

VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON
Regular Board Meeting
June 13, 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 W. Knowlton; C. Basford; A. Guardino and E. Wood. Also in attendance were T. Murray, DPW Superintendent; T. Wood, HVFD Chief, K. Feuka, C2ae. J. Lightfoot, SLC Legislator arrived at 6:10pm.

HVFD Report There are two new interior firemen and two new members. Chief Wood advised the Board that the Boy Scouts have purchased a trailer and the HVFD is going to insure under their policy. They will be completely reimbursed by the Boy Scouts for the cost. The HVFD and the Board have decided not to pursue the creation of a fire district. The 2018 truck purchase is going out for bid this week. The money to pay for it will come out of the equipment reserve account. The HVFD has been busy filling pools. They have pumped 100,000 gallons to date. There is a fee charged for this service. Chief Wood left at 6:12pm.

Public Forum Mr. Lightfoot discussed a property settlement agreement between New York State, Franklin County and the Tribe. He felt it was good news for St. Lawrence County. They should be reimbursed by New York State for the value of taxes. Last week there was a presentation on workers compensation. It was learned that the Towns are responsible for paying workers compensation for firefighters unless otherwise specified in the fire contract. He talked about the \$3,000 raise the legislators gave themselves. There hadn't been a raise since 2001. Mayor Lashua expressed her displeasure at their decision to give themselves raises. On August 1 & 2 there will be a presentation in Hamilton County on the New York State Raise the Age Law. Mr. Lightfoot left at 7:15.

Sewer/Water Mr. Murray told the Board that there is an issue with the Rensselaer St. lift pump being plugged by rags coming from the ICF buildings. We may have to put a manhole in at their expense. Mr Murray will look into the sewer use law. The sludge lagoon has been emptied. He will be sending the old pump to Lawton's for repair to use as a spare. The mixers were taken to Rochester to be evaluated for possible repair. The cost for a new mixer will be approximately \$15,000.00.

Mayor's Report Mayor Lashua discussed the progress on the Water Tower and Equalization Tank projects. USDA has offered a loan for the Water Tower project which the Board decided to accept. Mr. Feuka discussed the Water Tower project plans and it was decided that some of the plans were outdated and he would confer with the DPW supervisor on what changes had occurred. Mr. Feuka left at 6:47pm.

RESOLUTION 18-052 **USDA LOAN WATER TOWER PROJECT**
Offered by Mayor Lashua, seconded by Tr. Basford, Tr. Knowlton, Tr. Guardino and Tr. Wood-yes.
Resolution to accept the proposal from USDA, Rural Development for a loan in the amount of \$3,341,000.00 at 2.375% interest rate for 38 years for the Water Tower Project.

Mayor Lashua reviewed, with the Board, the DANC loan/grant offer for the Property Acquisition Project.

RESOLUTION 18-053 **DANC LOAN PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROJECT**
Offered by Tr. Knowlton, seconded by Tr. Wood. Tr. Basford, Tr. Guardino and Mayor Lashua - Aye.
Resolution to accept the terms of the DANC Grant for \$37,500 and the \$37,500.00 loan at 1% interest for the Property Acquisition Project.

The Mayor discussed the progress on the Boat Launch Project. The new docks have been installed and look great. Mr. Murray is in the process of getting quotes for paving the road and the parking area. The Board discussed the size and style of the pavilion. Trustee Wood will research costs for materials for the pavilion.

The Mayor informed the Board that they will be receiving emails with relevant information a few days before the Board meetings to give them time to review.

Mayor Lashua discussed the need to raise water rates. She will compose a letter explaining this to the residents which will go out with the next billing at the end of July. It was decided to contact area communities for a comparison of rates. The increase will be spread out over the next three years. The first rate increase will be in the last billing of this year.

Streets/Sidewalks Mr. Murray informed the Board that he has hired a summer laborer. He will be starting sidewalks in the next week or two. Sections on Washington, Lisbon and Justina are scheduled to be replaced. The Mayor asked Mr. Murray to look into why the bridge lights are not working.

RESOLUTION 18-054 RESCIND RESOLUTION 18-044 RE-LEVY TO VILLAGE TAXES
Offered by Mayor Lashua, seconded by Tr. Wood. Tr. Knowlton, Tr. Basford and Tr. Guardino - Aye.
Resolution to rescind Resolution 18-044 in order to change the amounts being re-levied.

RESOLUTION 18-055 RE-LEVY TO VILLAGE TAXES
Offered by Tr. Guardino, seconded by Tr. Knowlton. Mayor Lashua, Tr. Basford and Tr. Wood - Aye.
Resolution authorizing the Village Clerk to re-levy unpaid sewer charges plus penalties of \$835.53 and unpaid water charges plus penalties of \$471.75, totaling \$1,307.28 to the June 2018 Village Tax Roll.

RESOLUTION 18-056 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Offered by Tr. Knowlton, seconded by Tr. Basford. Tr. Wood, Tr. Guardino and Mayor Lashua - Aye.
Resolution to accept the minutes of the 05/9/18 & 5/25/18 meeting.

RESOLUTION 18-057 VOUCHER APPROVALS
Offered by Tr. Wood, seconded by Tr. Knowlton. Mayor Lashua, Tr. Guardino and Tr. Basford - Aye.

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| General | 456-488 | \$ 31,614.22 |
| Sewer | 456-488 | \$ 71,701.47 |
| Water | 456-488 | \$ <u>3,191.77</u> |
| Total | | \$106,507.46 |

Other Disbursements: \$ 18,153.91

At 7:49pm, with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Tr. Guardino. All were in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Smithers
Village Clerk