

A REGULAR meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Thursday, August 13, 2020, at 9:03 a.m. in the second floor conference room of City Hall, 82 Main Street, Hornell, NY and via ZOOM video conference.

PRESENT: Honorable John J. Buckley, Mayor, Commissioner Scott Richardson, Commissioner David Parmley, Police Chief Ted Murray, Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski, Director of Facilities Mgmt. & Neighborhood Revitalization Bud Burdett and City Clerk Melissa Logan.

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Potter from the Evening Tribune

ABSENT:

By Parmley/Richardson

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting held July 9, 2020 be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all

By Parmley/Richardson

RESOLVED, that the Reports of Fire, Ambulance, Codes and Police be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all

BY: Richardson/ Parmley

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$407,279.50 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all

Resolutions:

Miscellaneous:

Chief Brzozowski talked about the new ambulance and that it will be here next Monday. It will be a few weeks before it will be in use, as we have to wait for the state to give us the ok to register with the DOH. The extra rig will be stored out back and put into use, as needed. Maintenance program is going well. Donovan works on the vehicles and with the city garage for most things. The new ambulance has a different look than the others as it is white with a half wrap. It is powder coated and has a lifetime warranty. They received a FEMA grant. Last year they got the monitors. Their air packs will be out of date soon, so he will start

shopping for bottles, air packs and rip packs. The University of Rochester had meetings with the fire department about policies and trainings. They sponsor trauma training and will have class on September 8 at the fire department.

Codes Officer Bud Burdett said that there are lots of building permits going out. There are lots of inspections, property issues and renovations going on, as well. One of the issues is with vacant properties and zombie properties. Melissa Fuller with Arbor Development is still working with foreclosures and helping to keep people in their properties. Some of the properties that are in foreclosure are going up for taxes. Banks are stepping up and taking care of some of these properties. The house on Depot Street is really coming along. Landlords are looking for single family homes to rent out. He has been dealing with Pat Donnelly from the county and dealing with the tax auction houses and getting them into responsible home owners hands. As long as the owners are maintaining the outside, they can take the time they need to renovate the inside, as opposed to outsiders coming in to get cheap houses and not do anything with them.

Chief Murray stated that their fleet has never been in such good shape. There will be one new Durango for each shift. Rotating the workload on the vehicles is keeping the vehicles functional. Officer Blanchard's Tahoe is a sharp vehicle. He found the cage online for \$300, where they are usually \$3,000. The radio communication repeater on West Street (supplements radio wattage) was having difficulty and was cutting out. It needed to be replaced and now communication is back to what it was. Sargent Giglio was commended for his efforts in administering Narcan and bringing the person back. There was a meeting held about the governor's executive order #203 which is changes to the police department including de-escalation type training and policies. School officials, the Mayor and the public safety commissioners were all in attendance. They are working with the county and the Corning police department to develop a plan of action. There will be on plan for all 16 counties in Steuben County. There was a little girl with special needs that ran away the other night. She ended up taking a bicycle. A neighbor on Sawyer Street found her and called the police department. He ended up donating a bike and a helmet to the little girl. HPD delivered the bike to her.

We revisited the application for street closing for the First Baptist Church. The dynamics haven't changed. The city cannot provide manpower to see if proper social distancing and sanitizing is being maintained. A suggestion to deny the application due to these issues was approved. Ayes all.

By Parmley/Richardson

RESOLVED, that there being no further action, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Carried – Ayes All

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Logan, City Clerk