

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH HORSELL VILLAGE BOARD
DECEMBER 8, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Falci
Trustees: Deputy Mayor William McNelis, Glenn Thomas,
Joseph Dick and Frank Libordi
Clerk Kristene Libordi
DPW Supervisor Greg Zdanowski
Fire Chief Phil D'Amato
ZBA Chair Doug Dunn
ZBA Pete DiRaimondo
Zoning Officer Mark Norfolk
Police chief Marcus Smith
Historian Walter Rutski
Robert Ranger – Morton Buildings
Evening Tribune rep Justin Head

MAYORS OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Falci went over the agenda. The Trustees were given a folder containing information regarding the new fire hall and conceptual plans on the St. James expansion. Representatives from St. James to be in attendance to explain.

MINUTES

Trustee William McNelis motioned to accept the October Minutes. Second by Mayor Falci and carried. Discussion: Trustee Glenn Thomas noted that page two on October 20th minutes to be corrected to "The firefighters said the new truck would not be on the road until January '09". Clerk to correct. On page two October 20th the resolution should be corrected to read "carried" and not "carried unanimously". The clerk to correct.

Trustee Libordi referring to first page of October 20th the fire truck. He asked Chief D'Amato if he talked to Town Supervisor Isaman about the tanker or the ladder truck. Chief said the ladder truck. Trustee Libordi also asked about the purchase of supplies. Are you going to continue to purchase cartridges for the printers? Chief D'Amato said they will continue to purchase them until the next budget year. Then the Village will pay only for the fax machine cartridges. Trustee Libordi asked if the building on Wightman Ave. has been taken down and Chief said no. Trustee Libordi asked for the list of all firefighters who have passed the EVOG course. Chief D'Amato said yes he has the list and will present it.

Mayor Falci noted that he had an email from Jim Scheider stating the Wightman Ave. building has been condemned.

Motion made to accept the November minutes by Mayor Falci, second by Glenn Thomas and carried. Trustee Libordi asked if the Mayor had any new information on the removal of the mail box in front of village hall. The Mayor was in touch with the Hornell Postmaster who was instructed from the Buffalo office to have it and several others in the City removed. They are closing mail boxes around the state. The Mayor also mentioned that the comptroller's office informed the village clerk they will audit the fire books if fraud is suspected. The Mayor would like to have the books inspected by a CPA at the cost of \$400 to \$700. The Mayor does not suspect fraud. The inquiry is related to the 2% insurance money that came into question over the summer.

TREASURERS REPORT

Motion made to accept the Treasures report made by Mayor Falci, second by Trustee Thomas and carried. Trustee Libordi asked about the Fire contractual with 0 in the remaining balance. The Clerk noted that monies will have to be transferred thru out the fiscal year.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Smith gave the November report:

Complaints General	2
Arrests	9
Assists HPD	2
Ambulance	1
Hours worked	95

Several property checks completed at residents request. More enforcement of drivers observing stop sign on Elmwood and Third St. Property check at Lowes development.

Trustee Libordi made a motion to accept the police report, second by Trustee McNelis and carried.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Supervisor Zdanowski reported:

- Winter maintenance on equipment
- Snow & ice control
- Preparing signs
- Repairs to building

Trustee Thomas made a motion to accept Maintenance report, second by Mayor Falci and carried.

FIRE REPORT

Fire Chief D'Amato reported:

- Christmas parade on December 20th. Meet Santa at 5PM and parade at 6PM

- Preventative maintenance on both engines done in house

- Attic has been cleaned and 2 ½ tons thrown away or put aside for ladder truck

- New training ground will be behind the old Kmart plaza and will be leased for 1 year by the fire department.

- Presently seeking members for the Fire police. Any interested residents see the Chiefs. (Non fire duties)

- Ladder truck being lettered and will be done this Thursday.

- Asking for \$200 from the Village for the Christmas parade.

Trustee Libordi asked about the Churchville/Chili maintenance on the trucks and if it was done satisfactorily. Chief D'Amato said there was a problem with some of the work they did. The chief has called and Churchville has not responded. Trustee Libordi asked that the Chief report back to the board next month regarding the response. Trustee Libordi asked if the pedometer was found when they cleaned out the attic and the Chief said yes.

Trustee Thomas motioned to accept the Fire report, second by Trustee McNelis and carried. The Mayor asked if we do not use Churchville do we have an alternative. Chief said he has the name of a company located in the Horseheads area.

Mayor Falci motioned to give the Fire department \$200 for the Christmas parade, Santa and gifts, second by Trustee Thomas and carried.

HISTORIAN

Historian Rutski talked about the current pictures on display at Village Hall.

- The original Bethesda hospital located at the end of W Maplewood Ave. and Cleveland Ave.

- North Hornell Firemen and residents on the river bridge at the south end of the Village during the '72 flood watching kids going rafting.

- 1982 picture of the inside of the fire hall & its crowded condition. Has not changed.

- The Point restaurant on April 28, 1990 in flames from a fryer explosion. The North Hornell fire department was on the scene.

- Seneca Rd in the winter of 1905. Shows telegraph poles and no snow plows.

OLD BUSINESS

The Trustees need to get their articles to the Clerk by Thursday for the News Letter.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Ranger from RWR Funding was introduced by Mayor Falci. Mr. Ranger works with Morton Builders and will handle the funding of the new Fire hall. His company concentrates on tax exempt financing for municipalities and volunteer fire departments. He would handle the entire bonding process for the Village. Mr. Ranger noted that new regulations from the State Comptrollers office state that any project for a municipality that does not exceed \$500,000, does not have to be put out on public bid, but still must use the county wage rate. (Over \$500,000 require public bid.) The bonding process requires a full vote by the tax payers or a permissive referendum. A local attorney is used and the bonds can be done on a private placement thru a local bank or sold on a public capitol market. The bonds are closed prior to construction and put into an escrow account to earn interest, but not more than the cost of the interest of the bond. There is a contract form that is signed by an architect (AIA form) to guarantee that the work is being done satisfactorily and up to the amount of the progress payments. His company keeps the board and Mayor informed and will take care of the bond process.

Mrs. Giles asked what the cost would be. Mr. Ranger stated usually 2% of the amount of the project. Mayor Falci asked if they would deal with a local bank. Mr. Ranger stated that local banks usually do not like to give long term fixed rates. However they have found that the credit quality of the municipality is generally very good and looked upon favorably by banks. They will extend a fixed rate amortization longer.

Mr. Ranger will take back the Villages "wish list" for the Fire hall to Morton Builders. Morton Builders should be ready for a presentation at the January 12th meeting.

Mary Barnes asked how the Village decides what attorney they will use. The Mayor stated that the attorney is appointed by the Mayor.

Mrs. Barnes was very disappointed with our attorney. He recently had a month to prepare for a hearing and he did nothing. The code enforcement officer was not helped by the attorney and the case was dismissed without prejudice. The Mayor is familiar with the case she is referring to. He would listen to her concerns and bring it to the board.

Mrs. Giles has concerns with parking at the village hall. No parking spots at the last meeting resulting from the way people park. She is also concerned with the fire trucks coming out of the proposed fire hall. This could be hazardous to cars traveling down Cleveland Ave. She would like to see the Fire hall built on a bigger lot giving the fire men a larger parking lot.

Mayor Falci thanked Mrs. Giles and asked that she write down all her concerns and give them to the Clerk. He will discuss them with the village board and fire department.

Mrs. Giles noted that one of the Trustees has moved out of the Village and he shouldn't be making policies. Mayor Falci will speak to the Trustee involved. The Mayor has the right to appoint someone for the vacant seat.

PAY BILLS

Motion made by Trustee Thomas to pay bills, second by Trustee Libordi and carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 8:08 PM Contracts and two employee issues involving comp time and overtime.

The board came out of Executive session and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM.

Village Clerk
Kristene Libordi