

REGULAR meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, July 20, 2006, at 4 p.m. at the City Building, 82 Main St., Hornell, N.Y.

PRESENT: Honorable Shawn D. Hogan, Mayor; Commissioner Joseph Bob; Water Pollution Control Plant Chief Operator Rich Dunning II; Water Filtration Plant Chief Operator Leonard Fucci [at 4:15 p.m.]; Public Works Superintendent David Oakes; and City Clerk Robert J. Roberts.

AND FROM THE MEDIA: Rob Montana of The Evening Tribune and Brian O'Neal of radio station WCKR-FM [at 4:15 p.m.].

ALSO PRESENT: Timothy Howell, 44 William St.

ABSENT: Commissioner Michael Fucci.

By

Bob/Hogan:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting held June 15, 2006, be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all (2)

Absent – Fucci (1)

By Bob/Hogan:

RESOLVED, that the Reports of Department Heads be approved and ordered filed.

Carried – Ayes all (2)

Absent – Fucci (1)

ON THE QUESTION: Chief Operator Dunning reviewed the previous day's bid opening for a SCAD

A system upgrade. He noted LaBella Associates previously estimated the project to be between \$40,000 and \$50,000; the bids received were for \$58,000 and \$214,000. The latter bid came from RL Stone, which Chief Operator Dunning said had a representative at the plant. The only explanation for the high bid, he said, was some kind of error in Stone's estimation process. LaBella will speak to both companies and ask how their estimates were reached; the project might have to be re-bid, Chief Operator Dunning said. Mayor Hogan noted a 16-million-gallon difference between the output at the Water Treatment Plant and what is treated at the Water Pollution Control Plant. A leaking 10-inch-diameter main on North Church Street that has been repaired might explain the difference, but Chief Operator Fucci said the volume of water flow still is high at his plant.

By Bob/Hogan:

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$390,803.99 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all (2)

Absent – Fucci (1)

MISCELLANEOUS:

#1 – NEW APPLICATION PROCESS FOR STREET-CLOSING REQUESTS

By Bob/Hogan:

RESOLVED, by the Board of Public Safety of the City of Hornell, that a new application process be implemented to handle residents' requests for the temporary closings of streets.

Carried – Ayes all (2)

Absent – Fucci (1)

ON THE QUESTION: Mayor Hogan noted the City Board of Public Safety approved this new form earlier today. City Clerk Roberts will implement the new policy in the City Policy & Procedure.

#2 – REQUEST TO USE JAMES STREET PARK BY ST. JAMES MERCY

By Hogan/Bob:

RESOLVED, by the Board of Public Safety of the City of Hornell, that St James Mercy Health System be allowed to hold its employee picnic in the field in front of the James Street Park pool house on Sunday, Aug. 27, 2006, and that electricity be supplied to the event as requested.

Carried – Ayes all (2)

Absent – Fucci (1)

#3 – AWARD DEMOLITION BID FOR 34-36 WASHINGTON STREET

By Bob/Hogan:

RESOLVED, by the Board of Public Safety of the City of Hornell, that Bid #04-06, a contract for the demolition and site clearance of properties at 34 and 36 Washington St., Hornell, be awarded to KS LaForge Excavating of Wellsville for \$14,341.75 lump sum for both properties.

Carried – Ayes all (2)

Absent – Fucci (1)

ON THE QUESTION: The houses were acquired by the City at a Steuben County tax sale. Both properties had illegally been converted to multiple-dwelling units. The City has paid \$900 to have asbestos removed from each unit.

William Street resident Timothy Howell asked the Board of Public Works to install a sidewalk on his street, around the curve to Fulton Street, where there currently is none. Mr. Howell produced signatures of support from the residents there, with the exception of one elderly resident who did not want to shovel snow off the walk in winter (which Mr. Howell said he would do). Mayor Hogan noted residents had rebuffed him and Public Works Superintendent Oakes in their previous efforts to put a sidewalk there. Mr. Howell and Mayor Hogan agreed there was a public safety concern there as some people walk in the road due to the absence of a sidewalk. Superintendent Oakes was asked to get the project going, and he said it could be done before the start of school, and no later than this fall.

By Bob/Hogan:

RESOLVED, that this meeting adjourn at 4:25 p.m.

Carried – Ayes all (2)

Absent – Fucci (1)

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Roberts
City Clerk