

REGULAR meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Thursday, Dec. 11, 2008, at 9:05 a.m. at the City Building, 82 Main St., Hornell, N.Y.

PRESENT: Honorable Shawn D. Hogan, Mayor; Commissioner George Huffsmith; Commissioner David Sengstock; Fire Chief Dan Smith; Police Chief Ted Murray; Jeff Johnson, Neighborhood & Facilities Director; and City Clerk Robert J. Roberts.

AND FROM THE MEDIA: Brian O'Neal of radio station WLEA-WCKR.

ALSO PRESENT: None.

ABSENT: None.

By Sengstock/Huffsmith:

RESOLVED, that minutes of the last regular meeting, held Nov. 13, 2008, be adopted as read.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

By Huffsmith/Sengstock:

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

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

REPORTS FILED: HPD 11/2008; HFD 11/2008; Codes 11/2008.

By Huffsmith/Sengstock:

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$349,263.90 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

MISCELLANEOUS:

#1 – APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS HILFIGER AS HFD CAPTAIN

By Sengstock/Huffsmith:

RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety hereby approves the permanent appointment of Thomas Hilfiger as captain in the Hornell Fire Department, retroactive to Nov. 13, 2008.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

ON THE QUESTION: Mayor Hogan noted this resolution was necessary because,

after interviews and selection of a Fire Captain at last month's meeting, the Board never actually voted on the appointment.

Mayor Hogan said there are two sergeant vacancies in the Hornell Police Department to be filled. Police officers Paul Crowe, Jr. and Matt Linehan are on the Civil Service sergeant's list, but six other officers expressed interest after the jobs were posted. All eight are to be interviewed in executive session by the Public Safety Commissioners after this regular meeting. "These are critical positions and now they are more critical than ever because sergeants are really are first-line supervisors," said the Mayor. Lately, however, sergeants have acted more as regular officers than as first-line supervisors, he said. The Mayor added that he and Chief Murray agree that sergeants will have to function as managers and role models for the officers. If the sergeant posts are filled from the Civil Service list, they will have six-month probations, according to the Mayor. If the posts are filled off the list, they will be provisional appointments until the next Civil Service test can be given.

The Board of Public Safety entered into executive session at 9:11 a.m. to interview candidates for two sergeants' positions in the Hornell Police Department. Executive session ended

- at 11:39 a.m.

#2 – APPOINTMENT OF TWO SERGEANTS IN HPD

By Huffsmith/Sengstock:

RESOLVED, that the City of Hornell Board of Public Safety hereby approves the appointments of Chad Mullen and Matthew Linehan as sergeants in the City of Hornell Police Department, both appointments effective Jan. 1, 2009; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Matthew Linehan's appointment is probationary for six months, and that Chad Mullen's appointment is provisional until the next Civil Service sergeant's exam is administered.

Carried – Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

By Sengstock/Huffsmith:

RESOLVED, that this meeting adjourn at 11:40 a.m.

Carried—Ayes all (3)

Absent – None

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Roberts
City Clerk