

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH HORNELL VILLAGE BOARD
JANUARY 8, 2007**

Attendance: Mayor John Falci

Trustees Deputy Mayor William McNelis, Glenn Thomas,
Joseph Dick & Frank Libordi
Village Clerk Kristene Libordi
DPW Supervisor Phil D'Amato
Police Chief Marcus Smith
Fire Chief Phil D'Amato
ZBA Chairperson Douglas Dunn
CEO officer James Scheider

MAYORS OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Falci thanked all employees and volunteers of the Village for their services throughout the year. He also noted that the Village is in excellent financial condition with only two outstanding debts: paying off the fire truck in the amount of \$60,000 and a \$50,000 pay off for the Sewer pump station. Both debts are to be paid off by 2008. In the near future there is the possibility of a new fire tanker purchase and a new fire hall. The existing fire hall will not accommodate an new tanker. The board is looking into all options. The mayor asked for public input on a new fire hall. The Mayor stated that there is talk of more development in the Village - much of this talk is rumor. Other than Lowes giving some preliminary plans, there is no other news. The plans will go to the planning board and then a public hearing.

MINUTES

Minutes from the December 11, 2006 meeting were approved on a motion by William McNelis, second by Glenn Thomas and carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Not available. The clerk is still looking into the overage on line item A1490.12

POLICE REPORT

Report given by police Chief Marcus Smith. For the month of December there was one criminal complaint and three general complaints. There was one motor vehicle accident and one assist to the Hornell Police dept. A total of 50 patrol hours worked including two hours of court time. Chief Smith also noted that the dept is experiencing problems with the police car's light bar. Mayor Falci requested that a police car be positioned near the stop sign on Elmwood and Second St. He has viewed two residents traveling from the direction of Heather Heights into the Village who consistently go thru the stop sign with out slowing down and stopping. Chief Smith will oblige the Mayor. A motion was made by Glenn Thomas to accept the police report, second by William McNelis and carried.

DPW REPORT

Report Given by Supervisor D'Amato. DPW has installed new street signs in the Village. Christmas trees are being picked up and disposed. All storm drains and sewer drains have been cleaned (entire village complete). A new gate has been installed at the DPW garage next to the Reynolds property. Supervisor D'Amato and Gregory Zdanowski have been updating the village maps and files. Work has also been done with local contractors on building projects within the village. Supervisor D'Amato has been attending classes in Corning for his water license.

Trustee Libordi asked for the "no" parking dates on Village Streets. Also if parking ticket have been issued. This would seem critical once snow removal begins. The dates noted as December 1st thru April 1st

between the hours of 2AM to 6AM. Supervisor D'Amato stated that it has been on the Village web site, in the village newsletter and he has personally talked to residents at fault. Police Chief Smith will be issuing tickets during snow fall.

Supervisor D'Amato would like to see no parking signs on both sides of Welles St. There has been an issue with employees from Mercy Care parking on both sides of the street during there breaks which blocks the flow of traffic. Also much littering. A motion was made to put up no parking signs on both sides of Welles St. by Mayor Falci, second by Joseph Dick and carried. A motion to accept the DPW report made by William McNelis second by Joseph Dick and carried.

FIRE REPORT

Fire report given by Fire Chief Phil D'Amato. A total of 9 incidents for the month of December; 7 in the Town and 2 mutual aid. On January 14th the fire dept will be sending 1 engine and 5 fire fighters to a drill on Crosby Creek Rd. Phil D'Amato is now the North Hornell Fire Chief. Charlie Chick resigned last month. A motion made by to accept the fire report by William McNelis, second by Glenn Thomas and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Caucus for Republican and Democratic parties must be held between January 23rd & 30th. Elections are in March with two trustee seats open.

There will be a Public hearing on Wed night at the North Hornell Village Hall and Thurs at the Arkport Village Hall for information regarding the Towns reassessment of all parcels.

Trustee Libordi asked why the fire chief's car was taken off the agenda last month. How does a trustee get something put on the agenda? Trustee Libordi and Trustee Dick wanted info on all the expenses relating to the Chiefs car put on last months agenda. Mayor Falci said to send a note to the Clerk and have her put their requests on the agenda.

Fire Chief D'Amato would like the board's permission to sell the Fire Chiefs car. He will be using his personal truck for fire calls. The funds from the sale of the car can be used to reduce the overage in the fire budget. He was told that he could get \$3500 to \$4000 at auction for the car. Radio, lights and siren will be taken off. He would also like to sell the '79 Van. The van is presently being used for traffic control. Previously it stored the thermal imaging cameras which are now in the engines. The van is not considered a necessary vehicle. He estimates possibly \$1000 to \$1500 for the van at auction. The Chief would like in the future to purchase a four wheel drive pick up truck to be used for storms or flooding and to put a pump and chain saws in the back. He noted that the North Hornell Fire Dept is specified as a Storm team along with Canisteo and Arkport. Specified through Steuben County. As a storm team, a four wheel drive vehicle is a prerequisite. Trustee Libordi asked if the designation was mandatory. This specification is not mandatory and the county does not donate any funds for vehicles. Trustee Dick replied that it is a voluntary action. Mayor Falci asked if the DPW truck could be used. Trustee Dick replied that there have to be emergency lights on the vehicle. He would have to talk to the County to see if this is a possibility. A motion was made by William McNelis to sell at auction both vehicles, the Fire Chief car and the '79 van. Motion was second by Frank Libordi and carried.

Police Chief Marcus Smith would like to purchase a new light bar for the police car. The one he is requesting is an LED package for \$700. The present light bar is ineffective and a safety hazard. It is the least expensive of the three quotes he received. A motion was made by Joseph Dick to purchase a light bar and installation for the police car. Motion was second by William McNelis and carried.

Trustee Dick would like to stop any development on 2nd, 3rd and 4th Streets until drainage issues are resolved. The Hunt Engineering Study of 1st St. needs to be implemented. The home under construction on 3rd St. can continue but no new building permits are to be issued (the exception of homes being constructed on already existing Village streets). Mr. James Bebout on the corner of 3rd and Elmwood is still getting water on his property from the west side of 3rd St. He would like to see the water channeled towards the east side of the road. DPW supervisor plans on running new drainage and DI's on 3rd St. in the spring. Right now there is no storm sewer on 3rd. He would also like permission to: extend the water and sewer main past the property line of the new house on 3rd St., put in new curbs, and resurface the road on 3rd. A fire hydrant should also be installed.

Mayor Falci asked that Supervisor D'Amato present at the February board meeting a list of priorities for the spring and summer jobs along with costs.

Trustee Joseph Dick is concerned that local contractors and plumbers are working for Village residents and not complying with Village code that states they must file and pay for a license to work in the Village. He would like to see the code enforced or removed from the books. Village code states that all contractors and plumbers purchase a \$10 license to show proof of insurance and plumber's license. CEO Officer Jim Scheider asked that the village inform the town as to what license is required before building permits can be issued. It was suggested by the Trustees that a notice be placed in the newspaper stating the village code for contractors and plumbers working in the Village. It was also suggested that homeowners are notified that there is a code.

Trustee Dick noted that New York State has a revolving loan program at 2.5% interest. The board may want to take advantage of this program if a new fire hall were to be built. There was discussion on moving the Fire hall to the current DPW location and moving the DPW to the current Fire hall location. Trustees McNelis and Libordi have been investigating the feasibility of moving the two locations. Mayor Falci stated that all options and costs are to be considered.

Trustee Dick informed the board that Pictometry has been updated and the Village should take the computers external hard drive to Bath to be updated. The county will no longer provide that service on site.

Mayor Falci asked the Clerk to explain what she has done in regards to the law #662. She is planning on burning CD's from the original program she received from ZBA chair Doug Dunn. These can be given to all members of the ZBA board and the Planning board. A hard copy will be available at the Village hall.

Mayor Falci made a motion to adopt a resolution to hold board meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month during Jan Feb and Mar with no department reports presented on the 4th Monday. The motion was second by Trustee Dick and carried with one nay vote from Trustee McNelis.

Transfer of Funds for the new DPW truck and plow were approved on a motion by Mayor Falci, second by William McNelis and carried.

PAY BILLS

Motion to pay bills made by Glenn Thomas, second by Joseph Dick and carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board went into executive session at 8:50 PM to discuss Marick park issues. Executive session ended and the meeting was adjourned at 10PM

Village Clerk

Kristene Libordi

