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REGULAR meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on
Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at 9
:05 a.m. at the City Building, 82 Main St., Hornell, N.Y.

PRESENT: Honorable Shawn D. Hogan, Mayor; Commissioners George Huffsmith and David Sengstock; Police Chief Paul Crowe; Fire Chief Vince Kelly; and City Clerk Robert J. Roberts.

AND FROM THE MEDIA: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Hornell High School student Courtney Henry.

ABSENT: None.

By Sengstock/Huffsmith:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting held Nov. 9, 2006 be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

By Huffsmith/Sengstock:

RESOLVED, that the Reports of Fire, Ambulance, Codes and Police be approved and ordered filed.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

By Sengstock/Huffsmith:

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$290,909.61 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

MISCELLANEOUS:

#1 – POLICY ON VOICE-STRESS ANALYSIS EQUIPMENT

By **Huffsmith/Sengstock:**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Public Safety of the City of Hornell, that the Hornell Police Department policy on use of the Voice-Stress Analysis Equipment be approved.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

ON THE QUESTION: Police Chief Crowe said the use of voice-stress analysis equipment – purchased with public safety funds – has proven science in its use for more

than two decades. It parallels the polygraph, but with less hardware, he said. Three members of the Police Department – Capt. Ted Murray, and Sergeants Tom Aini and Mike Sexsmith – the device would be used to eliminate or sustain suspects in criminal investigations, according to Chief Crowe. “We’re satisfied that this is going to be a very key piece of equipment in our investigations,” he said. Also, the voices-stress analysis equipment will be used in pre-screening of police applicants, and in other City departments if desired. Current employees are not required to use the device, but can volunteer, Chief Crowe said. Applicants will be asked three basic questions while on the machine, according to the Chief:

- Have you used any illegal drugs in the past five years?
- Have you ever assaulted anyone of the opposite sex?
- Have you done anything that you feel would disqualify you?

Commissioner Huffsmith and Mayor Hogan expressed concern that the equipment and its technicians not be used extensively by out-of-town agencies. Chief Crowe said it would be used only in high-profile, special-circumstance cases, such as a homicide investigation.

- Mayor Hogan noted Chief Crowe and Capt. Murray would be in Albany on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, to receive the department’s accreditation from the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services. The department was commended.
- Commissioner Huffsmith praised the Fire Department for its handling of the high volume of ambulance calls in November.

The Board of Public Safety recognized the assistance rendered by the police and fire departments during the previous weekend’s water-main break at Shawmut Park.

By Huffsmith/Sengstock:

RESOLVED, that this meeting adjourn 9:34 a.m.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Roberts
City Clerk