

**A REGULAR** meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 9:16 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 (via telephone), Commissioner Scott Richardson, Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski, Police Chief Ted Murray, Deputy Mayor Jessica Cleveland, Neighborhood & Facilities Director Bud Burdett, City Chamberlain Michele Smith and Deputy City Clerk Fran-Marie Cheresnowsky.

**AND FROM THE MEDIA:** Brian O’Neil, WLEA

**ALSO PRESENT:** Captain Gregory Kramer and his family, Rebecca Kramer, Alexander Kramer, Sherry Kramer, Chris Kramer and Shane Kramer

**ABSENT:** City Clerk Melissa Logan

BY: Richardson/Buckley

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the last meeting, held February 9, 2023, be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all

BY: Richardson/Buckley

**RESOLVED**, that the Reports of Fire, Ambulance, Codes and Police be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all

**Resolutions:**

**BY: Richardson/Buckley**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety approves the appointment of Gregory L. Kramer, of 4900 Turnpike Road, Bath, as a Fire Captain for the Hornell Fire Department, effective March 9, 2023.

Carried – Ayes all

**BY: Richardson/Buckley**

**RESOLVED**, that claims in the amount of \$389,680.34 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all

**Miscellaneous:**

Station Church Easter Egg Hunt application was approved with no objections. Clerk to submit to Board of Public Works for their approval.

Chief Brzozowski reported that it has been a busy few months, including the recent fire on Bennett Street. He commended the Police Department for making sure everyone was out of the structure. His team worked great together; the new kids stepped up. He believes the home is fixable as the damage was limited to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rear apartment. A dog and snake were lost in the fire, 2 people were displaced and are receiving services through Red Cross. The three paramedics in training finished their 3<sup>rd</sup> phase and are starting the 4<sup>th</sup> and last phase of training.

Mayor Buckley gave an EMS update – the city is currently in talks with Jasper, but they are waffling. April 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline and he feels most municipalities are going to drop off. They have been contacted several times and if no agreement is in place by 4/1 Hornell will not go and it will be their choice, not ours.

Chief Murray commended the fire department on the sensational job they did at the Bennett Street fire and appreciates the department's acknowledgment of his guys. There is currently an intern working with the police department. On February 11<sup>th</sup> he was riding along with a patrolman when they responded to a call of a pregnant woman with cardiac issues. The woman did not speak English and the intern was able to speak with her in Arabic and interpret for first responders so that the woman was able to receive the appropriate care. The department has been busy dealing with mental health and drug issues. Investigator Aini is doing a great job and he thanked Codes for helping to clean up some apartments in the city.

Bud Burdett reports that he was at the recent fire and he thinks that the public does not have enough appreciation for what services tax dollars provide, from Police and Fire to DPW. There has been an issue with a charging station for electric vehicles and Larry has been working on putting together guidelines to make sure proper protocols are followed for neighbor and other vehicle safety. The Codes

office has also been working with the Fire Department to put together a Due Process procedure whereby landlords and tenants whose properties are “red tagged” have the opportunity to come before the Public Safety Board to plead their case. A resolution for the procedure was placed on the books previously and now the procedure has actually been outlined. There is a matter that will be coming before the board in the near future as a tenant in a problem property on Main Street has written asking for a meeting with the Board. Both Codes and the Fire Department have been working with the building owner and tenant for some time now and due to non-compliance issues have locked the tenant out of the space.

Mayor Buckley advised that the St. Patrick’s parade was this Saturday and outlined the new route the parade would take, and which intersections would be blocked off for the event. He also advised he has been working with a representative of Norfolk Southern to put a plan in place should a railroad accident happen in the City. He is trying to set up training sometime this year with railroad representatives and first responders as to how we would respond to a derailment or incident like what happened recently in Ohio.

Captain Kramer addressed the Board and thanked everyone for the opportunity presented to him today.

**By: Richardson/Buckley**

**RESOLVED**, that there being no further action, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Carried – Ayes All

Respectfully submitted,

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Fran-Marie Cheresnowsky  
Deputy City Clerk