

**A REGULAR** meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 9:04 a.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, Commissioner Scott Richardson, Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski, Neighborhood & Facilities Director Bud Burdett, Police Chief Ted Murray and City Clerk Melissa Logan.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Fran Cheresnowsky.

**ABSENT:** None

BY: Parmley/ Richardson

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the last meeting, held June 10, 2022, 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

**Resolutions:**

BY: Parmley/Richardson

**RESOLVED**, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety hereby approves the appointment of Nathan Donahue of 6324 Stone School Road, Bath, NY 14810, as a Patrolman for the City of Hornell effective July 14, 2022

BY: Parmley/ Richardson

**RESOLVED**, that claims in the amount of \$440,918.78 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all

**Miscellaneous:**

Mayor Buckley spoke of a Public Safety meeting that the County was holding regarding EMS coverage in the County. After this meeting there will be a stake holders meeting with the area municipal leaders regarding the way EMS is being provided in our area, as the Hornell taxpayers bear the brunt of it. The only contract that we have, currently, is with the Town of Hornellsville. Costs keep

going up and our taxpayers are subsidizing for all of the neighboring municipalities. The current goal is to have a contract in place with the other municipalities by the end of 2023. We will no longer provide these services for free.

Chief Brzozowski said that the new ambulances are in service and the old ones have been taken out of service and are at the garage for auction. The service technician came up and checked out the new ambulances and everything is good with them. Jackie's training will be finishing up in August with the national final. Kiwanis will be doing the Kid's ¼ miler on August 6 from 9-noon and requested EMS and police coverage for that. The radio system is up and running and doing well now.

Mayor Buckley spoke about the controlled burn that the town of Freemont had a few weeks ago. There was another department that hooked up to our system to fill up one of their trucks, which roils up our system. Rob Guy reached out to the Freemont Chief to tell them not to do that. A few years back, a hydrant was installed right at the reservoir so they wouldn't have to come into town to pull off a hydrant. Chief Brzozowski spoke to them, as well, to let them know that if there are different circumstances, just let us know so that it can be reported to the water plants right away.

Bud Burdett said that their 2 new 2019 vehicles are great! The codes office has been keeping tabs on stats and in May, they had 179 entries for inspections, complaints, building permits, etc. and in June there were 192 entries. There has been an uptick in evictions and they have been working with landlords. They have been getting them complaints on their properties to give to the judge in court for these evictions. Inspections have, also, been helpful for landlords when a tenant says there are issues with the apartment, but the inspection from before they moved in had no issues at all. Mayor Buckley asked if Codes could come up with a report for when inspections expire after 30 months. A discussion was held and the department will come up with some way to be able to track it.

Chief Murray said that they all had a great time at the Police vs. Fire softball game. There was a situation with dangerous dogs on Mays Avenue. The police have taken them into custody and they are no longer at that residence. There will be a hearing on Friday about the dangerous dog situation. Mayor Buckley said that there have been issues with this property in the past and with Codes being there about their fence. When the dog attack happened, Sgt. Giglio happened to be there, off-duty, and see it and, basically, saved the day. Chief Murray spoke of the

incident and the investigation with the Aryan National Army and their placement of hate posters throughout the City. The officers acted very quickly, got a search warrant and arrested the individuals involved. Chief Murray would like the board to recognize Sergeant Todd Giglio, who was able to intercept the individuals, got a confession, helped put together a case on these individuals and procured a search warrant. Chief said he is proud of the whole department as they did a fabulous job. We don't want our community to be labelled as the type of place where this happens. He doesn't see these three people as a big threat, but the police department did get multiple, threatening, phone calls stating that we were violating their first amendment rights. The FBI is looking in federal charges for the offenders. Two of the three offenders were released and the third has a preliminary hearing today. The district attorney is taking this very seriously and looking for it to go to Grand Jury. On another note, the three new vehicles are almost done. The radios and computers were brought up to Niagara Falls yesterday and they should be done mid-August. The County helped us with getting the radios, otherwise, we'd still be waiting on them. They are ready to add these vehicles to the rotation of use. Mayor Buckley said that we are considering local legislation for dangerous dogs, with a possible vicious dog registry. He will have a conversation with the City Attorney about this.

Chief Brzozowski requested that the parade routes, in the future, follow the most recent route, down Seneca and down Main Street, to avoid having to close off Route 36, as it is dangerous. Mayor Buckley said it's already been done and Hornell Partners for growth has already been notified, as well.

There was a brief discussion about the upcoming changes to Route 36. The proposal of roundabouts, new sets of lights and a walking/biking trail up to the plaza and up to Simmons & Rockwell, to tie it into the Shawmut Trail.

By: Parmley/ Richardson

**RESOLVED**, that there being no further action, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Carried – Ayes All

Respectfully submitted,

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Melissa Logan  
City Clerk