

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH HORNELLS VILLAGE BOARD
DECEMBER 11, 2006**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Falci
Trustees: Dep. Mayor William McNelis, Glenn Thomas,
Joseph Dick & Frank Libordi
Clerk Kristene Libordi
DPW Super. Phil D'Amato
Policeman Timothy Quinlan
Fire Chief Charlie Chick
ZBA Chair Doug Dunn
Town Assessor David Weeks
Larry Fitts from Fitts & Assoc

MAYORS OPENING REMARKS

Thank you to the Fire dept and Joseph Dick for the work they did during the Flu Clinic.

MINUTES

Motion made to approve the Minutes from the November 13, 2006 by William McNelis, second by Glenn Thomas and carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Trustee Glenn Thomas asked the Treasurer to check the correct amount for line A1490.12 in the November Treas report. The amount shown seems high for this date.

A motion was made by William McNelis to accept the October & November treasurers report, second by Frank Libordi and carried.

POLICE REPORT

Police report given by Officer Timothy Quinlan. During the month of November there were 3 general complaints and 4 tagged cars, 4 vehicle and traffic arrests and 4 parking tickets. The department also assisted in preparation of the flu clinic Total hours patrolled -112.

DPW REORT

Report was given by Supervisor Phil D'Amato. During the month of November worked with the contractor and code enforcement officer on the house under construction on Third St. Maintenance work done on the snow plow. Final leaf clean-up on Village property was completed.. Village buildings were prepped for winter. Set up Christmas decorations at Village Hall. Work was done on the boiler at the Village and Fire Hall. Snow plowing and salting roads. Assisted city of Hornell with 20 "water main break. During a recent snow fall it was noted that there was excess salt left on the streets. Supervisor D'Amato stated that there was a problem with the salter and it has been repaired.

Motion to accept the DPW report was made by William McNelis, second by Mayor Falci and carried.

FIRE REPORT

Fire Chief Charlie Chick reported for the month of November: a total of 14 incidents, 3 in the Village, 7 in the Town and 4 mutual aid. A Loss Control Report investigation for the insurance company was done a few months ago and the Fire dept passed on all levels. Eight topics were covered: property, liability, hasmat, vehicles, equipment, crime, operations in general and member safety. Saturday the Fire Dept will hold the second annual Christmas parade.

NEW BUSINESS

David Weeks the Town assessor presented Mr. Larry Fitts of Fitts Appraisal Service to discuss the Town of Hornellsvilles' Reval.. There will be a Public meeting in the Village during the month of January to discuss the assessment project. They will be taking existing data, looking at properties and making changes. Currently they have 1200 parcels completed. With a total of 2400 parcels in all. There are a total of 387 parcels in the Village of North Hornell

Mr. Fitts explained how the assessor will collect data. Residents who are forthcoming with information concerning their property will receive a more accurate assessment. Once data has been verified, there will be a mailer with a computer printout of the main information of each individual property. When the property owner receives this information they must verify it, sign it and mail it back to the assessor. If there are any questions, there will be a second inspection if necessary. Data collection will be done in January. Each property will have 3 comparable sales

Mr. Weeks would like to set a public hearing during the first week of January. Mayor Falci will contact Mr. Weeks with a date in January.

Mayor presented Chapter 662 (laws of 2006) .NY State is requesting that Zoning and Planning Board members take 4 hours of instruction .This can be done at Corning or Geneseo or online. Board members unanimously agreed that all Planning and Zoning Board members take a minimum of 4hours of advance study thru the web site by th NYS Commission on rural resources.

Mr. Walter Rutski was appointed to fill the Village Historian position, previously held by his mother. His appointment will run through April 1, 2007. Mr. Rutski asked that there be some type of display cabinet at the Village Hall preferably under lock.

DPW Supervisor D'Amato would like to start a leaf bag program in the spring. Residents will bag leaves and grass in biodegradable bags. These bags can be purchased at Do-It-Best or the Village hall at a cost of 10 bags for \$7.00. The DPW will pick up the bags and dispose of them at the Town yard or start compost at the Chambers St. property. The compost would be available to village residents. He is asking for board approval to implement this during spring 2007. Village residents would receive a notice as to pick up times and what can and cannot be put out for pick up.

A motion was made by Glenn Thomas for biodegradable bag pick up in the spring (regular spring clean up) and in the fall during Oct. & Nov. (for one year trial). Motion second by Frank Libordi and carried.

Time Warner contract was approved on a motion by John Falci second by Glenn Thomas and carried with Trustee Dick opposed.

Code enforcement officer Jim Scheider gave the board a summary of property improvements and repairs going on in the village. Mrs. Burke and Mr. & Mrs. France (in attendance) have been in contact with Mr. Scheider over the problem of standing water behind their homes. According to DPW supervisor D'Amato, there will be drainage lines installed behind their homes in the spring.

Supervisor D'Amato requesting a new utility truck. One that will hold all the necessary tools for jobs they are working on in Village. Simmons & Rockwell has a 2007 Chevy 3500 1 ton dual pick up truck for \$28,000. Mr. Valentine from Elsenheimer Chevrolet assured him that he could not match the Simmons price. For \$200 more he can purchase a green GMC 1 ton which he would prefer to keep in line with the color of the other village trucks. The old blue GMC was auctioned for \$5000, after fees village to receive \$4800. Simmons & Rockwell will give trade value of \$9000 for the present pickup truck. The supervisor is also pricing new plows, specifically a 9' stainless steel plow. Can purchase one for \$3995 installed from a dealer out of Ithaca NY. This was the lowest price from 3 quotes. Trustee McNelis asked what is on his want list for the coming budget. Supervisor replied possibly the tractor they had talked about.

A motion was made by Mayor Falci to purchase a 2007 Green GMC utility truck and not to exceed \$19,795 to be taken out of the present budget between the sewer and general fund. Motion second by Glenn Thomas and carried.

Trustee Joseph Dick mentioned that under Village code all contractors are to purchase a license to work in the village. This law is not being enforced and if we are not going to enforce it, it should be taken off the books. Code enforcement officer Jim Scheider will hold all permits until the license is paid by the contractor. It is a \$10.00 fee.

Trustee Dick would like to rewrite our current Disaster plan which was originally written in the mid '70's early '80's. He would like to organize a board consisting of the Fire Chief, DPW Supervisor, two board members and two residents to review this document

With some recent flooding on First St. Trustee Dick would like to reexamine the First St. study from Hunt Engineers and implement it. No Building permits should be given for building on the Third St. side hill. Trustee Dick notified residents that they will be receiving a questionnaire from the Town Planning board regarding wind farms. Responses should be returned by January 15th next year. Motion made by William McNelis to pay bills after executive session, second by Mayor Falci and Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board went into executive session at 9:20. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45PM

Village Clerk
Kristene Libordi