

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH HORNEILL VILLAGE BOARD
OCTOBER 20, 2008 - 3:30 PM**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Falci
Trustees: Deputy Mayor William McNelis, Glenn Thomas
Joseph Dick & Frank Libordi
Clerk Kristene Libordi
Fire Chief Phil D'Amato
Fire Dept President Jeremy Smith
Fire Fighter Walt Rutski

Mayor Falci called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. Pledge of Allegiance.

OLD BUSINESS

FIRE TRUCK

Mayor Falci asked for comments on the purchase of the ladder truck.
The fire dept has the equipment necessary to put on the truck and the Fire department will pay for the lettering on the truck. The only other costs would be pump & ladder tests.
Trustee Dick noted that since it hasn't been tested since 2007, don't we have to test it now. Mr. Rutski said he didn't feel it would be needed before 2009. If it did the Fire department would pay for it. Estimated expense would be \$1600. Trustee Dick asked how much more the insurance will be. Clerk Libordi did not have the figures.
Mr. Rutski noted that Trustee Dick had requested the hours on the new truck. There are 14012 hours. Trustee Dick asked if it is more feasible to purchase the ladder truck or a tanker. Shouldn't a tanker be purchased first to live up to the Town contract to provide services? Fire Chief D'Amato talked to Supervisor Isaman regarding this and he did not have a problem with the purchase of the new truck. He thought it was a good expenditure. Mayor Falci noted to keep our A4 rating we need a pumper and this truck is both pumper and ladder truck.
Trustee Libordi asked, if the town is aware that we don't have a tanker and shouldn't it be their responsibility to know what we have when negotiating the contract? Has the A4 rating been affected without the tanker? Chief D'Amato – No. Trustee Libordi – 3 pumpers and the hydrants and the Village is covered? Mr. Rutski – yes. Mayor Falci said it would make sense if the Village of Arkport would give our department their old tanker. Asst Chief said when Arkport gets their new truck (from a Grant) they have to put that truck out of commission.
Mayor Falci stated that the purchase of this truck is a good deal.
Trustee Dick said he was blind sighted by this whole deal. They didn't bring it to the finance committee before looking at the truck. They did this over two weeks ago. There was time to notify the Trustees.
Mayor Falci said this was done quickly because a decision had to be made to approve the firefighters to go to PA and look at this truck. There where other companies looking at the truck and they act quickly.
Trustee Libordi wanted it made known to the firefighters that he is not totally set on the tanker and not totally set on not getting rid of one of the pumpers we have. There is no blank check.
The firefighters said the new truck would not be on the road after January '09.

RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Frank Libordi ,
Second by Trustee Glenn Thomas and carried unanimously.

Glenn Thomas	Yes
William McNelis	No
Joseph Dick	Abstain
Frank Libordi	Yes

RESOLVED that the Village of North Hornell board of Trustees agrees to increase budget account A3410.2 Fire Protection Equipment from the Budgetary Expense Account A599 Fund Balance in the amount of \$15,000. The express purpose of this increase is for the purchase of a used ladder truck for the Fire Department.

The above resolution was passed at the Regular Village Board meeting on October 20, 2008.

Mayor John Falci
Village of North Hornell

MR. TENNEY BUILDING PERMIT

Mayor Falci made a motion to wave the \$190 building permit fee to Mr. Vern Tenney based on the Mayor confirming that village code does allow for this. Motion second by Trustee McNelis and carried. Clerk Libordi directed to call and notify Mr. Tenney of the decision.

PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES – FIRE DEPT

The Fire Department has requested the clerk to purchase office items on a regular basis.

- Toilet tissue and paper towels
- Cartridges for the fax machine and 4 printers

Trustee Thomas asked how much was left in the Contractual account. Possibly \$1000 that is budgeted for the rest of the year. Chief D’Amato said that the Fire dept will incur the costs of the cartridges this year but would like it in the budget for next year. Clerk Libordi noted that the paper towels and toilet tissue would come out of the Buildings contractual A1620.4 Chief D’Amato noted that the fax is used for 911. Trustee Thomas responded that those are things that should have been brought up at budget. Trustee Libordi noted that this goes back to another issue – looking at the Fire Department books. Mayor Falci stated that the board has to make a motion to do so. Trustee Thomas would like to have someone qualified to do this. Mr. Rutski noted that this should be done every year and had been done yearly when he was previously the Fire chief. The Clerk was directed to put the audit request on next month’s agenda.

OTHER

JUNE PIEKLO –HEATHER HEIGHTS

Ms. Pieklo is concerned about the decision the Village board has made to move the stop sign from the Second St and Elmwood intersection to the Third St and Elmwood intersection. She would like the board to explain why they are moving it.

Trustee Thomas said the board is concerned about residents coming down the Third St. hill running into the residents coming down the Heather Heights hill. Trustee McNelis noted that there are children riding bikes down both the hills and this would stop a serious accident. Mayor Falci noted that we did have a public

hearing and many of the residents wanted to move the sign for the safety of the children. There are residents from Heather Heights who go thru the existing sign. Jason Emo from the Town of Hornellsville DPW noted that it will be harder for them to go up the hill with the snow plow.

He also noted that the school buses will have a problem. Trustee Thomas said that we have the same problem on Third St. Phil D'Amato of the Village DPW said he cannot get up the Heather Heights hill unless the Town plows first.

Mr. DiRaimondo recommended that just the Third St. residents stop and leave the stop sign as it is going up Heather Heights and make them stop at Third St. going down.

Mayor Falci will talk to the school regarding getting a bus up the hill – this was not brought up at the Public Hearing.

Trustee Dick – possibly put a sign that reads blind driveway use caution.

There will a public hearing on November 10th at 6:45 PM to reevaluate the sign. Mayor Falci will contact Jeannie Travis from the school regarding the bus and he will also talk to Officer Smith.

WALT RUTSKI – GAS REIMBURSEMENT

Mayor Falci made a motion to reimburse Walt Rutski \$88.20 for gas used for the PA trip to look at the ladder truck. Motion second by Frank Libordi and carried.

Trustee Libordi made a motion to Debit \$100 from A7510.2 and Credit A3410.4 for the cost of gas to Martinsburg PA. Motion second by Trustee Thomas and carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board went into executive session at 4:42PM. Discussion on:

DPW department

Employee sick days

Out of executive session at 5:17PM

The Clerk was directed to:

The sewer charge on vacant lots stays. If a resident believes they shouldn't be charged, it is their responsibility to address the board and have it removed. DPW Supervisor will be involved with the decision. Mr. Dessena's sewer charge on his side lot will be removed as of the December '08 billing.

Write up the following for next board meeting: Sick time for employees will be 5 days per year with a maximum total accumulation of 25. Upon retirement or termination the employee will be paid for no more than 15 days at their regular rate of pay. 3 personal days with no carry over. And will need board approval to use back to back from the end of one year and the beginning of another. Using days to extend a holiday employee will need board approval. The above will go into effect as of January 1, 2009.

Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Trustee Thomas, second by Trustee Libordi and carried.

Village Clerk
Kristene Libordi