

VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON
Regular Board Meeting
Public Hearing for Comprehensive Plan
November 13, 2024

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 A. Spaman, DPW Supervisor; C. Fout, DANC, J. Pfothenhauer and P. Santimaw, SLC Planning; K. Feuka; and H. Dodds. Brett Bailey HVFD Chief arrived at 6:05 pm.

PUBLIC FORUM

RESOLUTION 24-099

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Offered by Tr. Wood, seconded by Tr. Guardino. All in favor.
Resolution to open the public hearing at 6:00.

Mr. Pfothenhauer and Mr. Santimaw reviewed the Village Comprehensive Plan work.

HVFD Chief Bailey gave the fire department report. He left at 6:20pm.

WATER/SEWER Mr. Fout gave a report on water and sewer operations. Much discussion was held on the sewer issues that are occurring with the pipeline. There was discussion on sanitary sewer overflow, reporting and notification procedure, DEC violation requirements. Also, discussion on sewer project concerns with air release valves and manholes. Mr. Fout left at 7:23.

RESOLUTION 24-100

SEWER PROJECT CHANGE ORDER 3 CONTRACT 3

Offered by Tr. Wood, seconded by Tr. Basford. All in favor.
Resolution to accept change order 3 for contract 3 of the sewer consolidation project for a time extension.

RESOLUTION 24-101

CITY OF OGDENSBURG IMA AMMENDMENT #5

Offered by Tr. Hebert, seconded by Tr. Basford. All in favor.
Resolution to accept IMA amendment #5 with the City of Ogdensburg contingent on approval from Rural Development.

RESOLUTION 24-102

PAY PROJECT INVOICES OFF WARRANT

Offered by Tr. Guardino, seconded by Tr. Wood. All in favor.
Resolution to pay project invoices off warrant as grant funds become available.

MAYORS REPORT

RESOLUTION 24-103

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Offered by Tr. Basford, seconded by Tr. Hebert. All in favor.
Resolution to close the public hearing at 6:55.

RESOLUTION 24-104

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Offered by Tr. Wood, seconded by Tr. Guardino. All in favor.
WHEREAS, The Village of Heuvelton, hereinafter referred to as “the Village”, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the St. Lawrence County Planning Office, hereinafter referred to as “the County”, for the provision of services to develop a comprehensive plan, and;
WHEREAS, the Village was responsible for any legally required advertising and assisting with additional advertising for all public hearings and meetings and providing meeting space; and establishing a comprehensive plan committee comprised of Village officials and stakeholders to participate with the public meeting and information gathering process, and;

Whereas, until 2024, cities, villages and towns had not received an increase in unrestricted state aid (AIM funding) in 15 years, significantly impacting their ability to provide essential services to their residents; and Whereas, after a prolonged period without financial support, local governments finally received an increase of \$50 million in unrestricted state aid; and

Whereas, local officials express their gratitude for the \$50 million increase in unrestricted state aid, recognizing it as a positive step towards addressing long-standing funding challenges; and

Whereas, the State has referred to this new aid as Temporary Municipal Assistance, suggesting that such increase may not continue, jeopardizing the sustainability of crucial municipal programs and services; and

Whereas, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the programs and services their residents need; and

Whereas, increased and ongoing state aid for local governments is vital for maintaining infrastructure, public safety, housing and other municipal services; and

Whereas, the challenges of inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid only accentuate the need for consistent and predictable funding to effectively plan for the future and meet the growing needs of their residents;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Village of Heuvelton calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to commit to continuing the additional \$50 million in unrestricted state aid in the 2025-26 State Budget and beyond, and

Be it further resolved, that the Village of Heuvelton urges state officials to recognize the need for a long-term plan that ensures consistent and predictable increases in financial support for local governments that keep pace with inflation.

The Mayor reported that the Village had been recommended to receive a youth grant for next year. The Board discussed the Taylor Road property, and concerns of break-ins and homeless foot traffic around the Village.

RESOLUTION 24-107

TAYLOR ROAD PROPERTY

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

Resolution to move forward with selling the Taylor Road property to McGowan Acres.

DPW Mr. Spaman gave a public works report.

RESOLUTION 24-108

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Resolution to accept the minutes of the 10/9/24 Board Meeting.

RESOLUTION 24-109

VOUCHER APPROVALS

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

Approval of Vouchers 1124-1-1124-25

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| General | \$ 67,248.67 |
| Sewer | \$ 3,183.35 |
| Water | \$ 15,017.40 |
| Total | \$85,449.42 |

Other Disbursements \$ 136,188.27

RESOLUTION 24 -110

BUDGET MODIFICATION APPROVAL

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

Resolution to approve the following budget modification

Increase

Decrease

81201.2 SEWER PS \$211.05

90108.2 RETIREMENT \$211.05

At 8:16 pm, with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Tr. Guardino. All agreed.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Donnelly
Village Clerk