

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH HORNELL VILLAGE BOARD  
MAY 11, 2009**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Falci  
Trustees: Glenn Thomas, Joseph Dick, Frank Libordi  
& Peter DiRaimondo  
Clerk Kristene Libordi  
DPW Super Greg Zdanowski  
Police Officer Marcus Smith  
CEO Jim Scheider  
North Hornell Fire Department

Meeting opened at 7PM with the pledge of allegiance.

**MAYORS OPENING REMARKS**

Trustee Joseph Dick made a motion to change the agenda so the firefighters may leave the meeting quickly. Motion was second by Mayor Falci and carried.

Mayor Falci introduced the new Fire Department Chiefs in attendance:  
Chief Mike Robbins, First Deputy Chief Dale McMichael, Second DC Matt Derby, Third DC Jeremy Smith, Fourth DC Eldon Loper, Fifth DC Chris Patterson.  
President Walt Rutski, Treasurer Chad Hancock. Sharon Draper, Ed Shiloh and Aaron Hasper all Executive Board. Bob Ranger Fire police captain. Clerk Kristene Libordi gave the oath. Mayor Falci congratulated all new Fire fighters.

Mayor noted that the Assessor David Weeks has left STAR exemption forms at Village hall and Assessment roll data is also available for residents who want to grieve there assessment.

**MINUTES**

N/A

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Trustees did not have time to read the report. It will be voted on at next months meeting.

**POLICE**

Officer Smith reported for the month of April:

Criminal complaints	1
General complaints	1
Property checks	20
Vehicle stops	10
Patrol hours	50
Training hours	15

The department served summons for code enforcement, training for Officer Kilmer and equipment for Officer Kilmer.

Motion made by Trustee Thomas to accept the police report, second by Trustee Libordi and carried.

## **MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Supervisor Zdanowski reported for the month of April:

- Work at pump station replaced valves and other parts
- Repaired water service on Firsts St.
- Assisted City in putting a water meter box on McKinley Ave.
- Assisted City with Village Sewer cleaner
- Rebuilding catch basins
- Summer mowing

Motion made by Trustee DiRaimondo to accept the report, motion second by Mayor Falci and carried. Trustee Dick asked if the parts should be readily available from the City. Supervisor Zdanowski said that we have a higher capacity pump here and some of the parts are not readily available.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire fighter Rutski asked board permission to hold a yard and food sale at Village hall on July 10 & 11. The Fire Department recommends that the Village stay with ESIP for the next year.

This company has a \$100 deductible where the other has a \$250 deductible.

Fire fighter Rutski read a letter regarding the removal of red t-shirts and ascots from the by laws and replace with navy blue tie.

Motion made by Trustee Libordi for the fire department to hold the yard sale on July 10 & 11. Motion second by Trustee Thomas and carried. Trustee Dick abstained.

Motion made to move boot drive from May 5<sup>th</sup> to June 11<sup>th</sup> by Trustee Thomas, second by Mayor Falci and carried. Trustee Dick abstained.

Motion made to approve the constitutional change of removing the red t-shirts and ascots with a blue tie made by Trustee Libordi, second by Trustee Libordi. This vote is carried pending the full ratification by fire Department members at tomorrow nights meeting. Trustee Dick abstained. (Trustee Dick said the board should follow the Department law which states that the Fire department needs a full membership vote on this)

Chief Mike Robbins reported the following for the month of April:

Village calls	3
Town	7
Mutual aid	5
Total	15

Chief Robbins gave the board the results of the recent elections.

Assistant chiefs will carry gear with them but will respond to the station

7 lengths of 3" hose will be donated to Dave Parmely

Move portable radios from E85 to E58

Laptop to 911 center to have Pictometry installed.

Siren test on Tuesday nights

House built by BOCES for fire department will be ready this month and placed behind the old Kmart.

Will be going to Long Island to pick up more donated equipment

Donating boots and coats to the Sheriffs department for use at fire investigations.

Training hours for month of April :

256 $\frac{3}{4}$ Fire hours
135 drill hours
366 meetings, function and school hours
757 $\frac{3}{4}$ total hours

Two new members Frances Wing and Jeremiah Keddy

Would like permission to take brush 4 to Dogwood parade in Dansville this weekend.

Permission for all trucks to go to the Memorial Day Parades in Arkport & Hornell

Permission to attend Crazy daze parades with the ladder truck and brush 4

Dairy festival parade June 6 in bath with brush 4.

Permission for E85 to go to Alfred Station this Sunday for final pump operation course.

Motion to accept to Francis Wing and Jeremiah Keddy as fire fighters made by Trustee Libordi, second by Trustee DiRaimondo and carried. Trustee Dick abstained.

Motion made to take brush truck on June 6 in Bath, the ladder truck and brush truck to Canisteo crazy daze on June 6, and the brush truck to Dansville May 17, made by Trustee Libordi, second by Mayor Falci and carried. Trustee Dick abstained.

Mayor Falci asked Chief Robbins who is in charge on drill night and what happens if firefighters refuse go. Chief Robbins stated it would be insubordination. Currently everyone is following orders.

## **HISTORIAN REPORT**

Walt Rutski reported on the following historical photos:

Picture of Ordway florist showroom

Elmhurst Park looking North west around 1910

Elmwood Ave and Seneca Rd. looking east north east showing Elmhurst Park

Dam in Elmhurst Park with a boat . This was in the gully above 4<sup>th</sup> street.

Large chunks of the dam are still there

Picture of what the Babcock driving range was to look like

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **VILLAGE INSURANCE**

Motion made by Trustee Thomas to go with the Trident insurance through the Partridge insurance agency to replace the NYMIR insurance and Mang for bonding. Motion second by Trustee Libordi and carried.

Motion made by Trustee Thomas to stay with the ESIP for the fire insurance with the Sweeney agency. Motion second by Trustee DiRaimondo and carried. Trustee Dick and Trustee Libordi abstained..

### **FIRE HALL RESOLUTION**

There will be a Public Hearing for the bonding of the fire station on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. This will be followed by a regular meeting to close the books. The referendum will be held on June 9, 2009 from the hours of noon to 9PM.

### **MINI EXCAVATOR**

Mayor Falci opened bids and gave Supervisor Zdanowski the information.

Anderson Equipment - \$40,623 Komatsu PC 35

Admar Supply - \$41,856 Kubota B35S2

George Swade -\$33,277 Yanmar VI02750

Monroe Tractor -\$31,980 Case CX31B

All were 2009 with the Case being 2007.

Resident Mike Caruso recommended that the village update the backhoe. He doesn't think the purchase of a mini excavator is justified. He has two at his construction business and would make one available to the DPW. Trustee Libordi has called all the villages in Steuben County and no one has one. He will call towns.

Decision will be made at the June meeting.

Trustee Thomas asked Supervisor Zdanowski what his thoughts were about adding the conveniences Mr. Caruso suggested. Supervisor Zdanowski replied that in some cases it would help but the mini excavator could get into smaller areas. Trustee Thomas asked what Mr. Caruso e cost would be to add to the backhoe. Mr. Caruso total \$13,000. (Broom, forks, auxiliary plumbing)

## NEWS LETTER

Mayor Falci noted that the newsletter articles from Trustees and department heads are due tonight.

## RESOLUTION

**RESOLVED THAT** all sewer assessments that are unpaid from June 2008 through March 2009 be added to June 2009 Village taxes for collection. Total amount to be added is \$4743.72.

Resolution offered by Trustee Frank Libordi, second by Trustee Glenn Thomas and carried unanimously.

## ICE CREAM VENDOR

The board agreed to allow Mr. Pat Manning to drive his ice cream truck thru the Village. Motion made by Trustee Thomas to allow the truck to run any three days during daylight hours and no Sundays. Motion was second by Trustee DiRaimondo and carried.

## SMOKING POLICY

The policy of no smoking in Village owned buildings will be enforced. The Mayor directed a letter be sent to all Departments.

Motion was made by Mayor Falci that there be no smoking in any Village building or vehicle. Motion was second by Trustee DiRaimondo and carried.

## CLOSE BOOKS

Books to be closed on May 26<sup>th</sup> at a regular board meeting.

## LOWES NOISE BARRIER

Mr. Gene Doorley concerned about the height of the barrier wall and if it is going to be a sound barrier. Right now he is getting a lot of noise at all hours of the day and into the evening. Because of the grading and Village right of way, the 10' wall is now going to be as effective as a 5' wall. The Mayor is in contact with the construction company and it is possible that Lowe's would put in a taller wall possibly 16'. Mr. Doorley is also concerned about the lighting. When Lowe's turned on lights one night, they were very bright. So intense that his back yard was illuminated. The Mayor will be in contact with Lowe's and discuss these issues.

## TRUSTEE DICK – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Trustee Dick wanted to let residents know that under general municipal law he can not vote on any issues that pertain to the Fire department since he is a member of the Fire Department.

## RESOLUTION TRANSFER TO CAPITAL RESERVE

The following resolution was offered by Mayor John Falci, second by Trustee Joseph Dick and carried:

**RESOLVED** that the Village of North Hornell Trustees move \$27,500 from A9950.9 to the Capital Reserve account.

#### SEWER SOFTWARE & COMPUTER

The board authorized the purchase of Advantage software from Harris at the cost of \$675.  
The board directed the clerk to get prices on a desk top computer.

#### PAY BILLS

Motion made by Trustee Thomas to pay bills. Motion was second by Trustee Dick and carried.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Trustee Libordi to go into executive session. Second by Trustee DiRaimondo and carried.

Out of executive session and meeting adjourned.

Village Clerk  
Kristene Libordi