

REGULAR meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Aug. 12, 2004, at 10 a.m. at the City Building, 82 Main St., Hornell, N.Y.

PRESENT: Honorable Shawn D. Hogan, Mayor; Chief of Police Paul Crowe; Fire Chief Vincent Kelly; Commissioners George Huffsmith and David Sengstock; and City Clerk Robert J. Roberts.

ALSO PRESENT: Capt. Ted Murray and Sgt. Mark Mahoney of the Hornell Police Department; and, Codes Enforcement Officer Tim Aiken.

FROM THE MEDIA: Jonathan Mark of radio station WKPQ; and, Kyle Torok of The Evening Tribune.

ABSENT: None.

By Huffsmith/Sengstock:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting held July 15, 2004, be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all (3).

By Sengstock/Huffsmith:

RESOLVED, that the Reports of the Fire, Ambulance, Codes and Police be accepted and ordered filed.

Carried – Ayes all (3).

By Sengstock/Huffsmith:

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$196,865.70 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all (3).

MISCELLANEOUS:

1) APPROVAL OF RIDE-ALONG WITH HORNELL FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Huffsmith/Sengstock:

RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety approves a request for a ride-along with the Hornell Fire Department for BOCES student Casey Ellis, to take place in August 2004.

Carried – Ayes all (3).

ON THE QUESTION: In response to a question from Mayor Hogan, Fire Chief Kelly said the ride-along was part of a BOCES program in fire/EMT studies that would provide

course credit to the student. Chief Kelly also said BOCES would provide liability insurance and working papers for the student.
Carried – Ayes all (3).

2) PARKING RESTRICTION FOR SPENCER AVENUE

By Huffsmith/Sengstock:

WHEREBY the narrow width of Spencer Avenue and the proximity of parked vehicles frequently create traffic problems on the street for vehicles turning onto the street from Canisteo Street,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety approves increasing the current parking restriction on Spencer Avenue from the present 35 feet to 55 feet along the northerly curb line, from the westerly curb line of Canisteo Street, west to a distance of 55 feet.

Carried – Ayes all (3).

ON THE QUESTION: Mayor Hogan said the proposed restriction will be forwarded to the Law & Ordinance Committee of the Common Council for further consideration.

3) APPROVAL OF WORK TRAILER ON HORNELL STREET

By Sengstock/Huffsmith:

RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety approves a request by John Kuhn Plumbing, Heating & Cooling, Inc. to park a work trailer on Hornell Street from August 2004 to January/February 2005.

Carried – Ayes all (3).

ON THE QUESTION: Mayor Hogan said the work trailer should not prove to be a problem as long as it does not block traffic.

4) APPROVAL OF TASERS IN HPD PATROL VEHICLES

By Sengstock/Huffsmith:

WHEREBY it is believed the use of Taser electrical devices will provide a non-lethal option in cases where the Hornell Police Department must deal with violent individuals; and

WHEREBY such violent individuals often are a threat to the public and to police officers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety approves the placement of Taser electrical devices in Hornell Police Department patrol vehicles.

Carried – Ayes all (3).

ON THE QUESTION: Police Chief Crowe said Tasers would be used as a tactical, non-lethal instrument of last resort in controlling violent individuals. The use of Tasers would require supervisory-, if not command-level, approval, and would be used only in

situations of a high probability to police officers or the public, according to Police Chief Crowe. Officers will be trained on the devices, and the Hornell Police Department will establish a rigid policy regarding the use of Tasers, he said. The department expects to purchase four Tasers, at a cost of \$800 apiece, to be paid out of the department's equipment fund. Mayor Hogan said he did not have a problem using Tasers as an alternative to deadly force.

- Mayor Hogan noted the receipt of correspondence from Gene Mastin, athletic director of Hornell High School, noting that city police and firefighters are to be honored on Sept. 10. Both departments will have representatives at the ceremony, which will take place before the start of Hornell High School's first home football game.

By Huffsmith/Sengstock:

RESOLVED, that this meeting end at 10:20 a.m.
Carried – Ayes all (3).

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Roberts
City Clerk