

REGULAR meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007, at 4 p.m. at the City Building, 82 Main St., Hornell, N.Y.

PRESENT: Honorable Shawn D. Hogan, Mayor; Commissioner Michael Fucci; 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: Commissioner Joseph Bob.

By Fucci/Hogan:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting held Jan. 21, 2007, be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all (2)

Absent – Bob (1)

By

Fucci/Hogan:

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

Carried – Ayes all (2)

Absent – Bob 1

ON THE QUESTION: Mayor Hogan noted the unusually high volume of water being treated at the Water Treatment Plant, upwards of 3.3 million gallons a day. Chief Operator Fucci thinks it may be attributable to residents who leave tap water running at night to prevent lines from freezing. Mayor Hogan noted the City could be in trouble if the high volumes continue up to summer. The Mayor also distributed Sal LaBella's report on the Water System Distribution Improvement Project, and asked the department heads to review the findings and recommendations in the report. "It is an acknowledgement of the outstanding issues we need to address," said the Mayor.

By Hogan/Fucci:

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$348,809.81 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all (2)

Absent – Bob (1)

MISCELLANEOUS:

#1 – REQUEST TO USE PARK FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH

By

Fucci/Hogan:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Works hereby approves the request by the Child Evangelism Fellowship to hold a public community outreach in Veterans Memorial Park at James Street from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. June 16, 2007.

Carried – Ayes all (2)

Absent – Bob (1)

#2 – REQUEST TO USE PARK FOR BOCES CAR SHOW

By

Fucci/Hogan:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Works hereby approves the request by the BOCES Auto Body Club to use the baseball field area at James Street Park, including water and electric, for its 11th Annual Car Show from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, May 27, 2007.

Carried – Ayes all (2)**Absent – Bob (1)**

Mayor Hogan noted the Water Pollution Control Plant's excellent performance in its annual report. "Some issues were brought to our attention, but Rich [Dunning] is taking steps to monitor and correct them," Mayor Hogan said. One of those issues is high level of metals in the City sludge, which Chief Operator Dunning thinks may result from landfill leachate treated at the plant. The City is a sludge-injection community, with the plant's sludge used as fertilizer for non-human consumable food. This approach has been in operation for more than 20 years, and Mayor Hogan estimated it has saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in tipping fees for the City, while area farmers save money on crop fertilizer. Chief Operator Dunning said the alternative treatment of the plant's sludge would involve drying and landfilling, which are "substantially more labor-intensive and expensive. "We have to be mindful ... to have [the sludge] as clean as possible," said the Mayor.

By Fucci/Hogan:

RESOLVED, that this meeting adjourn at 4:25 p.m.

Carried – Ayes all (2)

Absent – Bob (1)

Respectfully submitted

Robert J. Roberts
City Clerk