

PUBLIC HEARING on Local Law #
3 of 2005, the redesignation of the Empire Zone in the City of Hornell, was held at 6:45
p.m. Dec. 12, 2005, at City Hall, 82 Main St., Hornell, N.Y.

PRESENT: Honorable Shawn D. Hogan, Mayor; Aldermen Flaitz, Koehler,
Norton, Sciotti, Foreman, Shepard, Smith, Lewis, Carbone, and Testani; City Attorney
Joseph Pelych; and City Clerk Robert J. Roberts.

ALSO PRESENT: Alderman-Elect Glenn Hann; Steve Dennis, Empire Zone
executive director; Rob Montana of The Evening Tribune; and Hornell High School
students Amanda McLaughlin, Melissa McNerney, Charles Booth, Tracy Greene, Jena
Ray, Danielle Muhleisen, Aaron Griffin, Monica Agrawal, Kimberly Wilson, Brennan
Canty, Eric Murawski, Lauren Willsey, Jake Falci, Raelyn Falci, and Scott Young.

Mayor Hogan said the public hearing was being held to solicit public comment on
the reconfiguration and redesignation of the Hornell Empire Zone. He noted new
legislation passed by the state Legislature last session limited the number of sub zones
that could be held outside the main zone, in an effort to reform Empire Zones and make
them more accountable.

Hornell is the main zone, he said, with outside zones in the City of Corning (964
acres), the Town of Erwin (145 acres) and the Village of North Hornell (about 38 acres).
The Mayor noted the Corning zone had to reduce some areas to meet the new guidelines,
while the Hornell zone was changed to reflect the additions of Maple City Park, the South
Yards, and the DOT specialty shops on Route 21 West. Also included is the portion of
North Hornell proposed for the new Lowe's store; there is an agreement with the Village
that if the property is not annexed into the city, the site will not remain in the Empire
Zone, Mayor Hogan said.

Alderman Koehler asked about the status of negotiations with the Village. Mayor
Hogan said they are going well and will pick up after the holidays.

Alderman Koehler also asked which projects could be considered the Hornell
zone's biggest success. Mayor Hogan named many different businesses that have been
helped by the zone, while Mr. Dennis noted the zone has created a net of 300 new jobs.

There being no further comment, the public hearing adjourned at 6:
59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Roberts
City Clerk