

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 8:32 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, and City Clerk Melissa Logan.

ALSO PRESENT: None.

ABSENT: Public Works Superintendent Mitch Cornish.

By: Liberto/Zigenfus

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting, held December 21, 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: Zigenfus/Liberto

RESOLVED, that the Board of Public Works provisionally appoints Jimmy Carney to the position of Wastewater Treatment Plant Assistant/Shift Operator/Trainee. This appointment shall take effect on January 18, 2024.
Carried – Ayes All

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 Solar Eclipse Event at Shawmut Park was approved. Ayes All.

Mayor Buckley stated that John Capluzzi resigned yesterday.

Rich Dunning said that they met with the executives at HP Hood to explain the new Industrial sewer user program. They were given a copy of their draft permit, so they could see what they will be challenged with removing from their waste, going forward. They are planning an expansion and talked about their needs for that, as they will be going from 330,000 gal/day up to 500,000 gal/day. They discussed avenues they can pursue to expand the line going from Joe Jones down. They will meet again after they have shared this information with their consulting engineer. The bid opening for Phase 1B came in Tuesday and they came in a lot higher than anticipated. There was a discussion with LaBella. For now, they are going to drop back and look for more funding

and look at resizing the project and try to find a way forward. DEC is coming in next week to sample PFOA and PFOS. This is the first sampling of its kind and we are confident that the DEC results will be the same as our results we have had in the past.

Mayor Buckley spoke of the DPW still working on BOCES house #12, on Upper Bennett Street and BOCES is working on house #13, on Madison Avenue. The DPW has been busy plowing and salting and productivity has, already, increased.

Lenny Fucci talked about Joe Brungard being back, at 90% after surgery. He came back on Monday. Lenny reached out to Stantec regarding the carbon tank. It will be delivered on the 26th of January. The State has to go out to bid for contractors to do the work. The workers to look at the rake arm will be in tomorrow. They are based out of Utah. Reservoirs 1 and 2, which were both down are all spilling.

Mayor Buckley talked about the James Street Park project, tennis court/Basketball replacement and splashpad, etc. CP Ward could, possibly, start demo work as early as the end of this month. New construction won't start until March. Streetscapes is also being done by CP ward will begin, pending weather, but most likely in March, as well. The City is planning on scheduling a pair of public meetings for the public and the businesses that will be affected, regarding construction plans for the sidewalks. The DPW is installing the new playground equipment at James Street. Also, once CP Ward completes the demo work at James street, they will fence off a section of the park for equipment and construction. That project should be wrapped up in May.

By: Zigenfus/Liberto

RESOLVED, that there being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.
Carried – Ayes all(X)

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Logan
City Clerk