

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH HORSELL VILLAGE BOARD
MARCH 9, 2009 7PM**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Falci
Trustees: Joseph Dick & Frank Libordi
Clerk Kristene Libordi
DPW Supervisor Greg Zdanowski
Fire Chief Phil D'Amato
ZBA & Planning Chair Doug Dunn
ZBA: Peter DiRaimondo,
Planning Board: Joseph Ingalls & Rich Scavo
Historian Walt Rutski
CEO Jim Scheider
Tribune Rep Justin Head

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

MAYORS OPENING REMARKS

Mayor noted the Village elections will be held on March 18th from noon to nine. The Clerks office has a new deputy clerk – Deborah Pomeroy. She will be working 10 – 12 hours a week as needed.

MINUTES

Motion made by Trustee Frank Libordi to approve the February 9, 2009 minutes. Motion was second by Trustee Joseph Dick and carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Falci to approve the February 9, 2009 Budget meeting minutes. Motion was second by Trustee Libordi and carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Dick to approve the February 17, 2009 minutes. Motion was second by Trustee Libordi and carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Falci to approve the March 2, 2009 minutes. Motion was second by Trustee Libordi and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurers report was approved on a motion by Trustee Dick, second by Mayor Falci and carried.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Marcus Smith reported the following for the month of February 2009:

Criminal complaints	3
Property checks	44
Assist to HPD	1
Total hours patrolled	36

Conducted numerous property checks. Stop sign violation enforcement on Elmwood Ave. and Bethesda Dr. at Cleveland Ave. Radar on Seneca Rd. Assisted HPD with a robbery in progress at Time Warner Cable on 2/19/09. Numerous vehicle stops with warnings issued. Commercial vehicle enforcement. Hours worked is not accurate due to a computer problem with our blotter entry system.

Report for the month of January 2009:

Criminal complaints	5
Property checks	22
Total hours patrolled	52

Conducted numerous property checks. Heavy enforcement effort for stop sign violations on Elmwood Ave. and at Cleveland Ave. at Bethesda Dr. Concentrated speed enforcement via radar on Seneca Rd. Parking tickets issued.

Report for the month of December 2008:

Criminal complaints	1
MVA personal injury	1
Assist to HPD & NYSP	2
Assist to NHFD	1
Total hours patrolled	51

Conducted numerous property checks. Stop sign violation enforcement on Elmwood Ave. and Bethesda Dr. at Cleveland Ave. Assisted HPD with a gas drive off, located vehicle on Seneca Rd. Personal injury MVA on St. Rt. 36 - assisted NYSP and NHFD at scene.

Mayor Falci asked if the police are noticing any violations at the stop sign on Elmwood. Chief Smith noted that most drivers are not going thru the sign but continue to stop at the white stop line on Second St.

Mayor Falci reported that there was activity at a condemned home on Elmwood Ave. It appeared that things were being moved out. He noticed that the next day a sale sign was in front of the property. He asked the police to keep an eye on the condemned properties that are now for sale. It was also asked of the CEO Jim Scheider if someone can buy a condemned property. Yes as long it is disclosed to the buyer.

Mr. Scheider asked for the fire reports from 412 Gifford St. from Fire Chief D'Amato. He has not been given access to the home from the current occupant.

Mr. Scheider said that the cats from 412 Gifford St are migrating and he has had complaints from residents on Seneca Rd. of cats congregating in their yards.

Mrs. Dorothy Graham asked if the trucks from McAuley Manor are allowed to drive down Cleveland Ave. from Wells St. Chief Smith said yes because they are in the Village on business.

Motion was made by Mayor Falci to approve the February '09, January '09 and December '08 police report. The motion was second by Trustee Libordi and carried.

DPW REPORT

Supervisor Zdanowski reported for the month of February 2009:

- Maintenance done at pump station
- Spring clean up has begun of streets
- Patch potholes
- Snow removal & ice control done
- Building project done in the shop – a storage container for the new salt spreader
- Copies of maps and files to disc with the help of Hunt Engineers
- Sewer system, water mains on Second and Avondale & maps of Seneca Rd. from 1930.
- Maintenance of summer equipment

Trustee Libordi asked if the DPW buys cold patch for the winter. Supervisor Zdanowski said no they buy a ton at a time (\$78 /ton) – it is easier to get it as they need it.

Rich Scavo told Supervisor Zdanowski that the sides of Rural Ave by Coddington's house are breaking off and sinking. The Supervisor will look at the Rd.

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

FIRE REPORT

Chief D'Amato reported for the month of February:

Village	1
Town	2
MA	1
Total calls	5

Chief D'Amato would like approval for the Department to participate in the City of Hornell's St Patrick Day parade.

The Chief sent a letters to over 100 departments on Long Island requesting a donation of any (quality) used equipment. He received several responses from departments. He and Assist Chief Mike Robbins traveled to Long Island over the weekend and picked up equipment with an inventory amount (replacement value) of \$126,742. He is planning another trip in April to pick up more equipment. Some of the equipment is 5 or less years old.

The Chief would like approval from the board to purchase more inventory stickers for the new equipment. Trustee Libordi asked about the equipment inventory form for individual members to sign. Firefighter Rutski noted that about 20 of the members have signed for their equipment at this time. Mayor Falci noted that according to by-laws we need an inventory sheet of all equipment that is given to all individuals. This is the responsibility of the inventory officer.

Mayor Falci mentioned that there will be a public hearing on the new fire hall and then a public referendum. There is a meeting on March 23rd to go over the bonding for the new hall. Possibly bonding \$65,000 per year. Currently we are debt free.

Chief Smith from the City of Hornell FD contacted Chief D'Amato asking for 3 sets of gear for there on call firefighters. We will be giving them the gear they need.

Mrs. Giles asked if we had received the money from Lowe's yet. Mayor Falci – no.

She also asked if there was a service bay for the new Fire Hall. Mayor Falci said it would be a question to ask at the March 23rd meeting.

At this time Chief D'Amato asked that the board and village residents to look at the gear.

Chris Patterson, chairman of the fund raising committee asked for board approval for the following fund raising activities:

April 4th North Main Lumber Expo (chicken barbeque)-money to be used for training ground materials

Annual booster drive (letters to area donors) - money to be used for equipment

May boot drive - money to be used for equipment

Mayor Falci noted that the money would not go into the activity fund.

Motion made by Mayor to accept the fire report, second by Trustee Libordi and carried.

Motion made by Trustee Libordi to grant permission for the Department to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade. Motion second by Mayor Falci and carried.

Motion made by Trustee Libordi to purchase inventory stickers for new gear. Motion second by Trustee Dick and carried.

Motion made by Mayor Falci to approve the fund raising activities with monies going to the training ground (from the Expo) and equipment fund (from the booster drive and boot drive). Motion was second by Trustee Libordi and carried.

Trustee Libordi asked firefighter Rutski about the inventory forms to be signed by firefighters when given gear and what was used before. Mr. Rutski said basically the same - it is now updated.

HISTORIAN REPORT

Historian Walt Rutski gave the following description of the pictures in the Historians cabinet:

Picture of the July 1935 flood

Picture of the Canisteo River bridge looking south east in July of 1935

The air field in North Hornell located where Rt. 36 and Bethesda Dr. are today

Three pictures from the NHFD hosting the Steuben County fireman's carnival in 1974, the 1936 Dodge Pumper and the Carnival located where Hornell Do It Best and the K Mart plaza are now.

OLD BUSINESS

COMPENSATION FOR WALT RUTSKI & MIKE ROBBINS

Firefighters Rutski & Robbins purchased a \$3500 motor driven siren for the fire truck for \$400. It was purchased for the T15 (ladder truck) Mayor asked if it was needed. Mr. Rutski said yes because the fire company it was purchased from took the original siren off.

Mayor Falci made a **motion** to compensate Mike Robbins and Walt Rutski \$200 each for the purchase of the Federal Q siren with payment to be made from A3410.2. Also this will not set a precedent for future purchases. Motion second by Trustee Libordi and carried.

FINANCIALS FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Board is in the process of setting up a report form for the Fire department to present at the monthly meetings. Trustee Libordi and Trustee Thomas are on the committee to investigate the past financial practices. Trustee Libordi has questions to ask and noted that the up coming Fire Department elections in April will not affect what he is referring to. More will be discussed at the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

ONE TON PICK UP TRUCK

Supervisor Zdanowski asked the board to purchase a new one ton truck. The current '98 Chevy dump truck is becoming unreliable with numerous repairs and more to come.

The cost to replace the old would be \$36,000 for cab chassis and body. The plow and spreader from the '98 Chevy can be used on the new truck.

There are several accounts in the budget excess money that could be transferred to the street equipment account.

The old truck will be sold at auction and possibly net \$5000 to \$6000.

Motion made by Mayor Falci to transfer \$20,000 from A5110.4 & from A8320.4 to A5110.2 for the purchase of a new one ton truck and up to \$10,000 out of G8120.2 towards the purchase of the truck. When the old truck is sold, the money should be transferred to the capitol reserve account for the purchase of new equipment for the DPW. Motion was second by Trustee Libordi and carried.

DATES FOR BUDGET WORKSHOPS

Next meeting will be March 23rd to meet with Mr. Ranger & Morton Builders regarding the fire hall. The board will have a workshop following the meeting and it will be determined at that time when to schedule an additional workshop.

GRANT WRITER

There will be a grant writer at the May meeting - Andrea Hartdon.
Trustee Libordi would like to set a date for the board to talk with Mark Mahoney regarding grants. He has written grants for Homeland security and for the Hornell police department. The board agreed to ask Mr. Mahoney to be present at the April meeting.

OTHER

Mary Barnes asked about code violations with the Loree bushes. The Mayor has another attorney looking at the violation.

Trustee Libordi asked Supervisor Zdanowski if he could put a "no parking sign" in front of the fire department doors. He also asked Chief D'Amato if he could find out how the '91 by-laws regarding elections were changed. The changes prevented some people from running for office. The changes did not go thru the board and would like to find out how they were changed. These changes affected elections. Mayor Falci noted that many by-laws were changed by the fire department over the past several years. He signed a letter to the fire department that they must follow the 1991 by-laws.

CEO Scheider needs a letter from the clerk to be mailed to Village businesses that they have to set up a fire inspection with the CEO. This is required by ISO & NYS.

PAY BILLS

Trustee Libordi asked about a bill to be paid this month that was dated September of last year. It was for a light for E85. The clerk and Fire Chief believe that it was never received last year possibly lost in the mail.

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

Motion made by Mayor Falci to move \$627.89 from A3410.2 to A3410.4. Motion was second by Trustee Libordi and carried.

Motion made by Mayor Falci to move \$505 from A5110.4 to A5110.2. Motion was second by Trustee Dick and carried.

Clerk Kristene Libordi asked permission from the board to purchase a steam cleaner for the Village offices.

Motion made by Trustee Dick to purchase a steam cleaner for \$200, second by Trustee Libordi and carried.

Motion made by Trustee Libordi for clerk to add Caller ID. Motion second by Trustee Dick and carried. The board gave the Clerk approval to get pricing on cleaning the conference room tile floors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Trustee Dick to go into executive session. Motion second by Trustee Libordi and carried. Litigation and employment of a part time police officer.

Motion made by Trustee Libordi to end executive session, second by Trustee Dick and carried.

The board authorized the Mayor to set a time to meet with a potential employee as part time police officer. The Mayor will also sign the payment schedule from the Lowes pilot. The meeting was adjourned at 9PM on a motion by Trustee Dick and second by Trustee Libordi and carried.

Village Clerk/Kristene Libordi