

REGULAR meeting of the Hornell Common Council was held on Monday, March 27, 2006, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at 82 Main St., Hornell, N.Y.

PRESENT: Honorable Shawn D. Hogan, Mayor; Aldermen Flaitz, Koehler, Norton, Foreman, Testani, Shepard, Hann, Lewis, and Carbone; City Attorney Joseph Pelych; Stenographer Karen Schu; and City Clerk Robert J. Roberts.

AND FROM THE MEDIA: Rob Montana of The Evening Tribune.

ALSO PRESENT: The Rev. Beth Kottemann; Corning Mayor Frank Coccho and Alderwoman Betty Coccho; and Hornell High School students Tyler Hoskins, Chris Kelly, Joe Manley, Brandon Davis, and Ryan Metcalfe.

ABSENT: Alderman Sciotti, due to attendance at a funeral.

INVOCATION: The Rev. Beth Kottemann of the United Methodist Church of Hornell.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Alderman Hann.

By

Flaitz/Norton:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the March 13, 2006, regular meeting be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Sciotti (1)

By Shepard/Koehler:

RESOLVED, that the Reports of Officers be accepted and placed on file.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Sciotti (1)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Feb. 23, 2006

**To: Honorable Shawn D. Hogan
and Members of the Common Council**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Audit Committee met and audited bills at

7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2006. Bills were audited and approved by members Jean Shepard, John Carbone, Glenn Hann, and Christopher Koehler, Chairman.

Bills audited and approved:

CC	\$847,722.94
CD	53,337.31
PAYROLL	<u>78,936.09</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$979,996.34</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Koehler
Chairman, Audit Committee

March 22, 2006

To: Honorable Shawn Hogan, Mayor
and members of the Common Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Youth & Recreation Committee met March 21, 2006, at 7 p.m. in the conference room. Members present were Bob Flaitz, Chris Koehler, Angelo Sciotti, Chairman Jean Shepard, and Recreation Director Dennis O'Brien. Also present was Glen Hann.

Items discussed:

Offering tennis lessons; the Dodger program; and starting a drama program.

Items approved:

Applicants for pool and playground.

2) Salaries for attendants, lifeguards, and supervisors

Park attendants -- \$6.75 per hour;

Lifeguards -- \$7.50 per hour;

Two pool attendants -- \$6.75 per hour;

Two supervisors -- \$8.25 per hour

Pool and playground schedules remain the same.

Pool opens June 16-19 on short hours, and June 24-Aug. 13 full hours

Parks open June 26-Aug. 11

Policies for park attendants and lifeguards remain the same.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Shepard
Chairman, Youth & Recreation Committee

March 25, 2006

To: Honorable Mayor Hogan
and members of the Common Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Finance Committee met on March 25, 2006, at the Council Chambers of City Hall at 10:45 a.m. Members present were Aldermen Norton, Flaitz, Koehler and Foreman. Also present was Mayor Hogan.

Items discussed:

A motion was made by Foreman, second by Norton, to enter executive session.

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ers discussed insurance bids.

A motion by Norton, second by Flaitz to exit the executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Foreman, Chairman
Finance Committee

By Testani/Koehler:

RESOLVED, that the Reports of Committees be accepted and placed on file.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Sciotti (1)

RESOLUTIONS:

#1 – APPROVAL OF 2006-07 GENERAL FUND BUDGET – HN-06-26

By

Testani/Koehler:

RESOLVED, that the 2006-07 City of Hornell budget be and is hereby approved.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Sciotti (1)

ON THE QUESTION: See Appendix K. Mayor Hogan noted there is no tax-rate increase in this budget, which he attributed to a 24.11-percent increase in the state Aid and Incentives to Municipalities program. That increase meant an additional \$262,664 to the City of Hornell. Without that aid, the Mayor said, the City would have had to raise taxes, make cuts, or both. He thanked the Finance Committee and Chairman Foreman. Alderman Koehler credited Mayor Hogan for lobbying for the increased state aid.

#2 – APPROVAL OF THE 2006-07 WATER FUND BUDGET – HN-06-27

By

Flaitz/Hann:

RESOLVED, that the 2006-07 City of Hornell water budget be and is hereby approved.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Sciotti (1)

ON THE QUESTION: See Appendix L. Mayor Hogan said the City's water system is wrapping up a major \$2.6 million project and still has other, smaller work that needs to be done. This budget reflects a 3-percent increase in the water rates, for a total of \$240 a year for City residents. He noted the City pays more than \$160,000 a year in taxes on its reservoirs, its plant, and its water lines.

#3 – APPORTION TAXES – HN-06-28

By Koehler/Norton:

WHEREAS, the budget report as adopted shows the amount to be raised by tax for the current year to be \$2,

598,487.00, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council does ascertain that the aforesaid sum of \$2,598,487.00 as above set out, be and the same is hereby levied according to the valuation upon the assessment roll for the current year, and the City Clerk and the Mayor along with the City Chamberlain be, and are hereby directed, in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter of Hornell, to apportion said sum levied on the assessment roll to be raised by tax, and to receive and collect same.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Sciotti (1)

#4 – AUTHORIZATION TO DRAW CHECKS – HN-06-29

By Testani/Shepard:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor, City Chamberlain and City Clerk be authorized to draw checks.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Sciotti (1)

#5 – DESIGNATING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES – HN-06-30

By Carbone/Hann:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Steuben Trust Co., HSBC, Five Star National Bank and Depository Trust Company of New York, Chase Manhattan Bank, and MBIA Municipal Investors Service Corp., be and are hereby designated official depositories for monies of the City of Hornell, N.Y., for fiscal year 2006-07.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Sciotti (1)

#6 – DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS – HN-06-31

By Flaitz/Koehler:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council does hereby designate The Evening Tribune as the Official Newspaper for 2006-07.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Sciotti (1)

#7 – APPOINTING WILLIAM MEREDITH TO PLANNING BOARD – HN-06-32

By Shepard/Norton:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council does hereby appoint William Meredith, of 21 Riverside Place, Hornell, to a term on the City of Hornell Planning Board, said term beginning immediately and expiring on Dec. 31, 2012.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Sciotti (1)

ON THE QUESTION: Mayor Hogan said Mr. Meredith would succeed the expired term of Robert Gaffney, who declined to be reappointed. Mr. Meredith's experience as a commercial loan officer at Steuben Trust would bring financial acumen to the Planning Board, the Mayor added.

#8 – CANCEL TAXES ON 99 STEUBEN ST. – HN-06-33

By Koehler/Testani:

WHEREAS, property located at 99 Steuben St. was sold by the County of Steuben for back taxes; and,

WHEREAS, unpaid City taxes for the years 1995 and 1996 are deemed uncollectable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following taxes be canceled:

1995 City – \$1,267.34

1996 City – \$1,336.84

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Sciotti (1)

#9 – EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS – HN-06-34

By Flaitz/Norton:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of Hornell, N.Y., hereby authorizes the expenditure of \$5,000 from Council Contingency account to cover the insurance deductible for the Frederick Tarantino lawsuit.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Sciotti (1)

PETITIONS: None.

CLAIMS:

By Koehler/Shepard:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$979,996.34, as audited by the Audit Committee of the Common Council of the City of Hornell, be approved and authorized paid as audited.

	Common Council	\$ 847,722.94
CD	\$ 53,337.31	
	Payrolls	\$ 78,936.09
	TOTAL	\$ 979,996.34

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Sciotti (1)

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Hogan introduced Corning Mayor Coccho and his wife, Betty. Mayor Coccho told the Council he and his wife attend out-of-town meetings to see how other municipal boards functions and said Hornell's Council meetings were "pretty well-organized." He invited City officials to visit Corning's meetings. Mayor Hogan also welcomed the high school students and the Rev. Kottemann.

By Shepard/Flaitz:

RESOLVED, that the Common Council adjourn at 7:32 p.m.

Carried – Ayes all (9)

Absent – Sciotti (1)

Shawn D. Hogan
Roberts
Mayor
Clerk

Robert J.
City