

**A REGULAR** meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the second floor conference room of City Hall, 82 Main Street, Hornell, NY and via ZOOM videoconference call.

**PRESENT:** Honorable John J. Buckley, Mayor, Commissioner David Parmley (via teleconference), Commissioner Scott Richardson, Police Chief Ted Murray, Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski, Code Enforcement Officer Larry Bacon and City Clerk Melissa Logan.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chris Potter from the Evening Tribune (videoconference).

**ABSENT:** none

By Richardson/ Parmley:

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the last meeting held December 10, 2020 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

BY: Richardson/ Parmley:

**RESOLVED**, that claims in the amount of \$467,033.88 be approved and paid as audited.  
Carried – Ayes all

**Resolutions: None**

**Miscellaneous:**

Chief Brzozowski talked of their busy month with COVID calls and others. Most of the firefighters have had their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination, including callmen with some of them going for their second round next week. The hospitals are starting to get the vaccination for round 1B. There is education being set up for first responders and nurses to help, if needed and they will work with the County to help. The Hornell Elks Lodge gave a donation to the fire department of about \$5,000 for PPE, cleaning supplies and masks. The airpacks were delivered that were purchased with the FEMA grant and they should be in service by next week.

Codes Officer Larry Bacon red tagged 62 Adsit Street as it has been an issue for quite some time and is not up to code. With Bud Burdett in quarantine, Larry has been keeping everything up to date.

Chief Murray said that the police were able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, if they wanted and only 6 officers wanted to. He reviewed the stats for the 2020 drug arrests and compared them to the 2019 drug arrests. They are almost identical with marijuana going down. Meth is the biggest issue in 2020. The number of drug arrests is significantly down with help from the DIVERT Program. In the past they would have been arrested, but now they are talking to them and getting them into the DIVERT Program instead of arrests. The Reform Package is due by April 1, 2021 and is currently posted on the City website and Facebook page, as well as the HPD Facebook page for review and comments by the public. Officer Blanchard and K-9 Snitch got full certification in tracking and narcotics from the State. Captain Sexsmith recommended Officers Hamilton, Blanchard and Steuben County Sheriff Deputy Michael Ramirez for a Commendatory Letter Award for their work with a suicidal subject on December 27, 2020. There were 9 illegal guns taken off the street this month. Three were stolen out of PA, one has a serial number that hasn't been tracked yet and the others have no serial numbers and appear to be ones that were self-assembled with parts procured from the internet. There was another incident where a person left The Maxx and went over the embankment, down the hill, then fell into the water. A couple females saw him acting strange, circled back and then called HPD. Officers Blanchard and Thurston talked him out of the water and helped him out.

BY: Richardson/ Parmley:

**RESOLVED**, that there being no further action, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Carried – Ayes All

Respectfully submitted,

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Melissa Logan, City Clerk