

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NORTH HORSELL VILLAGE BOARD
January 13, 2020 6:00 PM**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor: John Falci
Trustees: Joseph Ingalls, Frank Libordi, Josh Greenthal, Joseph Flint
Clerk: Vanessa Scott
Treasurer: Kristene Libordi
Superintendent of Public Works: Richard Scavo absent
Charles Harrison – Assistant to Superintendent of Public Works
Fire Chief: Mike Robbins

Mayor Falci opened the meeting at 6:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Frank Libordi asked for clarification on the resident that attended the December 9, 2019 meeting complaining about snow removal. He asked for clarification on what she was asking for and what her complaint was. Mayor Falci reminded the board that it was to ask for help in the event that she would need to get somewhere in an emergency. Charles Harrison, assistant to the Superintendent of Public Works Rich Scavo, assured the board that they are available to anyone at any time to assist them if they know someone needs help. He assured them that this is for every resident in the Village of North Hornell.

MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes from the December 9, 2019 6:00pm was made by Trustee Joshua Greenthal seconded by Trustee Joseph Flint and carried.

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| Mayor Falci | Aye | | |
| Trustee Libordi | Aye | Trustee Greenthal | Aye |
| Trustee Ingalls | Aye | Trustee Flint | Aye |

A motion to accept the minutes from the Special Meeting held December 16, 2019 6:00pm was made by Trustee Joshua Greenthal seconded by Trustee Joseph Flint and carried.

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| Mayor Falci | Aye | | |
| Trustee Libordi | Aye | Trustee Greenthal | Aye |
| Trustee Ingalls | Aye | Trustee Flint | Aye |

TREASURER’S REPORT

Two reports were presented.

A motion to accept the report was made by Mayor John Falci seconded by Trustee Joseph Ingalls and carried.

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| Mayor Falci | Aye | | |
| Trustee Libordi | Aye | Trustee Greenthal | Aye |
| Trustee Ingalls | Aye | Trustee Flint | Aye |

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Code Enforcement Officer William Rusby reported he is all set to attend Code School in March of 2020. Fire inspections will be done for 2020 as soon as the Annual Report is complete. Fire inspections are done one time a year for all buildings that the public visits.

Code Enforcement Officer William Rusby informed the board that he received a phone call from the doctor on Seneca Road. The doctor was inquiring about a possible sale of his building and what would need to be done if he was to sell the property to another business or individual. More discussion took place in reference to possible sale and the possible need for another special use permit if another business goes in the building.

A motion to accept the CEO report was made by Trustee Frank Libordi seconded by Trustee Joshua Greenthal and carried.

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| Mayor Falci | Aye | | |
| Trustee Libordi | Aye | Trustee Greenthal | Aye |
| Trustee Ingalls | Aye | Trustee Flint | Aye |

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Mayor Falci reviewed the report received from the Steuben County Sheriff's department for patrol hours in November and December 2019.

The board discussed remainder of money in the budget for the fiscal year to cover shared services from the Sheriff's Department. Mayor Falci asked Clerk Scott to contact Sheriff Allard to schedule him to attend one of the upcoming budget meetings to discuss desired hours and budget for the remainder of the fiscal year and for the 2020 budget.

A motion to accept the Police report was made by Trustee Joseph Ingalls seconded by Trustee Frank Libordi and carried.

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| Mayor Falci | Aye | | |
| Trustee Libordi | Aye | Trustee Greenthal | Aye |
| Trustee Ingalls | Aye | Trustee Flint | Aye |

FIRE REPORT

Chief Robbins asked if there were any questions about his report before he highlighted a few items.

Trustee Joseph Ingalls asked about line item number 12 on the report. Chief Robbins clarified with the board that the list of damaged equipment from the large fire in the City Of Hornell is now in the hands of the insurance company and just waiting for further information. He explained it is similar to other insurance claims. Submit to each individual insurance company and they argue it out. Trustee Ingalls asked if there was a quote on the dollar amount as far as the damages. Chief Robbins said it was approximately \$2,000.00. He said that most likely, our insurance will cover the cost and then go after the City's insurance for reimbursement.

Mayor Falci asked the Chief how many fire fighters are eligible for coverage on the cancer insurance. Chief Robbins said he thought it was around 14 or 15 members. He didn't have the information right in front of him but he thought that was the correct number. He informed the board that the coverage is January to January. Chief Robbins provided the board with paperwork that he is required to submit to the insurance company.

Chief Robbins said they will begin bi-weekly meetings with the new hospital starting Friday, January 17, 2020. These meetings are in preparation for the transition from the other hospital to the new building. The City of Hornell will provide mutual aide if needed.

Chief Robbins invited the board to go out and look at the new exhaust system. He reported it is almost completed. He informed the board that Chapmen's will be in to finish the electric portion and hookups sometime next week. Chief Robbins said they will have to go through training next week as well on how to use it, etc. Questions about the where the pipe was going out of the building. Originally it was to go out through the side of the building. It was decided there was not enough room to go out where they originally planned so they said it was best to go out through the roof. Trustee Ingalls asked if the old system would still be in operation. Chief Robbins replied, yes.

He reported he would have his yearend report as well as his inventory turned in next month.

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| Total calls for Town | 4 |
| Village | 4 |
| Fire Alarm Checks | 5 |
| M/A | 2 |

A motion to accept the Fire Department report was made by Mayor John Falci seconded by Trustee Joshua Greenthal and carried.

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| Mayor Falci | Aye | | |
| Trustee Libordi | Aye | Trustee Greenthal | Aye |
| Trustee Ingalls | Aye | Trustee Flint | Aye |

A motion by Mayor John Falci and seconded by Trustee Joseph Flint to approve applicant Anthony Harvey of 5463 County Rte 64, Hornell and was carried.

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| Mayor Falci | Aye | | |
| Trustee Libordi | Aye | Trustee Greenthal | Aye |
| Trustee Ingalls | Aye | Trustee Flint | Aye |

Trustee Joshua Greenthal asked Chief Robbins if that brought him to the maximum enrollment. Chief Robbins replied this new applicant brings the total count of members to 31 respectively.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Superintendent Rich Scavo was absent. Charlie Harris, assistant to the Superintendent of Public Works was present to review the report and answer questions about the report to the best of his knowledge and ability. He reported all banners are down, Christmas trees picked up and snow removal equipment is prepared for the next snow fall. 19 tons of salt is available for road cover if needed. Trustee Frank Libordi asked if there is ever "left over salt" for the next year. Charlie Harris assured the board that they should have enough and they do have some left over usually. Discussion about more poles going up and could cause more "double wood" in the village. Charlie will contact Superintendent Scavo to find out who he talks to about this issue. Verizon is running the new line and the issue is NYSEG's at this time to figure out the removal of the double woods.

Trustee Joseph Ingalls questioned line item 28. Charlie Harrison didn't have any information on this line item. Mayor Falci explained it was for the update on the possibility of the new classrooms being built at the North Hornell school. Mayor Falci explained that Superintendent Scavo is a member of the committee that discusses what avenues can be taken as far as the vote to have the new classrooms built or not.

A motion to accept the Maintenance Report was made by Trustee Frank Libordi, seconded by Trustee Joshua Greenthal and carried.

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| Mayor Falci | Aye | | |
| Trustee Libordi | Aye | Trustee Greenthal | Aye |
| Trustee Ingalls | Aye | Trustee Flint | Aye |

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 1-2020

POLLING PLACE FOR MARCH 18, 2020 ELECTION FOR THE VILLAGE OF NORTH HORNELL

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Frank Libordi, seconded by Trustee Joseph Ingalls at the January 13, 2020 Regular Board:

Resolved that the Polling Place for the election of officers of the Village of North Hornell will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 from 12PM to 9 PM at the Village Hall, 4 W Maplewood Ave. North Hornell.

| | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> |
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| Mayor Falci | X | |
| Trustee Libordi | X | |
| Trustee Ingalls | X | |
| Trustee Greenthal | X | |
| Trustee Flint | X | |

RESOLUTION 2-2020

ELECTION INSPECTOR & RATE OF COMPENSATION VILLAGE OF NORTH HORNELL

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Joshua Greenthal, seconded by Trustee Joseph Ingalls at the January 13, 2020 Regular Board meeting:

Resolved to appoint the following, Beverly Gilbert and Fay Parada as election inspectors for the March 18, 2020 Village elections, between the hours of 12:00 PM and 9:00 PM. Inspectors will be compensated at the rate of \$100 per day.

| | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> |
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| Mayor Falci | X | |
| Trustee Libordi | X | |
| Trustee Ingalls | X | |
| Trustee Greenthal | X | |
| Trustee Flint | X | |

RESOLUTION 3-2020

BUDGETARY AMENDMENT

The following Resolution was made by Trustee Joseph Ingalls, seconded by Trustee Frank Libordi and carried,

RESOLVED, that the Village of North Hornell Board of Trustees at their Regular Board Meeting on January 13, 2020 approved the transfer of \$52.56 from A1990.4 Contingent account to A1950.4 Taxes on Village property to cover Town and county taxes for property on Third St. (parcels 136.18-03-033.000 & 136.18-03-051.000).

| | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> |
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| Mayor Falci | X | |
| Trustee Libordi | X | |
| Trustee Ingalls | X | |
| Trustee Greenthal | X | |
| Trustee Flint | X | |

RESOLUTION 4-2020
Property Sale

The following Resolution was made by Trustee Frank Libordi, seconded by Trustee Joseph Ingalls and carried,

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD AT AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF NORTH HORNELL on October 16, 2019, at the offices of the Village located at 4 West Maplewood Avenue, North Hornell, New York, the following motion was made and passed with all Trustees present and voting in favor of said motion:

RESOLVED, that the lot located on Seneca Road and purchased from New Life Assembly of God in November, 2018, be divided into three separate parcels and be sold for the purchase price of \$37,000 each, and it is further

RESOLVED, that purchase offers have been received for Parcel A from John Pieklo and for Parcel C from Paul and Barbara Crowe, and after further discussion the Board unanimously approves the sale of both parcels, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to complete said transfer.

| | Aye | Nay |
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| Mayor Falci | X | |
| Trustee Libordi | X | |
| Trustee Ingalls | X | |
| Trustee Greenthal | X | |
| Trustee Flint | X | |

One parcel remains available. Mayor Falci said he has received information of one person that may be interested in the middle parcel that remains for sale. No name was given at this time.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Mayor Falci presented to the board an idea to have village employee Charles Harrison write courtesy notices to village residents that continue to park on the streets during snow removal months. The Trustees wanted more time to think about this and will talk more about it at another time.

OLD BUSINESS

• **TAP UPDATE**

Trustee Joseph Ingalls reported that the project finished under the anticipated amount. He reported that Blades will pay for “unfinished work”. The Village will deposit the check in to their account and, when Blades finishes work and it is approved by the committee, the check will be returned to Blades at that time. The total of the project was \$1,649,839.00 respectively. He reported that there are 14 items on the list that Blades will need to repair before the village will release the money back to Blades.

Trustee Ingalls reminded the board of the financial piece that needs to be addressed. Money was borrowed from Steuben Trust Company for the project and payment was put “on hold for a year”. The village will need to decide if they want to go with a municipal bond or other options that are available.

Trustee Ingalls also discussed tree replacement for the residents that had to have them removed for the project. Trustee Ingalls is looking in to nurseries to get ideas of what types of trees would be recommended for what the village would like to see in place of the trees taken out. The village will give a few options to the residents to choose from with the understanding that the village will pay for the replacements and reserve the right to prevent the tree from being planted too close to the new sidewalk. Trustee Ingalls asked if the board would like him to move forward as far as getting information for tree replacement. All members of the board agreed to move forward.

Trustee Joseph Ingalls reported there are about 20 trees that will need to be replaced to the residents that lost their trees because of the project. He mentioned that they were also going to investigate if more trees were purchased if price per tree would cost less. This would give other residents an option to purchase a tree for their property if they would like. This would include all residents regardless of what street they live on.

Trustee Joseph Flint mentioned there may be other projects that they could look in to where trees were replaced and what types of trees were offered and recommended. The committee asked Trustee Flint to look in to this further and report his findings.

Trustee Frank Libordi asked if the village had a code designating placement of newly planted trees. Trustee Ingalls didn't think there was one. He said it would be more practicality of where to plant trees and to remind residents the sidewalks, gas lines, sewer lines and water lines all need to be taken in to consideration when placing a new tree.

Trustee Ingalls asked Charles Harrison if he thought the DPW would want to participate in planting trees. Charles Harrison replied he didn't want to speak for Superintendent Scavo.

- **SEWER CARD/WATER CARD UPDATE**

This continues to be worked on by Trustee Ingalls and Treasurer Kristene Libordi. Changes will be postponed until the new fiscal year 2020 with a new law needing to be implemented. A new code will need to be implemented. Trustee Frank Libordi recommended looking in to other municipalities and what they use. Discussion about the code book and local laws took place as well. Updates are supplied to the village when new laws are voted in however, Treasurer Kristene Libordi informed the board that the code book needs a lot of work and updates.

Trustee Joseph Ingalls will obtain ideas of what other municipalities use. The Clerk will get it typed up so it can be presented to the board. At that time, wording can be changed per recommendations from the Mayor or the Trustees.

OTHER

Mayor Falci informed the board that the Republican Caucus is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 7:00pm. The Democratic Caucus is scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2020 at 7:30 after the Budget meeting that is scheduled for 6:00pm that evening.

The budget meeting scheduled for January 27, 2020 is only to distribute the budget binders and answer any questions at that time. Mayor Falci asks each department to have their tentative budget available for the board on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 6:00.

TRAX LINE FOR THE NORTH HORNELL POLICE CAR

Village Clerk Vanessa Scott explained to the board the reason for the new charges again for the TRAXX system on the Verizon bill. The bill was suspended as directed by the board previously but, it was not explained at that time from Verizon that the suspension was only for 30 days. If the line is cancelled, the TRAXX system in the police car will not work. The board discussed it and thought if the car is used again in the future, a new line will be requested from Verizon at that time. It was discussed and the board decided they would like to cancel the line completely. Clerk Scott informed the board that Verizon would provide a credit or discount for the misleading information about the cancellation. It is unknown what that credit or discount will be but, should be on the bill for the next month.

A motion to cancel the TRAXX line for the local police car was made by Mayor John Falci seconded by Trustee Frank Libordi and carried.

| | Aye | Nay |
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| Mayor Falci | X | |
| Trustee Libordi | X | |

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| Trustee Ingalls | X |
| Trustee Greenthal | X |
| Trustee Flint | X |

VOUCHER CLARIFICATION

Trustee Ingalls informed the Mayor and other trustees that, while he was reviewing one of the previous NYSEG invoices, he noticed that the heads are rented. He said he noticed on the invoice that 107 of the lights are still the old lights. It continues to be difficult to see the savings we anticipated after changing over to the LED lights. The board continued to discuss the amount for the rent of the heads and the cost per month. Trustee Ingalls said he will continue to monitor this as well as getting more information from Superintendent Rich Scavo for future bills and anticipated savings.

Trustee Ingalls discussed voucher #305 with Chief Robbins. It says on the voucher “gear repair” and it seems that it is repairs for the bailout equipment. Chief Robbins explained it is repair for the bail outs used and things needed for the gear on the bailouts. Trustee Ingalls asked if this was an “annual expense” or a one time. Chief Robbins explained that they were purchased for the fire fighters that didn’t have the bailouts needed. Trustee Frank Libordi asked how long the bailouts are good for. Chief Robbins replied that they are good until they are used. Once the bailouts are used, they are no longer good. The bailouts are inspected in-house monthly and inspected annually until inspected again or replaced. Chief Robbins continued to inform the board that the State says the Fire Department has to have them. This mandate to have bailout gear was mostly because of New York City and the 911. These are for interior fire fighters only. More discussion took place about the need for bailout equipment for smaller municipalities that don’t have large buildings and if they are really needed. Chief Robbins informed the board that a survey was completed with guidance from PESH which indicated that the North Hornell Fire Department needed the equipment.

Voucher #303 to Churchville for fire hose replacement and an extra charge for stenciling. The board and Chief Robbins had further discussion about the lettering and the necessity for the lettering. Trustee Frank Libordi asked if this will be all they will need for that engine. Chief Robbins assured the board that this would be all the hose needed for that engine. The lettering on the hose is necessary to determine what hose is the property of the North Hornell Fire Department when they attend other fires in other areas.

PAY BILLS

General Fund: 279-322 Total claims were: \$18,063.57

Sewer Fund: 40-44 Total Claims were: \$342.95

Seneca Road Project Fund: 1 Total Claim was: \$75,832.00

A motion to pay bills was made by Mayor John Falci and Seconded by Trustee Joshua Greenthal and carried. Trustee Frank Libordi would like to omit vouchers #287, #288 and #297 respectively.

| | Aye | Nay |
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| Mayor Falci | X | |
| Trustee Libordi | X | |
| Trustee Ingalls | X | |
| Trustee Greenthal | X | |
| Trustee Flint | X | |

The next board meeting will convene on February 10, 2020 at 6:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Scott
Village Clerk