donald Lewis, of 24 West Academy Street, Canisteo, NY, as a Call Man in the Hornell Fire Department.

Carried – Ayes all

**BY: Richardson/Buckley**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety approves the appointment of Christopher Davis, of 56 Depot Street, Canisteo, NY, as a Call Man in the Hornell Fire Department.

Carried – Ayes all

**BY: Richardson/Buckley**

**RESOLVED**, that claims in the amount of \$460,490.41 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all

### **Miscellaneous:**

Maple City Youth Softball application was approved with no objections. Clerk to reach out to organizers to advise of approval.

Chief Brzozowski reported that the ISO report came back clean, with a couple of recommendations the department will be working on, including hydrant testing and maintenance schedules. Over all the department's rating stayed the same. Mayor Buckley asked if Lowes would be able to schedule their testing around our flushing schedule. Chief Brzozowski will reach out to both Lowes and the State Office Building. The DOH inspection is tomorrow which is a semi-annual inspection. We are the first department in the area to go through the inspection so a few local departments have reached out to us to see what they are looking for. Chief Brzozowski reported that 2022 was their busiest year in history and read a Summary Report that he had written for the union.

Bud Burdett reports that Codes has been working in tandem with the police department more and more as tenants tend to contact the police. Both departments have been working together to make sure known issues are referred to the proper agencies, including CPS and Adult Protective, or the Humane Society if animals are involved. Current complaints are mainly consisting of property maintenance due to the mild weather. The office is still working on computerizing records. Both he and Larry Bacon have signed up for training in March that will satisfy their 24 credit hours of continuing education to maintain certifications. Mayor requests that all three departments (Codes, Police, Fire) work together to address

unlicensed dogs in the City. He also asked what the penalty was for uninspected rentals. Bud advised that they issue tickets but the penalty or fine is up to the Judge. Bud mentioned cat complaints and questioned which department those complaints should be referred to or addressed by.

Chief Murray stated that the department has been very busy dealing with mental health issues, which are very challenging. There is a meeting scheduled on January 23<sup>rd</sup> with St. James Hospital. The hospital is not a mental health facility and is complaining about HPD bringing patients there. The dept does not have the resources to care for or transport these individuals all over the state. Mayor asked about the possibility of re-opening Ravine Street to 2-way traffic. Chief Murray will pass recommendation on to Law & Ordinance committee for further consideration. Mayor is still concerned about speeding on 36 and Fairlawn Avenue. Chief Murray advises signs have been ordered for Fairlawn recommending 15 mph limit, but just recommended speed. Any speed change to less than 25 needs a State Traffic Study. Chief Murray also advised that their cell area was inspected by the state and they received a good rating with small corrections that have already been made. There are new standards for hiring police officers, including enhanced background checks and MH evals. Our new policy was forwarded to and approved by DCJS.

**By: Richardson/Buckley**

**RESOLVED**, that there being no further action, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Carried – Ayes All

Respectfully submitted,

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Fran-Marie Cheresnowsky  
Deputy City Clerk