

VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON
Regular Board Meeting
Public Hearing on 2020-2021 Budget
Via Zoom
April 8, 2020

At 6:00 pm, Mayor Lashua called the meeting to order. Mayor Lashua opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Trustees in presence were W. Knowlton; C. Basford; and A. Guardino. Mayor Lashua “thank you everyone for socially distancing and following the guidelines”. The meeting will be recorded and transcribed and put on the Village website. Trustee E. Wood and T. Murray, DPW Superintendent entered at 6:04.

Public Forum

RESOLUTION 20-31

PUBLIC HEARING 2020-2021 BUDGET

Offered by T. Guardino, seconded by T. Basford.

Resolution to open the Public Hearing on the 2020-2021 Budget.

Barbara Lashua, Mayor	yes <u>X</u>	no ___
Gus Guardino, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no ___
Carol Basford, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no ___
William Knowlton, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no ___

Mayor Lashua reviewed the Budget Information:

The total General expenses \$655,244.00
 Revenues and Unexpended Fund Balance \$357,046.00
 Raised through Taxes \$298,198.00
 Sewer and Water are self funded
 Sewer expenses/revenues \$371,545.00
 Water expenses/revenues \$121,160.00
 Total Budget \$1,074,602.00
 Unexpended funds \$38,000.00
 Total tax levy \$260,198.00
 Tax rate 9.496/1000 down from 10.319/1000
 Tax levy increase 1.6%
 Tax rate decrease 7.97%
 Base assessment of an average house in the Village \$79,450
 Net Tax on the Base assessment \$754.495/year

The Public Hearing will remain open for the duration of the meeting.

HVFD Report Mayor Lashua stated the fire department is right on target for the budget year end May 31st. T. Wood informed the Board that the banquet is cancelled and they are looking to put something together for June. He informed everyone that the fire department has created regulations in order to comply and create more distance from individuals. They have also been doing more cleaning after calls. Mayor Lashua added that the Town Boards and supervisors have been given a packet of information due to the meeting being cancelled. The Fire Department may do an open house at a later date.

Sewer/Water While evaluating the budget the SIU Rates could use adjusting. DANC has submitted recommendations that more accurately reflect the cost of operating expenses.

RESOLUTION 20-32

SIU RATE ADJUSTMENT

Offered by Mayor Lashua, seconded by T. Knowlton.

Resolution authorizing the change in sewer rates for SIU customers effective April 1, 2020 as per recommendations from the Development Authority of the North Country as follows:

No rate change in Fixed EDU rate

Hydraulic Rate decreased to \$1.75/1,000 gallons

TSS Surcharge decreased to \$0.05

BOD Surcharge decreased to \$0.08

Barbara Lashua, Mayor	yes <u>X</u>	no ___
Gus Guardino, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no ___
Carol Basford, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no ___
William Knowlton, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no ___
Jack Wood, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no ___

Mayor Lashua stated that work on the pedestal for the water tower continues as the state has deemed this construction essential. However, water distribution work has been put on hold until 4/19 or likely longer due to Covid-19.

RESOLUTION 20-33

WATER DISTRIBUTION CHANGE ORDER

Offered by T. Wood, seconded by T. Guardino.

Resolution to temporarily shutdown work until 4/19/20 by privilege to meet full intent of NYS Governor’s Executive Order 202.8 due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Barbara Lashua, Mayor	yes <u>X</u>	no ___
Gus Guardino, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no ___
Carol Basford, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no ___
William Knowlton, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no ___
Jack Wood, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no ___

Mayor Lashua gave an update from C. Prior, EDR, on the sewer consolidation project: DEC consent order updates are being developed and coordinated monthly with DANC. The DEC was updated in a call earlier in the week. EDR is currently prepping and scheduling Phase 1B Archaeological and Wetland/stream delineation. They have received the survey mapping, and the final design is being advanced. They requested a copy of the Village water main project drawings, as well as Liberty Utilities information on existing gas mains, to coordinate with this sewer project. Monday April 6th was a stakeholder meeting/presentation. A homeowner had some good questions that Mr. Prior will address. DANC is submitting a Northern Borders Regional Commission grant on behalf of the Village which could be an additional \$500,000 in grant funding.

Mayor’s Report A concerned resident has been in contact with Mayor Lashua. They are afraid to go out to get trash/recycle stickers. She feels it may be a good idea to do trash stickers by mail. Residents can call, or email requesting stickers and the village office can mail them directly to their homes. The cost of stickers and postage would be added to the quarterly Water/Sewer/Trash billing. T. Guardino agreed it was a good idea. T. Basford recommended putting this information on Face book to get it out.

Streets/Sidewalks Mayor Lashua thanked the DPW crew for taking time to change banners and flags in the Village. Mr. Murray mentioned that things are quiet, and the update on the Loader is that it has arrived in the US. Mayor Lashua says the DPW may pick up brush at their discretion or if safe to do so.

RESOLUTION 20-34

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Offered by T. Basford, seconded by T. Guardino.

Resolution to accept the minutes of the 3/11/20 & 3/15/20 meetings.

Barbara Lashua, Mayor	yes <u>X</u>	no <u> </u>
Gus Guardino, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no <u> </u>
Carol Basford, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no <u> </u>
William Knowlton, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no <u> </u>
Jack Wood, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no <u> </u>

RESOLUTION 20-35

VOUCHER APPROVALS

Offered by T. Wood, seconded by T. Guardino.

Approval of Vouchers 0420-1 – 0420-33

General	\$ 12,704.82
Sewer	\$15,796.04
Water	\$ 3,665.91
Sewer Project.	\$ 85,391.58
Water Project	\$56,832.09
EQ Project	\$ 829.15
Total	\$175,219.59

Other Disbursements: \$ 22,365.43

Barbara Lashua, Mayor	yes <u>X</u>	no <u> </u>
Gus Guardino, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no <u> </u>
Carol Basford, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no <u> </u>
William Knowlton, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no <u> </u>
Jack Wood, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no <u> </u>

RESOLUTION 20-36

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Offered by T. Knowlton, seconded by T. Basford.

Resolution to approve the following budget modifications:

General:

Increase:

81604.1 Refuse CE \$2,810.57
 90508.1 Unemployment Ins \$ 4.72

Decrease:

19904.1 Contingency \$2,815.29

Sewer:

Increase

90308.2 Social Security \$ 80.43

Decrease:

19904.2 Contingency \$ 80.43

Water:

Increase:

90308.3 Social Security \$ 80.42

Decrease:

19104.3 Unallocated Ins \$ 80.42

Barbara Lashua, Mayor	yes <u>X</u>	no <u> </u>
Gus Guardino, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no <u> </u>
Carol Basford, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no <u> </u>
William Knowlton, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no <u> </u>
Jack Wood, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no <u> </u>

RESOLUTION 20-37

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Offered by T. Guardino, seconded by T. Wood.

Resolution to close the public hearing.

Barbara Lashua, Mayor	yes <u>X</u>	no ___
Gus Guardino, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no ___
Carol Basford, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no ___
William Knowlton, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no ___
Jack Wood, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no ___

RESOLUTION 20-38

2020-2021 ANNUAL BUDGET ADOPTION

Offered by Mayor Lashua, seconded by T. Knowlton.

Resolution to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2020, and ending May 31, 2021, 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 amounts stated in the column title "Adopted 2020-21" hereby are appropriated for the objects and purposes specified and the salaries and wages stated in such budget shall be and are hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein effective June 1, 2020.

Barbara Lashua, Mayor	yes <u>X</u>	no ___
Gus Guardino, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no ___
Carol Basford, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no ___
William Knowlton, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no ___
Jack Wood, Trustee	yes <u>X</u>	no ___

Mayor Lashua stated she is proud of the Budget.

At 6:25 pm, with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by T. Wood. All were in agreement and hope everyone continues to take care of each other by social distancing.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Donnelly
Village Clerk