

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 10:00 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, Public Works Superintendent Mitch Cornish and City Clerk Melissa Logan.

ALSO PRESENT: Michele Smith, Sammy Jamison and Tony Sciotti.

ABSENT: None

By: Zigenfus/Liberto

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting, held October 19, 2023 be approved as read. Carried-Ayes all (X)

By: Liberto/Zigenfus

RESOLVED, that the Reports of Department Heads be approved and ordered filed. Carried-Ayes all (X)

By: Liberto/ Zigenfus

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$956,506.74 be approved and paid as audited. Carried-Ayes all (X)

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mayor Buckley presented Tony Sciotti and Lenny Fucci with 50 years of service awards. Joe Liberto stated that you should get a chance to go up to the Water Plant and see them both in action, it's beyond excellence. Lenny thanked the Mayor, the Board and the taxpayers. Mayor Buckley spoke of everyone at their plant working at all hours, holidays and weekends to keep our water crystal clear. Lenny spoke of a time, a number of years ago, when one of the operators retired and another one was out ill. Tony worked for 99 days straight.

Rich Dunning gave an update on PFAS and the impact to our land application. The DEC sent a notice, last summer regarding these. We found a lab and sent them a sample on September 13. It took six weeks to get the results. We got the results on our digester on November 3. The reliable level of protection that the lab came up with was 5 nanograms/gram. All of our results, except for one, tested for less than 5 nanograms/gram. The one that was 5.9 nanograms/gram was N-

methylperfluoro octane sulfonamido ethanol. EPA will not have a protocol for dealing with the substance in biosolids for a year from now. We started our land application on November 5 and we will keep going, as long as the weather allows. They are trying to get a pilot study to get down to 0.5 milligrams/liter total phosphorus on our effluent. We have been at 0.9 for the last few years with aluminum sulfate. Chesapeake Bay initiative requires us to get down to 0.5. Last year we asked for an extension and the DEC gave us until May 1, 2024. We have been holding off from testing the product from Holland Chemical because the required dose that we would need to use, would be toxic to the effluent. There are elevated levels of phosphorus in the plant and we would have to add 2400 lbs. of the chemical per day. Levels are so high due to certain industrial contributions of phosphorus. We will ask the DEC for another extension on the deadline until 2025. They will back off on the pilot study and pursue the new industrial monitoring program. They have a conference call with the DEC, Labella and the people in Albany that run the toxicity program regarding the industrial monitoring program. The UV system is going well. They ran it until October 31 and then shut it down for the season. The regional engineer will come out and take a look at it tomorrow and will have a tour.

Mitch said that his department has been elves for the Mayor's Christmas project. They put in a handicap sidewalk and crosswalk at the post office. They have taken delivery of 200 tons of salt. The plows are pretty much ready. They have been picking up bagged leaves.

Lenny Fucci said that the plant is running well, turbidity has been really good. They flushed hydrants last month. There have been no complaints since. There were issues at the Lofts and at the State Building. They talked about another flushing cycle. The boiler at the plant is 30 years old and they need a new one. Spoke to NYS DOT & Stantec concerning the carbon system being down for over a year. They will be going with a thicker stainless steel. Department of Health have not been pressuring them about it.

Mayor thanked the DPW for all of their efforts with assisting with the decorating of the downtown area. Thank Aaron and Donnie for their efforts.

Commissioner Liberto said that he has received a lot of positive comments on the park and on the Christmas decorations, too.

Mayor Buckley wished everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. Then there will be the Christmas parade and the tree lighting on the following Saturday.

By: Liberto/ Zigenfus

RESOLVED, that there being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Carried – Ayes all(X)

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Logan
City Clerk