

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH HORNELLS VILLAGE BOARD  
JULY 9, 2007 - 7:00PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mayor John Falci  
Trustees: Deputy Mayor William McNelis, Glenn Thomas,  
Joseph Dick & Frank Libordi  
Clerk Kristene Libordi  
DPW Supervisor & Fire Chief Phil D'Amato  
Planning Board Chair Timothy McDaniel  
ZBA Chair Doug Dunn  
Police Chief Marcus Smith  
News Media: WLEA radio & Evening Tribune

Meeting called to order by Mayor Falci at 7PM. Pledge of allegiance.

**MINUTES**

Referring back to last month's minutes:

Questions were asked by Trustee Libordi to Supervisor D'Amato. First question was in regards to mileage for gas reimbursement. Mayor Falci responded that he was in contact with NYCOM who informed him that a volunteer cannot be paid a stipend because it is not authorized by law. If payment were to be made it would constitute an unconstitutional gift. Unless authorized by some law a volunteer cannot receive compensation. Mayor Falci said we have to write a law in our books to compensate a volunteer. No action on this issue will be taken at this time.

Trustee Libordi asked if Supervisor had turned in receipts from last months gas bills. The Supervisor will get them to the clerk.

Mayor Falci noted that according to NYCOM, you cannot pay a volunteer firefighter for gas mileage. The Board would have to create a new law to compensate the firefighter.

Mayor Falci will get the exact wording of the law before any further discussion.

A motion to accept the June 11, 2007 minutes was made by William McNelis, second by Glenn Thomas and carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Treasurer's report will be on next months agenda. The report was available but not ready in time for meeting.

**POLICE REPORT**

Chief Marcus Smith reported: 2 car complaints

1 car tagged

1 animal complaint

3 traffic summons issued

Assists to other police agencies

Extra radar used on Cleveland Ave.

Total of 63 ½ man hours

Chief Smith noted that there was a heavy presence on Cleveland Ave. and Seneca Rd. running radar.

A motion was made to accept the police report by Glenn Thomas. The Motion was second by William McNelis and carried.

**DPW REPORT**

Supervisor D'Amato reported for the month of June:

Replaced water shutoff at 7 Maplewood Ave.  
Cut bushes and grass & seeded on corner of W Maplewood Ave and Seneca Rd.  
Replaced water service on Seneca Rd.  
Install new shoulder on Avondale  
Clear storm sewers on Seneca Rd.  
Maintenance on Pump Station  
Sealing and paving & stripe village parking lot  
Install new shoulder on Bowen  
Lawn Maintenance  
Start project on corner of Third St. and Elmwood Ave.  
Community service project at Memorial Park  
Water problem on Cleveland Ave. by Nobilski property (will dig next week)

Supervisor D'Amato stated that there is a problem with the sewer drains on Jones St by Seneca Rd. and also on Gifford St. An area has collapsed in the road. The basin on Gifford St., by Mr. Mattie's property, is falling in. He estimates the cost to be around \$2000. It will be completed with in the next two weeks. This will move the project at Marick Park (behind the Burke property) into fall.

Trustee Thomas asked about the road paving on Third St. Supervisor D'Amato is going to repair only at this time. Paving will be done next year.

Trustee Libordi asked if there was going to be a new water line on Third St. Supervisor D'Amato responded that there isn't a plan for a new line. Mayor Falci asked Supervisor D'Amato to get an estimate from Hunt Engineers on the cost for a new water line. Putting a new line in may require digging up old asphalt. The DPW does not have the machinery for this and may need to borrow equipment.

There have been complaints from residents concerned over dumping on vacant land on Elmwood Ave. There are "No Dumping" signs and the Mayor has asked the Police Chief to investigate and contact the offending parties.

The Maintenance report was approved on a motion by Joseph Dick, second by Glenn Thomas and carried.

## **FIRE REPORT**

Fire Chief D'Amato reported for the month of June:

2 in Village  
3 in Town  
Total of 5 incidents

Fire report was approved on a motion by William McNelis, second by Mayor Falci and carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **SUGGESTIONS FOR POLICE DEPT**

Mayor Falci has talked to Chief Smith and Officer Richardson in regards to weekly scheduled hours. There are a maximum of 90 hours available each month and they are not being used. The trustees would like to see more hours covered and current weekly police schedules turned in to the Clerks' office.

Mayor Falci asked the committee for Public Safety to comment.

Trustee Libordi stated that we are not getting coverage on Friday and Saturday nights. Also the correct schedule is not being used. The Clerk will get the current schedule to Chief Smith. There was an officer who was hired based on his assurance that he would work weekends.

Trustee Thomas would like to see more night protection. There are too many cars speeding on Seneca Rd.

Mayor Falci would like to have the police car parked on Seneca Rd when not in use. Park the car on Cleveland Ave. at night and on Seneca Rd. on weekends.  
Mr. Poplowski who lives on Seneca Rd. said that the HAT bus is frequently seen speeding on Seneca Rd. He would like to see the speed trailer set up on Seneca.  
Trustee Libordi questioned the feasibility of putting a stop sign on Seneca Rd. Mayor Falci stated that it was previously discussed and residents did not want a sign. Mayor Falci suggested that Trustee Libordi make a proposal for the next meeting and schedule a public hearing.  
Chief Smith talked to someone at the State and he was informed that it was not legal to use a stop sign to reduce speed. Mayor Falci would like to investigate the option of a “dummy” placed in the car when not in use.  
Chief Smith will get the speed trailer when available to use thru out the village.

#### **FIRE HALL COMMITTEE**

Mayor Falci noted the Hornell City School is looking to buy the Elsenheimer garages and possibly our fire Dept could go in with the school.  
Trustee Thomas would like to have a meeting on July 16 at 7:30PM with the Fire Hall committee. Those attending are Joseph Dick, Phil D’Amato & his assistant chief Loren and Charlie Chick.  
Mrs. Marion Giles would like to see local contractors used instead of spending money with Hunt Engineers. Trustee Thomas noted that they had the name of one local contractor who will be asked to work on the committee. Trustee Dick informed Mrs. Giles that we have to adhere to state & federal regulations to build a fire station. We must have someone engineer the building first. We must decide on a location and what size building to construct. Once that is accomplished we can acquire financing.  
Trustee McNelis asked if we could use City of Hornell fire services. Trustee Thomas said the cost was too great. Fire Chief D’Amato noted that the City Fire Dept does not have the man power to take on the Village.

#### **SCHOOL SEQR**

Mayor Falci received two letters from the school system stating that on Monday July 2nd, the Hornell city school district plans on declaring itself lead agent for the purpose of undertaking a SEQR. They will be lead agent for two projects:  
-Purchase 4 ½ acres for new bus garage – old Elsenheimer garage  
-Construct 40,000 sq. ft. addition to the N. Hornell School for grades 6 – 8  
There will be several public hearings and any concerns may be addressed at that time.  
Trustee McNelis would like the village to be prepared in addressing the road usage during construction. The previous school project brought added heavy equipment trucks into the village and there was much damage done to roads at the village expense.

#### **ORDWAY PROPERTY**

Mayor Falci reported that he has been in contact with the City of Hornell regarding the sewer hook up to the Ordway property. The City confirmed that one lateral hook up is OK.  
The Dept of Health is not getting involved in one lateral sewer hook up and the DEC will probably not become involved. If it were two or three homes then they would most likely be involved.  
Mayor Falci would like to get a letter from the City stating that there will be no problems in connecting Mr. Ordway to the sewer system.

#### **OTHER**

Chief Smith – According to the schedule he was given, the Board didn’t want police out after 8PM and that is why no one was out during that time frame in the Sept – June schedule. He would like to meet with the Trustees on the scheduling. Trustee Libordi will talk with Chief Smith.

Trustee Dick would like to see the traffic counters placed on both entrances to Seneca Rd. for a few weeks.

Mayor Falci informed the Trustees and ZBA Chair Doug Dunn that Frankie Dieter would like to be considered for placement on the Zoning board. Mr. Dieter has presented a portfolio for consideration by the board. Mayor Falci would like the board to look at Mr. Dieter's portfolio by next months meeting.

Mr. Rich Scavo asked about hours at the town barns. He has had found that it is closed on a number of occasions. It was recommended that he use the City of Hornell's facilities.

#### **PAY BILLS**

A motion was made by Glenn Thomas to pay bills. The motion was second by William McNelis and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8PM and the next regular meeting scheduled for August 13, 2007.

Village Clerk  
Kristene Libordi