

A REGULAR meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Thursday, October 8, 2020, at 9:00 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, Police Chief Ted Murray, Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski, Code Enforcement Officer Leo Burdett and Deputy City Clerk Tina Lee.

ALSO PRESENT: Police Capt. Mike Sexsmith and Chris Potter from the Evening Tribune (Teleconference).

ABSENT: none

By Richardson/Parmley:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting held September 10, 2020 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

BY: Parmley/Richardson:

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$279,839.59 be approved and paid as audited.
Carried – Ayes all

Resolutions: none

Miscellaneous:

Chief Brzozowski said that the new ambulance is in service and running well.

Codes Officer Bud Burdett spoke about working with the Police Department on illegal tenants in the city (i.e. 62 Oak St.). The codes office has found them to be very helpful and Bud receives daily reports from the Police Department regarding activity at “empty” residences.

Chief Murray agrees with Bud that the two departments are working well together. He stated that the month of September has been a very busy month, both day and evening shifts. They have been dealing with a number of mental health issues and drug usage (fentanyl) is increasing, with a number of repetitive abusers.

Captain Mike Sexsmith presented the D.I.V.E.R.T. (DRUG, INTERVENTION, VOLUNTARY, EDUCATION, REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT) initiative. The program, put together by Capt. Sexsmith and Patrolman Seth Blanchard, will be used to help with the increasing illegal drug use in the city. It is a positive approach, addressing addiction and possible treatment for drug abusers. Ann Domingos, from CASA/Trinity is working with police in providing counseling for addicts and training for police officers.

The Board agreed to a request, presented by the Mayor, from the Hornell High School regarding Homecoming activities. The school would like to have a procession from the East Main St. bridge to Seneca St. ending at the high school. It would be for seniors and their families only. The vehicles would disperse at the high school except for the candidate's vehicles, which would take a lap around the field and end with the homecoming ceremony. There would be a police escort and Peish Video will film the event.

By Parmley/Richardson:

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

Carried – Ayes All

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Lee, Dep. City Clerk