

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH HORNELL VILLAGE BOARD
JANUARY 22, 2007**

Attendance: Mayor John Falci
Trustees William McNelis, Glenn Thomas, Joseph Dick &
Frank Libordi
Clerk Kristene Libordi
DPW Supervisor Phil D'Amato
Police Chief Marcus Smith
Fire Chief Phil D'Amato
Code Enforcement Officer James Scheider
Hornell IDA Director James Griffin
Hornellsville Town Supervisor Ken Isaman

MAYORS OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Falci is going to have two meetings per month. This meeting will be a shortened agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

VOUCHER PROCUREMENT

Trustee Frank Libordi asked that the procurement policy updated and a cap on some items. The Mayor asked if the policy was adopted by the board in 1992. The clerk will look in the 1992 minutes for the adoption. The Mayor asked that it be placed on the next agenda for February.

CONTRACTOR PERMIT

Mayor Falci & Trustees are considering the use of a permit that is currently being used by the City of Hornell. It was decided to consider possible changes or additions to the sample permit and return to it at next months meeting.

STEUBEN COUNTY IDA

Trustee Libordi talked to Jim Sharon County IDA Chairman, to find out the limitations of the Steuben county IDA and what they can offer us that would be similar to the Hornell IDA? Trustee Libordi also talked to Mark Alger and asked if he would be willing to come and participate as a source of information if the Town, City and Village would get together to discuss all options involved with the Lowes project. He said he would. Trustee Libordi asked Jim Griffin, who was in attendance, what the county can't do and what are some of it's limitations.

Mr. Griffin explained that IDA's are legally restricted from doing retail unless it is a depressed area or an empire Zone. The county IDA could not do the project because the Village is not a distressed area. The city IDA could do the project if the Village was annexed into the city. That would put the area into the distressed area and an empire zone. It would be done as an IDA project and payment in lieu of taxes. Supervisor Isaman asked if the whole area was taken into consideration when speaking of being distressed. Mr. Griffin replied it takes a census tract and then the empire zone makes it automatically a distressed area. If it stays in the village, it does not qualify as a distressed area and not eligible for zone benefits. Areas must be contiguous to the city according to new laws. IDA can no longer can set Zones outside the city - cannot do partials outside the Town.

Trustee Thomas commented that the County IDA and Mark Alger met with the Village board. Trustee Dick noted that Jim Sharon, County IDA chair, and Mark Alger did not want to be involved with this project as of August 2004. Mr. Griffin explained that the Wegman's Store in Corning was the first and only retail project that the County IDA was involved in When the prohibition came it put an end to IDA's being involved with retail. Under the work commercial in the Town and Municipal law, IDA's were using the commercial as retail and the state specifically prohibited retail unless the exceptions.

STROBE LIGHT

The board approved the purchase of a strobe light to put on the new DPW truck.

Supervisor D'Amato purchased the strobe light and paid for it.

A motion was made by Mayor Falci to reimburse supervisor D'Amato when he presents the bill for the light. Motion was second by William McNelis and carried.

FIRE VAN

Mayor Falci noted that the fire van was not a '75 but an '83 Van. He would like to put it up for a public auction since it is in good shape and might get a better price. Mayor Falci will put an ad in the paper.

PAY BILLS

Motion made by Glenn Thomas to pay bills. Motion second by Frank Libordi and carried.

Supervisor Ken Isaman mentioned that the contract for code enforcement is up and needs to be renewed and no increases are anticipated. Mayor Falci will talk to the board and get back to Mr. Isaman. Mayor Falci said the Board has been happy with Jim Scheider as code enforcement officer for the Village.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board went into executive session to discuss the pending contract with the IDA proposal and pilot. This will be put on the agenda for the February 12th meeting.

The board came out of executive session at 9:30PM and the meeting was adjourned.

Village Clerk

Kristene Libordi

