

VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON
Regular Board Meeting
March 11, 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 and N. Friot, Chief, HVFD.

HVFD Report The Village will need to send a letter to HME Incorporated to inform them that the Village has secured financing for the purchase of the new fire truck. A committee for the new fire truck will visit Northern Fire next week. Chief Friot will visit Northern Fire on March 12, 2015. TA 80 is still on schedule, the fire department is waiting for a loaner. The Fire Department Banquet is March 21st, cocktails start at 4:00 pm and dinner will be at 6:00. Chief Friot left at 6:22 pm.

Sewer/Water The WWTP was out of compliance due to the freezing weather and will probably last for the rest of March. The bugs are low and Mr. Rowe is adding more bugs and running the blower on high. Mr. Rowe sent out a non-compliance report to the DEC and has also called the DEC but has not had any response from Rebecca. Mr. Rowe has not heard from SunOpta about them ramping up production. There was a problem at the Water Tower where the motor stopped working. The bearings seized up because they were not greased. Lawton Electric rebuilt the motor. There was not going to be any water to the Village and Mr. Wallace was taking a long time getting to the Village. DANC did not know how to run the back up well and could have checked the SOP for instructions on how to operate the backup well. Another problem was that a generator ran for 28 hours straight at the Water Tower. The Mayor will be having a meeting with Carrie Tuttle and she has not heard from Patty Pastella. The Village Clerk will send an email to Ms. Pastella inviting her to the next Village Board meeting.

Mayor's Report The Mayor and the Board reviewed the tentative budget. The Board discussed authorizing the Village to submit a 2015 St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency application. Ogdensburg will file the application for the Village.

**RESOLUTION 15-024 AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON
TO SUBMIT A 2015 ST. LAWRENCE RIVER VALLEY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
APPLICATION**

Offered by Tr. Guardino, seconded by Tr. Wood. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Knowlton, Parish-yes.
WHEREAS, the purpose of the Community Development and Environmental Improvement Program is to assist communities in St. Lawrence County that are planning to undertake a project that will provide a clear and demonstrable economic or community benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Heuvelton is an eligible entity and seeks to be the lead applicant on behalf of the Oswegatchie River communities including: the Towns of Oswegatchie, Canton, DeKalb and Fine, the Villages of Rensselaer Falls and Gouverneur, the City of Ogdensburg, and the communities of Wanakena, Cranberry Lake, Windfall, Newton Falls, Clifton, S. Edwards & Edwards, Talcville, Emeryville, Hailesboro, Wegatchie, Oxbow, Elmdale, and Richville; and

WHEREAS, the Oswegatchie River Blueway Trail project has received \$25,000 from both the NYS Department of State, and Empire State Development Corporation toward the completion of the Oswegatchie Blueway Trail and Marketing Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg has agreed to be the administrator of said SLRVRA funds as a sub-recipient of this grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Heuvelton Village Board hereby authorizes the filing of a 2015 Community Development and Environmental Improvement Program Grant Application to secure \$15,000 in funding to complete the Oswegatchie River Blueway Trail and Marketing Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Heuvelton, is hereby authorized to submit a FY2015 SLRVRA application, and if awarded, execute all necessary documents relating to the application or administration of the program.

Mayor's Report Cont'd

The Mayor updated the Board on the status of the Blueway Trail project. The Mayor will contact the Town of Oswegatchie to see if they are interested in having a joint informational meeting at the Town Hall on April 13, 14 or 15th. The Town Clerk will get with the Town Supervisor to see what date is feasible and get back with the Mayor. There was a discussion about Mr. Murray purchasing a jetter for the Village. There is a Demo jetter available for approximately \$31,000. The Mayor discussed with the Board updating the GIS services with DANC. There is to be no changes. The Mayor will fill the Board in on the School Capital Project when she gets more information.

RESOLUTION 15-025

PURCHASE JETTER

Offered by Tr. Parish seconded by Tr. Guardino. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Wood, Knowlton-yes.
Resolution to allow Mr. Murray to purchase a jetter not to exceed \$35,000 before the end of the 2014/15 fiscal year end.

RESOLUTION 15-026

2015-16 BUDGET TO PUBLIC HEARING

Offered by Mayor Lashua seconded by Tr. Guardino. Trs. Wood, Knowlton and Parish-yes.
Resolution to hold a public hearing on the 2015-2016 tentative budget on Wednesday, April 8th, at 6:00 pm.

RESOLUTION 15-027

BOOT ALLOWANCE

Offered by Tr. Knowlton seconded by Tr. Parish. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Wood, Guardino-yes.
Resolution to increase the DPW boot allowance from \$150 per year to \$175 per year in the 2015-16 budget year.

Sidewalk

The Clerk gave a letter to Mr. Murray concerning a company that would be inspecting the work that was done on sewer rehab project. The DPW crew is working on potholes. The storm drains are open. There was a discussion on changing the Trash Program. Trash will be put back on the agenda for May. There was a discussion about putting a new water line behind Jones Service Station coming from the way of Doug's Tavern. This will be revisited at a later date. The DPW Crew will be attending a Hard Hat Expo, and Mr. Murray and the crew will also be attending a Dig Safety Seminar in Canton. There was a discussion about snow removal at the bank. This is the responsibility of the State Highway Department because it is in; the State right of way. The Mayor contacted the State and the snow was removed. We still have 4 homes and 1 business with frozen lines; attempting to contact the owners to make arrangements to go back and try to thaw the lines.

RESOLUTION 15-028

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Offered by Tr. Parish seconded by Tr. Guardino. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Wood, Knowlton-yes.
Resolution to accept the minutes of the 2/11/15 meeting.

RESOLUTION 15-029

VOUCHER APPROVAL

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

General	308-340	\$ 9,105.18
Sewer	272-307	\$ 12,895.33
Water	272-307	\$ 5,147.97
Sewer Capital	272-307	<u>\$ 1,566.75</u>
Total		\$ 28,715.23

Other Disbursements \$ 33,836.29

At 8:47 pm, with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Tr. Knowlton. All were in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna M. Hurst
Village Clerk