

VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON
Regular Board Meeting
August 13, 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, Parish and Thornhill. Also in attendance were T. Murray, DPW Superintendent, T. Burley, C2ae, N. Friot, Chief, HVFD, L. Robinson, NNY Newspapers, A. Thornhill, Village Resident, A. MacAbee, Village Resident and SLC Legislator J. Lightfoot.

HVFD Report Chief Friot informed the Board that there would be a meeting tonight at the Fire Hall about the refurbishment of TA80. Chief Friot also discussed with the Board that the Fire Department would like to use private money to make repairs on the Fire Hall and would like to have the members bid on the work. Tr. Thornhill stated that he likes the new sign. Chief Friot left at 6:30 pm.

Sewer/Water All is going well at the WWTP. Mr. Rowe is at training in Wanakena. Mr. Rowe has a quote for a replacement pump for the WWTP. Both pumps at the plant do not work. There is a small sump pump temporarily being used. There was a discussion about the cost of a submersible pump from Siewert Equipment.

RESOLUTION 14-059 **SIEWERT SUBMERSIBLE PUMP**
Offered by Tr. Thornhill seconded by Tr. Parish. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Guardino, Wood-yes.
Resolution to authorize the purchase of a submersible pump not to exceed \$3,000 plus freight charges from Siewert Equipment.

Public Forum Village resident Andrew Thornhill discussed with the Board issues that he felt were problems with Amish horse droppings in the community. He feels that there are health issues and he would like to open a dialog to see if it is possible for the Amish to bag their horses to catch the droppings or to use some other method to clean up after their horses. He also stated that he often sees Amish children drive buggies through the Village and does not think this is safe. SLC Legislator J. Lightfoot stated that if a local law was established that the Code Enforcement Officer could be authorized to issue tickets for these offenses. Mr. Thornhill stated that the Village is a nice community and that this issue is very unsightly as well as a health issue. Mr. Lightfoot said that he would consult with the County Attorney to see if anything can be done about the problem and to see if there is a more universal way to address the issue. Mr. Thornhill left at 6:30 pm.

Anne MacAbee spoke to the Board about the new trash procedure. She said that the color of the bag was an issue and would like to use black bags. She stated that a petition has been started to return to the old way of using blue bags. Tr. Thornhill spoke to why clear bags are required and why black bags cannot be used. Mrs. MacAbee also requested that Washington Street not be paved at the start of the school year because of possible congestion issues. Mrs. MacAbee left at 6:45 pm.

SLC J. Lightfoot discussed with the Board the Worker's Compensation fees that Villages are now paying. Currently rates are formulated by 30% experience and 70% valuation of property. Mr. Lightfoot gave an overview of the new formula that was being considered but was turned down. The County Attorney has been tasked with finding a better method to compute rates.

Public Forum

Mr. Lightfoot thanked Tr. Thornhill for his outstanding service while he was working at the County. There was a discussion about the O'Shea property which is an eyesore in the community. The property is going up for tax auction in October.

Mr. Lightfoot said that the Village could ask that the property be removed from the tax sale and that the Village would not have to pay the back taxes on the property. The Board asked if the property was condemned. The approximate cost of demolition would be \$25,000 which is not in the Village budget. Mr. Lightfoot left at 7:05 pm.

Mr. Burley updated the Board on the Sewer Rehab project. There has been a problem with getting permits. The DOT has agreed to work with the contractors and the engineers and the project will be going forward with the manholes and covers. A discussion about a new Jetter will be discussed at the next Sewer Rehab Construction meeting.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor discussed with the Board sponsoring the Kiwanis soccer team next year. Chris Showers will be contacting her with approximate numbers. This will be discussed further as we get closer to doing the budget next year. There is an opening for a Planning Board member. Please contact the Mayor if anyone knows of someone who might be interested in being on the Planning Board. Tr. Thornhill will drive the Village truck in the Labor Day Parade and Tr. Guardino and the Mayor will throw candy. There was a discussion about increasing Losurdo's and lowering SunOpta's SIU flow capacity at the WWTP. The Mayor will contact SunOpta to go over the numbers with them. The Clerk will e-mail a copy of the current SIU permits for SunOpta and Losurdo to Mr. Burley. Mr. Rowe will be contacted to pull together the yearly flows for SunOpta and Losurdo. Mr. Burley left at 7:35 pm. There was a discussion about Reserve Account guidelines. This will be discussed again at next months Board meeting.

RESOLUTION 14-060**RECORD DESTRUCTION**

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

Resolution to destroy the following Village records as authorized by *The State Education Department, State Archives and Records Administration, Record Retention and Disposal Schedule MU-I, Revised 2000*:

5. [564] Invoices/Vouchers for the periods of 6/2002-1/31/2003, 6/1/2003-5/2004, 6/2004-5/2005 and 6/2005-5/2006 (6 year retention).

RESOLUTION 14-061**TRUSTEE RESIGNATION**

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

Resolution to accept the resignation, with regret, of Scott Thornhill as Trustee, effective August 31, 2014.

Sidewalk

Mr. Murray informed the Board that they would be doing a section of sidewalks on south State Street. Mr. Murray has received a permit from the DEC to install 2 precast concrete slabs 8'x 20' to extend the current boat ramp. He is still waiting to hear from the Army Corp of Engineers. He has a quote of \$1500 for each slab and it will take 7-10 days from the date of the order to receive the slabs. We can take the cost out of paving if approved by the Board. Lights have been installed at the Boat launch area by a group of volunteers.

Paving will be started August 20th on Lisbon Street from the Village limits to York Street, approximately 2400 feet. Mr. Murray has a quote for a mower attachment for the excavator. This could be used along the river banks, guardrails, boat launch area and also at the sewer plant on the back sides of the lagoons. Mr. Murray informed the Board that Jack Palmer will be heading off to college next week. He may be able to work 6-8 hours a week if we need him. There are two lights out on the bridge. The bulbs have been replaced and they still do not work. An electrician will be needed to correct the problem.

RESOLUTION 14-062

BOAT LAUNCH SLABS

Offered by Tr. Wood seconded by Tr. Guardino. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Thornhill, Parish-yes.
Resolution to purchase two 8’x 20 precast concrete slabs for \$1500 each to extend the current boat ramp.

RESOLUTION 14-063

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Offered by Tr. Thornhill seconded by Tr. Wood. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Guardino, Parish-yes.
Resolution to accept the minutes of the 07/09/14 meeting.

RESOLUTION 14-064

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Offered by Tr. Wood seconded by Tr. Parish. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Thornhill, Guardino-yes.
Resolution to approve vouchers as follows:

General	059-100	\$ 22,429.02
Sewer	059-100	\$ 13,937.16
Water	059-100	\$ 3,890.04
Sewer Capital	059-100	<u>\$ 53,646.00</u>
Total		\$ 93,902.22

Other Disbursements \$ 36,967.78

RESOLUTION 14-065

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Offered by Mayor Lashua, seconded by Tr. Thornhill. Trs. Wood, Parish, and Guardino-yes.
Resolution to enter executive session to discuss a proposed contractual agreement.

RESOLUTION 14-066

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Offered by Tr. Parish, seconded by Tr. Hebert. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Guardino, Thornhill-yes.
Resolution to exit executive session.

At 9:31 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