

**VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON
Regular Board Meeting
January 14, 2026**

At 6:00 pm, Mayor Lashua by phone called the meeting to order, she opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Trustees in attendance were Trustee A. Guardino, Trustee E. Wood, Trustee C. Basford, and Trustee A. Sheppard. Also, in attendance were A. Spaman, DPW Supervisor; D. Rohe, DANC; and T. Wood HVFD Chief.

HVFD There was a Board discussion on decisions about Village services for the Fire District. More discussion is necessary on the water meter.

RESOLUTION 26-001 **AMEND RESOLUTION 25-123**
Offered by Tr. Basford, seconded by Tr. Guardino. Tr. Wood, Tr. Sheppard- Yea.
Resolved to remove “the station will require a water meter and will be charged for water only”

RESOLUTION 26-002 **HVFD 2026 SLATE OF OFFICERS**
Offered by Tr. Basford, seconded by Tr. Guardino. Tr. Sheppard- Yea. Tr. Wood -abstain.
Resolution to accept the following slate of officers for the HVFD for 2026:

- Chief..... Travis Wood**
- 1st Assistant Chief..... Jack Lake**
- 2nd Assistant Chief Brett Bailey**
- Foreman..... Terry Harris**
- 1st Assistant Foreman Jay Hebert**
- 2nd Assistant Foreman Brandon Wood**
- Treasurer Mark Basford**
- Secretary Lynn Stowe**
- EMS Captain..... Dylan Barton**
- Trustee Art Knauf**
- Trustee Jack Wood**
- Trustee..... Jeff Crobar**

RESOLUTION 26-003 **TRANSFER MONETARY ASSESTS**
Offered by Tr. Guardino, seconded by Tr. Basford. Tr. Wood, Tr. Sheppard- Yea.
Resolution for the Clerk to transfer Fire Department monetary assets to the newly formed fire district once all outstanding financial responsibilities have been processed.

RESOLUTION 26-004 **DISSOLVE VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT**
Offered by Tr. Basford, seconded by Tr. Guardino. Tr. Wood, Tr. Sheppard- Yea.
WHEREAS, the Village of Heuvelton, New York has resolved to form and become part of a Fire District including all of the limits of the Village and including a portion of the town of Oswegatchie excluding the portion that is part of the Morristown Fire District;
WHEREAS, the process for the formation of the new fire district required a public hearing with the village and town boards and was subject to permissive referendum;
WHEREAS, the time for permissive referendum on the formation of the Heuvelton Fire District has elapsed without valid petition;
WHEREAS, the village will no longer be required to operate its own fire department; and
NOW THEREFORE, upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, it is hereby:
RESOLVED that the fire department of the village is hereby “abolished” and fire protection shall now be provided by the Heuvelton Fire District effective on the 1st day of February 2026.

Chief Wood left at 6:30.

WATER/SEWER Mr. Rohe gave a water/sewer update. The water tower generator had some work done. The Village will be on the City’s schedule for gas meter calibrations which will need to be done again. There was discussion on the bar screen.

MAYOR’S REPORT Mayor Lashua gave an update on the Boat Launch Project.

RESOLUTION 26-005 **ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENTS**
Offered by Tr. Wood, seconded by Tr. Basford. Tr. Guardino - Yea, Tr. Sheppard-abstain.
Resolution to reappoint Heather Dodds, Logan Ladoucer, and Andrew Sheppard to the Zoning Board of Appeals for three-year terms.

RESOLUTION 26-006 **HOLDING HARMLESS THE COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE FOR PROVIDING SERVICE FOR 2026**
Offered by Tr. Sheppard, seconded by Tr. Guardino. Tr. Basford, Tr. Wood - Yea.
WHEREAS, the Village of Heuvelton is desirous of St. Lawrence County Department of Highways providing shared services such as paving, signage, road stripping, blasting, and other routine maintenance activities to the Village, and
WHEREAS, both the Village of Heuvelton and the County of St. Lawrence are desirous of promoting partnering efforts for the safety of the traveling public in St. Lawrence County, and WHEREAS, in this joint cooperative endeavor the Village of Heuvelton and the County of St. Lawrence desires to be reimbursed for their expenditures, and
WHEREAS, the Village is aware that the County may incur liability in the providing of the services and wishes to indemnify the County in this regard,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Village of Heuvelton will indemnify and hold harmless the County, their officers, directors, partners, representatives, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, liens, judgments, damages, losses and expenses, including legal fees and all court costs and liability (including statutory liability) arising in whole or in part and in any manner from injury and/or death of person or damage to or loss of any property relating to or arising out of any negligent or intentional acts and/or omissions the Village of Heuvelton or any of its directors, officers, employees, contractors, representatives, or agents.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following request for General Liability (GL) coverage is as follows:
General Liability Insurance On an “Occurrence” basis, with the following limits:
\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
\$3,000,000 General Aggregate
\$1,000,000 Products Aggregate
\$1,000,000 Personal Injury
\$ 50,000 Fire Damage Legal Liability
\$ 5,000 Medical Payment Expense
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that St. Lawrence County shall be an additional insured on the GL Policy, via ISO endorsement CG 2026.

DPW Mr. Spaman gave a DPW report. There was discussion on the Sheffield building roof, and the I&I investigation.

RESOLUTION 26-007 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Offered by Tr. Guardino, seconded by Tr. Wood. Tr. Basford, Tr. Sheppard- Yea
Resolution to accept the minutes of the 12/10/25 Meeting.

RESOLUTION 26-008

VOUCHER APPROVALS

Offered by Tr. Basford, seconded by Tr Sheppard. Tr. Wood, Tr. Guardino - Yea
Approval of Vouchers 0126-1—0126-31

General	\$66,734.35
Sewer	\$3,540.14
Water	\$ 6,786.52
Total	\$77,061.01

Other Disbursements \$ 32,926.08

RESOLUTION 26-009

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Offered by Tr. Wood, seconded by Tr. Guardino. Tr. Basford, Tr. Sheppard- Yea

Resolution to accept the following budget modifications.

Increase

Decrease

13254.1 Clerk CE \$180.35

13252.1 Clerk EQ \$180.35

34104.1 Fire Department CE \$4,791.59 **97107.1 Interest \$4,791.59**

At 7pm, with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Tr. Wood. All agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Donnelly
Village Clerk