

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE NORTH HORNELL VILLAGE BOARD
NOVEMBER, 18 2024 at 3:00pm
MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor: J. Joseph Ingalls
Clerk – Vanessa Scott
Treasurer Kristene Libordi
Deputy Clerk Alexandria Greenthal
Trustee Joseph Flint, Trustee Leroy Forshee, Trustee Elise McCollumn
Trustee Peter DiRaimondo - Absent
Chief Mike Robbins
Captain Chris Patterson
Residents: Rosalie DiRaimondo
Jim Bebout

The meeting was called to discuss the purchase of a new pumper truck for the Fire Department to replace Engine 85. The board and Fire Chief Robbins had a lengthy discussion about the tax rate examples provided by Chief Robbins. They discussed the number of repairs that have been done on Engine 85 to date and the number of repairs needed currently as well.

The board discussed their concern with raising taxes for the residents again and without knowing what other expenses would have to be taken in to account for the new budget year for each department and for employee wages, etc.

Trustee McCollumn asked Chief Robbins if he thinks this will be the only truck needing to be purchased for a while. She asked Chief Robbins if Engine 15 would be in good shape for another 20 years. Chief Robbins said he believes that truck is good for 20 years.

Questions were asked to Chief Robbins if he thought FEMA might be able to help with the purchase. Chief Robbins replied that FEMA doesn't consider assistance for anyone with a fleet 15 years old or newer so this leaves the Village of North Hornell out at this time.

The board discussed the possibility of putting a Permissive Referendum out to the public. This would give the public the opportunity to voice their opinion if they want to have this go to vote or if the board should work on getting the information out to the public through a mailing and then just put it to a referendum and hold a vote where the public will just decide after getting the information.

Clerk Vanessa Scott will contact NYCOM to get information of how to move forward with the presentation of the referendum and what needs to be done to put the referendum to vote. Clerk Scott also told the board if they are going to get information out to the residents, she would recommend using Penny Lane Printing. Save the village money and time. The board agreed. Chief Robbins will get the information to Clerk Scott to send to Penny Lane Printing after the board reviews the information and approves it to go for printing.

Treasurer Kristene Libordi will contact Municipal Attorney Elizabeth Russel at Mullen Associates. She offered to write up the Bond Resolution. She said there is certain information that needs to be in the document.

**REFERENDUM FOR PURCHASE OF PUMPER TRUCK RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 50-2024**

The following Resolution was offered by Trustee Elise McCollumn, seconded by Trustee Leroy Forshee and carried,

RESOLVED, that the Village of North Hornell Board of Trustees at the Special meeting on November 18, 2024 approved to move forward with a referendum to purchase a pump truck for not more than \$700,000.00.

	Aye	Nay
Mayor Ingalls	X	
Trustee Flint	X	
Trustee Forshee	X	
Trustee DiRaimondo	Absent	
Trustee McCollumn	X	

Respectfully submitted,
Vanessa Scott - Clerk