

REGULAR meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, June 21, 2007, at 4 p.m. at the City Building, 82 Main St., Hornell, N.Y.

PRESENT: Honorable Shawn D. Hogan, Mayor; Commissioners Michael Fucci and Joe Bob; Public Works Superintendent David Oakes; Water Pollution Control Plant Chief Operator Rich Dunning II; Water Filtration Plant Chief Operator Leonard Fucci; and City Clerk Robert J. Roberts.

AND FROM THE MEDIA: Jen Carpenter of The Evening Tribune.

ALSO PRESENT: None.

ABSENT: None.

By Fucci/Bob:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting held May 17, 2007, be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

By Bob/Fucci:

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

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

ON THE QUESTION: Mayor Hogan noted the City still is treating “a lot of water,” which has been an ongoing challenge since January. The City normally would treat 2.6 million gallons a day, Chief Operator Fucci said, but now is treating over 3 million gallons a day. That is about a million gallons more per day than is turning up at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

By Bob/Hogan:

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$514,515.55 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

RESOLUTIONS:

#1 – AWARD RIVER STREET BRIDGE CONTRACT

By Fucci/Bob:

RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Works hereby awards the contract for the replacement of the River Street Bridge over the Canisteo River to the low-bidder of Bid #0307, L.C. Whitford Co. Inc of Wellsville, at a bid price of \$2,717,150.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

ON THE QUESTION: Mayor Hogan said there was no much difference in the overall bids of the three companies interested in the project, which is an indication of how competitive the bids are. Officials hope to take down the bridge in late fall or early winter; due to the nine- or ten-month lead time for steel, the new steel might not arrive until early spring. The new steel will be ordered as soon as the contract is signed. Commissioner Fucci suggested not removing the old bridge until as late as possible.

#2 – AWARD SHAWMUT PARK LIGHTING CONTRACT

By Bob/Fucci:

RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Works hereby awards the contract for Bid #05-07, supplying lighting fixtures and appurtenances for Shawmut Park, to Maynard's Electric of Hornell at costs as specified in its bid opened June 21, 2007.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

ON THE QUESTION: Five requests for bids were sent out, but only one turned in, according to Mayor Hogan. Forty-eight lighting fixtures will be placed around the mile-plus paved walkway surrounding Shawmut Park. These fixtures are attractive because they are made of a heavy composite material that is cheaper than metal and more vandal-resistant. The total cost of the contract is less than \$30,000. Mayor Hogan said it is hoped these fixtures will be in place by the end of summer 2007, with grand opening at Shawmut in spring of 2006. City crews will do most of the installation of the fixtures, although some work at Shawmut – such as paving, building the pond deck, and building pond fountains – will be let out for bid and awarded via contract.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Chief Operator Dunning updated the Board on the status of New York Tributary Strategy for Chesapeake Bay Restoration. The plan wants to limit nitrogen and phosphorous introduced into waterways that eventually lead to the Chesapeake Bay. Chief Operator Dunning recently attended an information session in Bath. The City plant does a very good job of dealing with ammonia, he said, but not with changing nitrogen to nitrite because that request very expensive equipment. The City now averages 2.8 milligrams per liter of phosphorous, 15.7 milligrams per liter of nitrogen, which are not far off the standards set in Pennsylvania. Chief Operator Dunning said the City could lower its phosphorous reading by switching to another chemical to harden the gunk in its sewer lines. He advised the Board to “wait and see” what develops before taking specific action, such as spending nearly \$6 million as suggested by Stearns and Wheeler to remove nitrogen and phosphorous.

By Fucci/Bob:

RESOLVED, that this meeting adjourn at 4:36 p.m.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

Respectfully submitted

Robert J. Roberts
City Clerk