

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH HORNELL VILLAGE BOARD
MAY 12, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Falci
Trustees: Deputy Mayor William McNelis, Glenn Thomas
Joseph Dick & Frank Libordi
Clerk Kristene Libordi
Chief of Police Marcus Smith
DPW Supervisor & Fire Chief Phil D'Amato
Code Enforcement Officer Jim Schieder
ZBA Chair Doug Dunn
ZBA Pete DiRaimondo
Evening Tribune Rob Montana
Morton Builders Reps. Fred Greenfield & Ron Harwood

Meeting was opened at 7PM with the pledge of allegiance.

MAYORS OPENING REMARKS

The Mayor read a thank you letter from Barb Kramer Principal and safety co-coordinator of the North Hornell School. She expressed thanks to Fire Chief Phil D'Amato for his participation as a member of the Safety team.

The Mayor read a letter from one of the teens who was involved in the graffiti incidents in the Village last summer. The letter expressed remorse for the damage that was done. This particular individual also made restitution to the village in the amount of \$150.

Mayor Falci wanted to stress to residents that we are in the initial stages of what needs to be done as far as the fire department is concerned. We are looking at every possibility for the location of the new fire station. Once all information is gathered the board will discuss it and set public hearings. There is no done deal at this time as far as location of the fire station.

Congratulations were made to Doug Dunn, Pete DiRaimondo, and Laura Suriani who completed additional ZBA training this month.

The Mayor will introduce Pat LaPiana immediately after reports are given. She is not on the agenda but will briefly speak about petitions she has presented.

The April 7th Minutes were approved on a motion by Trustee Glenn Thomas, second by Trustee Frank Libordi and carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

The clerk asked if Trustee Thomas understood the increase and decrease in the Special reserve account. He did.

The March and April 2008 minutes were approved on a motion by Trustee William McNelis, second by Trustee Joseph Dick and carried.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Marcus Smith gave the following report for the month of April:

Complaints	Criminal	1
	General	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents		1
Arrests	Vehicle	2
Assist Hornell PD with DWI		
Property Checks		19
Hours worked		40

Both OIC Smith and Officer Richardson were off for approximately 10 days for Spring Break. Police report approved on a motion by Trustee Thomas, second by Mayor Falci and carried.

DPW REPORT

Supervisor D'Amato reported the following activities for the month of April:

- Installed new water lines on Mary St.
- Repaired water service on Seneca Rd. & Cleveland Ave.
- Spring clean up on Village property
- Maintenance on pump station
- Mulch around pump station
- Remove bushes in front Village Hall
- Maintenance on Village trucks
- Clean storm drain in firehouse
- Pruned trees in village
- Numerous mark outs

Supervisor D'Amato would like to replace the old Cub Cadet. He can purchase a new mower for \$2600, state bid price. That amount includes trade in of the old mower. There is \$2500 in the current equipment budget. The sweeper is on the John Deere and to cut grass you have to take the sweeper off. To do this would be a waste of time since the sweeper will be used almost every day. Trustee Libordi asked how long it takes to change over. The Mayor said half hour. The Mayor asked what else the John Deere was used for. Supervisor D'Amato said only for sweeping. Trustee McNelis does not feel there is justification for the purchase. Supervisor D'Amato said the existing cub cadet does not have enough power to go up 4th St. It is 25year old. Trustee Libordi would like to wait until next year to see how John Deere is. Trustee Thomas doesn't know what condition the Cub Cadet is in. Trustee Dick noted that there is still money in lawn care that can be used. Trustee Libordi said we could get a new John Deere Tractor at Oliver's in Canaseraga for \$1650. Supervisor D'Amato said he would have to have put a roll bar on it which would cost over \$3000. Any thing over 20 horse power is mandated by OSHA to have a roll bar. He also consulted with Greg and Tom on the purchase and they both agreed we need to replace it.

Mayor Falci made a motion to purchase a new Cub Cadet using \$2500 out of A5110.2 Street Equipment and the balance out of A1490.41 Lawn Care with the existing Cub Cadet used as trade in. The motion was second by Trustee Thomas and carried by three. Trustees Libordi and McNelis voted no for the purchase.

Trustee Thomas would like to see a no dumping sign on Chambers Street. Supervisor has them on order. He also has the paint for community service for Trustee Thomas' daughter to paint fire hydrants in the village.. Supervisor D'Amato has been approached by an organization that is donating \$200 for the memorial on Bowen St.

Trustee Libordi asked if we could use the mulch from the City next year. (City mulch free from the City). He also asked if the DPW could check out using T&R for servicing our trucks. Supervisor D'Amato said a heavy lift is needed to do service work and he would inquire.

Maintenance report approved on a motion by Trustee Dick, second by Mayor Falci and carried.

FIRE REPORT

Chief D'Amato reported for the month of April:

Village	1
Town	8
Mutual Aid	4
Total	13

Chief D'Amato noted that there are three new firefighters: Aaron Hasper, Joel Hasper & John Brundu. Background checks have come back OK. Physicals will be Thursday evening. This will make a total of 32 members with a 35 member cap. Chief D'Amato asked permission to use the vehicles (2 vehicles) for a fund drive tomorrow at 6 PM. Fire fighters will be in gear and ready to move if a fire call comes through.

Motion made by Trustee Libordi to accept Aaron Hasper, Joel Hasper and John Brundu into the fire company. Second by Trustee Thomas and carried.

Motion to approve the use of 2 fire trucks for fund drive made by Trustee Thomas, second by Trustee Dick and carried.

Motion to approve fire report made by Mayor Falci, second by Trustee Thomas and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

PAT LAPIANA

Mayor Falci introduced Pat LaPiana speaking to the board regarding two petitions. Ms LaPiana has two petitions signed by 60 village residents to:

1. Repair curbs on Seneca Rd. to stop water from running into basements.
2. Have water lines replaced or repaired on Seneca Rd. Residents now are using filters to have clean water. Water pressure is very bad.

She noted that in 2001 a 30 year contract ended and possibly we could use some of that money for repairs. Mayor Falci explained that a Seneca Rd. grant was applied for and we are on a waiting list till possibly 2009 – 2010 for reconstruction or repaving.

APPROPRIATION OF MONEY FOR CD'S

Clerk Libordi gave the Mayor and Trustees a list of local bank rates on 6 month and 12 month CD's. Trustee Dick asked if she had called the DOT credit union. She did not.

A Motion was made by Trustee Thomas to purchase of a \$10,000 CD thru Serve U Credit at the current rate of 2.77. Motion second by Trustee Dick and carried.

MORTON BUILDERS

Ron Harwood & Fred Greenfield representatives from Morton Buildings gave the following summary of a new fire hall located next to the DPW facilities on Cleveland Ave. A 60 X 90 building with 3 bays, a radio room, kitchen, training room & bathrooms.

Specs and drawings of inside and outside of suggested building were given to the board. The building will match other buildings in the area

Mayor asked if this building could be placed next to the Village hall. Mr. Greenfield said no.

Marcia Reynolds Cleveland Ave. resident asked what would happen to the current building.

The mayor responded that this is preliminary. There may be a bay that may still be needed here and there is a possibility of an additional police barracks.

Tom Cregan a Cleveland Ave. resident asked; with the town of Hornellsville working towards a fire district, will what the village is trying to develop be necessary in the future? The Mayor stated that our district will remain the same. The Hornellsville fire district will only cover Arkport and the other ½ of the town. It only covers what Arkport covers now. He also stated that we can only sign a contract for 5 years.

Trustee Dick stated our biggest problem is we cannot put new equipment in the current station. It would require custom made vehicles to fit in the current building.

Mayor Falci noted that in the past residents expressed their concern that the fire hall stay in the Village.

That is why we are looking at all possibilities. Originally Morton told us that we could not put the building here. Chief D'Amato said that the only drawback for locating it next to village hall was that NYSEG said it would be very pricey if they had to move the pole on Cleveland Ave. Trustee Libordi said they will move it for \$6000.

Mr. Greenfield said that it could be placed here but retrofits are much more expensive. The power lines here would be a safety issue. The primary issue is: what is the best use of this building for its primary purpose. And that is fire protection. That's what the board should consider.

Marcia Reynolds noted that buses going by in addition to fire station traffic will add more confusion. Also there are no sidewalks on Cleveland Ave. for children who may walk to and from school. There is also the addition of Lowes that will affect the traffic on Bethesda and Cleveland.

Tom Cregan said he agrees with Mrs. Reynolds. We should take into consideration the community. The ambiance of Cleveland Ave. will change by putting a fire station in the middle of the community. It will impact the value of the homes.

Chief D'Amato agrees with all but he feels we will run into the same problem if we put an expanded fire hall at the present location. He proposes that we purchase the Elsenheimer property which is outside the village limits behind the Kwik fill station.

Chief Smith noted that there is no parking on the Cleveland Ave. site for 35 firemen.

He also stated that we would not want to add to the existing cap of firefighters due the cost of additional equipment.

Mary Barnes asked if this was contingent on receiving a grant. Mayor Falci said no, we would have to bond it.

Chief Smith asked if the first preliminary study included redoing the Village hall. And wouldn't it be covered under one bond if it stayed at this location? Trustee Dick said probably two bonds would be needed. Mayor Falci said we have to do an engineering plan for this building and it would take two bonds. CEO Jim Schieder noted that our local laws state that the contractor has to match the neighborhood when constructing the new building.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION – SEWER RELEVIES

RESOLVED that all sewer assessments that are unpaid from June 2007 through March 2008 be added to the June 2008 Village taxes for collection. Total Amount to be added is \$5814.00

Resolution offered by Trustee Joseph Dick, second by Mayor Falci and carried unanimously.

TAX WARRANT

Tax warrant was executed by the Mayor. Trustee McNelis made a motion to accept the Tax Warrant in the amount of \$139,655.00. Motion second by Trustee Thomas and carried.

MILEAGE - VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

Board requested Clerk Libordi to offer Deputy Clerk Heers state rate for half of her mileage to and from village hall when called in to work. Mayor Falci will speak with DPW employee Greg Zdanowski regarding mileage.

CLOSE BOOKS FOR 2007 – 2008 FISCAL YEAR

The board agreed to meet for a regular board meeting to close the books and pay bills. The date set is Wednesday, May 28th at 5PM

INSURANCE RENEWAL – MANG ISURANCE CO.

Motion made by Trustee McNelis to accept the Utica National Crime Policy 2008 – 2011 for the next 3 years with a premium of \$250 and a \$500 deductible. Motion second by Mayor Falci and carried.

OTHER

FIRE TRUCK BIDS

There were two sealed bids for the Fire Dept van. The award was given to Mike Kerr who bid \$850. There was one other bid from Marvin Conley for \$200.

A motion was made by Trustee Libordi to accept the \$850 from Mike Kerr, second by Trustee Thomas and carried.

Trustee Thomas noted that lettering must come off before the van leaves.

All Trustees agreed that the money should go into the Fire Department equipment account in June.

A3240.2

Mary Barnes would like to get an affidavit from the Village stating that the village put the driveway in at her home (apron to drive). She needs the affidavit before the 28th of May. Mayor Falci will have to check with Attorney Shults. She should have her attorney give a letter requesting the affidavit to Mayor Falci and he will take it to attorney Shults.

Trustee Libordi asked Chief D'Amato if the 4 X 4 was as undersized as he thinks it is. The Gross Vehicle weight is 7800#'s and the weight of the truck is 6650#'s it can only carry 1150#'s. Would the Chief look into it and let him know by the next meeting.

Trustee Thomas noted we would have to go by the weight limit and if it can only carry one fireman than we will go by that. Chief D'Amato stated that the only time it will carry water in the tank is if they respond to a brush fire. Mayor Falci would like to have the numbers by the 28th. Trustee Dick and Chief D'Amato will have the figures by then.

Dick Giles noted that there is a willow tree behind Dr. Hariprasad's offices that has a large broken branch hanging that could be a hazard. The Mayor will look into it tomorrow.

Trustee Dick received 44 pictures from a resident that would like something done to the sidewalks in the village. Trustee Dick noted that there are no addresses on any of the pictures. He recommends that the resident put the addresses on the pictures so he can locate the problem sidewalks. Then the residents can be notified that they are responsible for the upkeep of sidewalks in front of their home. Trustee Libordi said he received pictures from Mr. Frankie Dieter showing problems with the bridge between N Hornell and the City of Hornell. The DOT is looking into any possible problems.

PAY BILLS

Motion made by Trustee Thomas to pay bills, second by Trustee Libordi and carried.

GENERAL

A1325.11	42.24
A1325.4	229.99
A1620.4	897.94
A3120.2	1995.00
A3120.4	44.15
A3410.2	722.23
A3410.4	468.40
A5110.4	2594.14
A5182.4	1016.62
A8140.4	2384.02
A8320.4	<u>484.64</u>
TOTAL	11,339.37

SEWER

G8120.4	168.16
G8120.41	<u>476.03</u>
TOTAL	644.19

Transfer of Money:

Motion made by Mayor Falci to transfer funds, second by Trustee Libordi and carried.

	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
A1990.4Contingent	8,872.78	
A1325.4 Clerk		89.26
A1490.4 Public works		107.91
A3410.4 Fire contract		3,766.82
A5110.4 Street contract		4,490.95
A9060.8 Hospital		417.84
Total	8,872.78	8,872.78

Trustee Libordi asked if we could get another estimate on the fire insurance policy.
The clerk was asked to have some figures for the May 28th meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board went into executive session at 9:10 PM to discuss legal matters with the village attorney and personal.

Board came out of executive session at 10:15PM and the regular meeting was adjourned.

Village Clerk
Kristene Libordi