

A REGULAR meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 9:10 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, Neighborhood & Facilities Director Bud Burdett and City Clerk Melissa Logan.

AND FROM THE MEDIA: Everett Davison of WLEA.

ABSENT: None.

BY: Richardson/Parmley

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting, held December 14, 2023 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

BY: Richardson/Parmley

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$1,215,280.17 be approved and paid as audited.
Carried – Ayes all

Miscellaneous:

Joe Duffy was in attendance to talk about the issue with flooding in the 10th ward down at Memorial Park. Mayor Buckley will have the DPW Supervisor reach out to the Army Corp. of Engineers to look at the issue.

Chief Brzozowski spoke about the closing out of the end of the year. They ended up with 380 fire calls and 4174 ambulance calls for 2023. Three new cadets have been training in-house, getting ready for the academy at Montour Falls in February. The other ones are in their second semester of Paramedic school and they are doing their clinical time. There is a meeting tonight at Steuben County for the County EMS program. Steuben County has no influx of medics, so some

medics will be taken from some of the local places. The firefighter test is Saturday and there has only been three applicants. Buffalo and Syracuse are going through the same thing. The State has been talking about a work around for Civil Service, for necessities like Steuben County. He has been trying to find out more information about this.

Chief Murray had a meeting with Jeffy Brown at Brown & Powers for Chris Cunningham's services this morning. Hornell is the only police force in the County that is fully staffed. The three newbies took their physical agility test and passed. The list will be sent from Civil Service to have them assigned permanently. Police calls are up 2000 calls from last year. Mental health is a lot of it. They have been trying to set up a newer system to see how many of their calls deal with mental health issues. There were 1200 calls last year related to these issues. So far, this year, we are already at 50 calls, since January 1. The department is dealing with the same people on a rotating basis. Joe Duffy asked if we have a mental health person on the force. Chief Murray said that the County has a mental health team with two people in that division that we can use, but they are unavailable on weekends and nights. Officer Berglund had a mental health call where he had to use his tourniquet to help a woman who had cut her arm. The traffic enforcement numbers are up.

Mayor Buckley and Chief Murray attended a roundtable, hosted by Congressman Langworthy, at Corning Community College regarding fentanyl. It is an issue and more needs to be done to stop it from coming in to the area. There has been a lot more Narcan deployments at both the police department and the fire department. There were 42 deployments of Narcan, last year, through the Hornell police department, alone.

Bud Burdett commended the police department for their traffic stops. He has noticed that they are more frequent and that sends a message to the public to slow down and stop speeding. As far as mental health issues are concerned, he has been dealing with mental health issues in a tenant in one of Joe Duffy's rentals. They have been working together to get them help through the available services. Bud reviewed the year end stats for his department. Complaints and calls were both up. Larry has been, constantly, doing inspections. Chief Brzozowski stated that he has noticed that tensions are less now that rules are being followed and landlords and tenants are being more compliant due to this. Mayor Buckley noted that people are investing in properties and improving them. Bud stated that Codes and landlords are working well together to become compliant and bringing properties up to code.

He, also, noted that he has learned that documentation of everything is key. That way they can reference what was requested to be done, when and how many times.

Mayor Buckley stated that Deputy Mayor Cleveland has been working well with HAT, Codes and on the City newsletter.

BY: Parmley/Buckley

RESOLVED, that there being no further action, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Carried – Ayes All

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Logan
City Clerk