

A REGULAR meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Thursday, May 13, 2021, at 9:02 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, Police Chief Ted Murray, Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski, Neighborhood & Facilities Director Bud Burdett and City Clerk Melissa Logan.

ALSO PRESENT: Jordan Pelton, Joel Guthrie and Chris Potter (via ZOOM videoconference)

ABSENT: Commissioner Scott Richardson

By Parmley/ Buckley:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meetings held April 8 be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all

By Parmley/Buckley:

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

Carried – Ayes all

Resolutions:

BY: Parmley/Buckley

RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety hereby approves the appointment of Jordan Pelton, of 32 Hart Street, Hornell, as a Fire Captain for the Hornell Fire Department, effective May 13, 2021.

Carried – Ayes All

BY: Parmley/Buckley:

RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety hereby approves the appointment of Joel Guthrie, of 152 Terry Street, Apt 1, Hornell, as a Fire Captain for the Hornell Fire Department, effective May 13, 2021.

Carried – Ayes All

BY: Parmley/Buckley:

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$307,723.27 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all

Miscellaneous:

- A request from the Fresh Start Church to hold a Last Blast of Summer on September 4, 2021 at Shawmut Park was tabled to review use of the soccer fields by the YMCA.
- A request from Allegany-Steuben ARC for use of softball field #2 at Veteran's Memorial Park every Thursday from 4-7:30 pm and 3 Saturdays between May 20th and August 5th was approved – Ayes all
- Mayor Buckley stated that the City will proceed with the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on Broadway. Everyone is expected to adhere to NYS and CDC guidelines. Approved – Ayes all
- A request from Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc. to hold a Steuben County Community Baby Shower at Veteran's Memorial Park on June 11, 2021 was approved – Ayes all

Chief Brzozowski spoke of how the new guys are doing well with EMS & Fire things and are fitting in well. They are enthusiastic, learning quickly and being brought up to our protocols. They are trying to get continuity with vacant shifts and everyone has been handling that well. The two new captains are on shift and have some good ideas. They had a lot of great candidates for captain interviews. He is going to have to do some balancing with medics on each shift and they are getting ready for paramedic training. He has had meetings with the hospital for – transitions coming out of COVID. They have good working relationships with the County and the Hospital and there has been great communication between all. They are getting regular updates from trauma triage doctors and with planning in-service training.

Codes Officer Bud Burdett talked about how grass and dog feces are their biggest issue at this time. Vacant properties are the biggest issue right now. There was a demolition on Church Street that was done by LaForge. Everything went well there. The property at 3/5 Olive Place, which had a fire, is working with the Steuben County Land Bank to demolish and hopefully that will be started soon. The owner has been helpful with any issues that have come up at this property. Things take longer to accomplish than we want, but we are working on it. With houses being so close together, demo can be difficult. Chris Brewer from Steuben County has been very helpful, as well.

Chief Murray said that their department is dealing with COVID infections, as three officers are infected now. Half of his guys are vaccinated and they are encouraging the remainder of them to get vaccinated. Seth Blanchard and his K-9, Snitch, received State Certifications for tracking and narcotics. Officer Blanchard came in to the meeting with Snitch and brought the certifications. He has been using her on the streets and she has helped with some arrests. The K-9 vehicle is outfitted and in use. Snitch is trained to find meth, heroin, MDMA and cocaine. The training of K-9's for police use has gotten away from having K-9's attack. Bud spoke of how training with Seth and Snitch is always ongoing so that the dog performs appropriately. Ted said that it is fantastic to see the community come together to support Snitch. He addressed a parking issue on East Main Street Circle. People have been parking on the street there and there is not enough room for emergency vehicles to get through. This issue will be forwarded to the Law & Ordinance Committee for review.

BY: Parmley/ Buckley:

RESOLVED, that there being no further action, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Carried – Ayes All

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Logan, City Clerk