

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE NORTH HORSELL VILLAGEBOARD
NOVEMBER 10, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Falci
Deputy Mayor William McNelis, Glenn Thomas
Joseph Dick & Frank Libordi
Clerk Kristene Libordi
ZBA Chair Doug Dunn
ZBA Pete DiRaimondo
CEO Jim Schieder
DPW Supervisor Greg Zdanowski
Evening Tribune Rep Justin Head

MAYORS OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Falci read the resignation letter from Deputy Clerk Marilyn Heers which will be affective as of November 30th. The Mayor and Trustees will discuss the replacement of Marilyn during the budget workshops.

Minutes were not available for October '08.

TREASURERS REPORT

Motion to accept the treasures report made by Trustee William McNelis, second by Mayor Falci and carried.

Trustee Glenn Thomas questioned appropriated fund balance - did we take money from that account? Clerk Libordi - Yes the appropriated fund balance is current

Fire Contractual – is the fire department aware that they are over on that account.

Detailed revenues – did we make a decision as to what we will do with the \$300 from the town? Clerk Libordi – it is going to the fire department. Mayor Falci will call on Wed to ask when we will receive the money from the Town.

POLICE

Mayor Falci read the October '08 police report.

Complaints General	4
Complaints Animal	1
Arrests Vehicle & Traffic	3
Assisted agency's	2 Hornell police
	1 Fire Dept
	1 Sheriff's office
Total Hours worked	73 ½

Several property checks for residents on vacation. Mayor Falci has checked the police officers time sheets and they are correct.

Officer Smith gave 3 computer quotes as directed from the board:

Acer	\$548
Dell	\$698
Toshiba	\$598

Motion to accept the police report made by Trustee Frank Libordi, second by Trustee Thomas and carried.
Motion to accept the purchase of the Acer computer made by Trustee McNelis, second by Trustee Thomas and carried.

MAINTENANCE

Supervisor Zdanowski reported for the month of October "08:

- Pump station maintenance
- Mowing Village properties
- Paving Streets: Third St. – Lower
Wightman Ave.
Park St.

- Flush hydrants
- Clean up leaves from catch basins
- Gravel along shoulders where paving was done
- Maintenance on plow – winterize

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

FIRE REPORT

Chief D'Amato on a fire call and unable to give report.

HISTORIAN REPORT

Historian Rutski reported on several photos on display at Village Hall:

- A picture of the North Hornell Fire fighters in June 1972 leading residents to safety on Rural Ave off Cleveland Ave. The flood water on lower Rural and McKinley was 2' to 3' deep at the height of the flood.

- North Hornell Firefighters with an explosive expert dynamiting an ice jam in Big Creek near the end of McKinley Ave. in March of 1972. Ice jams and flooding were a problem every spring until the flood control project in the late '70's opened up the channel.

- Picture of the original fire siren being readied to place on the Fire Station in 1958. Bill Albright and Guy Loper are pictured.

- An Ordway florist truck decorated for Memorial Day Parade between 1930 and 1935

- Picture of the Hornell DeShaum Auto factory being built in 1912.

- USGS map showing the Pittsburg Shawmut and Northern Rail Road spur into North Hornell which brought in materials to build the factory. The Factory went under financially and the building was then used as a cow barn by the Wells family. The building was located between the North Hornell School and Mercy Care. The map also shows trolley tracks into North Hornell

OLD BUSINESS

STOP SIGN ON ELMWOOD

Mayor Falci asked for comments or suggestions from the board on the stop sign placement.

Trustee Libordi noted that the Mayor would contact Mr. Isaman regarding procedure on how the town maintains the Heather Heights road. There was conflicting information from residents on this. The Mayor will contact the Town.

Mr. Bebout would like to make his petition public record. The petition is signed by 27 people that live in the Elmwood Ave. area.

Mayor Falci stated that the signs will be moved as stated in last months meeting. Supervisor Zdanowski will be instructed to move them.

EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS

The Trustees presented the following effective January 1, 2009:

Personal Days

Full time employees are entitled to 3 personal days per year (calendar) at their regular rate of pay. Days may not be used "back to back" at the end of the calendar year and the beginning of the next without board approval. Personal days used to extend a holiday weekend must have board approval.

Sick Leave

Full time employees are entitled to 5 sick days per year at their regular rate of pay. Days may be accumulated to a maximum of 25. Upon retirement or termination of employment, employees will be entitled to 15 days of his/her accrued sick leave at their regular rate of pay.

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas to accept the above Employee sick and personal days effective January 1, 2009. Motion second by Mayor Falci and carried. Trustee Libordi abstained from vote.

SEWER FEES FOR VACANT LOTS

Motion made by Trustee Libordi that any village resident who has a vacant lot that is not taxed separately from his/her house lot, but is charged a 1/3 sewer tax on that parcel, should petition the board to deduct the 1/3 tax from his/her sewer bill. Motion was second by Trustee McNelis and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

AUDIT OF FIRE COMPANY BOOKS

Mayor Falci noted that there were questions regarding the 2% fire insurance money and did the Fire Department receive that money. It was suggested that to eliminate any future problems an audit should be conducted. Mayor Falci called NYCOM and he was instructed to contact the comptroller's office.

Motion made by Trustee Libordi to contact the comptroller's office for an audit of the Fire Department books. If the Comptrollers office is not available then a CPA will be contacted. Motion second by Mayor Falci and carried.

CERTIFICATION OF UNPAID TAXES

Trustees signed the certification of unpaid taxes that are to be sent to Steuben County Treasurer to be levied onto the Town & County taxes January '09. The relevy is on Village taxes not paid by the October 31st deadline.

POLITICAL SIGNS

The Mayor contacted NYCOM regarding the Village law for the display of political signs. He was told it was unconstitutional to regulate the amount of political signs that a resident displays on their property. The Mayor will contact ZBA chairman Doug Dunn, ZBA member Pete DiRaimondo and CEO Jim Scheider to rewrite the code.

NEWS LETTER

The Mayor would like to have the news letter out during the month of December. All departments and Trustees to submit their articles to the Clerk by next month's meeting.

OTHER

Mayor Falci introduced Rex Simpson (architect) to present his ideas for the new Fire/Village hall. Mr. Simpson gave the Mayor and Trustees a booklet which contains a breakdown of costs for the new hall. A metal building with concrete blocks for the first few feet to lengthen the life span of the building. He recommended infra red heat or wall packs to heat the area in the fire hall by the over head doors. Radiant floor heat would be too expensive to install. Roofs should all be done at the same time (old building and new) Metal roof would be nice but an asphalt roof would fit in better with the residential neighborhood. The existing building has some code issues to resolve. New plumbing and handicapped accessible baths, insulate wherever we can and repair floors. He does not feel the repairs will be too difficult. Breakdown of costs: new building @ \$120 sq. ft., renovations @\$60 sq. ft., 10% contingency for unexpected costs and architectural fees @ \$4%. Total cost of \$625,996.

Trustee McNelis asked how accurate the sq ft prices on the renovation the figures seem low. Also is the 10% asked if it is enough? Mr. Simpson said the contingency amount is bare minimum. Mr. Simpson said renovation is difficult to figure, some areas will cost more than others.

Mayor Falci noted that Morton builders will be at the December meeting.

Mr. Poplawski asked why one large door couldn't be put in the existing Fire hall instead of the current two.

Mr. Rutski stated that because of the ceiling height, certain pieces of fire equipment cannot be mounted on the tops of the trucks like they should. They have to take trucks out of the building and put equipment on the truck before going to a call. This takes time. One large door would not eliminate the problem.

Trustee Libordi asked why the Mail box was removed from its location of in front of the Village. Mayor Falci is going to call the Postmaster. There are many elderly residents who find this an easier and more convenient location. The Post office told a resident that there was not enough mail in the box.

Mrs. Barnes asked if the Mayor new what was going on with the Loree court hearing. CEO Scheider said it is scheduled for November 17th.

PAY BILLS

Motion to pay bills made by Trustee Thomas, second by Trustee McNelis and carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board went into executive session at 8:40 PM – discussion on health status of an employee.

Board into the regular meeting and adjourned at 9PM

Village Clerk
Kristene Libordi