

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH HORNEILL VILLAGE BOARD
OCTOBER 14, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Falci
Trustees: Deputy Mayor William McNelis, Glenn Thomas
Joseph Dick & Frank Libordi
Clerk Kristene Libordi
ZBA Chair Doug Dunn
ZBA Pete DiRaimondo
Historian Walt Rutski
Fire Chief Phil D'Amato
Assist Chief Mike Robbins
Kathy Dessena Humane Society
Evening Tribune Rep Justin Head

Mayor Falci opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

MAYORS OPENING REMARKS

Mayor is pleased with the work being done on Lowes with few if any complaints from residents. The Hospital project will start next year. Currently there are two village employees on disability for the past two weeks. The City has offered their assistance for any emergency situations as a result of disability. We retire all Village debt as of this month. There is still work to do and major projects ahead such as the new Fire Hall and Seneca Rd. project.

MINUTES

The August 2008 minutes were approved on a motion by Trustee Glenn Thomas, second by Trustee William McNelis and carried.

The September 2008 minutes were approved on a motion by Mayor Falci, second by Trustee Frank Libordi and carried.

Mayor asked for discussion: Trustee Libordi asked if the building on Wightman Ave. has been taken down. Phil D'Amato said no. This was brought up at the September meeting regarding the safety issue with the garage. Trustee Libordi asked if NYSEG had taken care of the trees on Cleveland Ave. Phil D'Amato reported that NYSEG does not perform that service now. Mayor Falci asked that CEO Jim Scheider take care of the building (old garage) on Wightman Ave. He also asked about the removal of an old sofa at the Levinson property on Elmwood Ave. CEO Scheider asked that a certified letter be mailed to Mr. Levinson. He will draft a letter & see the Clerk regarding this.

TREASURERS REPORT

The August 2008 Treasures report was approved on a motion by Trustee McNelis, second by Mayor Falci and carried.

The September 2008 Treasures report was approved on a motion by Trustee Libordi, second by Trustee McNelis and carried. Trustee Thomas noted that A1490.4 Public works contractual is over budget. This is over because of Greg Zdanowski's mileage.

(\$818.44) Also A8140.4 Storm Sewers contractual is also over budget. (\$2744.33)

Trustee Thomas asked if there is any contact with the City for revenue from the new Appleby's. The Mayor has not talked to the City at this time. Trustee Thomas asked if A2262 (Fire Protection) would be coming in any sooner this year. Mayor Falci - it should be in by next February.

POLICE REPORT

Mayor Falci read the Police report:

Complaints Criminal	1
General	7
Civil	1
Vehicle & Traffic Arrests	2
Patrol Hours - month	70

Property checks were done. Monitored people parking in the Mcauley parking lot, blocking it to watch Lowes construction. Monitored traffic closely on Cleveland Ave. due to youth soccer games at the school. Price on a Laptop computer for Police dept - \$548. Easier for mobility in and out of car. This is compared to \$200 to fix the old computer. The Police dept is also in favor of moving the stop sign from Elmwood and Second St to Elmwood and Third St.

Motion made by Trustee Libordi to accept Police report, second by Trustee Thomas and carried. The board wants more than one quote for the computer.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mayor Falci read the Maintenance report:

- Pump station Maintenance
- Mowing
- Sewer Cleaning
- Gravel along shoulders
- Rebuilt catch basin on Maplewood Ave.
- Put in sewer lateral with help from City on Third St.
- Take water sample for asbestos test
- Pick up salt spreader – Lowest price as per procurement policy \$5100 installed.

Hydrants will be flushed on the 26th of the month. Leaf pick up will not be offered to residents this year.

Hardship cases will be noted and the department will try to help.

The Mayor noted that the only place to dump leaves is in the City.

Motion to accept the monthly report made by Trustee McNelis, second by Glenn Thomas and carried.

FIRE REPORT

Fire Chief D'Amato reported for the Month of September:

Village calls	4
Town	19
Mutual Aid	2
Total	25

The Fire dept will have a Halloween open house on October 31st. The bathroom in the Fire Hall downstairs has a new toilet and sink. The water in the back of the department is working for the department members to wash vehicles. The fire department's equipment room at the DPW has been cleaned. The County is offering a firefighter 1 course. They would like to have it at the Village hall. Thursdays from 7 – 10 PM and Saturday & Sundays 8 – 4. The Chief would like to have permission to hold classes in the Village conference room. Starts November 3rd and goes thru January 31st.

Two members went to Lakeview for the EVOC driving class and they passed - Walt Rutski & Salli Mehlenbacher.

The fire company purchased 2 pagers from money collected at boot drive. Do not need the additional two originally requested. Because of this the Chief would like the board to authorize the purchase of 3 helmets at \$220 each.

Trustee Libordi asked for a list of all members who have taken the EVOC course.

Chief D'Amato noted that with the town of Hornellsville putting an apartment complex by Club 57 and the Bethesda expansion; he has appointed a truck committee (Mike Robbins & Walt Rutski). Mike Robbins reported that they have found a used ladder truck with a pumper - 36,000 miles at the cost of \$15,000. This

truck new would be \$650,000. They gave the Martinsburg Fire Department \$100 to hold the truck till board approval is given. Right now the department has 3 firefighters who are trained to run it.

Trustee McNelis asked where it would be stored. Mr. Rutski said it could go into the Fire portion of the DPW garage. There is also another location that may be available.

Chief D'Amato noted that the truck will benefit the Village as well as the surrounding areas. Trustee Thomas asked how this affects our need for a tanker. Mr. Rutski responded they have found a company that will rebuild a tanker for \$55,000.

Trustee Dick asked how many pump hours. Mr. Rutski – low hours.

How does it fall under the NFPA 20 year replacement on a vehicle? Mr. Rutski said it hasn't been implemented yet in NY State. Trustee Thomas asked if they had a choice between the most immediate need. Mr. Rutski said that the ISO inspection will penalize the department for not having that truck and the tanker. Mayor Falci asked that if we had to get rid of one truck to get the other two, would it be the E58. Mr. Rutski replied the ISO wants the Village to have 3 pumpers two primary and one reserved. We could lose the Villages A4 rating. The Town will have a B5 rating with the tanker. We have the highest rating of a volunteer fire department in the state of NY. For \$70,000 we can be covered for the next ten years.

Trustee McNelis asked where we could put the tanker. Chief D'Amato said this is a problem and that is why we need the new fire hall.

The Mayor will hold a special meeting to vote on the purchase on the truck. Board will look at the budget and see what is available.

Charlie Chick requested \$75 per student for text books for EMT courses for a total of \$675. At this time the Mayor asked that the fire department pay this and possibly the Village will reimburse the fire department. The clerk was directed to put this on the budget for next year.

A motion was made by Trustee Dick for the Fire Fighter 1 class to be held at the Village hall from November 3rd thru January 31st. Motion second by Trustee Thomas and carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas to approve spending \$660 for 3 helmets (\$220 ea.) for fire fighters. Motion was second by Mayor Falci and carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Falci to donate \$200 to the Fire department for the Halloween Party to be held between the hours of 6 – 8Pm on October 31st. Motion was second by Trustee Dick and carried.

A motion to accept the Fire report was made by Mayor Falci, second by Trustee Libordi and carried.

HISTORIAN REPORT

Historian Rutski talked about the Pittsburg Realty Co sold lots in the village but went under and took the money. Pamphlet and pictures on display in Historians cabinet.

OLD BUISINESS

STOP SIGN – ELMWOOD AND THIRD ST.

Trustee Libordi motioned to move the stop sign from Elmwood Ave. and Second to Elmwood Ave. and Third St. creating a four way stop. Motion was second by William McNelis and carried.

SEWER FEE

Mayor Falci made a motion that if a resident has an adjoining vacant lot and is not billed an additional property tax for that lot, the resident will be exempt from the 1/3rd sewer tax per quarter. This will not be retroactive. Motion second by Trustee Thomas and carried. By the next meeting the board would like to know what residents qualify.

ENGINEERING STUDY

The Dept of Health wants a study done for approval of the water project on Dennis Ave. extension. An engineering study would be \$4500. The Village and the town will split the cost. Mayor made a motion to approve no more than \$2500 for the Villages share of the engineering study for the Dennis Ave. water project for Mr. Hogan and Mr. Ordway. Motion second by Trustee Dick and carried.

FIRE & VILLAGE HALL ENGINEERING STUDY

The Mayor proposed that the board build the new Fire and Village hall on the lot next to the existing hall. This will be a Fire hall, community center and emergency center. The Mayor introduced Rex Simpson (architect) to give the board ideas that should be considered in planning the building. Mr. Simpson will discuss with the Fire Chief what his department needs and then look at the available lot size. The following month he will come back with a few proposals that outline possibilities and costs. He should have a firm cost within 60 days. CEO Scheider noted that he and Mr. Simpson worked together on obtaining grants for a similar project. Having a community center within the Fire Hall makes a grant more obtainable. The board agreed to have Mr. Simpson proceed with the project.

NEW BUSINESS

TOWN/VILLAGE SALT SHED

The Mayor noted that the town will be in need for a new salt shed. They may approach the Village to help.

OTHER

HUMANE SOCIETY

The Mayor noted the job that the Humane Society did in removing cats from the Gifford St. home. Kathy Dessena (Humane Society) said that 12 more cats were removed today from the property. They now need a monetary donation to take care of the remainder of the cats. They have no money to proceed which would be for the additional vaccines.

The Mayor asked CEO Scheider if he took the document to the Town judge to show that the village gave the Humane Society \$936 would that help the case. Mr. Scheider replied yes, but he will need an order to remedy. The order is written from the codes. Trustee Libordi said to write the order to remedy and link it to the money. Mr. Scheider said he will do so.

The Mayor made a motion to give \$936 to the Humane Society for the removal of the cats at 403 Gifford St. as an emergency situation, and we will seek thru the court to have the money refunded. Motion was second by Trustee Libordi and carried. (Debit A1990.4 & Credit A3520.4)

NEWSLETTER

The Mayor would like a news letter out by early November. Please have all information to Village clerk as soon as possible.

SPEED IN THE ALLEY

Mr. Ray Helmer of Seneca Rd. is concerned with speeding in the alley behind his home. Since it was repaved several years ago it seems that there are some people speeding. Could the Village put up 10 mph signs or speed bumps? The Mayor asked the DPW to put up signs.

GARAGE ON ELMWOOD

Mr. Bebout of Elmwood Ave. asked about the condemned house on Elmwood. CEO Scheider noted that the garage was condemned not the house. Mr. Bebout asked if the home owner had 15 days to give a plan to bring the property up to code. Mr. Scheider stated that the owner has asked what he has to do to get it to code and he has 15 days from the issue of the order to remedy to fix the outside of the property. To condemn, the house it has to be 50% structural. The Mayor has asked Mr.Schieder to keep the board informed.

Trustee Libordi noted that resident Mike Caruso has offered services to the Village to help with the streets in the winter, since we will be short one man in the DPW department.

Mr. Ryan Bentley resident Maplewood Ave. has been waiting to hear from the Mayor for several months regarding a tree taken down on his property. The Mayor said he needed to talk to CEO Scheider because it was a code violation. Mr. Bentley was told by the DPW that his tree would be taken down by the Village at no charge. The Mayor apologized to Mr. Bentley for any misunderstanding and asked him to discuss this with the CEO Scheider.

Mr. Vernon Tenney asked to be exempt from the \$190 cost for the special use permit he received in the summer. CEO Schieder noted Village code states that the board has the authority to dismiss the fee due to hardship. In this case a fire. The board will consider the request.

Trustee Dick reported that the stop sign on the corner of Bethesda Dr. and Seneca Rd. is facing wrong way – Phil D’Amato noted the DPW has taken care of it.

Where any permits issued to Lowes for the work at McAuley Manor? CEO Scheider said no. He has been trying to find out if this was included in the original pilot with the IDA. This was to include the work at the intersection of Lowes and McAuley Manor such as the light and sidewalks. ZBA chair said it was outside of the annexed area and shouldn’t be included. Trustee Thomas noted that this was all added to the pilot. Trustee Dick also reported that Steuben County will have reverse 911 and each municipality will have to sign a contract if you want it. This will not start till March or April.

PAY BILLS

The Clerk was directed to make the following transfers:

Debit A1990.4		\$3500
Credit A1490.4	\$3500	
Debit A1990.4		\$3000
Credit A8140.4	\$3000	

Clerk was directed to create account A8989.41 Community Service – Fire Dept. (Debit A1990.4 & Credit A8989.41 \$300 for Fire Department).

Motion to pay bills made by Trustee Thomas, second by Mayor Falci and carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board went into Executive session at 9:45PM

Discussion with BOCES representatives Chris Weinman and Alice Langelier regarding the employment of Rich Scavo as full time police under Village employment. No determination at this time.

Ryan Bentley – Tree removal.

Cleaning Village hall – hire new cleaning service

Legal issues – Loree

The board ended executive session and returned to the regular meeting at 10:35

Mayor Falci made a motion to pay Ryan Bentley \$300 to help cover costs of tree removal. (Debit A1990.4 & Credit A5110.4). Motion second by Trustee McNelis and carried.

Mayor Falci motioned to hire Jennifer Flaitz to clean Village and Fire hall specified areas in the amount of \$55. Motion second by Trustee McNelis and Carried. Frank Libordi abstained.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08PM on a motion by Mayor Falci, second by Trustee Thomas and carried

Village Clerk
Kristene Libordi.