

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH HORSELL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OCTOBER 15, 2007 - 7PM**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Falci
Trustees: Deputy Mayor William McNelis, Glenn Thomas,
Joseph Dick & Frank Libordi
Clerk Kristene Libordi
DPW Supervisor & Fire Chief Phil D'Amato
ZBA Chair Doug Dunn
ZBA member Peter DiRaimondo
Evening Tribune Rob Montana
CEO Jim Scheider
Historian Walt Rutski

MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Falci said he appreciates the respectful atmosphere that we have at our Village Board meetings. Our meetings have always been very open to the residents. If at any time questions can't be answered he would ask residents to call him the next day and he will try to give an answer.

The Minutes from the September 10th meeting were approved on a motion by William McNelis, second by Joseph Dick and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Joseph Dick, second by William McNelis and carried.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Smith was at a conference in Lake Placid. Mayor Falci read the report:

Complaints	-	General	3
		Criminal	1
		Animal	1
Tagged Cars			3
Agency Assists	Police		3
Property Checks			4
Parking Tickets Issued			12
Uniform Traffic Tickets			4

Officer Scott Richardson worked in plain clothes & POV on a few evenings in an effort to catch those responsible for the car break-ins. Both criminal mischief & larceny cases were closed with arrests made for both. NYSP, SCSD & NHPD all worked together to put both cases to a close. Mayor Falci noted that he sent a letter to the Family Court Judge that we will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law and we want restitution. Time and costs for cleaning the graffiti mess. There was increased radar on Cleveland Ave. due to traffic from Soccer games.

Trustee McNelis asked if vehicles with no license and marked for sale on Cleveland Ave. are legal. Can we have the police check into this. Mayor Falci will have Officer Richardson check on this on Tuesday evening.

A motion to accept the police report was made by William McNelis, second by Mayor Falci and carried.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Supervisor D'Amato reported:

- Painted street sign poles
- Replaced street signs
- Clean storm drains
- Pump station maintenance
- Continue lawn maintenance
- Dig ditch on Linwood Ave. drainage
- Fix water shut off on Rural
- Numerous mark outs
- Repair storm drain on Seneca Rd

Street signs on Seneca Rd that were taken over from the State are starting to deteriorate.

A price to replace all street signs (20) on Seneca Rd plus Woodbury, Totten Lane, W.Maplewood Ave., Bowen, Whitman Ave., Linwood Ave. and Elmwood Ave. was received from Dave Oakes wife. Total cost was \$478.00. That will complete the entire Village on street and traffic signs.

Trustee Libordi asked if a bush on the corner lot across from the Kwik fill, at the end of the Village, could be cut down. Supervisor D'Amato said yes but that land belongs to the Town and we just maintain it.

Supervisor noted that there are residents who are dumping at the Village property on Chambers St. A "No Dumping" sign will be place there to eliminate this problem. At one time residents were allowed to dump clean fill.

A motion was made by Glenn Thomas to accept the Maintenance report, second by Frank Libordi and carried.

FIRE REPORT

Fire Chief D'Amato reported incidents for the month of September:

Village	1
Town	7
Mutual Aid	1
Total	10

A new member to the Fire Department –John Hopkins who lives in the City of Hornell. Approved by the membership and passed his arson check. Five members attended HASMAT class at the Bath VA. All attended Oct 9th and received certificates. They will also attend HASMAT operations on Nov 26 & 27 and Dec. 17 & 18.

Also have 3 applications on file to join the department.

In doing the inventory we will not have enough pagers within the next month or two.

Right now they have seven available. Cost possibly \$300 - \$400 each.

Trustee Libordi asked how often are inspections done on the fire trucks (we are now over budget in fire contractual due to truck inspections and repair). Chief D'Amato responded once a year. They are done every year and it was done last year - pump tested and ladder tested. The pumps go to a facility that runs through the entire truck to make sure it is running properly. If not it is repaired at that time. The companies previously came to the village Fire hall and tested the ladders. All other area Fire Departments came here at the same time. Now they do it on there own. This makes it necessary for us to have the ladders tested at the company when the pumps are done.

Mayor Falci stated that the Fire Department Contractual line (A3410.4) will be \$1500 over budget. He also noted that he couldn't find where money was spent on inspections last year.

Trustee Dick noted that this year there were other problems with the truck when it was being inspected.

The necessary repairs were completed (bad pump governor) and that is what put the Contractual line item over. Some of this bill was not anticipated. When Chief D'Amato was contacted that it was going to be an additional \$900 for repair, he notified Mayor Falci. If the problem was not repaired, the truck could not be sent out on call.

Trustee Libordi asked if one fire truck always stays in the village to protect the village The Chief answered that the only time the two trucks leave the village is when they train in South Hornell. They train with the City of Hornell maybe 2x's per month. All members are in South Hornell. He believes if all firefighters are in South Hornell and with gear, when they get a call it is easier for the members to respond from South

Hornell as opposed to keeping one truck here and having to drive back to get the fire truck. He also believes that when they drive back to North Hornell with their own trucks there could be possible liabilities with the fire fighters truck. If the board wants to have a truck here at all times he will do it. Trustee McNelis asked Chief D'Amato and Trustee Joseph Dick (fire fighter) if they were both comfortable with two trucks being out of the Village and if it is normal procedure. They responded yes. If there were a structure fire in the Village, Chief D'Amato would have another department come in as stand by.

Motion to accept the Fire Department report made by Glenn Thomas, second by Mayor Falci and carried. Motion made by Glenn Thomas to accept John Hopkins into the Fire Department. Motion second by Frank Libordi and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

SENECA RD WATER PRESSURE

Dave Lindeman of 333 Seneca Rd. addressed the board in regards to problems he has been having with water pressure since the mid 90's. It is progressively getting worse. He had all galvanized pipes replaced with copper thinking that may take care of the problem. In 2005 he had a line replaced to the curb with no satisfaction. A pump was also introduced to help. It actually is getting worse with the pump. The neighbors to the left and right are both fine with pressure. He really needs to have something done. He has invested a lot in this project. Mayor Falci feels that the DPW has come up with a solution. There would be a hook up behind the house, from the Drs. office to behind the Lindeman house. Trustee McNelis asked who would be responsible for the line to go into the home. Supervisor D'Amato said traditionally it would be the cost of the homeowner unless the board would say otherwise. He stated that the DPW could run the line to the foundation and would have to hire a licensed plumber to put a hole in the foundation and hook it up. Trustee McNelis asked Mr. Lindeman if he would be satisfied with that scenario. He said yes as long as he had water. However, he is not willing to pay for this since he has already paid to hook up in the front of his house. Mayor Falci would like to explore this tomorrow and get costs.

ZBA & PLANNING BOARD TRAINING RESOLUTION

A resolution was passed and is made part of and added to these minutes. Motion was made by Frank Libordi, seconded by William McNelis and carried.

GARBAGE CONTRACT

Mayor Falci stated that the contract with the City of Hornell will start July 1, 2008 at the cost of \$70 per household. This will be a year to year contract. All households must participate and all living units (apartments) must participate. If a home is for sale with no one living in it, it will still be charged. The City will administer the billing. A vacant lot (non living unit) will not be charged. If residents have any questions they are to contact the Mayor. The Board will vote in November to approve the contract. We will pay what the City pays. The Mayor was told by Mayor Shawn Hogan that the most it would go up would be \$5. This would also include those businesses in the Village.

EXTERIOR FURNACES

The Mayor suggested the Village should follow the Town of Hornellsville lead in regards to the regulations and operation of exterior furnaces. If the Board wants to make changes it can be done through amendments to our laws. Trustee Thomas asked if the Mayor had checked with the town in regards to burning. There is burning at the Country club due to logging for enlargement of the course. Town supervisor Ken Isaman said it is legal in the town. Isaman will see owner of Country Club in regards to this.

Trustee Libordi said that it is illegal to burn in towns under 20,000. Trustee Dick said it could fall under the Clean Air Act and if someone calls to say it is bothering them, the fire department would be dispatched to put the fire out.

Trustee Libordi said under the environmental law it is unlawful to start an open fire in any of the towns without first obtaining a written permit to do so. If it is a prescribed burn which means they have a permit from the DEC, they have to have a burn management plan. Our fire chief should have been notified. Phil was not notified. Chief D'Amato is concerned that that area is not hydrated and if the fire got out of control there would be a problem. He was also concerned that embers blowing from the burn were going over 70A towards Elsenheimer's garage. Mayor Falci going to contact the country club to see if they have a written permit from the DEC and a written approval from Mr. Isaman.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

The North Hornell fire fighters will host their open house on October 27th from the hours of 10 AM to 2 PM.

LEAF CLEAN UP

October 22nd – 26th pick up dates.

Need to put leafs in biodegradable bags or they will not be picked up. Notices will be given if leaves are in the wrong bags.

After the 26th the DPW will still pick up bags.

OLD BUSINESS

ZBA APPOINTMENT

Mayor Falci has received several names to fill the term of Mrs. Wallace.

He will make an appointment with in the next few days. If anyone has a name to add, please contact the Village Clerk

WATER METERS

The water meters on Rural Ave. have been changed. The City is continuing the change of all meters in the Village. The Mayor noted that this will take the better part of a year to complete.

VILLAGE HISTORIAN

Walter Rutski requested a cabinet to be put on the wall in the Village Hall to display historical pictures. He handed out price quotes for a 3 X 4 cabinet in the \$300 -\$500 price range. Mayor Falci suggested we use the figures for next year's budget. Supervisor D'Amato noted that BOCES might be able to build one.

OTHER

Trustee Dick asked if we are going to proceed with bids for the fire station. Mayor Falci asked for costs of architectural plans. Walt Rutski said he would like to work with Trustee Thomas on this.

Resident John Johnson asked if the fire siren always goes off twice. Chief D'Amato responded that the only time that happens is if he gets to the scene and requests more man power.

Mayor Falci will call Ken Isaman in regards to the status of Village assessment reval.

Trustee Thomas asked if the pump station was under warranty. Supervisor D'Amato said no. Mayor Falci asked that he check with Dave Oakes (City of Hornell) on the parts for the pump station. Trustee Dick believed that the city was going to have all parts on hand to make repairs.

PAY BILLS

Motion to pay bills made by Glenn Thomas, second by William McNelis and carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board went into executive at 8:25PM to discuss 2 issues in that are currently being addressed by the village attorney.

Board out of executive session at 9:15 and the meeting was adjourned.

Village Clerk
Kristene Libordi