

VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON
Regular Board Meeting
November 10, 2021

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 Trustee E. Wood, A. Guardino and Trustee C. Basford. Also, in attendance were T. Murray, DPW Supervisor; T. Wood, HVFD Chief; S. McConnell, DANC; Clary, DANC, C. Showers and B. Smithers C.O.'s at Ogdensburg Correctional. J. Lightfoot, SLC Legislator arrived at 6:16.

Public Forum Mr. Showers addressed the Board with the recent news of the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility closing. Employees are looking for local support. Mr. Showers and Mr. Smithers left at 6:10. Mr. Lightfoot updated the Board on County matters.

HVFD Report Mr. Wood gave a report on the Fire Department. They are at 47 members- almost to capacity. Snow Fest drive thru will be December 11th. Jeff Hammond from Rensselaer Falls received firefighter of the year and Heuvelton Fire Department will host a dinner for the occasion December 18th. He left at 6:05.

Sewer/Water Mr. Clary and Mr. McConnell gave a report on the water and sewer operations. They left at 6:17. The Board discussed the Water project and the cost overrun that is estimated at \$694,000. They need to form a subcommittee to go over options for this expense. The Water Tower inspection was completed, Statewide Aqua store recommends doing an inspection every five years.

Mayor's Report The Board discussed the tax ceiling, they will keep it as is. Tr. Basford left at 6:50. Ogdensburg Correctional Facility was discussed.

RESOLUTION 21-099 **OPPOSE OGDENSBURG CORRECTIONAL FACILITY CLOSURE**

Offered by Tr. Guardino, seconded by Tr. Wood. Mayor Lashua – Aye

Resolution to oppose the closure of the New York State Ogdensburg Correctional Facility

WHEREAS, The State Department of Corrections announced the closure of six of New York States prison facilities by March 2022

WHEREAS, Ogdensburg Correctional Facility is one of the prisons closing, and

WHEREAS, Ogdensburg Correctional Facility employs approximately 268 people, being a major employer of the community and

WHEREAS, these employees reside in the North Country, make purchases here, and support our local business, thereby contributing to the local economy and making our region a better place to live and raise a family, and

WHEREAS, the loss of the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility will be detrimental to the dwindling north country region and a step down in public safety

WHEREAS, the current condition of the over 500,000 square feet of neighboring vacant and deteriorating buildings that were formerly used by the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center is a clear indication that there is no market or reasonable expectation for reuse of any additional buildings currently owned by the state should they be closed, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Heuvelton opposes the closure of the New York State Ogdensburg Correctional Facility

The Mayor spoke of the need for another subcommittee to go over the Employee Handbook and update the Village Drug policy to add new guidance from the state referring to cannabis.

The Mayor informed the Board that the downtown businesses have organized a holiday kickoff to encourage people to shop local, that will include the lighting of the Village Christmas Tree. This event will take place December 3rd from 5-7 p.m.

The ongoing Oswegatchie River local waterfront revitalization Program released a planning document -Part 1 of the Program was discussed by the Board.

The need for new planning and zoning Board members was addressed.

RESOLUTION 21-100

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT

Offered by Mayor Lashua, seconded by Tr. Wood. Tr. Guardino - Aye.
Resolution to appoint Kara Fraser to the Village Planning Board.

Streets/Sidewalks Mr. Murray reported to the Board about brush pickup, the sludge has been spread, winter prep, and recent trash truck repairs. He also told them that GIS mapping and inspecting are going on in the Village.

RESOLUTION 21-101

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Offered by Tr. Guardino, seconded by Tr. Wood. Mayor Lashua- Aye
Resolution to accept the minutes of the 10/13/2021 and 10/27/2021 meetings.

RESOLUTION 21-102

VOUCHER APPROVALS

Offered by Tr. Wood, seconded by Tr. Guardino. Mayor Lashua- Aye
Approval of Vouchers 1121-1-1121-36

General	\$ 34,016.96
Sewer	\$ 23,293.59
Water	\$ 9,750.12
Water Project	\$ 10,085.45
Sewer Project	\$ 2,239.41
Total	\$ 79,385.53

Other Disbursements \$ 180,653.62

RESOLUTION 21-103

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Offered by Tr. Guardino, seconded by Tr. Wood. Mayor Lashua - Aye
Approval of the following budget modifications:

Increase		Decrease	
General			
13624.1 Advertising	\$ 19.84	19904.1 Contingency	\$ 162.08
51102.1 Safety EQ	\$ 142.24		
85104.1 Community Beautification	\$67,583.03		
2770.1 Unclassified Revenues	\$67,583.03		
Sewer			
14204.2 Attorney	\$ 620.70	19904.2 Contingency	\$ 620.70
Water			
83404.3 Transmission CE	\$2124.25	19904.3 Contingency	\$2072.42
		14404.3 Engineer	\$51.83

At 7:17 with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mayor Lashua. All agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Donnelly
Village Clerk