

A REGULAR meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 9:04 a.m. in the second-floor conference room of City Hall, 82 Main Street, 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: Michael Sexsmith and Michael Hoyt

ABSENT:

By Parmley/ Richardson

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meetings held September 9, 2021 and October 6, 2021 be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all

By Parmley/Richardson

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

Carried – Ayes all

Resolutions: None

BY: Richardson/Parmley

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$308,448.41 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all

Miscellaneous:

- An application for St. Ann's Academy to have their Field of Honor at the city owned green space on Seneca Street was approved – Ayes All

Chief Brzozowski said that they have been busy with physicals, SCBA & Masks and their 2nd Academy has started up, paramedics have started paramedic school. There is cardiac testing going on today. COVID has taken a straight line for a while, so numbers aren't seeming to fluctuate. The hospital seems to be handling the COVID load, so far. He's been working with the county and they will be

setting up a COVID testing site at the Art Center on Tuesday and Thursday next week to help alleviate the number of tests at the hospital, as they have been overwhelmed with testing. Numbers are going up for testing due to people needing proof that they are negative.

Bud Burdett informed the board that going into winter, they are making sure that the zombie properties in the area are being maintained, grass is cut and property cleaned up outside. A lot of these properties have been put up for sale. Banks have been pretty cooperative with it. There have been issues with some properties and they have been dealing with the nuisance law. With things the way they are now, tenants can not be evicted if it's a financial issue. However, if it's a quality-of-life issue or a safety issue, that may affect other residents or tenants, then the nuisance law comes into effect. If a property accumulates 12 nuisance points in 6 months or 18 points in one year, then the property can be brought to the Public Safety Board for review. This gives a property enough to get tenants into court and hold these people accountable. Vacant properties are becoming an issue and the county tax sale isn't going to happen until March. At this time there are 400 properties that need to be foreclosed on. Also, the Land Bank will be getting 3-4 properties to be torn down.

Chief Murray spoke of how the quality-of-life issues are high, especially mental health and drug use. They have been bringing people to the hospital, sometimes the same person, 2-3 times a day. There just doesn't seem to be any help for these people. Tyler Crouch finished field training and is currently on day shift. HPG Festival was a success. HPD gave away 63 bike helmets and the people were very pleased to get them. They have done presentations at schools on bicycle safety and hand out helmets there, as well.

BY: Richardson/ Parmley

RESOLVED, that there being no further action, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Carried – Ayes All

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Logan, City Clerk