

REGULAR meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007, at 9 a.m. at the City Building, 82 Main St., Hornell, N.Y.

PRESENT: Honorable Shawn D. Hogan, Mayor; Commissioners George Huffsmith and David Sengstock; Fire Chief Dan Smith; Police Chief Ted Murray; and City Clerk Robert J. Roberts.

AND FROM THE MEDIA:

Jen Carpenter of The Evening Tribune.

ALSO PRESENT:

Alderman Glenn Hann, and Adams Avenue resident Vaughn Bates.

ABSENT: None.

By Sengstock/Huffsmith:

RESOLVED, that minutes of the last regular meeting, held Nov. 8, 2007, be adopted 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 \$369,882.19 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

MISCELLANEOUS:

#1 – APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH HOOPER AS CROSSING GUARD

By Sengstock/Huffsmith:

RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety hereby approves the appointment of Joseph P. Hooper, of 26 Elmwood Ave., Hornell, as a crossing guard.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

- Mayor Hogan reviewed the City's recent purchase of smoke alarms, in wake of a tragedy on Front Street. The alarms are for individual homeowners only, especially those who do not have sufficient alarms. The alarms were purchased at minimal cost through the City's Community Development program, the Mayor said. Fire Chief Smith has drawn up a liability-release form for those acquiring the alarms. Chief Smith said a number of residents already have taken advantage of the program, including some who did not previously own smoke alarms.
- Vaughn Bates asked the City to make sure streets like Adams Avenue are sufficiently cleared on the mornings of weather events. Most people on those hillside streets work, he said, and the streets aren't cleared of snow and ice when they leave in the morning. Mayor Hogan said the issue was brought to him by Alderman Hann. The problem is especially worse with freezing rain, such as occurred earlier this week, the Mayor said. The Department of Public Works relies on the Department of Public Safety for early notification of icy spots, Mayor Hogan noted, and with the most recent event the DPW was called at 5 a.m. and told that the hilly streets were sufficient and to focus on downtown intersections. Normally, the DPW does the hilly streets first and it takes the City's one salt truck about 75 to 90 minutes to run a complete loop around the City. "Certainly, we'll endeavor to do a much better job on notification and timeliness," Mayor Hogan told Mr. Bates. "We'll continue to make that a priority."
- Alderman Hann asked Police Chief Murray to ensure that motor vehicles at the Taylor/Buffalo street intersection are given the right of way by crossing guards, instead of being made to wait on the tracks with the potential of oncoming trains. Chief Murray said he would investigate.

#2 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

By Huffsmith/Sengstock:

RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety hereby enters into Executive Session at 9:21 a.m. to interview a candidate for Captain in the Hornell Fire Department.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

ON THE QUESTION: Commissioners interviewed Brian Tingley, who is Fire Chief Smith's recommendation for Captain and the number-one candidate on the Civil Service list. Chief Smith outlined Tingley's numerous credentials for the post. Commissioners agreed with Chief Smith's recommendation. The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:30 a.m.

#3 – APPOINT BRIAN TINGLEY AS CAPTAIN IN HORNELL FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Sengstock/Huffsmith:

RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety hereby approves the appointment of Brian Tingley as Captain in the Hornell Fire Department, effective Jan. 12, 2008.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

By

Huffsmith/Sengstock:

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

Carried—Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Roberts
City Clerk