

VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON
Public Hearing on 2014/2015 Budget
Regular Board Meeting
April 9, 2014

At 6:00 pm, Mayor Lashua called the meeting to order. Mayor Lashua opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Trustees in attendance were Wood, Guardino, Thornhill and Parish. Also in attendance was T. Murray, DPW Superintendent. N. Friot, Chief, HVFD arrived at 6:08 pm and J. Lightfoot, SLC Legislator arrived at 6:15 pm.

Mayor Lashua opened the public hearing on the budget at 6:03 pm. There were no comments on the budget. At 6:38 pm, the public hearing on the budget was closed.

RESOLUTION 14-022**2014-2015 ANNUAL BUDGET ADOPTION**

Offered by Tr. Guardino seconded by Tr. Parish. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Thornhill, Wood-yes.
Resolution to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2014, and ending May 31, 2015, making appropriations for the conduct of Village government and establishing the rates of compensation for officers and employees for such period.

WHEREAS, this board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the preliminary budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the preliminary budget as amended and revised and as hereinafter set forth is hereby adopted and that the several amounts stated in the column title "Approved Budget Next Year" in Schedule A1 and Schedule F1 be and they hereby are appropriated for the objects and purposes specified and the salaries and wages stated in Schedule 5 of such budget shall be and are hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein effective June 1, 2014.

HVFD Report All is going well at the Fire Department. Chief Friot informed the Board that they are waiting to hear from Mark Gebo's office on whether the Snover easement has been filed. There was a discussion on safety issues at the bridge. Chief Friot will check with the dive team and the water rescue team for suggestions. Mayor Lashua suggested that Chief Friot check with Brookfield Power for suggestions. Chief Friot left at 6:23 pm.

RESOLUTION 14-023**SUPPORT COMBINED DATE FOR PRIMARY ELECTIONS**

Offered by Tr. Parish seconded by Tr. Guardino. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Thornhill, Wood-yes.
SUPPORTING A COMBINED PRIMARY DATE FOR FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS, the Village of Heuvelton Board of Trustees supports a combined primary date for Federal, State and Local primary elections, and

WHEREAS, the cost of presidential, primary, and general elections have increased dramatically over the past five years, and

WHEREAS, these unfunded mandated costs are challenging for local municipalities during these times of decreasing revenue, and

WHEREAS, the benefit of multiple primaries becomes difficult to support with low voter turnout and voter confusion, and

WHEREAS, many municipalities find it difficult to budget for the additional costs even though all election expenses are charged back to the towns and the City, it is not in the best interest of the taxpayers,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Heuvelton Board of Trustees hereby supports having a unified Primary date that complies with the MOVE Act for the Federal, State and Local Primaries, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Elizabeth O’C Little, Senator Patricia Ritchie, Senator Joseph Griffo, Assemblywoman Addie Russell, Assemblyman Kenneth Blankenbush, Assemblyman Marc Butler, and Assemblywoman Janet Duprey.

Sewer/Water The WWTP is running well and all were in compliance. Mr. Murray informed the Board that there are two sinkholes at the WWTP and that he would like to have them televised. The preconstruction meeting for April 16th has been cancelled and rescheduled for April 24th at 3:30 pm. The 1st lagoon’s intake line to the clarifier has a hole in an elbow that needs to be changed. This will need to be done by a diver. The Village sewer jetter is not useable. Some parts are no longer available. If money is left over from the sewer project this is on the wish list. The approximate cost of a new jetter would be \$20-\$30,000. Mr. Murray will check to see if there are any used jettors for sale. The Village can borrow Ogdensburg’s jetter. Mr. Murray would like to purchase a walk behind plate tamper for street, sidewalks and water main installations. The approximate cost is \$2200-2500. There are 3 locations that will have to be paved on streets where we had water main breaks. They will be repaired once we get asphalt. Mr. Murray would like to purchase a submersible pump at a cost of approximately \$1000 for water breaks. The pump is 12 volt and can be set up and picked up in minutes by one person.

Public Forum The Mayor introduced J. Lightfoot, SLC Legislator. Mr. Lightfoot informed the Board that the DA is requesting more office space and the approximate cost would be \$630,000. The legislators passed a resolution opposing the Governor’s proposal to provide inmates with a college education. Construction on Eel Weir Bridge will start after school gets out. There is was a new County Highway Superintendent, Don Chambers and a new Director of Emergency Services, Michael J. LeCuyer. Mr. Lightfoot left at 6:37 pm.

RESOLUTION 14-024

2014-2015 PAY RATES

Offered by Tr. Thornhill seconded by Tr. Guardino. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Wood, Parish-yes.

Resolution to approve the following pay rates for the 2014-2015 fiscal year:

DPW Superintendent	\$ 19.48
MEO #1	\$ 15.38
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Clerk	\$ 15.63
Treasurer	\$ 17.94
Bus Drivers	\$ 11.00
Recreation Attendants	\$ 8.00
Swim Director	\$1500.00

RESOLUTION 14-025

RE-LEVY TO VILLAGE TAXES

Offered by Mayor Lashua seconded by Tr. Guardino. Tr. Thornhill and Trs. Wood, Parish-yes.
Resolution authorizing the Village Clerk to re-levy unpaid sewer charges plus penalties of \$ 649.00, and unpaid water charges plus penalties of \$ 561.00, totaling \$ 1,210.00 to the June 2014 Village Tax Roll.

RESOLUTION 14-026

SECOND NOTICE FEE

Offered by Tr. Parish seconded by Tr. Wood. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Thornhill, Guardino-yes.
Resolution to assess a second notice fee of \$2.00 for taxes due.

RESOLUTION 14-027

SWIM ATTENDANTS

Offered by Tr. Thornhill seconded by Tr. Parish. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Wood, Guardino-yes.
Resolution to hire Ryan Fifield, Renee Breault and Alexis Weidner as swim attendants for the 2014-15 swim program.

RESOLUTION 14-028

DIVER & PARTS FOR CLARIFIER

Offered by Tr. Thornhill seconded by Tr. Parish. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Wood, Guardino-yes.
Resolution not to exceed \$12,000 for a diver and parts to replace the elbow on the 1st Lagoon's intake line.

Mayor's Report

There was a discussion about installing lights in the boat launch area. There was a discussion about having a tag system for trash as well as recyclables. The Mayor will get samples of the material for the tags. Cost for recycle tags for 30 gallon bags would remain the same at .80 cents for distributors and .85 cents for the consumer. Cost for trash tags for 13 gallon bags would be .50 cents for distributors and .55 cents for the consumer.

RESOLUTION 14-029

BOAT LAUNCH AREA LIGHTING

Offered by Tr. Wood seconded by Tr. Thornhill. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Parish, Guardino-yes.
Resolution to move forward with the additional lighting in the boat launch area.

Sidewalk

Mr. Murray informed the Board that spring clean up on the streets, (sweeping and brush pick up) will start April 16 until May 22nd. Mulch will be added to Murdock Park and the flag pole. The Village crew will be starting summer hours, (four 10 hour days) the week of May 5th until the first week in October. Mr. Murray will contact Jack Palmer to see if he is interested in being our summer help again this year. We need to purchase sign posts and accessories for street signs, stop signs, speed limit, and Village of Heuvelton signs. The approximate cost is \$7,000.

RESOLUTION 14-030

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Offered by Tr. Wood seconded by Tr. Parish. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Thornhill, Guardino-yes.
Resolution to accept the minutes of the 03/13/14 meeting.

RESOLUTION 14-031

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Offered by Tr. Guardino seconded by Tr. Thornhill. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Parish, Wood-yes.

Resolution to approve vouchers as follows:

General	321-353	\$ 15,060.83
Sewer	321-353	\$ 16,800.55
Water	321-353	\$ 2,717.28
Sewer Capital	321-353	\$ <u>690.00</u>
Total		\$ 35,268.66

Other Disbursements \$ 21,655.23

At 7:50 pm, with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Tr. Guardino. All were in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna M. Hurst
Village Clerk