

VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON
Public Hearing on Veteran's Exemptions
Regular Board Meeting
November 14, 2018

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 W. Knowlton; A. Guardino and E. Wood. Trustee C. Basford was absent. Also in attendance were T. Murray, DPW Superintendent; and S. McConnell, DANC. J. Lightfoot, St. Lawrence County Legislator arrived at 6:15pm.

HVFD Report The new truck is backordered until February.

Public Forum Mayor Lashua opened the public hearing at 6:03pm on Local Law #2 Veteran's Exemptions. The Board discussed the information. No one from the public commented. At 6:42 pm, the public hearing on Local Law #2 of 2018 was closed. Mr. Lightfoot discussed grants the County received for bridge repairs. He also talked about County property going up for sale. Mr. Lightfoot left at 6:50pm.

RESOLUTION 18-093

LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2018

Offered by Mayor Lashua, seconded by Tr. Guardino. Tr. Wood and Tr. Knowlton - Aye.

Resolution to adopt Local Law No. 2 of the year 2018. A local law to repeal and replace Local Law #7 of 1984 with respect to the applicable maximum for Veteran's Exemptions.

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Heuvelton as follows:

Section 1. AUTHORITY. This law is adopted pursuant to §7-700 of the New York State Village Law, § 922 of the New York State Executive Law, §10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law; and Section IX of the New York State Constitution.

Section 2. INTENT and PURPOSE. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Heuvelton wishes to provide for a new alternative veteran's exemption pursuant to Chapter 525 of the Laws of 1984. It is the purpose of this local law to repeal Local Law #7 of 1984 and enact this local law in place thereof.

Section 3. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Heuvelton hereby adopts the following alternative veteran's exemptions pursuant to Chapter 525 of the Laws of 1984. The below listed maximum amounts shall be applicable to veteran's exemptions:

War Veterans:	\$12,000.00
Combat Zone Veterans:	\$ 8,000.00
Disabled Veterans:	\$40,000.00

The maximum amounts shall be multiplied by the latest equalization rate if the equalization rate is 100 or less for the assessing unit in order to arrive at the appropriate maximum for each assessment role.

Section 4. The adoption of this local law constitutes a Type 2 action under the State Environment Quality Review Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

Section 5. This Local Law shall supersede all prior Local Laws, Ordinances, Rules and Regulations relative to Veterans Exemptions within the Village of Heuvelton, and they shall be upon the effectiveness of this Local Law, null and void.

Section 6. SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this local law shall be adjudged invalid, such judgment shall apply only to such section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged, and shall not affect, impair, or invalidate any other part or portion of this local law.

Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Sewer/Water Mr. McConnell stated the land applying of sludge is almost complete. The return pump will be fixed tomorrow. There was a boil water advisory for the water line break. Mr. McConnell left at 6:15pm

The Mayor discussed the replacement of water mains on Clinton and Commerce Streets. Mr Murray agreed they should be done. The plan is to do them in the Spring of 2019.

There was a meeting with HCS superintendent regarding the water tower project. They agreed to postpone the playground replacement until the water tower is done.

The Mayor discussed the proposed amendment to the DANC agreement for the wastewater restructuring feasibility study.

RESOLUTION 18-094 **DANC TECHNICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

Offered by Mayor Lashua, seconded by Tr. Knowlton. Tr. Wood and Tr. Guardino - Aye.

Resolution to accept the Technical Services Agreement Amendment 1 with DANC for the Wastewater Municipal Restructuring Project at a cost not to exceed \$ 15,000.00.

The Mayor updated the Board on lagoon repairs. The problem appears to be ongoing. We have contacted the DEC regarding the matter and they are not overly concerned. We will meet with them at some point to discuss. The Village will continue to monitor wells in the area.

The Mayor explained the need to redo the resolution for the water reserve withdrawal for the water tower project. Also, the contract with C2AE for the water tower project needs to be amended to meet requirements from Rural Development

RESOLUTION 18-095 **RESCIND RESOLUTION 18-037**

Offered by Tr. Guardino, seconded by Tr. Wood. Tr. Knowlton and Mayor Lashua - Aye.

Resolution to rescind resolution 18-037 dated April 11, 2018 to adopt a new resolution to meet requirements for permissive referendum timelines.

RESOLUTION 18-096 **WATER RESERVE WITHDRAWAL**

Offered by Tr. Wood, seconded by Tr. Guardino. Tr. Knowlton and Mayor Lashua - Aye.

Resolution to withdraw up to \$ 150,000.00 from the Water Reserve Fund to be used for the Water Tower Project, subject to permissive referendum.

RESOLUTION 18-097 **AMEND C2AE CONTRACT**

Offered by Tr. Wood, seconded by Tr. Knowlton. Mayor Lashua and Tr. Guardino - Aye.

Resolution to amend the C2AE Water Tower Project contract to include American Iron & Steel provisions as required by Rural Development.

Mayor's Report The bids for the EQ tank project came in over budget. There is a meeting scheduled with Losurdo to discuss options.

The proposed sign law is ready to be presented for approval.

The Mayor discussed the need to amend the Sexual Harassment Policy to add an additional contact for reporting complaints. The Mayor and the Clerk will be the contacts.

We are still waiting on approval from DASNY for the property purchase.

RESOLUTION 18-098 **PUBLIC HEARING ON SIGN LAW**

Offered by Mayor Lashua, seconded by Tr. Knowlton. Tr. Wood and Tr. Guardino - Aye.

Resolution to schedule a public hearing on the Proposed Sign Law on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

RESOLUTION 18-099

AMEND SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

Offered by Mayor Lashua, seconded by Tr. Guardino. Tr. Knowlton and Tr. Wood - Aye.

Resolution to amend the Sexual Harassment Policy to add the clerk as a second reporting contact

Streets/Sidewalks Mr. Murray reported that the DPW crew would be finished with brush pick up this week. They plan to put up the Christmas decorations the week after Thanksgiving. The docks will be taken out next week. The speed signs for the school have been ordered.

RESOLUTION 18-100

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Offered by Tr. Guardino, seconded by Tr. Knowlton. Tr. Wood and Mayor Lashua - Aye.

Resolution to accept the minutes of the 10/10/18 meeting.

RESOLUTION 18-101

VOUCHER APPROVALS

Offered by Tr. Wood, seconded by Tr. Knowlton. Tr. Guardino and Mayor Lashua - Aye.

General	154-194	\$ 11,718.78
Sewer	154-194	\$ 35,399.47
Water	154-194	\$ 14,451.27
EQ Project	154-194	<u>\$ 7,500.00</u>
Total		\$ 69,069.52

Other Disbursements: \$68,022.02

RESOLUTION 18-102

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Offered by Tr. Knowlton, seconded by Tr. Wood. Tr. Guardino and Mayor Lashua - Aye.

Resolution to approve the following budget modifications:

Sewer:

Dec. 14204.2	Attorney CE	\$ 901.70	Inc. 19904.2	Contingency	\$11,900.00
Dec. 14404.2	Engineer	<u>\$12,500.00</u>	Inc. 81894.2	Reserve	<u>\$ 1,501.70</u>
	TOTAL	\$13,401.70		TOTAL	\$13,401.70

At 7:00pm, with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mayor Lashua. All were in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Smithers
Village Clerk