

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH HORNELL VILLAGE BOARD
MARCH 10, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Falci
Trustees: Deputy Mayor William McNelis, Glenn Thomas
Joseph Dick & Frank Libordi
Village Clerk Kristene Libordi
DPW Supervisor & Fire Chief Phil D'Amato
ZBA Chair Doug Dunn
ZBA Pete DiRaimondo
Planning Board Chair Tim McDaniel
Evening Tribune Rob Montana
Morton Buildings Ron Harwood & Fred Greenfield

MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee William McNelis to approve the February 11 & February 25, 2008 minutes. Motion was second by Trustee Frank Libordi and carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Glenn Thomas to approve the February Treasurers report, second by Trustee Libordi and carried.

POLICE REPORT

Mayor Falci read the Police report for absent Chief Smith as follows:

Criminal Complaints	2
General Complaints	4
Vehicle and traffic arrests	2
Assist Hornell Police	
Total hours worked	40 ½

Chief Smith reminded Fire Chief D'Amato of complaints of parking cars or trucks in front of the Fire Hall.

Motion made by Trustee Thomas to accept the police report, second by Trustee Libordi and carried. Mayor Falci noted that the village Clerk was notified not to issue pay checks if weekly schedules are not turned in.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Supervisor D'Amato reported:

- Repaired 2 water services on Cleveland Ave.
- Located 3 water services for the city water crew (new water meters)
- Cut low laying tree limbs in village
- Plow and salt roads
- Maintenance in village hall
- Patched some pot holes in Village
- Haul away snow banks to Chambers St.

Motion made by Trustee McNelis to accept maintenance report, second by Mayor Falci and carried.

Trustee Libordi asked if a date had been set for spring pick up. Supervisor D'Amato - it will be some time in May. Mayor Falci will have it noted in the April newsletter.

FIRE REPORT

Chief D'Amato reported

Calls in the Village	8
Town	13
Total	21

Mayor Falci made a motion to accept the Fire report, second by Trustee Thomas and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

MORTON BUILDING PRESENTATION

Fred Greenfield gave information regarding a new fire hall. Morton specializes in Fire halls. They focus on municipalities, volunteer fire departments, functionality and affordability. They come up with concepts and ideas, presenting a specific approach. They present a systematic approach to an affordable project with financing considerations.

Mayor Falci asked what our next phase would be at this time. Mr. Greenfield responded:

1. Talk about and get ideas on the site. Put stakes out on the lot to get a visual idea. Also stakes for overhead doors.
2. Come up with an honest conceptual drawing. Floor plan with elevations. Shows set back from road and line it up with the other building. Usually no charge for concept idea.

Mayor Falci asked for an idea of what "up front" money the Village would need for the project.

Mr. Greenfield replied that once there is a conceptual drawing that is approved by the Village, they come back with the #'s.

If we had a \$500,000 project, they would want 5 % (\$25,000) - that becomes part of the full amount. In the event the project doesn't happen, they will give an itemized list of all their incurred charges and deduct that from the \$25,000 and return the balance.

Mr. Poplawski asked about the flat ceilings – when he thinks of Morton buildings he thinks of peaked structures. Mr. Greenfield said that Morton buildings have a flat ceiling for energy efficiency. They use a vapor barrier, then 12" of blown insulation with an R38 value in the ceiling. It goes over to the side walls and a 15 ½" shield in the trusses.

He also stressed that the site is critical.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Mayor Falci introduced an evaluation form to be used to evaluate employees. Possibly to be done every 6 months to one year. In April he would like to adopt a performance factor evaluation sheet of employees. He would like the board to look over the preliminary sheets and come to the April meeting with questions or changes and then adopt it.

JOHN MCNELIS – REVAL ASSESSMENTS

John McNelis Third St. resident did some research on the new proposed assessments and wanted to share it with the Village. In the Village the square foot assessment ranges from \$30sq.ft to \$107sq.ft.. Median price in the Village is \$66 sq.ft. Marick Park alone is \$92 sq.ft. He spoke with the NYS Dept of Real property and he could not get a formula from them to explain the difference in sq.ft. price. The median price range in the Town of Hornellsville is around \$56 sq. ft. Rentals in the Village ranged from \$30 - \$50sq.ft. The price per sq. ft. for Village residents is substantially disproportionate. Considering the services the Village receives from the Town, the disproportionment becomes more noticeable. Service such as building inspector and ambulance contract. He tried unsuccessfully to obtain from the Town the tax levy compared the revenue we generate as a village. Some numbers were provided to him showing we do generate substantially more revenue than the revenue utilized as a community. There is a \$154,000,000 difference between the old and new assessments.

He will be asking the town not to ratify the new assessments and will be circulating petitions. He noted in the town of Portville, they filed an article 78 over displeasure with reval and voted out all town board members in 2007.

The Town board should not be able to unilaterally make decisions for the Village. He would like to “see the village separate from the Town – merge with the city or share services”.

Mayor Falci thanked Mr. McNelis for his input.

RESOLUTION FOR PROPOSED ANNEXATION

Trustee Libordi would like the board to consider a resolution to stop any further annexation. He noted the area between Route 36, Bethesda Dr., and County Route 70A and the eastern boundary of the Village and the Town. Mayor Falci noted it should be on the April agenda and would receive public input.

OTHER

Mayor Falci set the next board meeting for April 7, 2008. This will be an organizational meeting (the first Monday of the month following the Village election).

The board will try to finish the budget tonight and if not, there will be an additional meeting posted.

A resident asked that there be an exemption for alternative veteran’s exemption from real property tax. The Mayor will give the information to Trustees to consider.

March 17 there will be a ZBA meeting per Doug Dunn.

Trustee Dick noted that the request last month from the Environmental Emergency Services Chemung and Steuben County for financial support should be declined. Michael Sprague from the services was to have someone attend this meeting to inform the board. No one showed.

Trustee Dick talked to Mr. Coleman on First St. about the right away for the First St. project. Mr. Coleman will talk to his attorney in regards to a permanent easement. The Mayor is in contact with Attorney Shults in regards to easements.

Trustee Dick noted that Mr. Ordway would like an official letter from the Village saying he can hook up to the sewer. Mayor Falci said he should have received the letter 6 months ago. Mayor will call Dave Oakes from the City about the letter.

Trustee Libordi asked if Mayor Falci if he had talked to Supervisor Isaman in regards to the \$650 donation. Mayor had not at this date but will. Trustee Libordi would like the money to go to the Fire Depts. 50 year celebration.

Mr. Jason Flaitz from the Village of Arkport spoke of the current fire coverage and district in Arkport. He stated that on March 6th, Mr. Isaman (Supervisor Town of Hornellsville) informed him that the Village of North Hornell had a verbal agreement with the Town for Fire contract to cover the Arkport area district if Arkport didn’t accept the new agreement. Mayor Falci stated that the only verbal agreement was that we would not get involved in that fight. We will do what 911 asks us to do in response to an emergency. Trustee Thomas stated that we flatly turned down the same thing that was offered to Arkport.

PAY BILLS

Glenn Thomas made a motion to pay bills, second by William McNelis and carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Dick made a motion to go into executive session (8:40PM), second by Trustee Libordi and carried.
Marick Park litigation

Board came out of executive session and resumed regular meeting.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

A5110.2	\$6500
New John Deere for broom.	
A5110.4	\$50,000
A5100.41	\$12,000
A5142.4	\$13,500
Phil to get a price on a used salt spreader.	
A5182.4	\$14,000
A5680.4	\$1000
A7419.4	\$5000
A8010.1	\$250.
A8010.4	\$100
A8320.4	\$4500
Board to raise water tap in from \$250 to \$400	
A8989.4	\$2000
A9010.8	\$7000
A9030.8	\$10,000
A9060.8	\$12,000
A9720.6	\$30,000
A9720.7	\$1000
A9950.9	\$27,500

A motion was made by Mayor Falci to take \$7000 out of the Capitol reserve account and put it into expenditures A8140.4 Storm Sewers contractual during the current fiscal year '07 – '08. These monies to be used for the First St. Project. Motion second by Trustee McNelis and carried.

Revenues:

A1001	To be determined
A1081	\$100,568
A1090	\$1000
A1120	\$100,000
A1130	\$11,000
A1255	Delete this line
A1603	\$3500
A2262	\$35,700
5% increase over last year.	

A2401	\$500
A2401R	\$1600
A2590	\$200
Consider raising contractor fees from \$10 to \$15	
A2610	\$0
A2665	\$0
A2665	\$0
A2701	\$0
A2705	\$0
A2770	\$0
A3001	\$5000
A3005	\$3000
A3040	\$0
A3501	\$13,600
A3505	Delete this line

Budget workshop ended at 10:15PM. A final budget workshop will be held on March 17th at 5PM. Trustee Dick made a motion to adjourn, second by Mayor Falci and carried.

Village Clerk
Kristene Libordi