

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH HORNELL VILLAGE BOARD  
APRIL 6, 2009 - 7 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mayor John Falci  
Trustees Glenn Thomas, Joseph Dick, Frank Libordi &  
Pete DiRaimondo  
Clerk Kristene Libordi  
ZBA Chair Doug Dunn  
DPW Supervisor Greg Zdanowski  
Fire Chief Phil D'Amato  
Fire fighters Salli Mehlenbacher & Dale McMichael  
Historian Walt Rutski  
WLEA rep Brian O'Neil

**MAYORS OPENING REMARKS**

Mayor Falci recognized newly elected Trustee Peter DiRaimondo and Joseph Dick.  
The Mayor had Clerk Libordi administer the oath of office to both.  
Mayor Falci also noted Salli Mehlenbacher who ran for office on the independent ballot.  
Thanked the DPW and Fire Dept for work done last night at pump station. Only one resident had a back up in the basement and Fire dept pumped out the basement.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> were approved on a motion by Trustee Pete DiRaimondo, second by Mayor Falci and carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Not available

**POLICE REPORT**

Mayor Falci read the Police report for the month of March:

Criminal complaints	2
General complaints	2
Assist other police	1
Assist fire dept	1
Total hours	74

**Motion** made by Trustee Glenn Thomas, second by Trustee Frank Libordi and carried.

Mr. Poplawski noted that there was a dump truck going thru the village from the Lowe's construction site. Mayor Falci will note this to Officer Smith.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Supervisor Zdanowski reported for the month of March:

- Pump station repair
- Patch pot holes
- Clean winter debris from streets, sidewalks and bridges
- Haul gravel - getting ready for construction
- Clean village hall inside

**Motion** by Trustee Joseph Dick, second by Trustee Thomas and carried.

## **FIRE REPORT**

Chief D'Amato reported for the month of March:

Incidents in the Village	4
Town	2
Mutual aid	2
Total	8

The North Hornell fire dept gave a list of fire fighter attendance for past three months as 1688 hours in drills, fire calls and meetings.

**Motion** to accept the fire report made by Trustee Libordi, second by Trustee DiRaimondo and carried. Trustee Dick abstained.

## **HISTORIAN REPORT**

Historian Rutski reported on new pictures in historian cabinet:

Copy of a newspaper article from August 25, 1986 showing the fire dept at the SE Nichols store now Advanced Auto parts.

Copy of the newspaper article the fire dept ran in the evening tribune September 1993 when the department did a gun show as a fund raiser twice a year. They usually raised between \$5000 - \$10000 on these two events.

Picture of Engine 58 from 1994 – new to the department. Mr. Rutski noted that with the routine maintenance this engine will last another 10 years.

Picture of the old Big Creek Rd. Taken before the third bridge was built. Shows ice on rocks. The old Drum house in the background.

A close up of the Hornell Country Club before the ground floor was enclosed. Taken sometime in the early 1920's.

A 1922 picture of the building that was to become the original Bethesda Hospital located at the end of W Maplewood and Cleveland Ave.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **POLICE OFFICER UPDATE**

The board will make a decision on hiring a third police officer. They have interviewed 4 at this time.

### **FIRE DEPT BUILDING UPDATE**

The board has been dealing with Morton builders on the proposed fire dept building. Morton led the board to believe that the building did not have to go out to bid. The project does have to go to bid.. Morton will talk to Attorney Shults regarding their specs for the proposed building. Mayor to have bid specifications from them by Wed and those specs will be made available to all by Thursday. Mayor Falci noted that the bidding process to be announced at the end of this week and the spec packets will then be available. Time frame of three weeks for bids to be turned in to the Village.

Resident Mike Caruso would like to see an independent architect draw up specifications based on the Village and Fire department needs. This would be better than using the specs from Morton builders. He also felt thirty days would be enough time for a contractor to get his bid in.

Resident Mr. Poplawski asked if union labor would have to be used.

Mr. Caruso stated if the Village is using its own money (no grants) then the contractor pays according to his or her pay scale.

## GRANT WRITER UPDATE

One of the applicants applying for the police position also writes grants. The board would like to see this person work on grants for the police department only. A woman from Corning who is a full time grant writer will attend the May meeting to address the board. The board has budgeted for a grant writer in the 2009 - 2010 budget.

## NEW BUSINESS

### MAYORS APPOINTMENTS

#### Zoning Board of Appeals

Doug Dunn – Chairperson  
Laura Suriani  
Hector Hoyos  
Carol McCarthy  
Salli Mehlenbacher  
David Watt

#### Planning Board

Doug Dunn – Temp Chairperson  
Tim McDaniel  
Hector Hoyos  
Joseph Ingalls  
Carol McCarthy  
Rich Scavo  
Marcus Smith  
Kristene Libordi

Deputy Mayor	Glenn Thomas
Clerk/Treas	Kristene Libordi
Deputy Clerk	Debbie Pomeroy
Registrar	Kristene Libordi
Deputy Registrar	Debbie Pomeroy
Records Mgmt Officer	Kristene Libordi
Zoning Officer	Mark Norfolk
HAT Rep	Joseph Dick
Crossing Guard	Mary Nisbet
Attorney	Eric Shults
Health Officer	Dr. Pasquale Picco
Historian	Walter Rutski

#### Board Committees

Public Works	Frank Libordi Joseph Dick
Public Safety	Glenn Thomas Peter DiRaimondo
Finance	Glenn Thomas Joseph Dick

## BIDDING ON EXCAVATOR

DPW Supervisor Zdanowski will have specs available for the new excavator and trailer. He is currently working on a list explaining how the excavator could have been used previously on jobs and will be used on future jobs.

## BUDGET HEARING

The Board will have a Budget Hearing on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at Village Hall. The Budget will be available to the public by Monday April 13<sup>th</sup>.

## SPRING CLEAN UP

Dates for this year's spring clean up will be:

May 18 Seneca Rd.

May 19 East side of Seneca Rd.

May 20 West side of Seneca Rd.

Pick will be for yard waste only. Brush or trees bundled in 6' lengths  
Grass clippings and such can be put in regular garbage bags.

## SPRING NEWSLETTER

All information from Trustees and department heads should be to the Village Clerk by Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **OTHER**

DPW Supervisor Zdanowski noted that hydrants will be flushed on Sunday evening April the 19<sup>th</sup>. Mayor requested that a notice be placed in the laser ads.

Resident Mr. Bill Testani of 444 Seneca Rd. is charged an extra sewer fee for the property behind his home facing Cleveland Ave. The board advised the Clerk to remove this extra charge from his quarterly sewer bill.

Mr. Testani also made a formal complaint against last years assessment on his property. He was not happy with the company that the Town used to appraise parcels. He grieved his taxes with little reduction of his assessment.

Mr. Testani asked if his Village tax would double. The Mayor stated that the Board is trying to keep taxes as low as possible and Mr. Testani's taxes would not double. He also recommended that Mr. Testani go to a Town Board meeting and talk to them regarding his assessment. There is a Town meeting tomorrow night.

Trustee Libordi would like to see an audit of the Fire books. His concern is with donations that may not have been used properly. This could possibly be a tax violation. Money can not be used on dinners or uniforms.

Trustee DiRaimondo asked if checks for donations were labeled how the money was to be spent, then wouldn't that money be used correctly. Trustee Libordi responded that where a donation is placed once it gets to the fire department is unknown. There are two or three accounts with unclear titles and they never had an organized mode that was followed thru the entire accounting book. Categories are mixed that should be kept separate.

Mayor Falci asked firefighter Salli Mehlenbacher if he sent a check to the fire department how would it be allocated.

Salli stated that monies from the pop machine go to the activities fund. Fund raisers go to the equipment fund. Donations go to the equipment fund. She noted that things are changing Not all firefighters are condoning all the things that were happening in the dept. but they are trying to make progress and things are being cleaned up.

#### **PAY BILLS**

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

A motion made by Trustee Thomas to move \$3000 out of A5110.4 and transfer to A5110.2 from street contractual to purchase truck. Motion second by Trustee DiRaimondo and carried.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion made by Trustee Libordi to go into executive session at 7:55PM, second by Mayor Falci and carried.

Board to discuss the candidates for police officer and an employee issue.

Board out of executive and the following motions were made:

**Motion** by Trustee Libordi to approve \$450 for the cleaning of the tile floor at Village hall with our DPW to move furniture. Motion was second by Trustee DiRaimondo and carried.

**Motion** made by Trustee DiRaimondo to hire Courtney Kilmer as a third part time police officer. Motion second by Trustee Thomas and carried. Trustee Libordi recused himself from vote.

Mayor Falci appointed Trustee Libordi to sign all Fire Department vouchers. Trustee Dick will sign all vouchers that are not Fire department related.

Meeting adjourned by Mayor Falci at 8:45PM

Village Clerk  
Kristene Libordi