

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH HORSELL VILLAGE BOARD
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
APRIL 2, 2007**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Falci
Trustees: Deputy Mayor William McNelis, Glenn Thomas
Joseph Dick & Frank Libordi
Village Clerk Kristene Libordi
DPW Supervisor & Fire Chief Phil D'Amato
Planning Board Chair Timothy McDaniel
ZBA Chair Doug Dunn
Code Enforcement Officer James Scheider
Hornellsville Town Supervisor Ken Isaman
Hornell IDA Director James Griffin

Mayor Falci opened the meeting at 7PM with the pledge of allegiance.

MAYORS OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Falci thanked all employees and Board members and volunteers for their work and efforts to improve the Village through out the year. He also thanked all the Village residents who come to board meetings on a regular basis. We try to do our best even though we can't please everyone.

On Monday April 16th at 7PM representatives from Lowes (Taylor McDermott & Michael Braun) will be at the Village hall to update us on their accomplishments. They are 100% ready as far as their plans for building. Plans will go to the Planning board and zoning board and code officer. There will be a public hearing on the plans and then a vote. Lowes is hoping for a 2008 completion date. They want permits complete and then go to the army corp. of engineers.

On Wednesday April 18th there will be a public hearing on the tentative budget. The Mayor and Board hope to keep the budget under a 2% increase.

Saturday April 28th there will be a town meeting with Congressman Randy Kuhl. State senator George Winner and Assemblyman James Bacalles will also be in attendance. Time will be 10:30AM – 11:30AM.

MINUTES

The February 12 & 26, 2007 minutes were approved on a motion by William McNelis, second by Glenn Thomas and carried. The March 12, 2007 minutes were approved on a motion by William McNelis, second by Joseph Dick and carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Not available.

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Marcus Smith was not available. Mayor Falci mentioned that there were two police officers on duty on both Friday and Saturday evening.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Supervisor D’Amato reported: Plow and salt roads
Spring clean up on Village property
Mulch at Village Hall
Locate water & sewer lines for contractors
Patching potholes
Fixed a small hole in the storm drain Linwood Ave.
Helped Mercy Care with sewer problem
Locating and digging water main on 3rd street

During the week of May 21 – 25, there will be a yard waste pick up in the Village. Notices will be in the paper notifying residents what areas will be done on each day.
Trustee Libordi asked if there was a print out of the summer projects. Supervisor D’Amato replied that he had given them to Mayor Falci. The Mayor and Trustee Libordi asked for a time frame on the projects. The maintenance report was approved on a motion by Joseph Dick, second by Mayor Falci and carried.

FIRE REPORT

Fire chief D’Amato reported: Total of 14 incidents during the month of March
Village – 5
Town - 8
M/A - 1

Motion was made by Glenn Thomas to accept the fire report, second by Joseph Dick and carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

MAYORS APPOINTMENTS

Planning Board: Timothy McDaniel –Chair
Carol McCarthy
Douglas Dunn
Joseph Dunn
Rich Scavo
Hector Hoyos

Zoning Board: Douglas Dunn – Chair
Peter DiRaimondo - Co-Chair
Laura Suriani
Barb Wallace
Hector Hoyos

Deputy Mayor William McNelis
Clerk/Treasurer Kristene Libordi
Dep. Clerk Marilyn Heers
Zoning Officer Mark Norfolk
HAT Rep Joseph Dick
Crossing Guard Mary Nesbit
Attorney Eric Shults
Health Officer Dr. Pat Picco
Historian Walter Rutski
Registrar Kristene Libordi
Dep. Registrar Marilyn Heers
Records Mgmt.Off. Kristene Libordi

Board Committees:

Public Works William McNelis
(Streets) Frank Libordi

Public Safety Glenn Thomas
(Fire & Police) Joseph Dick
 Frank Libordi

Finance Glenn Thomas
 Joseph Dick

LOWES - PILOT & ANNEXATION VOTE

Motion made:

The North Hornell Village Board on April 2, 2007 authorized the Mayor of North Hornell to sign an agreement with the Hornell Industrial Agency in regards to the Pilot Schedule and Annexation of the tax parcel #136.18-01-002.110, land currently owned by Dr. Allen Robbins , with the City of Hornell for the development of the Lowes project.

Trustee Glenn Thomas Yes
Trustee Frank Libordi No
Trustee William McNelis No
Trustee Joseph Dick Yes
Mayor John Falci Yes

Motion approved on three yes votes.

HEATHER HEIGHTS PETITION – ANNEXATION

Mayor Falci read a petition from Heather Heights residents:

We the undersigned property owners and residents of Heather Heights Road town of Hornellsville, Steuben County are interested in the possibility of annexation into the Village of North Hornell. We hereby request the Town of Hornellsville town board and the village of North Hornell to work together to initiate proceedings regarding the same.

The Mayor accepted the petition and made it public record. The residents will go to the Town Board and petition them. This will go to our attorney to see what steps we will follow if we proceed with this.

Mr. Poplowski asked if the petition gives a reason why. The Mayor responded that the residents would like to get sewer and water from the Village. Some are in the process of putting in new septic tanks and the price ranges from \$15,000 to \$18,000. It would cost the residents to hook up to the Village sewer and water, but once done that would be a one time cost.

GARBAGE PROPOSAL

Mayor Falci went over last month's minutes regarding the garbage proposal. He verified at this time that multiple residences on a property count as two and everyone in the Village has to be part of the contract at \$70 per year.

Mayor made a motion: Village board authorizes the Mayor to formulate a garbage contract with the City of Hornell, at which time said contract will be presented to the Village Board for discussion and a vote to accept or reject.

Motion was made by Trustee Libordi to accept, second by Glenn Thomas and carried.

Mr. DiRaimondo & Mr. Dunn asked that the Mayor look into a contract with a garbage carrier that would be made with the Village. This way we would have control over pricing. Mayor Falci said he would call three carriers with a list provided by Mr. Dunn..

NEWS LETTER

The Mayor will be sending out a news letter by the middle of April. He will put in new laws & regulations that residents need to be aware of. It will also show dates for Spring clean up.

FIRE PETITION

Trustee Libordi asked why the Fire Dept used the Fire truck to collect signatures from residents for a new fire truck or hall. He said it was inappropriate. It leaves open a door for the DPW or Police Dept. to use their vehicles to drive around town to get petitions. Why did they ask for use of the Fire truck during the St. Patrick's Day parade and not this. Chief D'Amato asked if they needed permission for Tuesday night drills. Trustee Libordi responded that under NYS law we cannot interfere when they are on active duty. Mayor Falci asked about fund raisers and if they need permission. Trustee Libordi asked what they have done in the past. Mayor Falci said he didn't know. Trustee Dick said he did not partake in the petition because he sits on the board. He stated that the fire men had their gear with them so they could respond to any calls. Chief D'Amato said it would not happen again.

Mayor Falci read the petition from the Fire Dept:

Since the current fire house is too small and antiquated to house the larger and up to date fire trucks and apparatus, I the undersigned do hereby request that the North Hornell village board plan and build a new fire house that will meet the needs of the citizens of North Hornell now and in the foreseeable future.

Mayor Falci noted that we are in the process of thinking about it and getting quotes. Mayor Falci has been talking to Congressman Kuhl and there may be grants in conjunction with the Homeland Security Act. Current Village Bonds will be paid in October 2008.

Chief D'Amato wanted to make the board aware that it was a Village resident who came up with the idea of the petition. It was only to make the residents aware of it for support when it comes time to proceed with this.

SPEEDING ON CLEVELAND AVE.

Trustee Libordi wanted to bring up the speeding on Cleveland Ave. from extra traffic resulting from school sports practices. Mr. Barnes registered the complaint. Trustee Libordi will contact Chief Smith.

TOWN REVAL

Supervisor Ken Isaman wanted to make residents aware that the Fitts firm will be in the Village to evaluate village properties for the reval. They will be asking to go into homes to get proper information. They will also be measuring outside. These people do have ID. The last reval was done in 1993 and our equalization rate has dropped from 100% to about 72%. This will make us pay a disproportionate share of county and school tax. We have to get values up to 100%. It will be completed in 2008 and it will affect the school tax in 2008.

Dan Spitulnik asked to speak to the board about the reval. His father is a resident in the Village. He believes the group that did the reval in the City (Fitts) did not do a good job. He wants the board to educate the residents on the process. Reval people should not go into homes. They could do it by square footage. In the City of Hornell they took the 5 highest comparables and compared your house to them by square footage. They may have made a mistake on the square footage. Those 5 highest comps may raise taxes by 100%. Equalization rate & market value are not the same. They can make the equalization rate as high as they want. He is worried that 20 years from now people won't be able to pay taxes or purchase homes. Mr. Dave Kimball agreed with Mr. Spitulnik. As a resident of the City he was not happy with his new assessment. He feels the people who record the information are inexperienced. Supervisor Isaman agreed that residents do not need to let them in their homes. This is something that has to be done so there is fairness in taxing. Residents will have time to question their assessments.

LOCK DOWN DRILL AT N HORNELL SCHOOL

Trustee Dick was involved in the lock down drill at the North Hornell School.

The fire dept went through the drill with school officials and found that they can not communicate with law enforcement with the radios they have. They have low band radios and he would like the board to buy 3 high band radios for the Dept. Fire Chief D'Amato stated that they do run mutual aid with the City of Hornell, BOCES campus and Mercy Care and they cannot communicate with them with the existing radios. In the Village he cannot get in touch with our police dept.

Trustee Dick is hoping that with the sale of the Chief's car, some of the money may go for the radios. For the last four years they have applied to FEMA for grant money for radios and have been turned down with no reason. Trustee Thomas asked how you arrived at the number three. Trustee Dick replied one for the chief and one for each one of the trucks. These would be hand held portables that can be moved from one vehicle to another..

CELLULAR ONE

Trustee Dick asked to get all the Verizon cell phone account information. He needs the Fire account # and village account # to group them together. He was informed that Marcus went out and opened his own acct. Trustee Thomas said that Chief Smith new that he was going to be on a bundle with village and fire accounts.

PAY BILLS

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

Mayor Falci took a recess and will then begin the Budget workshop.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Glenn Thomas asked if A1490.41 is for cutting grass. Last year we spent over \$5000 from that account. He would like to see some money available for lawn care use. The clerk replied that A1490.41 was for lawn care. The Board authorized \$500 for A1490.41.

Board authorized \$1800 for G2590 (permits) in the Sewer Fund.

The Board decided not to add \$1500 to A3410.2 (equipment – fire protection). When the Fire chief's car sells, the money will go towards the 3 new high band radios and the balance will go into the fire equipment account.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor & Board went into executive session at 8:45PM for health insurance and an employee salary. Executive session ended at 9:30PM and the meeting was adjourned.

Village Clerk
Kristene Libordi