

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NORTH HORNELL VILLAGE BOARD
July 12, 2021 6:00PM
Meeting Minutes**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Falci
Trustees: Richard Head, Joseph Ingalls, Joseph Flint
Absent: Trustee Joshua Greenthal
Clerk Vanessa Scott
Superintendent Rich Scavo
Officer in Charge/Police Chief Kyle Amidon
Fire Chief Mike Robbins and President Wesley Bryant
Code Enforcement William Rusby
Videographer Bob Peisher
Residents: Mr. Hoffman
Mr. DiRaimondo
Ms. Kottemann

Mayor Falci informed the community via the Facebook live stream and the residents present at the meeting that the Village of North Hornell has set 2 days for a Village wide yard sale. The dates are, Friday, July 16 and Saturday, July 17, 2021. This weekend will not count as one of the three yard sales that each resident can have for the year.

Mayor Falci reiterated the protocol on writing grants. He pointed out the need for the board to be informed about possible grants before any paperwork is filled out and/or submitted.

Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes from the monthly meeting held on June 14, 2021 was made by Trustee Richard Head seconded by Trustee Joseph Ingalls and carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye	Trustee Greenthal	Absent
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee Head	Aye
Trustee Flint	Aye		

Treasurer Report

Motion to accept the treasurer's report from June 2021 was made by Trustee Joseph Flint seconded by Trustee Richard Head and carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye	Trustee Greenthal	Absent
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee Head	Aye
Trustee Flint	Aye		

Clerk Report

Motion to accept the clerk's report from June 2021 was made by Mayor John Falci seconded by Trustee Joseph Ingalls and carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye	Trustee Greenthal	Absent
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee Head	Aye

Trustee Flint Aye

Code Enforcement Report

Question was asked if lawn care businesses need to have a contractor permit to work in the village. Code Enforcement Officer Bill Rusby confirmed it is not necessary for lawn care businesses to have a license to work in the Village

Motion to accept the Code Enforcement report was made by; Trustee Richard Head seconded by Trustee Joseph Flint and carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye	Trustee Greenthal	Absent
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee Head	Aye
Trustee Flint	Aye		

North Hornell Police Department

Motion to accept the North Hornell Police Department report was made by; Trustee Richard Head seconded by Trustee Joseph Ingalls and carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye	Trustee Greenthal	Absent
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee Head	Aye
Trustee Flint	Aye		

Complaints	5
Community Services Rendered	35
Assist Other Departments	2
Traffic Stops	6
Total Calls Handled for the Month:	48

Chief Kyle Amidon proposed two grants that he would like to submit for the Village.

One is for a drug drop box to be placed in the vestibule of Village Hall. This would make it available to all residents during business hours to drop off any prescription drugs and only he would have access to the contents. The contents would then be taken to be discarded at a local facility. Chief Amidon assured the Village there would be no cost for this grant now or in the future. The only thing that would have to be done is paperwork that he will complete to account for the contents in the box.

Trustee Joseph Flint made the motion to approve ordering the drop box at no cost to the village with the understanding that Chief Amidon would have to complete paperwork, seconded by Trustee Joseph Ingalls and Carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye	Trustee Greenthal	Absent
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee Head	Aye
Trustee Flint	Aye		

The other grant is for an AED in the patrol car. This grant is for \$2,200.00 and will cover everything necessary for the AED to be complete and ready for use if/when needed.

Mayor John Falci made the motion to order the AED for the patrol car in the amount of \$2,200.00, seconded by Trustee Richard Head and Carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye	Trustee Greenthal	Absent
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee Head	Aye
Trustee Flint	Aye		

Chief Amidon talked again about getting an AC unit in the police office. It is very hot for the officers to do their paperwork. Discussion took place; the board asked if putting a hole in the exterior wall is something that the DPW would be able to do. Superintendent Scavo agreed it was something they would be able to get done.

Sheriff's Report

Motion to accept the Sheriff's report was made by; Mayor John Falci seconded by Trustee Richard Head and carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye	Trustee Greenthal	Absent
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee Head	Aye
Trustee Flint	Aye		

This is the final report and invoice received from the Sheriff's office.

Fire Department Report

Total Calls for the Month: 14
Town: 10
Village: 1
Fire Alarm Checks: 3
M/A: 0

Motion to accept the Fire Chief's report was made by Trustee Joseph Ingalls, Seconded by Trustee Joseph Flint and carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye	Trustee Greenthal	Absent
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee Head	Aye
Trustee Flint	Aye		

Fire Chief Mike Robbins reported that the Motorola Warranty is not in effect as of yet. It will not be in effect until the County turns the system on. Chief Robbins continued to explain some issues that are in the process of being worked out and have been in the "works" for a few years already. There is no anticipated "turn on date" as of the date of this meeting. Chief Robbins told the board he will keep the board informed when he knows more.

Maintenance Department Report

Motion to accept the Maintenance Department report was made by Trustee Joseph Flint, Seconded by Trustee Richard Head and carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye	Trustee Greenthal	Absent
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee Head	Aye
Trustee Flint	Aye		

Superintendent Scavo thanked the board for approving the installation of the faster internet through Empire at the DPW garage. With the approval, it saved money for the village by not having the installation team have to come back. It was just done when they were installing the new police line.

Superintendent Scavo informed the board that the DPW took on a water project that has been paid for by the school for quite some time. They are going to upgrade a 4" water line that was noted with a leak on Avendale by the leak detection test that was done earlier this year. Superintendent Scavo said they had decided not to do anything with the leak knowing that the school was going to have the project to do in the future. With the school paying for all of the materials it works out for the Village. There should be no interference with the school water and should be connected right to the school. Rich Scavo said they are just waiting for the final approval from the Department of Health in order to get started.

Trustee Ingalls asked if the next phase of the water project on Seneca is going to get started. Superintendent Scavo said that is the plan. Possibly purchase some supplies, parts and pieces ahead possibly with the ARPA Funding and have them on hand for future upgrades and water projects. Superintendent Scavo cautions having too much on hand and keeping it “in stock” for fear of the weathering of the product before they put it to use.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 30-2021 APPROVE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

The following Resolution was offered by Mayor John Falci, seconded by Trustee Joseph Ingalls and carried,

RESOLVED, that the Village of North Hornell Board of Trustees at the monthly meeting on July 12, 2021, approved to pay vouchers from the General Account starting with number 44-68 in the amount of \$8630.33. Pay vouchers from the Sewer Account starting with number 6-7 in the amount of \$325.46.

	Aye	Nay
Mayor Falci	X	
Trustee Ingalls	X	
Trustee Greenthal	Absent	
Trustee Flint	X	
Trustee Head	X	

Video Stream Meetings

Bob Peish will stream the August 9, 2021 meeting and also present a couple video packages that will allow the Village to continue to video all meetings without having him come and set up every month.

OLD BUSINESS

Village Office Construction

The board discussed many options again. The board asked Superintendent Rich Scavo to get pricing and report back to the board at the August 9, 2021 monthly meeting. This will allow the board to have more information and an idea if this is something they would like to move forward on. Trustee Flint is not in favor of spending the money to add additional space for a larger vestibule and increase office space for the Village Treasurer. He asked to be shown the “need” for the expansion/renovation. Mayor Falci said he would like to see something happen before the building season is over and sooner than later if that is the final decision of the board. Trustee Richard Head said he would like Superintendent Scavo to go to the next phase by talking to contractors and getting an idea of timeline and cost. CEO William Rusby recommends this all be done in phases. Mayor John Falci asked Superintendent Scavo to get quotes on lumber etc. and present it at the board meeting on August 12, 2021.

Stop Sign on Maplewood

The board discussed the concerns with Police Chief Kyle Amidon. He told the board he would have the officers start patrolling and enforcing the area more. Mayor Falci asked Chief Amidon to discuss the concerns with his officers and bring ideas of how to make this area safer for the children and residents in that area to the board on August 12, 2021.

OTHER

Cleveland Ave. Property

Residents were present that have concerns with the Cleveland Ave. apartment house close to Village Hall. Many concerns have been reported to Mayor Falci. Resident's presented their concerns in written form and gave them to Mayor Falci. Copies were made and presented to each board member. A discussion took place and appearance tickets may be something that needs to be presented to the owner to let him know that what is happening at the said property is not acceptable in the Village of North Hornell.

A paper trail is necessary according to the Code Enforcement Officer. With reports received from neighbors, contractors working next to the apartment of concern and other close neighbors a paper trail is now available and further action can be taken. Appearance tickets can be given. Mayor Falci said usually when appearance tickets are handed out, improvements usually happen. Many violations are noticeable and need to be taken care of by the Code Enforcement Officer and/or Mayor John Falci and not something that would include the North Hornell Police Department at this time.

The concern of the child and animal out on the roof of the porch however, are something that needs to be reported right away to the Police Department and they would be involved in those types of concerns.

A discussion about animal control and who to call took place at this time. It was reported to one of the residents that the Humane Society does not do animal (dog/cat) control in the Village of North Hornell because they don't have a contract with them. The Village donates money to the Humane Society but does not pay for animal control. This is something that has to be set up and it is believed the cost of the contract is set as a "per need".

Trustee Joseph Flint asked if anyone else had been noticing a large number of pigeons on 3rd Street. The board commented that in the past black birds have been nuisances. Mayor Falci asked for reports from village residents if they see a large number of birds that seem to be a concern and the Village will look in to steps to take control of them.

Superintendent Rich Scavo informed the board of the woodchucks that seem to be living in the crawl space of a vacant house on Rural Ave. He spoke with Mr. Mullen and he is willing to take care of them. The board discussed the situation and asked the Code Enforcement Officer to look in to the report and get the concern taken care of. Code Enforcement Officer said he would contact the homeowners and let them know the concerns; find out what their intent is to fix it and go from there. Trustee Ingalls said he would be willing to vote for the village to assist in the removal of the woodchucks but the homeowners should also be a part of fixing the problem.

Trustee Joseph Ingalls motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Trustee Richard Head and was carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Scott
Village Clerk