

REGULAR meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, at 4:05 p.m. at the City Building, Park Drive, Hornell, N.Y.

PRESENT: Honorable Shawn D. Hogan, Mayor; Commissioner Joseph 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: Steven Hernacki of The Evening Tribune.

ALSO PRESENT: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Michael Fucci.

By Bob/Hogan:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting held Oct. 26, 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)

By Bob/Hogan:

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$529,417.88 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all (2)

Absent – Fucci (1)

ON THE QUESTION: Mayor Hogan and Superintendent Oakes noted the volatile price of fuel has resulted in asphalt and fuel costs at least 30 percent higher than last year. “It really puts a strain on the budget,” Superintendent Oakes said. Mayor Hogan said the DPW has limited spending except for emergency items.

MISCELLANEOUS:

#1 – CHANGING NAME OF JAMES STREET PARK

By Bob/Hogan:

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell wishes to honor the United States Armed Forces veterans, living and deceased, who honorably and bravely served their nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Works hereby authorizes that the City Park formerly known as James Street Park now be known officially as Veterans Memorial Park at James Street.

Carried – Ayes all (2)

Absent – Fucci (1)

ON THE QUESTION: Mayor Hogan said that a year ago, resident Billy Manry asked about doing something to recognize Hornell veterans. The initial thought was to make the green area in front of Steuben Trust a veterans park, but there are issues that have to be addressed with that lot, Mayor Hogan said. Rather than wait, he said, it was proposed to rename James Street Park. The Board of Public Works has control over parks and can name them, Mayor Hogan added. Over time, the City will do a monument and signage there to honor all branches of service, he said.

#2 – AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SEEK NYSDOT DETERMINATION

By :

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Works hereby authorizes Mayor Shawn D. Hogan to request that the Aviation Division of the New York State Department of Transportation issue a determination on the proposed heliport at its proposed location.

Carried – Ayes all (2)

Absent – Fucci (1)

ON THE QUESTION: Mayor Hogan said Heather Kaszynski of the Mayor's Planning Office is gathering information for the Planning Board on the proposed heliport at St. James Mercy Hospital, for which the City has SEQR lead agency status. The city wants the DOT's Aviation Division to review the project and issue a report for the Planning Board, but the agency will not without an official request from the City, Mayor Hogan said. In response to a question from Commissioner Bob, Mayor Hogan said the Federal Aviation Administration will have more comment on the project than the DOT, but the Planning Board will issue an advisory for the Common Council's Planning & Development Committee to consider.

The City last week experienced a major water break in a 20-inch-diameter main line at

Shawmut Park. “The good news is that the leak was found and repaired in the same day,” Mayor Hogan said. It is believed the leak was not discovered previously because the water leached into the river rather than came to the ground surface. The problem of the leak was exacerbated in that it occurred on a holiday – Veterans Day – and communication with residents was a problem. In the future, the City will have to have a clerical call-list to have someone man phones to answer questions in future emergencies. Many fire hydrants had to be opened to make the repair, which created the possibility of bacteria in the water lines, so the Health Department issued a boil-water advisory, Mayor Hogan said. The media and restaurants were alerted, but Chief Operator Fucci noted there never were bacteria in the system. Such water advisories are routine and a protective mechanism, Superintendent Oakes added.

By Bob/Hogan:

RESOLVED, that this meeting adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

Carried – Ayes all (2)

Absent – Fucci (1)

Respectfully submitted

Robert J. Roberts
City Clerk