# VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON

Public Hearing on 2015/2016 Budget Regular Board Meeting April 8, 2015

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, Parish, Guardino and Knowlton. Also in attendance were T. Murray, DPW Superintendent, P. Pastella, DANC, N. Friot, Chief, HVFD arrived at 6:18 pm and J. Lightfoot, SLC Legislator arrived at 6:27 pm.

Mayor Lashua opened the public hearing on the budget at 6:01 pm. There were no comments on the budget. At 8:05 pm, the public hearing on the budget was closed.

## **RESOLUTION 15-030**

## 2015-2016 ANNUAL BUDGET ADOPTION

Offered by Tr. Knowlton seconded by Tr. Guardino. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Wood, Parish-yes. Resolution to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2015, and ending May 31, 2016, 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, 2015.

**HVFD Report** Chief Friot informed the Board that the HVFD would be getting a loaner truck in a couple of weeks. The loaner is in N.C. The new truck should be done in a couple of weeks.

**Sewer/Water** The Board discussed several items of concern with P. Pastella, DANC. These items included the incident of the pump seizing up at the water tower (the bearings not being greased), concerns with personnel during the emergency work when the pipe broke at the river, procedures for using the backup well and the chlorinator not being at the backup well. Ms. Pastella said that she would like to come to Board meetings once or twice a year and that she will get back to the Mayor on the training issues. Ms. Pastella left at 6:47 pm.

Public Forum

SLC Legislator Lightfoot updated the Board on County matters. The Deputy County Treasurer was let go for performance issues. D.A. Rain and Chief Haggard have a plan to increase staffing by 5 people by 2016. A proposal has been presented to hire individuals from law school and the school would pay for part of their salaries. These individuals have not passed the bar and are not lawyers yet. Ruth Doyle is the new County Administrator. She has worked under the last two County Administrators and is well qualified. The new Personnel Administrator is Paul Smith. The County is currently looking for a Public Health Director. The Heuvelton Girls Basketball Team is to be honored at the County on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in May. Mr. Lightfoot left at 8:04 pm.

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Mayor's Report

The Joint Water Project was not discussed. There was a discussion about adding information about the Blueway Trail to the newsletter. Information will be added to the newsletter for the next quarter about upcoming events for non-profits. If anyone has information that they would like added to the newsletter let the Village Clerk know by April 24<sup>th</sup> at the latest. The Blue Byway meeting will be April 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. There was a discussion about sending a letter to a resident who consistently requests extensions regarding the due date for their water/sewer bill. There was a discussion about taking off the water/sewer charges from the next water/sewer bill for Jones Service Station because the pipes were frozen going into the business. A letter will be sent with the bill explaining the rate adjustment. There was also a discussion about removing \$225.00 from Ms. Brassard's water/sewer bill due to a faulty connection of a sewer pipe going into Ms. Brassard's home. A letter will be sent with the bill explaining the adjustment. Mr. Murray will inform Mr. Burley of the cost of repairing the sewer pipe at Ms. Brassard's and the cost for the services of Mr. Crobar.

## **RESOLUTION 15-031**

#### 2015-2016 PAY RATES

Offered by Tr. Guardino seconded by Tr. Parish. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Knowlton, Wood-yes. **Resolution to approve the following pay rates for the 2015-2016 fiscal year:** 

| \$ 20.06   |
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| \$ 15.84   |
| \$ 14.78   |
| \$ 17.00   |
| \$ 14.42   |
| \$ 11.00   |
| \$ 8.75    |
| \$ 1500.00 |
| \$ 1500.00 |
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#### **RESOLUTION 15-032**

## **RE-LEVY TO VILLAGE TAXES**

Offered by Tr. Wood seconded by Tr. Knowlton. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Guardino, Parish-yes. Resolution authorizing the Village Clerk to re-levy unpaid sewer charges plus penalties of \$ 1497.20 and unpaid water charges plus penalties of \$ 2172.78, totaling \$ 3669.98 to the June 2015 Village Tax Roll.

## **RESOLUTION 15-033**

## **SECOND NOTICE FEE**

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

Sidewalk

The crew will be working on patching potholes and sweeping the streets. The brush pickup dates are April 14<sup>th</sup>, to May 20<sup>th</sup>. Information will be put in the newsletter. There was a demo on the used sewer jetter from J&J Equipment. It was purchased for \$31,500. J&J will be replacing the 500' jetter hose with a new one due to a splice in the middle of the hose. There is still one home with frozen pipes. We have a quote from Barrett's to pave Water St. (1615') & Lisbon St. (700') for \$35, 616.45. The cost includes material, trucking, and Barrett's putting it down. They said that this could be done the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week in June. The sewer at Heuvelton Equipment needs to be corrected and replaced. Mr. Murray will meet with Mr. Burley to discuss options and a plan for correction and check to see if this can be covered by the sewer rehab project.

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There was a discussion about purchasing new street banners. The Mayor will check out banners in the catalog and get back with Mr. Murray. Mr. Murray is checking with Miller's about a cost to clean up Murdock Park. There was also a discussion about putting pavers at the park. The Board agreed to sell the old 1974 jetter for scrap since replacement parts cannot be purchased. They also agreed to keep the old John boat.

## **RESOLUTION 15-034**

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Offered by Tr. Wood seconded by Tr. Parish. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Knowlton, Guardino-yes. **Resolution to accept the minutes of the 3/11/15 meeting.** 

# **RESOLUTION 15-035**

## **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

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

| General | 341-369 | \$ 28,078.89       |
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| Sewer   | 341-369 | \$ 15,540.72       |
| Water   | 341-369 | <b>\$ 5,314.55</b> |
| Total   |         | \$ 48,934.16       |

Other Disbursements: \$17,996.39

## **RESOLUTION 15-036**

## **BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

Offered by Tr. Guardino seconded by Tr. Knowlton. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Parish, Wood-yes. **Resolution to approve the following budget modifications:** 

Water: Inc. 83204.3 Source Pump \$ 9 19.48 Dec. 19904.3 Contingency \$2199.02 83401.3 Trans PS \$1216.83 90308.3 Vlg SS \$ 62.71

At 8:42 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