

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE NORTH HORNELL VILLAGE BOARD  
AUGUST 14, 2006**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mayor John Falci  
Trustees: Joseph Dick, William McNelis, Frank Libordi &  
Glenn Thomas  
Hornellsville Supervisor Ken Isaman  
Code Enforcement Officer James Scheider

**MAYORS OPENING REMARKS**

No news from Lowes. They are still working on permits. There is no new information to give to village residents concerning the Lowes project. The Mayor is concerned over recent claims that there have been meetings and questionable executive session with no information made available to residents. All meetings are well publicized either in the Tribune laser ads or in the classified section.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Joseph Dick, second by William McNelis to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2006 regular meeting. The motion was carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

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

**POLICE REPORT**

Police Chief Marcus Smith was not in attendance. The report was given by Mayor Falci. There were 8 complaints in the village during the month of July. 1 criminal, 5 general and 3 tagged cars. All tagged cars complied. Vehicle & traffic arrests – 3. A total of 82 patrolled hours during the month of July. Police dept has access to a radar machine. It will be placed on Cleveland Ave. to get people ready for school. The purpose is to make people aware of traffic speed. The police report was approved on a motion by Glenn Thomas, second by Joseph Dick and carried.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT**

DPW Supervisor Phil D'Amato reported repair work to a water leak in front of 15 Elmwood Ave. Work was done on Seneca Rd to mill down a recent bump. Large tree limbs were removed from Seneca Rd and Park St. Top soil and seed were applied to lawns on Avondale Ave. after paving was completed. Drainage problems were repaired on Wells and Cleveland Aves. Grass was cut and trimmed in Village right-of-ways. Work is being done on replacing old street signs in the Village. Work was contracted out to repair the floor in the fire hall and refresh paint lines (restriping) on Village roads. The board directed Supervisor D'Amato to contract another firm when restriping is done in the future. They were not happy with the contracting company "BaDaBing BaDaBoom" A motion to accept the DPW report was made by William McNelis, second by Glenn Thomas and carried.

**FIRE DEPT**

Chief Charlie Chick reported: Total incidents for the month of July 2006 were 13. The Village had 6, the Town 6, and Mutual Aid 1.  
The Fire Depts. annual "Boot Drive" is this Saturday from 9 AM to 3 PM. Yearly drive averages anywhere from \$100 to \$1000. There will be a parade in the village of Almond this September 9<sup>th</sup> for "Almond Days". The Fire Dept would like to send a fire truck. A motion to accept the fire report was made by Glenn Thomas, second by Joseph Dick and carried. A motion to accept the "Boot Drive" was made by Glenn

Thomas, second by Joseph Dick and carried. A motion was made to allow a fire truck to go to "Almond Days" in September by William McNelis, second by Joseph Dick and carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Relay for Life – A motion was made by Frank Libordi, second by William McNelis to contribute \$100 in memory of Mayor Steve Terry. Mayor Falci will call NYCOM on appropriateness for this donation.

Jake Falci was noted by the board for his many hours of work constructing the Villages new web site. A motion was made by Frank Libordi, second by Joseph Dick to send a \$50 gift certificate from Marino's restaurant to Jake as a thank you. Motion was carried.

Speed limit in Village alleys to be changed. A motion was made by Glenn Thomas, second by William McNelis to accept local resolution #2. Motion was carried.

Local Law No. 2

### **Resolved:**

That a proposal be accepted by the Village of North Hornell Board of Trustees to amend (see: section 131-5 and 131-9)131-25 of the Village of North Hornell Code. The maximum speed limit for: 1<sup>st</sup> Alley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alley and 4<sup>th</sup> Alley is established at ten (10) miles per hour.

It was suggested to put signs up in the Alley's "Children at Play" and possibly speed bumps. A public hearing is scheduled for September 11, 2006 at 6:45 PM., before the regular monthly meeting.

Donated fire car. A car was donated to the Village from the City of Hornell for the use of the Village Fire chief. It is a 2003 Impala with 84,000 miles. A quote from Elsenheimer Chevrolet to repair the transmission will be forthcoming. It will also need lights, emergency equipment and decals. The fire chief estimates to put the car into service it will cost around \$2500. The Fire chief would like the car in his possession at all times, enabling him to arrive to the fire scene first. Trustee McNelis would prefer that the car remain at the Village until needed. The Mayor believes that the Fire Chief should have the car to arrive at the scene as quickly as possible. "This is a life or death situation".

Trustee McNelis said that the car transfer should have been brought before the board of Trustees before it was accepted from the city. Trustees Joseph Dick and Frank Libordi were in agreement with Trustee McNelis. Trustee Glenn Thomas asked what happens when the car dies. "Does the Village replace it with a new car?" Trustee McNelis said that rules will have to be put into place. A motion was made by Glenn Thomas, second by Joseph Dick to accept the car and to pursue the repairs and decals. Motion carried and a policy will be created in the coming month as how the vehicle will be used.

NYCOM (New York Conference of Mayors) seminars will be held this October 2<sup>nd</sup> thru the 6<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Falci plans on attending October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. He is recommending that the Trustees also attend. It will be discussed at the September meeting.

The next village newsletter will be out in the second or third week of September.

Map room for the Village DPW consultant Gregory Zdanowski was discussed. Mayor Falci stated that Supervisor D'Amato is ready to come on board as the grounds superintendent and is working on his water works certification. The Mayor would like Greg to put maps on the auto cad system this fall. There is no room in the DPW office for Greg to work and it is suggested that an additional room be built. Trustee McNelis stated that the map work was supposed to be in progress and it is not getting done. He does not see the necessity of a room built for this. The Village hall has tables that Greg can use to finish the map work. It was suggested that Greg can work with a village resident who has experience with the AutoCAD software.

Mr. John Johnson asked about the Police car being parked in various locations and is the police officer working when not in the car. The board responded that the police were asked to park the car in various locations when not in use.

Mrs. Marion Giles stated that she has had dirty water off and on for the past week. Supervisor D'Amato said that there have been complaints for the past two weeks. There is a hydrant across from the Drs. Office on Mary St. that was turned on by a Tree Spring Truck illegally taking water. This may have caused the dirty water. The police have been made aware of the situation and will hopefully catch the offender.

Mrs. Giles brought up the fact that Mr. Gaffney is not going to build in Marick Park. She would like to know why she has not received the Army Corp of Engineer report. Mayor Falci responded that the Army Corp does not have the report approved. He also suggested that she contact Tom at the Health Dept. in regards to unaddressed issues pertaining to drainage in her development.

Mr. James Van Brunt addressed concern over zoning issues with the possibility of a Lowes development. Maybe the village should look at codes and changing them to give the Village more control over what is built. He does not want the Village to be at the mercy of Lowes. Mayor Falci stated that that we are not at the mercy of Lowes and that they will have to follow existing laws. The most stringent codes of the 2003 NYS Building code would prevail. Mrs. Giles stated that if the property was turned over to the City of Hornell, we could not enforce anything. Mayor stated that we would police it with the city. Mrs. Giles asked about annexation. Mayor Falci said there would be a public hearing for annexation.

Phil D'Amato stated that the Village has satisfied the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of drainage in Marick Park. Asked if he would be adding the extra 500' of drainage, he said yes it will go to the Sparro residence.

Trustee Joseph Dick informed the board that the Village can fax or mail to Dan from 911 a letter to transfer the telephone number from Bridge Com to a recording so to eliminate the Bridge Com monthly fee. This will cost around \$6 per month.

Trustee Dick also stated that the board has to be NIMS compliant by September 21, 2006. If we do not comply, we may not be eligible for FEMA grants if we were to have flooding. The tests can be taken on line.

Trustee Joseph Dick questioned the availability of a cell phone for all the police officers to use. The Public Safety committee will look into this and talk to Police Chief Marcus Smith.

Trustee Frank Libordi asked if the Village has a Plumbing inspector. Mayor Falci said he would talk to Code Enforcement officer James Scheider.

Trustee Joseph Dick questioned the bill from Hess Tree service. Supervisor D'Amato stated that the trees are on the Village right of way and are making a mess on resident's roofs. They are also obstructing the work on drainage pipes. A motion was made by Joseph Dick, second by William McNelis to have the trees removed. Motion was carried.

The board closed the regular meeting at 9:00PM to go into Executive session.

**Executive Session:** Trustee Frank Libordi is to contact Nathan from Steuben County Civil Service as to the classification of Consultant Gregory Zdanowski.

The board came out of executive session at 9:50PM and the Regular meeting was ended.

**Village Clerk**  
Kristene Libordi