

A REGULAR meeting of the Board of Public Safety was held on Thursday, June 11, 2020, at 9:05 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, Police Chief Ted Murray, Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski, Director of Facilities Mgmt. & Neighborhood Revitalization Bud Burdett and City Clerk Melissa Logan.

ALSO PRESENT: Neal Simon from the Evening Tribune

ABSENT: Commissioner David Parmley

By Richardson/Buckley

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting held May 14, 2020 be approved as read.

Carried – Ayes all

By Richardson/Buckley

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

Carried – Ayes all

BY: Richardson/Buckley

RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$263,274.70 be approved and paid as audited.

Carried – Ayes all

Resolutions:

BY: Richardson/Buckley

RESOLVED, that the Board of Public Safety hereby suspends the Independence Day parade and the festivities at James Street Park, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The City will still have fireworks that night.

Carried – Ayes All

Absent – Parmley

BY: Richardson/Buckley

RESOLVED, that the Board of Public Safety of the City of Hornell hereby approves the following Traffic Ordinance Amendment pertaining to Duane Street.

- Parking shall be restricted to No Parking at any time on the west side of the street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution shall take effect upon approval of the Common Council.

Carried – Ayes All
Absent - Parmley

Miscellaneous:

Mayor Buckley spoke of the two peaceful and respectful protests. Chief Murray and Mayor Buckley participated in the walk on Friday. Protestors were very complimentary to the Hornell Police Department.

Chief Murray expressed his gratitude to the Harmonson's and others that did a great job putting the protests together. He would like to get together with the black community, the commissioners and the mayor to discuss how the police department is doing and what they can do to do better with the black community.

Chief Brzozowski spoke about community members asking questions such as, "Why do you do..." certain things that they do. Not everyone knows the policies and procedures that departments have to follow. He stated that numbers are down with COVID-19 and hospitals are opening up to more issues. Their department is still doing screenings and proper social distancing measures so that there is no cross contamination.

Bud Burdett spoke of how the protests were groups of friendly people coming together. People were socializing and the reading/book protest the night before was great! Codes issues now are high grass, especially at foreclosed properties. He has been working with property maintenance companies to get their grass cut. Building permits and pool permits are going strong. Vacant houses are being bought and fixed up. The county tax auction has been cancelled and is pending reschedule.

A discussion occurred about how Market Street in Corning is closing down to open up for outdoor seating for diners. We do not have that option, but if any restaurant wants to expand outdoor seating, come up with a plan and submit it to us for review.

Chief Murray said the K-9 vehicle has been painted. Seth Blanchard is the dog's trainer and it is going well. The painting of the vehicle was donated. Two of the Dodge Durango's are back and outfitted. The third vehicle is still in production. Hornell Fire Department put stickers on the K-9 vehicle.

By Richardson/Buckley

RESOLVED, that there being no further action, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Carried – Ayes All

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Logan, City Clerk