

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 10:15 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, Public Works Superintendent Mitch Cornish and City Clerk Melissa Logan.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Michele Smith, Brian O'Neal - WLEA

**ABSENT:** Water Filtration Plant Chief Operator Leonard Fucci

By: Zigenfus/Liberto

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the last meeting, held September 14, 2023 be approved as read. Carried-Ayes all (X)

By: Zigenfus/Buckley

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

By: Zigenfus/Liberto

**RESOLVED**, that claims in the amount of \$832,973.31 be approved and paid as audited. Carried-Ayes all (X)

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- Hornell for the Holidays Event Permit was reviewed and approved. Ayes All.

Mayor Buckley spoke about the construction at Union Square Park and that it is finishing up. They will be testing the fountain on Tuesday. Saturday, October 28 is the Swift memorial dedication at Union Square Park. A portion of Seneca Street will be closed down. The City has made an arrangement with Community Bank to use their parking lot. The Streetscapes & Alleyways project is set to start March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. As we get closer to that start date, we will hold a public meeting and we will invite the business and property owners that will be impacted to the meeting. The James Street project has been split into two separate bids, sitework (tennis courts, basketball courts and the splashpad) and the other bid will be for the pool building. There have been issues with the Art Center ac/heating units and they will need to be replaced. There will have to be discussions with the Common Council about what to do with this building.

Rich Dunning spoke of the trojan UV system being online and nearly complete. A few items still need to be completed, including some concrete and ventilation. The automatic system that tests the intensity of the bulbs still has to be delivered. The system was inspected on October 5<sup>th</sup> and the installation was approved. Plans for Phase 1B were reviewed and they were shown the units that are included in the next project. The UV lights went on September 14 and the results have been 1npn/100 mll. Before they were turned on, we were at over 2,000 npn/100 mll. So, this system is doing its job. We will be shutting it down on November 1, as it only has to run from May-October. The phosphorous pilot study is on hold, again, while we figure out a dosage that isn't toxic to the effluent. We have had an increase influent loading of phosphorous to the plant and we had the chemical supplier come in and they did some jar testing. They found that instead of a dose of 40 gal/day, we would need to have a dose of 140 gal/day. The approval that we got from the DEC is for 40 gal/day, but 140 gal/day would be toxic. Rich will contact Abigail Johnson and ask for her advice on this. The sludge level is good and we could get by if we can't get out and land apply. We sent out first test for PFAS and PFOA and the results should be back this week. Those results will determine what we do going forward. We have a mandatory test coming up around Thanksgiving and the DEC will travel here and pull a test out of our digester and take a whole new sample. The EPA says they hope to have a protocol in the next year for plants like ours to determine what to do going forward, in regard to land application and PFAS. We should start looking into a belt press.

Mitch Cornish reminded the Board that October 20<sup>th</sup> is the last day for the street sweeper. We are expecting a snowy winter this year. They are cleaning leaves, patching today, working at the park and raking. We have been asking citizens to bag leaves and put by the curb for pickup. The BOCES house is going well. 80% done now. It should be ready in the Spring for sale. The next house on Madison Avenue will have to be built onsite, hopefully starting the end of October. They are putting a new roof on the James Street concession stand next week. They are keeping up with the work at the new park, getting ready for the ceremony on October 28 for the Swift memorial. The new Christmas tree will be put up at the new park. They have to figure out a way to tie it down so it doesn't blow over. We are waiting for the State for wording in the RFP on the Church Street bridge. The local share on that is about \$10, 500.

Mayor Buckley asked Mitch Cornish to plan to start taking down the Hometown Heroes banners after Veteran's Day. He said that St. Ann's Academy Field of Honor has been moved to the greenspace between St. Ann's Church and the St. Ann's offices.

City Clerk Logan will contact HPG to get corrected dates for the Hornell for the Holidays Event application.

By: Zigenfus/Liberto

**RESOLVED**, that there being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Carried – Ayes all(X)

Respectfully submitted,

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Melissa Logan  
City Clerk