

VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON
Regular Board Meeting
March 8, 2023

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 Trustee E. Wood, Trustee A. Guardino, Trustee C. Basford and Trustee M. Hebert. Also, in attendance were A. Spaman, DPW Supervisor, S. McConnell, DANC; C. Tuttle, DANC; C. Fout, DANC; and B. Bailey, HVFD Chief.

Public Forum No one from the public appeared.

HVFD Report Chief Bailey reported to the Board that the new hose dryer came in. The Fire Department will have a breakfast fundraiser on March 19th. They will meet with Merkley's soon to get started on the heating project. The banquet will be held April 15th at Bella Brooke. Mr. Bailey left at 6:07.

Sewer/Water Mr. McConnell informed the Board about a water main break. The crew was able to complete without a boil water advisory. The backup well has been on for a week. It is running well but they found a small leak. Mr. McConnell left at 6:09.

RESOLUTION 23-021

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Offered by Mayor Lashua, seconded by Tr. Hebert. All in favor

Resolution at 6:10 to enter executive session to discuss the financial history of a corporation.

People asked to stay in executive session were C. Tuttle, C. Fout, A. Spaman, R. Donnelly, Mayor Lashua, Tr. Hebert, Tr. Wood, Tr. Basford, and Tr. Guardino who left at 7:15.

RESOLUTION 23-022

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Offered by Mayor Lashua, seconded by Tr. Basford. All in favor.

Resolution to exit executive session at 7:34.

Ms. Tuttle and Mr. Fout left at 7:34

Mayor Lashua gave an update on the Sewer Project.

RESOLUTION 23-023

CHANGE ORDER 1 CONTRACT 3

Offered by Tr. Hebert, seconded by Tr. Wood. All in favor

After thorough examination, resolution to accept change order 1 to contract 3 for the sewer consolidation project. Providing additional service to replace the existing unit heater control board for an increase of \$775 bringing the contract price to \$89,024.

RESOLUTION 23-024

PAY OFF WARRANT

Offered by Tr. Wood, seconded by Tr. Basford. All in favor

Resolution for the clerk to pay Marcellus pay app 9 and Collins Hammond pay app 3 off warrant when EFC funds come in.

Mayor Lashua gave an update on the Water Project.

RESOLUTION 23-025

PROJECT ATTORNEY AGREEMENTS

Offered by Tr. Hebert, seconded by Tr. Basford. All in favor

Resolution to accept and authorize the Village Clerk to sign the attorney agreements for the water and sewer projects.

RESOLUTION 23-026 EXECUTING THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY WATER/WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE ARPA FUNDING INITIATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Offered by Tr. Wood, seconded by Tr. Hebert. All in favor

WHEREAS, a notice of funding availability from the 2022 St. Lawrence County Water/Waste Water Infrastructure American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Initiative Program was announced with a total of \$3,000,000 available to help municipalities close a funding gap for shovel-ready projects; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Heuvelton adopted Resolution 22-089 on October 12, 2022 supporting Village application to the County funding program to make required back-up well improvements without further increase to customer rates; and

WHEREAS, the Village made application on November 4, 2022 for an amount of \$262,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Planning Office notified the Village by letter dated December 29, 2022 it was awarded the requested amount of \$262,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Village subsequently received on February 23, 2023 the St. Lawrence County Water/Waste Water Infrastructure American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Initiative Agreement for Village execution, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Heuvelton agrees to accept the grant for the purposes intended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to sign and execute the St. Lawrence County Water/Wastewater Infrastructure American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Agreement and all associated documents.

RESOLUTION 23-027 WATER RESERVE

Offered by Mayor Lashua, seconded by Tr. Basford. All in favor

Resolution to establish a water reserve per Rural Developments requirement as outlined in the letter of conditions.

Mayor's Report The Board discussed the pavilion. No notice yet of the ARPA application from the county. Mr. Spaman talked about what he found for concrete work.

RESOLUTION 23-028 ACCEPT QUOTE

Offered by Mayor Lashua, seconded by Tr. Hebert. All in favor.

Resolution to accept the quote of \$ 13,850 from Akins Construction for concrete services at the pavilion.

Mayor Lashua discussed a conversation with John Compo regarding the water chestnut issue, and the possibility of using the Village to facilitate grant funds for it. This will be revisited.

RESOLUTION 23-029 PAY RATE

Offered by Tr. Basford, seconded by Tr. Wood. All in favor.

Resolution to increase Victor Gagnon rate of pay to 18.50 effective 2/27/23.

The Board went over the tentative budget.

RESOLUTION 23-030 SET PUBLIC HEARING

Offered by Tr. Wood, seconded by Tr. Hebert. All in favor

Resolution to set a public hearing for the 2023-2024 Budget for April 12th at 6:00.

RESOLUTION 23-031

BOCES INTER MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT

Offered by Mayor Lashua, seconded by Tr. Basford. All in favor

Resolution to accept the agreement with BOCES for services in the drug and alcohol testing program to satisfy compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Clearinghouse mandate.

RESOLUTION 23-032

NYS DOT SHARED SERVICES

Offered by Tr. Hebert, seconded by Tr. Wood. All in favor

Resolution to enter into an Emergency Shared Services Agreement with the NYS DOT for a four-year term.

Streets/Sidewalks Mr. Spaman discussed the water break. This was an unmarked line that puzzled everyone. He will continue to investigate to make sure it gets mapped properly. The new dump truck came in. There was a discussion about a generator the Village is not currently using. There is no plan for its usefulness with all the new infrastructure. Strom brush pickup was discussed.

RESOLUTION 23-033

GENERATOR TO OGDENSBURG

Offered by Tr. Basford, seconded by Tr. Wood. All in favor

Resolution to sell Ogdensburg a natural gas generator for \$1.00.

The Board discussed a resident’s concern about the condition of Water Street due to the Village being unable to pave it last year. A discussion was held about paving.

RESOLUTION 23-034

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Offered by Tr. Wood, seconded by Tr. Basford. All in favor

Resolution to accept the minutes of the 2/8/23 meeting.

RESOLUTION 23-035

VOUCHER APPROVALS

Offered by Tr. Hebert, seconded by Tr. Basford. All in favor

Approval of Vouchers 0323-1-0323-25

General	\$30,412.47
Sewer	\$ 20,430.84
Water	\$2,971.99
Water Project	\$1,888.50
Sewer Project	\$ 4,955.50
Total	\$60,659.30

Other Disbursements \$ 21,270.04

RESOLUTION 23-036

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Offered by Tr. Hebert, seconded by Tr. Basford. All in favor

34104.1 FD CE \$2,753.52	From	2705.1 Donation \$2,753.52
34104.1 FD CE \$10,000	From	215.1 HVFD EQ Reserves \$10,000

At 8:52 pm, with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Tr. Wood. All agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Donnelly
Village Clerk

