

REGULAR meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008, at 4 p.m. at the City Building, 82 Main St., Hornell, N.Y.

PRESENT:

- Honorable Shawn D. Hogan, Mayor; Commissioner Joseph Bob; Public Works Superintendent David Oakes; Assistant Public Works Superintendent Mitch Cornish; Water Filtration Plant Chief Operator Leonard Fucci; Water Pollution Control Plant Chief Operator Richard Dunning II; and, City Clerk Robert J. Roberts.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Steve Metzger of LaBella Associates.

ABSENT: Commissioner Michael Fucci.

By Bob/Hogan:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting held Dec. 20, 2007, 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 \$565,677.04 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all (2)

Absent – Fucci (1)

MISCELLANEOUS:

Chief Operator Fucci reviewed his Water Emergency Plan revisions due to the state Department of Health. He noted the original plan was done in 2003, and this revision was more detailed. The most significant change, Chief Operator Fucci said, was the process to notify state officials when water levels decreased to a point where the City could provide 3 million gallons a day for 60 days. Chief Operator

Fucci noted that even during the drought years of 1999 and 2007, reservoir #2 was at least full, if not spilling, while the other two reservoirs dropped. He also suggested the City address vulnerability concerns by putting fencing and video cameras by the plant. Mayor Hogan said there probably is federal money to help pay for security improvements.

- Steve Metzger of LaBella Associates brought final draws and change orders in connection with the Water Improvement Project.
- Chief Operator Fucci expressed concern about the corrosive effects of liquefied chlorine stored at facilities on Newcomb and Meeks hills after only a couple of years. He said he was never in favor of using liquefied chlorine there, and noted even stainless steel fixtures are deteriorating due to its presence. Chief Operator Dunning agreed, saying his Water Pollution Control Plant still suffers from oxidation 15 years after halting chlorine storage there. In response to a query from Mayor Hogan, Chief Operator Fucci said the simplest and best fix would be to have a separate building in which to house the chlorine.
- Superintendent Oakes suggested it might be time to review recycling in Hornell, particularly in educating the public about what is and is not recycled, as well as the recyclables-pickup schedule and emphasis on the fact that recycling is mandatory. Mayor Hogan agreed with Superintendent Oakes that more and more recyclables are entering the general waste stream. The Mayor noted the original solid-waste fee was \$75, but then was lowered to \$70; the Mayor said the fee may rise back to \$75 to reflect higher gasoline costs incurred by Lippincott's, the City's contracted waste-hauler.

By Bob/Hogan:

RESOLVED, that this meeting adjourn at 4:20 p.m.

Carried – Ayes all (2)

Absent – Fucci (1)

Respectfully submitted

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Robert J. Roberts
City Clerk