

VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON
Regular Board Meeting
February 14, 2018

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 E. Wood; C. Basford; A. Guardino and W. Knowlton. Also in attendance were S. McConnell, DANC; T. Murray, DPW Superintendent and T. Wood, HVFD; Chief, K. Feuka, C2AE; J. House, K. House, S. Parmeter, HCS; J. Lightfoot SLC Legislator arrived @ 6:22pm; Mr. & Mrs. Burton Sheppard arrived @ 6:55pm.

HVFD Report Chief Wood stated all 3 Chief's will be out of town the week of February 18th. Mark Basford will be available if needed. There were no bids on the Barber Trailer. The Chief will bring the trailer up at the next HVFD meeting to see what to do next. It was suggested that other fire departments be contacted to see if there is any interest. Currently it is parked at the WWTP. They will look into moving it to the fire department and putting a sign on it when the weather permits. Mayor Lashua notified the Chief that he won the bid on the DPW trailer. Chief Wood left at 6:10pm.

Public Forum Kevin Feuka and Tim Murray talked with Aaron Pierce who is inquiring about spreading on additional fields. He is working on the process for permits with the DEC to spread on new fields. The Pierce contract is up in 2019. Kevin will look at lease renewal and permits as well as who would cover the charges. Mr. Feuka stated that the water application was sent in to RD and was accepted. We should know within 45 days. RD had questions about what the special reserve accounts for water were earmarked for. The Mayor stated the reserve funds are to be used to replace lines other than the large trunk lines addressed in the water tower project. The Village has decided to put off addressing repair and looping issues until after the main water lines have been replaced, as we are concerned about the effect the new tower and increased water pressure will have on older, existing lines. In the meantime, we are reserving funds for anticipated upgrades upon completion of the tower and the water mains on State and Lisbon Streets. Mr. Feuka said he would let RD know the plan for the reserves. We may get a low interest loan or grant money from RD. If it is a loan we would need to get a BAN for possibly a year. Mr. Feuka said he is hoping to start the water tower project this summer. Mr. Feuka left at 6:45pm.

Mr. Joseph Lightfoot, St. Lawrence County Legislator, discussed a low priced offer made to buy land from the County. They are having a geological survey done to assess the value. He stated they are still looking for a suitable place to house juvenile offenders. As of October 2018 children ages 16 -17 will no longer be tried in adult court. In October 2019, ages 18-19 will go to family court as well. Mr. Lightfoot left at 7:12pm.

Mr. & Mrs. Burton Sheppard addressed concerns they have about building a pavilion in the boat launch area. They stated there are activities happening there that the Board may not be aware of. Loud music, hot rods, partying, kids screaming and swimming are some of the issues. They asked that the pavilion be built as far away from the water as possible. They also addressed issues regarding lighting, gating, hours of operation, vandalism. The Mayor said the issues raised would be taken into consideration as the project progresses. Mr. & Mrs. Sheppard asked to be kept informed. Mr. & Mrs. Sheppard left at 7:27pm.

Sewer/Water Mr. McConnell stated the WWTP is running well. Losurdo has been sending a lot of whey to the farmers this year. The plant had two violations in January, both weather related. He has already notified the DEC of what happened and how it was corrected. The Mayor discussed DANC doing routine maintenance on the clarifiers at no additional cost. The Village will be charged for labor and parts if repairs are needed. Mr. McConnell says Water is all good. He has plenty of chlorine in stock. Mr. McConnell left at 6:28pm.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor discussed trash and recycling charges. Mr. Murray stated that bins were expensive and that there would be issues with them blowing into streets in bad weather. He stated it is time consuming to open the recyclable bags as well as a waste of bags. The Mayor suggested letting residents know they can put recyclables in their own bin (no bag needed) with a sticker on the lid. She will write up a notice to put in the newsletter. The plans for the boat launch area were discussed. She stated that consideration should be given to allowing for skating. Cameras and the possibility of speed bumps were discussed. She suggested that the plans be reviewed at the next Board meeting. Mr. Murray informed the Board that the sign for the boat launch was down due to the Town plowing. The Mayor informed the Board that a variance for Jeremy McGaw to have a mattress and furniture store on his property had been approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mayor Lashua stated that a meeting was set up on February 15 @ 3:15pm with the SLC Planning Board. Anyone is welcome to attend. She also reminded the Board of the upcoming Conference of Mayors Dinner at the Sherman Inn in Ogdensburg on March 1st @ 6pm.

RESOLUTION 18-011**2018 SENIOR CITIZEN INCOME CEILING EXEMPTION**

Offered by T. Knowlton, seconded by T. Guardino, T. Basford, T. Wood and Mayor Lashua - Aye.

Resolution not to amend Local Law #5 (1990) regarding aged exemption for real property taxes.

Local Law No. 5 (1990), Regarding Aged Exemption for Real property taxes. Real property owned by one or more persons, each of whom is 65 years of age or over, or real property owned by a husband and wife, one of whom is 65 years of age or over, shall be exempt from taxation by the Village of Heuvelton to the extent of 50% of the assessed valuation thereof for persons with a gross income level which does not exceed Twelve Thousand Twenty Five Dollars (\$12,025.00).

RESOLUTION 18- 012**SLC HOLD HARMLESS 2018**

Offered by T. Guardino, seconded by T. Wood, T. Basford, T. Knowlton and Mayor Lashua - Aye.

Holding Harmless the County of St. Lawrence for providing service for the Village of Heuvelton for 2017.

WHEREAS, the Village of Heuvelton is desirous of St. Lawrence County Department of Highways providing shared services such as paving, signage, road stripping, blasting and other routine maintenance activities to the Village, and

WHEREAS, both the Village of Heuvelton and the County of St. Lawrence are desirous of promoting partnering efforts for the safety of the traveling public in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, in this joint cooperative endeavor, the Village of Heuvelton and the County of St. Lawrence desires to be reimbursed for their expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Village is aware that the County may incur liability in the providing of the services and wishes to indemnify the County in this regard,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Village of Heuvelton will indemnify and hold harmless the County, their officers, directors, partners, representatives, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, liens, judgments, damages, losses and expenses, including legal fees and all court costs and liability (including statutory liability) arising in whole or in part and in any manner from injury and/or death of person or damage to or loss of any property relating to or arising out of negligent or intentional acts and/or omissions of the Village of Heuvelton or any of its directors, officers, employees, contractors, representatives, or agents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following request for General Liability (GL) coverage is as follows:

General Liability Insurance

On an "Occurrence" basis, with the following limits:

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence

\$3,000,000 General Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Products Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Personal Injury

\$ 50,000 Fire Damage Legal Liability

\$ 5,000 Medical Payment Expense

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that St. Lawrence County shall be an additional insured on the GL Policy, via ISO endorsement CG 2026.

RESOLUTION 18-013

RESIGNATION OF CLERK/TREASURER

Offered by T. Knowlton , seconded by T. Basford. T. Basford, T. Guardino and Mayor Lashua - Aye.
Resolution to accept the resignation of Anna Hurst as Clerk/Treasurer effective no later than 3/31/18.

RESOLUTION 18-014

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER

Offered by T. Wood, seconded by T. Knowlton. T. Guardino, T. Basford and Mayor Lashua - Aye.
Resolution to appoint Anna Hurst as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer with no personal, sick or vacation time.

RESOLUTION 18-015

PAYMENT FOR VACATION/SICK TIME

Offered by T. Guardino , seconded by T. Knowlton. T. Wood, T. Basford and Mayor Lashua - Aye.
Resolution to authorize payment to Anna Hurst for 163 hours of vacation time and 164 hours of sick time at a cost of \$5,899.08.

RESOLUTION 18-016

APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER

Offered by T. Wood, seconded by T. Knowlton. T. Guardino, T. Basford and Mayor Lashua - Aye.
Resolution to appoint Michele Smithers as Village Clerk/Treasurer, Tax Collector for a 32 hour work week, with 4/5 sick, personal, vacation time and all holidays effective February 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION 18-017

BANKING RESOLUTION

Offered by T. Guardino, seconded by T. Basford. T. Wood, T. Knowlton and Mayor Lashua - Aye.
Resolution to authorize Michele Smithers, Clerk/Treasurer and Barbara Lashua, Mayor, to execute banking transactions on behalf of the Village of Heuvelton.

RESOLUTION 18-018

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT

Offered by T. Wood, seconded by T. Guardino. T. Knowlton, T. Basford and Mayor Lashua - Aye.
Resolution to appoint Linda Marshall to the Planning Board for a term ending 1/31/2022.

RESOLUTION 18-019

ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR 1997 HURST

EQUIPMENT TRAILER

Offered by Mayor Lashua, seconded by T. Guardino. T. Wood, T. Knowlton, and T. Basford - Aye.
Resolution to accept the bid of \$2125.00 from Travis Wood for a 1997 Hurst equipment trailer. (SOLD AS IS).

RESOLUTION 18-020

APPOINTMENT OF MENTER, RUDIN, TRIVELPIECE

Offered by Mayor Lashua, seconded by T. Guardino. T. Knowlton, T. Wood and T. Basford - Aye.
Resolution to appoint Menter, Rudin, Trivelpiece, PC as the Village attorney upon the retirement of Mr. Gebo .

Streets/Sidewalks

Mr. Murray stated that everything is going well. Mayor Lashua requested that the holiday banners be removed when weather permits. Docks for the boat launch are being built and assembled. Delivery is expected in early April. The Mayor asked about looking into purchasing shade trees for the Village.

RESOLUTION 18-021

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Offered by T. Basford , seconded by T. Guardino. T. Wood, Mayor Lashua and T. Knowlton - Aye.
Resolution to accept the minutes of the 1/10/18 meeting.

RESOLUTION 18-022

VOUCHER APPROVALS

Offered by T. Wood, seconded by T. Basford. T. Knowlton, T. Guardino, and Mayor Lashua - Aye.
Approval of Vouchers

General	301-343	\$ 18,805.96
Sewer	301-343	\$ 11,682.83
Water	301-343	\$ 4,744.91
Total		\$ 35,233.70

Other Disbursements: \$ 39,956.81

RESOLUTION 18-023

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Offered by T. Knowlton, seconded by T. Guardino. T. Wood, T. Basford and Mayor Lashua - Aye.
Resolution to approve the following budget modifications:

General

Inc. 51104.1 Streets CE \$ 56.49 Dec. 51124.1 Street Const. CHIPS CE \$ 56.49

Sewer

Inc. 81302.2 Sewage Tr/Disp EQ \$ 2,940.08 Dec. 81201.2 WWTP PS \$ 2,940.08

Water

Inc. 83404.3 Trans. CE \$ 19.30 Dec. 19904.3 Contingency \$ 19.30

RESOLUTION 18-024

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Offered by Mayor Lashua, seconded by T. Basford. Tr. Wood, T. Guardino and T. Knowlton - Aye.
Resolution to enter executive session at 8:15 pm to discuss the employment history and job performance of a particular person.

RESOLUTION 18-025

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Offered by Mayor Lashua, seconded by T. Basford. T. Wood, T. Guardino and T. Knowlton - Aye.
Resolution to exit executive session at 8:25 pm.

At 8:30 pm, with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mayor Lashua. All were in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Smithers
Village Clerk