

**VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**& Public Hearing on the 2025-2026 Budget**  
**April 9, 2025**

At 6:00 pm, Mayor Lashua called the meeting to order, she opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Trustees in attendance were Trustee A. Guardino, Trustee M. Hebert, Trustee E. Wood, and Trustee C. Basford. Also, in attendance were B. Bailey, HVFD; A. Spaman, DPW Supervisor; C. Fout and D. Rohe, DANC; K. Feuka, J. Abar, and P. Barr. J. Lightfoot, SLC Legislator arrived at 6:05.

**PUBLIC FORUM** Mayor Lashua Opened the Public Hearing on the 2025-2026 Budget. Mr. Abar and Mr. Barr discussed their concerns about odor still coming from a manhole on Mr. Abar's property. Regarding the other manhole that was an issue, the odor is better. The Board discussed the next step for a solution to this problem. Mr. Spaman will work on organizing a solution. Mr. Abar and Mr. Barr left at 6:11. Mr. Lightfoot updated the Board on county matters. He left at 7:30.

**HVFD** Mr. Baily gave a report on the Fire Department. The cement floor in the garage needs to be repaired, they are clearing the lot behind the community center. The firemen are preparing for the arrival of the new tanker. With the changes that were made to the Bylaws last month, necessary related changes have been made for this month. Mr. Bailey left at 6:15.

**RESOLUTION 25-034** **2025 TANKER ACCEPTANCE**  
Offered by Tr. Guardino, seconded by Tr. Hebert. All in favor.  
**Resolution to acknowledge receipt and acceptance of the 2025 Pierce Tanker and authorize the Clerk to make final payment off warrant.**

**RESOLUTION 25-035** **BYLAW CHANGES**  
Offered by Tr. Basford, seconded by Tr. Guardino. All in favor.  
**Resolution to accept the Bylaw changes by adding a Trustee to the executive committee and changes to the quorum and procedures for meetings as presented.**

**WATER/SEWER** Mr. Fout and Mr. Rohe reported on water and sewer operations. The DOH has inspected the water tower and reminded the DPW supervisor to maintain the state required lead line inventory annually. Now that the Village sewer system is not a plant any longer the Village has been assigned a POSS # by the DEC. They found and fixed an issue with the main pump earlier this week. Mayor Lashua suggested a sign for public restrooms to discourage flushing of inappropriate items. Ogdensburg has restricted Losurdo from discharging whey. The Village sewer flows have been high the past month. Mayor Lashua gave an update on the I & I study; more investigation will be done when flows have slowed down. Mr. Fout and Mr. Rohe left at 6:47.

**RESOLUTION 25-036** **WAIVE LATE FEE**  
Offered by Tr. Basford, seconded by Tr. Guardino. All in favor.  
**Resolution to waive late fee for Meadowview apartments in the amount of \$613.20**

**RESOLUTION 25-037** **PAY PROJECT INVOICES OFF WARRANT**  
Offered by Tr. Wood, seconded by Tr. Hebert. All in favor.  
**Resolution to pay project invoices off warrant as grant funds become available.**

**MAYORS REPORT** Mr. Feuka gave an update on the Boat Launch project.

**RESOLUTION 25-038** **ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS**  
Offered by Tr. Wood, seconded by Tr. Hebert. All in favor.  
**RESOLVED, that the Village of Heuvelton applied for financial assistance from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation ("OPRHP") under the Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 for the purpose of funding the development of the Heuvelton Boat Launch Park;**

**RESOLVED, that the Village of Heuvelton is authorized and directed to accept and does accept these grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$525,000 for the project described in the grant application;**  
**RESOLVED, that the Village of Heuvelton is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of the State of New York Contract for Grant (“Contract”) with OPRHP for such development of the Heuvelton Boat Launch Park;**  
**RESOLVED, that the Village of Heuvelton is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of any required deed of easement granted to OPRHP that affects title to real property owned by the Village of Heuvelton and improved by the grant funds, which may be a duly recorded public access covenant, conservation easement, and/or preservation covenant; and**  
**RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Heuvelton delegated signing authority to execute the Contract and any amendments thereto, any required deed of easement, and any other certifications to the individuals who hold the following elected or appointed Village of Heuvelton office and employment position title; Mayor and Statewide Financial System Grants Contract Approver.**

**RESOLUTION 25-039** **APPOINT HISTORIAN**  
Offered by Tr. Hebert, seconded by Tr. Guardino. All in favor.  
**Resolution to appoint Alexis Michael to the Village Historian position**

**RESOLUTION 25-040** **MCGOWEN ACRES FARMING LAND**  
Offered by Tr. Wood, seconded by Tr. Basford. All in favor.  
**Resolved McGowen Acres may continue to use the land on Taylor Road that they will be purchasing until the closing goes through.**

The Board had a discussion on EV charging stations in the municipal parking lot. The Village is not currently interested in pursuing this.  
With no one present to comment on the 2025-2026 Budget, Mayor Lashua closed the Public Hearing at 7:36.

**RESOLUTION 25-041** **ADOPT 2025-2026 BUDGET**  
Offered by Tr. Hebert, seconded by Tr. Guardino. All in favor.  
**Resolution to adopt the 2025-2026 budget as presented.**

**RESOLUTION 25-042** **TRASH RATE INCREASE**  
Offered by Tr. Basford, seconded by Tr. Wood. All in favor.  
**Resolution to increase the fixed trash rate on the quarterly bill by \$4.50 a quarter making the fixed Trash rate \$24.50 quarterly beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.**

**RESOLUTION 25-043** **TRASH/ RECYCLE TAG INCREASE**  
Offered by Tr. Hebert, seconded by Tr. Guardino. All in favor.  
**Resolution to increase the trash tag sales to \$1.00 each and recycle tag sales to \$.90 each.**

**RESOLUTION 25-044** **SIU RATE INCREASE**  
Offered by Tr. Hebert, seconded by Tr. Guardino. All in favor.  
**Resolution to increase the SIU normal wastewater charges to \$2.76/1000 gallons beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.**

**RESOLUTION 25-045** **SEWER RATE INCREASE**  
Offered by Tr. Basford, seconded by Tr. Wood. All in favor.  
**Resolution to increase the fixed sewer rate by \$20 a year making the fixed sewer rate \$321 a year beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.**

**RESOLUTION 25-046** **EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE**  
Offered by Tr. Guardino, seconded by Tr. Hebert. All in favor.  
**Resolution to increase the employees’ portion of health insurance contribution to 10% beginning May 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**DPW** Mr. Spaman gave a public works report.

**RESOLUTION 25-047**

**BOCES INTER MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT**

Offered by Mayor Lashua, seconded by Tr. Hebert. 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 25-048**

**NYS DOT SHARED SERVICES**

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

**Resolution to enter into a shared service agreement with NYS DOT for 2025**

**RESOLUTION 25-049**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**Resolution to accept the minutes of the 3/12/25 Meeting.**

**RESOLUTION 25-050**

**VOUCHER APPROVALS**

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

**Approval of Vouchers 0425-0-0425-28**

<b>General</b>	<b>\$27,769.93</b>
<b>Sewer</b>	<b>\$ 16,602.89</b>
<b>Water</b>	<b>\$ 2,400.63</b>
<b>EQ</b>	<b>\$24,995.87</b>
<b>Sewer Project</b>	<b>\$14,154.19</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$85,923.51</b>

**Other Disbursements \$27,416.94**

**RESOLUTION 25-051**

**BUDGET MODIFICATION APPROVAL**

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

**Resolution to accept the following budget modifications:**

**Increase**

**90508.1 Unemployment Ins \$340.70**

**71804.1 REC Facility \$80.73**

**81201.2 WWTP PS \$81.06**

**Decrease**

**90408.1 Workers Comp \$340.70**

**73104.1 Youth EQ \$80.73**

**90408.2 Workers Comp \$81.06**

Tr. Hebert proposed the DPW Supervisor take the Village truck home since he is on emergency calls more frequently.

**RESOLUTION 25-052**

**VILLAGE TRUCK USE**

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

**Resolved the DPW Supervisor may take the Village truck home to respond to work calls.**

At 8:15 pm, with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Tr. Basford. All agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Donnelly  
Village Clerk