# REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH HORNELL VILLAGE BOARD

### **MONDAY JULY 17, 2006**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Falci

Trustees: Joseph Dick, William McNelis, Glenn Thomas Frank Libordi Clerk: Kristene Libordi DPW Supervisor: Phil D'Amato

DPW Supervisor: Phil D'Amato Fire Chief: Charlie Chick

Code Enforcement Officer: Jim Scheider

Mayor Falci called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the June 12, 2006 meeting were approved on a motion by William McNelis, second by Joseph Dick and carried.

### TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurers' report was approved on a motion by Glenn Thomas, second by William McNelis and Carried.

### POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Marcus Smith was absent due to court appearances. No report available.

### **DPW**

Superintendent of DPW Phil D'Amato reported:

Installed concrete on two driveways in Marick Park

Restored lawns in Marick

Updated street signs in Village

Trimmed trees along Seneca Rd

Repaired storm drain in alley behind Fire hall

Performed building maintenance at Village Hall

Performed prep work foe paving projects

Paved Avondale Ave

Performed routine maintenance on equipment

Trustee Libordi asked about the buckles on Seneca Rd. and if they have a schedule to repair them. Supervisor D'Amato replied sometime this week. Arrangements were made to have  $2^{nd}$ ,  $3^{rd}$  & Elmwood paved on Wednesday & Thursday. Once complete they can work on the area in front of Glad Tidings Church. The  $2^{nd}$  area is by Bethesda.

Maintenance report was approved on a motion by William McNelis, second by Glenn Thomas and carried.

### FIRE DEPT

Chief Charlie Chick reported:

Incidents for the month of June included 4 in the Village, 4 in the Town and 2 Mutual Aid. Fire depts. in Steuben County volunteered to help the Binghamton area that was hit by a recent flood and considered a disaster area Five North Hornell firefighters & a fire truck were stationed in Vestal & ran 48 hours of Fire calls.(City of Hornell Fire Dept covered while gone) Mayor Falci

and the board thanked the fire fighters for their service. Firefighters were Chief Chick, Phil D'Amato, Joseph Dick, Jim McManus & Ken Abbott.

Trustee Libordi asked Chief Chick if the Police Dept could use the computer in the Fire Dept. office. He replied yes use the computer in the front office.

Motion to accept the fire report was made by Glenn Thomas, second by Joseph Dick and carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made to hire Scott Richardson as a new police officer by William McNelis second by Joseph Dick and carried.

Officer Brett Flaitz resigned as of May 13, 2006.

Ron Ordway of Dennis Ave. asked to address the board. He stated that Town Supervisor, Ken Isaman and BOCES put in a sewer line to connect to the Hornell sewer system and run it into North Hornell. It was installed for a resident, Mr. Castiglione who sold his house and had to leave money in escrow for the sewer pipe. The money came out of the escrow account to pay for the pipe. Mr. Ordway was asked (at that time) by Mr. Isaman if he wanted to be hooked into the sewer line and Mr. Ordway said yes. At this time he would like to hook into that sewer line. Greg Zdanowski(village consultant) and Mayor Falci will go out on Wednesday to assess the situation. Mayor Falci asked what the problem was and why Mr. Ordway could not hook into it. He was told by Mr. Isaman that it was political. Originally Mr. Castiglione got approval to run the line into North Hornell. When Mr. Ordway tried to hook into the line he was told by Greg Zdanowski that he didn't know there was a line there and could not hook into it. DPW Supervisor Phil D'Amato is concerned that the line may not belong to the Village.

The board needs to know who inspected the job and was it done properly, does the Village own the line, is it up to code, is it the Village's line or the City of Hornell and who paid for it. These are some of the questions to be answered. Mayor Falci will contact Supervisor Isaman.

A check was received by the Village clerk from the Town of Hornellsville in the amount of \$26,000. It was a payment for the Fire Contract. According to the clerks records the amount should have been \$32,000. The clerk was directed by the board to contact the Town in regards to the shortage and report back.

Mrs. Dorothy Graham of Cleveland Ave reported she smelled smoke last evening around midnight coming from Mcauley Manor. Chief Chick stated that it was most likely coming from a Madison Ave. resident in the town of Hornellsville who occasionally burns wood. Phil D'Amato checked in the Village today to make sure it was not coming from a residence in the Village. Mr. & Mrs. Giles notice it every night. Trustee Joseph Dick advised that they call 911 when they notice the smell of smoke. Chief Chick will look for smoke on Tuesday evening when the Fire dept. does their patrol. If it is called in as a complaint, the fire dept can extinguish the burning on Madison Ave. under the environmental code.

Mrs. Giles of Whiteman Ave. asked when she would receive the Hunt Engineer report. Mayor Falci responded that it will be available to the village board any time now. At that time it will be available to Mr. & Mrs. Giles. Mayor Falci informed Mrs. Giles that he was in contact with the Health Dept and they have not heard from the Giles since March 10<sup>th</sup> in regards to approving their plot plan.

A letter was sent to the Village from the health Dept (copy sent to the Giles) asking for 9 codes to be updated. The Giles were told by the health dept that they cannot issue their approval until they receive the Hunt report.

Mayor Falci recommended that they call Tom from the Health Dept. and find out what they need to complete the process.

Joseph Dick attended a 911 advisory board meeting. He advised the board to contact Dave from 911 to get an automatic announcement for \$6.00/mo to advise residents to call 911. Mayor Falci asked Trustee Dick to do the paper work for the Village.

Trustee Dick & Phil D'Amato met with Hunt Engineers regarding the cost for a 3 bay building to be attached to the DPW garage. The fire dept garages are not suitable for the new fire trucks.

Trustee Frank Libordi reported that residents have complained of garbage trucks using the alley to pick up trash. The trucks are also traveling at an unsafe speed. One resident requested a reduced speed sign. Trustee Libordi also requested that the Board consider paying for filters used by Richard Shearer to clear his water. Mayor Falci asked that a report be given as to the cost of filters used.

DPW Superintendent D'Amato brought up the speeding on Cleveland Ave. This was talked about months earlier and village police reported that traffic was traveling at a safe speed. Mayor Falci suggested that those residents wanting a reduced speed sign need to make a written or verbal request. Code Enforcement Officer Jim Scheider recommended that the village put into place a Certificate of Occupancy before a landlord rents an apartment. The Mayor responded that the board is looking into it.

# **PAY BILLS**

A motion was made by Glenn Thomas to pay bills, second by Joseph Dick and carried.

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:10 PM, Mayor Falci adjourned the Regular Meeting to enter into Executive Session. Discussion of DPW and Police personnel. Executive session ended at 9:30PM and the Regular Meeting was adjourned.

Village Clerk Kristene Libordi