

VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON

Regular Board Meeting

February 12, 2014

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, Guardino, Thornhill and Parish. Also in attendance were T. Murray, DPW Superintendent, S. Rowe, DANC, N. Friot, Chief, HVFD. J. Lightfoot, SLC Legislator arrived at 6:04 pm.

HVFD Report There was a discussion about the upcoming fire contracts for the Towns of Oswegatchie, Macomb and Depeyster. A 3.5% increase is needed. The Town of Oswegatchie informed the Village that 3.5% was not acceptable and that they would go with 2% across the board for 3 years. The Village Board and the Chief agreed that there needed to be more discussion with the Town of Oswegatchie about this and the Chief and firefighters will attend the next Town of Oswegatchie Board meeting to discuss this further. There was a discussion about a shared services agreement with the Town of Oswegatchie to plow the dry hydrant area on the Snover property once the easement paperwork is finalized. Chief Friot will check with Mark Basford to see what has been discussed about the plowing and get back with the Board.

RESOLUTION 14-010

SNOVER EASEMENT

Offered by Mayor Lashua, seconded by Tr. Parish. Trs. Thornhill, Wood and Guardino-yes.
Resolution to move forward with the easement agreement with Wes Snover contingent upon review and approval of the Village Attorney, M. Gebo.

There was a discussion about paying off the loan to USDA Rural Development from the reserve fund. After the loan is paid off the fire department will continue to make payments to the reserve fund. There was discussion about using the money left in the reserve fund for the refurbishment of TA80. Chief Friot left at 6:40 pm.

RESOLUTION 14-011

RESERVE FUND EXPENDITURE

Offered by Tr. Thornhill, seconded by Tr. Guardino. Mayor Lashua, Trs. Parish and Wood-yes.
Resolution to withdraw from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund a sum not to exceed \$145,100.00 to be used to pay off loan No. 9720-01 with USDA Rural Development which was used to fund the purchase of a fire truck.

Sewer/Water

Mr. Rowe informed the Board that the industries were running well and all were in compliance. He said that the aeration lagoon and clarifiers are frozen solid and that they continually have to chip away at the ice. A PVC pipe is broken 4 feet under the ice in the aeration lagoon and they cannot get to it to repair it. Shawn will contact Carrie Tuttle to see what our options are to repair the pipe. There was a discussion about a DEC inspection letter on a problem with a bar screen and a problem with the second lagoon. The Village clerk will contact C. Tuttle and T. Burley to see what is being done. Mr. Rowe left at 6:55 pm.

Public Forum

SLC Legislator J. Lightfoot informed the Board that there was a new County Highway Superintendent, Don Chambers; he will be starting March 17th. The County will be borrowing up to one million dollars to purchase equipment/machinery for the highway department. Mr. Lightfoot said that State mandates are causing problems with the budget. Mr. Lightfoot left at 7:05 pm.

Mayor's Report The Mayor discussed with the Board RCAP Solutions. The Mayor will write a letter of support for RCAP Solutions. The Mayor discussed with the Board a complaint that she had received about loud noise from snowmobiles. No one else on the Board has received any complaints this season and all felt the snowmobilers were following the law. Mayor Lashua will follow up with the person who made the complaint. There was a complaint about high snow banks in front of the bank. It is the State Highway Department's responsibility to take care of the snow banks on SH 812; this problem has been taken care of by the State Highway Department. The Mayor discussed with the Board that Empire State Development has awarded a matching grant for \$25,000 to develop the Oswegatchie Blueway Trail. The Board discussed whether it would be possible to donate money to develop the trail or possibly give in-kind services. The next meeting for this will be March 6th, at 5:00 pm, at Mullins in Gouverneur. Mayor Lashua will be attending the meeting and will get back to the Board with more information. Mayor Lashua asked if anyone was attending the HVFD annual banquet. She asked that if anyone would be attending to let her know by February 22nd. There was a discussion on increasing the pay rate for summer help. The Mayor informed the Board that the next Mayor's Association dinner meeting would be Thursday, March 13th.

RESOLUTION 14-012**LOSURDO LATE FEE**

Offered by Mayor Lashua, seconded by Tr. Wood. Tr. Thornhill and Tr. Guardino-yes.
Tr. Parish opposed.

Resolution to waive the late fee of \$ 589.20 for Losurdo Foods, Inc.

Sidewalk Mr. Murray informed the Board that there was a person interested in purchasing the old trash truck but he did not want to pay the asking price. The Village will hold firm at \$25,000 on the asking price for the old trash truck. \$20,000-\$25,000 is fair market value for the truck. Mr. Murray said that the ice rink attendant did not work for three weeks. Mr. Murray said that an aqua scope was purchased for \$1800 to help locate water leaks. The hydraulic lift on the snow blower broke and a new part has been ordered. Morristown has loaned the Village their snow blower. Mr. Murray said that he would like to purchase a new skidster/snow blower.

National Grid Mr. Murray spoke with National Grid about pricing to put up a pole down in the boat launch area and also putting drops on 4 poles on State Street. Tr. Guardino will get a cost for the pole and lighting for the boat launch area and Mayor Lashua will check with the Labor Day Festivities Committee to see if they will purchase the pole and lights. The discussion will continue at the next Board meeting.

Trash/Recyclables The Mayor will call Casella's to see what Potsdam has for a trash/recycling program. This will be discussed again at next month's Board meeting.

RESOLUTION 14-013**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Offered by Tr. Guardino seconded by Tr. Wood. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Thornhill, Parish-yes.

Resolution to accept the minutes of the 01/08/14 meeting.

RESOLUTION 14-014

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Offered by Tr. Thornhill seconded by Tr. Parish. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Wood, Guardino-yes.

Resolution to approve vouchers as follows:

General	252-292	\$ 20,636.75
Sewer	252-292	\$ 14,376.61
Water	252-292	\$ 3,420.18
Sewer Capital	252-292	<u>\$ 18,125.51</u>
Total		\$ 56,559.05

Other Disbursements \$ 18,627.78

RESOLUTION 14-015

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Offered by Tr. Parish seconded by Tr. Wood. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Thornhill, Guardino-yes.

Resolution to approve the following budget modifications:

General: Inc. 90108.1 Retirement	\$1000.00	Dec. 19904.1 Contingency	\$1000.00
Sewer: Inc. 90108.2 Retirement	\$ 642.00	Dec. 19904.2 Contingency	\$ 642.00
Water: Inc. 90108.3 Retirement	\$ 642.00	Dec. 19904.3 Contingency	\$ 642.00

At 8:40 pm, with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Tr. Thornhill. All were in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna M. Hurst
Village Clerk