

A REGULAR meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Monday, June 14, 2021, at 9:07 a.m. in the Fire Station at the Public Safety Building, located at 110 Broadway, Hornell, NY.

PRESENT: Honorable John J. Buckley, Mayor, Commissioner David Parmley, Commissioner Scott Richardson, Police Chief Ted Murray, Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski, Neighborhood & Facilities Director Bud Burdett and City Clerk Melissa Logan.

ALSO PRESENT: Jordan Pelton, Nick Plank, Cameron McConnell, Joel Guthrie, Chris Cartella, Matt Donovan, Jackie Lewis, Mike Robbins and Matthew Graham.

ABSENT:

By Richardson/Parmley

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meetings held May 13, 2021 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 Matthew G. Graham, of 1481 Beech Road, Hornell, as a Firefighter for the Hornell Fire Department, effective June 14, 2021.

Carried – Ayes All

BY: Parmley/Richardson

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$292,178.51 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all

Miscellaneous:

- A request from Hornell Partners for Growth to hold the Hornell Independence Day Celebration at James Street Park and for the Independence Day Parade on July 4, 2021 at Shawmut Park was approved. – Ayes All
- A request from Brett Flaitz to close Oak Street from East Elm Street to River Street on July 4, 2021 was approved. – Ayes all

Chief Brzozowski talked about the new hires. Matthew Graham has been serving as a call man and will be a great addition. Some of the seniority that has recently left took training and clerical work skills with them. Some of the firemen are stepping up and going to seminars to keep up with training and learning the new ways to train. It has been a busy month with calls and transfers are up, as well. Nuisance fires are here for the summer. The Steuben County ban is off and everyone is starting to have fires. Getting information out there, in the paper, on what can be burned and proper fire safety.

Codes Officer Bud Burdett said that nuisance complaints are still coming in, including grass, dog feces and tenant & landlord issues. The demo permit for 3-5 Olive Place is moving along. Demolitions always take longer than anticipated. This demo had difficulty due to where it is and that it has to be demolished from the front and the electrical wires there. The County and the Land Bank got involved. Pro-Action will be acquiring the property for parking and a possible playground. VCP out of Vestal will be doing the demolition and they will have to close down the street to do that. The landlord has been very cooperative. The Tribune had an article about Due Process with houses that are being red tagged. The tenant and landlord must be made aware of the situation of why the house is being tagged. If it is an unsafe structure, the house can be tagged and they can be given due process after the fact. With an unlawful or unsanitary structure, the codes office must send a letter and give them time to plead their case. The Codes office has been working with David Kagel from Law NY and these issues. Due process is statewide and when we have these issues, it will be the Board of Public Safety that will hear the case.

Chief Murray informed the Board that he received a resignation letter from Curtis Stanford. He said that Curtis was fed up with the whole way policing was going and that he took a new job with Empire in the technical field. His last day was Friday, June 11. The Mayor and he sat down with Curtis and he stated that he was not happy with how things are changing. Motion to accept Officer Stanford's

resignation was made by Parmley and seconded by Richardson. Ayes all. Chief Murray has reached out to the Civil Service for a new list. There was a bad situation on Hill Street yesterday at 4:30am with heroin overdoses. Two people were deceased and a third survived. The two succumbed to whatever was in the heroin. An hour before that, the Fire Department responded to an overdose at 30 Seneca Street and it appears to be a connection to the other one. They put a post on Facebook that this danger is out there. They suspect that the heroin is laced with fentanyl. Chief Murray advised that if anyone is having issues with drug addiction, they can contact the Police Department to get into their DIVERT Program.

BY: Parmley/ Buckley:

RESOLVED, that there being no further action, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Carried – Ayes All

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Logan, City Clerk