

REGULAR meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005, at 10 a.m. at the City Building, 82 Main St., Hornell, N.Y.

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

AND FROM THE MEDIA:
Rob Montana of The Evening Tribune.

ALSO PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

By Huffsmith/Sengstock:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting held Aug. 11, 2005, be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

By Sengstock/Huffsmith:

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

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

By Huffsmith/Sengstock:

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$193,795.22 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

MISCELLANEOUS:

1) REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR WALK FOR HUNGER

By Huffsmith/Sengstock:

RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety hereby approves the request by the Rev. David Kilgore to hold the annual Walk for Hunger on Oct. 2, 2005, and to render assistance for traffic control.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

2) REQUEST FOR BLOCK PARTY ON WESLEY AVENUE

By Sengstock/Huffsmith:

RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety hereby approves the request by Christine Locker, of 34 Cameron Ave., to hold a block party on Wesley Avenue on Sept. 17, 2005.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

ON THE QUESTION: Mayor Hogan noted it is understood that Wesley Avenue will remain accessible to public safety vehicles even though it will be blocked off.

3) REQUEST FOR A NEW TAXI BUSINESS

ON THE QUESTION: Vehicles for the proposed business by Robert Wise are still being inspected, so the request is tabled until next month. Mayor Hogan asked City Clerk Roberts to come up with suggestions on how to deal with taxis that are based outside the City and operate in Hornell illegally.

4) NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN ON RAIDER DRIVE

By Sengstock/Huffsmith:

RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety hereby accepts the recommendations of Police Chief Paul Crowe to post Raider Drive as a one-way street from the southerly entrance into the rear High School parking lot to State Street, with traffic exiting only from Raider Drive onto State Street, and that the section of Raider Drive from the southerly entrance into the rear High School parking lot to Adsit Street will be posted two-way.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

ON THE QUESTION: See Appendix A. Police Chief Crowe said present traffic patterns on Raider Drive result in a bottleneck at State Street. The new configuration – which is to be voted on Sept. 12, 2005 by the Common Council and its Law & Ordinance Committee – are designed to relieve that congestion. The key to making this successful, according to Mayor Hogan, is educating the public about the changes through proper signage.

5) RESIGNATION OF POLICE OFFICER SCOTT RICHARDSON

By Huffsmith/Sengstock:

RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety hereby accepts the resignation of Scott Richardson as a police officer in the Hornell Police Department, effective immediately.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

ON THE QUESTION: Mayor Hogan said Officer Richardson was working in the HPD in a temporary capacity and now, after getting a job with Steuben BOCES, the City wished him well. There is an existing Civil Service list for police officers, effective through March 4, 2006, the mayor said. Civil Service now will canvass eligible candidates for what is a contingent-permanent position due to the year's leave of absence granted to former officer Scott Lashbrook. The officer position to be filled is permanent, contingent upon the decision by Mr. Lashbrook to remain in Florida.

6) REJECT BIDS AND AUTHORIZE NEW BIDS

By Huffsmith/Sengstock:

RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety hereby rejects all bids submitted in August 2005 for the purchase of a new ambulance, and authorizes Fire Chief Vince Kelly to solicit new bids.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

- Mayor Hogan said the City of Hornell has not been contacted by either the State Emergency Management Office or the Federal Emergency Management Agency about responding to the recent Hurricane Katrina disaster along the Gulf Coast. Both Mayor Hogan and Chief Kelly noted there appeared to be confusion among the various agencies regarding soliciting of help, such as police or fire, or making public housing available to survivors. Meanwhile, Mayor Hogan urged residents to “open their hearts and their pocketbooks,” while being wary of frauds in the name of Katrina relief.
- Mayor Hogan noted the Maple City Fall Festival would be held all day Sept. 10, 2005, at James Street Park. Participants include the City's police and fire departments.

By

Sengstock/Huffsmith:

RESOLVED, that this meeting adjourn at 10:24 a.m.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert J. Roberts
City Clerk