

REGULAR meeting of the Hornell Common Council was held on Monday, Jan. 9, 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, Sciotti, Foreman, Shepard, Hann, Lewis, and Carbone; City Attorney Joseph Pelych; and City Clerk Robert J. Roberts.

AND FROM THE MEDIA: Rob Montana of The Evening Tribune and Brian O'Neal of radio station WLEA.

ALSO PRESENT:

None.

ABSENT: Stenographer Karen Schu.

INVOCATION: Mayor Hogan.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Alderman Foreman.

By Flaitz/Sciotti:

RESOLVED, that minutes of the last meeting held Dec. 27, 2005, be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all (10)

Absent – None

By

Shepard/Norton:

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

Carried – Ayes all (10)

Absent – None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Jan. 9, 2006

To: Honorable Shawn Hogan, Mayor

Members of the Common Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Finance Committee met on Jan. 9 at 6:15 p.m. in the conference room of City Hall.

Members present were Aldermen Carbone, Flaitz, Norton, Koehler, and Foreman. Others present were” Rob Montana of the Evening Tribune and Brian O’Neil of WLEA.

Items discussed or acted upon are as follows:

- 1) Mayor Hogan informed the committee that Blue Cross/Blue Shield reduced their increase in premium costs from 20 percent to 7.82 percent at the urging of Mayor Hogan.
- 2) The projected pension cost bill will be \$692,249. Said amount will be in the 2006 budget, to be paid February 2007. This amount is down slightly from the previous budget.
- 3) The liability and compensation insurance figures are not currently in. These figures are expected in February.
- 4) Discussed the current status of the pending contract discussions with the various unions.
- 5) Motion by Koehler, second by Norton, to transfer \$10,000 from Council Contingency A9501.90 to Legislative Board Account 1010.49. All ayes.
- 6) Discussed the pending revaluation process and associated costs and procedures. A motion by Flaitz, second by Carbone, to place a resolution on the next Council meeting supporting the revaluation. All ayes.

The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Foreman
Chairman, Finance Committee

By

Flaitz/Koehler:

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

Carried – Ayes all (10)

Absent – None

RESOLUTIONS:

#1 – REAPPOINT MARK LABANOSKI TO ZBA – HN-06-01

By

Carbone/Foreman:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hornell, N.Y., that Mark Labanoski, of 25 Shamrock Lane, Hornell, be reappointed to the City of Hornell Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term that expires on Dec. 31, 2010.

Carried – Ayes all (10)

Absent – None

#2 – REAPPOINT CHARLES BERTRAM AS BINGO INSPECTOR – HN-06-02

By

Norton/Sciotti:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hornell, N.Y., that Charles Bertram of 1190 Webbs Crossing, Lot 79, RD#2, Green Acres Trailer Court, Hornell, New York, be reappointed as Bingo Inspector for the City of Hornell for a two-year term commencing Feb. 1, 2006, and expiring Jan. 31, 2008.

Carried – **Ayes all (10)**

Absent – None

#3– REAPPOINT JOSEPH PELYCH AS CITY ATTORNEY – HN-06-03

By Shepard/Koehler:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hornell, N.Y., that Joseph G. Pelych be reappointed as City Attorney for the City of Hornell for a two-year term commencing Feb. 1, 2006, and expiring Jan. 31, 2008.

Carried – Ayes all (10)

Absent – None

#4 – REAPPOINT ROBERT ROBERTS AS CITY CLERK – HN-06-04

By Carbone/Lewis:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hornell, N.Y., that Robert J. Roberts be reappointed as City Clerk for the City of Hornell for a two-year term commencing Feb. 1, 2006, and expiring Jan. 31, 2008.

Carried – Ayes all (10)

Absent – None

#5 – REAPPOINT TINA LEE AS DEPUTY CITY CLERK – HN-06-05

This resolution was pulled after the Common Council, City Attorney Pelych, and Mayor Hogan agreed this appointment was under the jurisdiction of the City Clerk, and did not need Council approval every two years.

#6 – REAPPOINT GEORGE HUFFSMITH AS PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSIONER – HN-06-06

By Carbone/Shepard:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hornell, N.Y., that George Huffsmith of 86 Bennett St., Hornell, N.Y., be hereby reappointed as Commissioner of Public Safety for a two-year term commencing Feb. 1, 2006, and expiring Jan. 31, 2008.

Carried – Ayes all (10)

Absent – None

ON THE QUESTION: Mayor Hogan noted Commissioner Huffsmith had served with his administration for 20 years. Aldermen Norton and Koehler asked that the Commissioner be given a certificate of appreciation for his effort. The Council voted unanimously, via a show of hands, to support such a certificate.

#7 – REAPPOINT DAVID SENGSTOCK AS PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSIONER –
HN-06-07

By

Carbone/Shepard:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hornell, N.Y., that David Sengstock of 15 Washington St., Hornell, N.Y., be hereby reappointed as Commissioner of Public Safety for a two-year term commencing Feb. 1, 2006, and expiring Jan. 31, 2008.

Carried – Ayes all (10)

Absent – None

#8 – REAPPOINT MICHAEL FUCCI AS PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONER –
HN-06-08

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Lewis/Sciotti:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hornell, N.Y., that Michael Fucci of 159 Seneca St., Hornell, N.Y., be hereby reappointed as Commissioner of Public Works for a two-year term commencing Feb. 1, 2006, and expiring Jan. 31, 2008.

Carried – Ayes all (10)

Absent – None

ON THE QUESTION: As with Commissioner Huffsmith noted in Resolution #6 above, Commissioner Fucci has been with the Hogan Administration for 20 years, the mayor noted. Commissioner Fucci too will be recognized with a certificate of appreciation, as approved unanimously by the Council in a show of hands.

#9 – REAPPOINT JOSEPH BOB AS PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONER – HN-06-09

By

Lewis/Sciotti:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hornell, N.Y., that Joseph Bob of 40 ½ Jane St., Hornell, N.Y., be hereby reappointed as Commissioner of Public Works for a two-year term commencing Feb. 1, 2006, and expiring Jan. 31, 2008.

Carried – Ayes all (10)

Absent – None

#10 – REAPPOINT ROBERT ROBERTS AS CITY MARRIAGE OFFICER – HN-06-10

By Norton/Flaitz:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hornell, N.Y., that Robert J. Roberts of 75 E. Washington St., Hornell, N.Y., be hereby reappointed as City Marriage Officer for a two-year term commencing Feb. 1, 2006, and expiring Jan. 31, 2008.

Carried – Ayes all (10)

Absent – None

#11 – EXECUTIVE SESSION – HN-06-11

By Lewis/Testani:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hornell, N.Y., that it enter into Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. Jan. 9, 2006, to discuss legal issues.

Carried – Ayes all (10)

Absent – None

By Shepard/Sciotti:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hornell, N.Y., that it ends Executive Session, in which no action was taken, and re-enters open session at 7:34 p.m. Jan. 9, 2006.

Carried – Ayes all (10)

Absent – None

PETITIONS: None.

CLAIMS: None.

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Mayor Hogan noted the Common Council committee assignments that were printed on a sheet and handed out at Monday's meeting to aldermen.
- Mayor Hogan recognized Alderman Hann's first meeting and Alderman Carbone's first meeting as an official elected in his own right.

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Flaitz/Shepard:

RESOLVED, that the Common Council adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Carried – Ayes all (10)

Absent – None

Shawn D. Hogan
Mayor

Robert J. Roberts
City Clerk