

VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON
Regular Board Meeting
October 11, 2017

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 E. Wood; C. Basford; A. Guardino and W. Knowlton. Also in attendance were S. McConnell, DANC; T. Murray, DPW Superintendent and M. Basford, HVFD, Chief.

HVFD Report The new tanker has arrived. There was a discussion about the fire contracts. The Clerk will send out Macomb's fire contract. There was a discussion about the fire department becoming a fire district and what the process would be to become a fire district. The Village will be getting together with the Towns to see the feasibility of becoming a district. The lawn mower races went well.

Public Forum N/A

Sewer/Water Mr. McConnell informed the Board that the WWTP was running well. Maintenance work is being done at the Rensselaer Street lift station. Sludge is ready to land spread, waiting to hear from Mr. Pierce when they will be spreading. There was a decrease in volume from Losurdo's this month. Aerators were cleaned today. There was a leak at the water tower, the part was ordered and it should be delivered this month. Life Science will be used for sampling periodically. Mr. McConnell left a 6:27 pm.

Mayor's Report Mr. Murray informed the Board that Dollar General is now hooked up to the Village. Dollar General paid for and installed a manhole on Rt. 812. Installation costs for Dollar General will be waived. Engineering costs for Dollar General that the Village paid to C2ae will be charged to Dollar General. The Mayor informed the Board that there is a Legislative priorities meeting in Albany on November 13th if anyone on the Board would like to attend. The Mayor informed the Board that the Village is in the process of applying for a SAM (pre grant) to purchase property in the Downtown area. The grant paperwork was received from Patty Ritchie's office and is for \$50,000. Please contact the Clerk by October 23rd in order to have something put in the newsletter. The Board discussed the Municipal Restructuring Fund Program Grant Application.

RESOLUTION 17-067 **Municipal Restructuring Fund Program Grant Application**
Offered by Tr. Wood, seconded by Tr. Knowlton. Mayor Lashua and Tr. Basford and Tr. Guardino-Aye. **The Village of Heuvelton does hereby authorize the submittal of an application, as lead local government entity, to apply for a Municipal Restructuring Fund Program Grant through the New York State Department of State.**

Whereas, the Village of Heuvelton owns and operates a municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) capable of treating an average flow of 0.45 million gallons per day (MGD), and

Whereas, the Village's WWTP serves a population of 734 people, several small business, and a specialty cheese manufacturing facility, Losurdo Foods, Inc., which is the largest employer in the area with approximately 65 jobs, and

Whereas, the Village WWTP's infrastructure will require significant capital improvements in the upcoming year's to serve the current and future needs of the community, and

Whereas, the City of Ogdensburg owns and operates a WWTP capable of handling average daily flows of 6.5 MGD, with excess capacity due to the loss of several large manufacturing facilities over the last several decades, and which is undergoing a 35M capital improvement project to

renovate the facility and bring the facility into compliance with current environmental and safety regulations, and

Whereas, the Village of Heuvelton is interested in pursuing a solution for wastewater treatment which would involve decommissioning the Village's WWTP, constructing a sewer pipeline between the Village and the City of Ogdensburg, and interconnecting to the City's collection system, and

Whereas, this sewer pipeline would provide opportunities for economic development along the NYS Route 812 corridor, provide opportunity for growth within the Village of Heuvelton, and provide service to the Ogdensburg International Airport; which does not have access to municipal wastewater services and has recently expanded service, and

Whereas, this project would benefit the Village of Heuvelton, City of Ogdensburg, Town of Oswegatchie, and the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority by providing a more cost effective, sustainable solution for municipal wastewater through the consolidation of two disparate systems and the accessibility to wastewater treatment in areas of the Town of Oswegatchie that are presently un-served.

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Village of Heuvelton does hereby authorize the submittal of an application, as lead local government entity, to apply for a Municipal Restructuring Fund Program Grant through the New York State Department of State.

RESOLUTION 17-068

RE-LEVY VILLAGE TAXES 2018

Offered by Tr. Guardino, seconded by Tr. Basford. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Wood and Knowlton-Aye. **Resolution authorizing the Village Clerk to re-levy unpaid Village taxes of \$14,131.38 plus second notice fees of \$50.00 and interest of \$992.70 for a total of \$15,174.08 to the January 2018 Town & County Tax Roll.**

Streets/Sidewalks

Mr. Murray informed the Board that brush pickup started the week of October 10th and will end the second week of November. The DPW crew is putting tin on the Sheffield building roof. Hydrant flushing will be the week of October 16th through the 20th. Mr. Murray is looking into purchasing a new equipment trailer and putting the old one out to bid. State contract pricing would be \$11,697. Due to a strong fuel smell a dig request was put in at L.E.A's Restaurant. A 1,000 gallon tank was found in the driveway between Stewart's and L.E.A.'s with fuel in it. The DEC was contacted. There was a conversation about taking down a pole on State Street that has a camera on it and the owner cannot be found. Mayor Lashua will contact Kevin Wells to see if he can find out who it belongs to.

RESOLUTION 17-069

DPW EQUIPMENT TRAILER PURCHASE

Offered by Tr. Guardino, seconded by Tr. Knowlton. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Basford and Wood-Aye. **Resolution to allow Mr. Murray to purchase an equipment trailer, not to exceed \$11,697.00.**

RESOLUTION 17-070

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Offered by Tr. Basford, seconded by Tr. Guardino. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Wood and Knowlton-Aye. **Resolution to accept the minutes of the 9/13 & 9/19 meetings.**

RESOLUTION 17-071

VOUCHER APPROVALS

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

Approval of Vouchers

General	161-192	\$74,034.89
Sewer	161-192	\$25,736.03
Water	161-192	\$11,653.96
HVFD Capital	161-192	<u>\$ 587.39</u>
Total		\$112,012.27

Other Disbursements: \$ 17,963.34

RESOLUTION 17-072

ELEC. SUPPLY SERVICES-CHAMPION ENERGY, LLC

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

Resolution to use Champion Energy, LLC as the electricity supplier for the Village of Heuvelton for a fixed rate of .04262 per kWh for a twelve month period.

At 6:55 pm, with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Tr. Guardino. All were in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna M. Hurst
Village Clerk