

**VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON**  
**Special Board Meeting**  
**September 2, 2025**

At 10:05 am, Mayor Lashua called the meeting to order. Village Trustees in attendance were Trustee A. Guardino, Trustee M. Hebert, and Trustee C. Basford. Town Council members in attendance were Supervisor A. Nichols, M. Stoner, K. Wilson, and L. LaRose. Also, present were B. Dashnaw, V. Thornhill, and Attorney B. Pinsky on call.

Mr. Pinsky gave information regarding steps to begin a fire district much discussion was held on timeframe, budget, taxes, creating policies, finding and appointing commissioners, treasurer and secretary and training. The Boards agreed to start the fire district in 2026.

**RESOLUTION 25-099                      RESOLUTION REGARDING PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT FIRE DISTRICT**

Offered by Mayor Lashua, seconded by Tr. Guardino. All in favor.

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Oswegatchie and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Heuvelton having duly convened on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2025 in joint session for the purpose of jointly considering the formation of a joint fire district, the objects and purposes for which is to consolidate the fire protection and rescue services within the area of the joint fire district, which is (tentatively) to be called the “Heuvelton Volunteer Joint Fire District”, pursuant to the provisions of section 189-a of the Town Law and section 22-2210 of the Village Law, and

**WHEREAS**, such joint fire district would include all of that portion of the Town of Oswegatchie, including the Village of Heuvelton, but excluding that portion of the Town of Oswegatchie which includes the Morristown Fire District.

**WHEREAS**, the majority of the members of said Town Board and Village Board of Trustees deem it in the public interest to hold a joint public hearing on the question of the formation of said joint fire district.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Oswegatchie, and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Heuvelton will hold a joint public hearing on **October 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** at 51 State Street, Heuvelton, NY 13654, to consider the proposed formation of a joint fire district to include all of that portion of the Town of Oswegatchie, including the Village of Heuvelton, but excluding that portion of the Town of Oswegatchie which includes the Morristown Fire District, and to hear all persons interested in the establishment of the district;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board and the Village Board of Trustees shall direct their respective clerks to cause notice of such public hearing to:

1. be published in a newspaper having general circulation in such two towns and village, at least once not less than ten (10) days before the date of the hearing, and
2. posted in five (5) public conspicuous places in the Town of Oswegatchie’s Fire Protection District, not less than ten (10) days before the date of the hearing (Note: one of the posting requirements may be fulfilled by posting such information on the Town website, and one of the posting requirements may be fulfilled by posting on the Town sign board), and
3. in five public conspicuous places in the Village of Heuvelton, not less than ten (10) days before the date of the hearing (Note: one of the posting requirements may be fulfilled by posting such information on the Village website, and one of the posting requirements may be fulfilled by posting on the Village sign board)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Notice of such joint public hearing also shall be served by the respective clerks upon the members of both Town Board of the Town of Oswegatchie, and upon the members of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Heuvelton, by mail addressed to such members at their last known post office addresses, at least ten (10) days before the date of the hearing. Such notice shall contain a brief description of the boundaries of the proposed joint fire district, being the entire Town of Oswegatchie including all of the Village of Heuvelton, and of the objects and purposes for which it is proposed that a new joint fire district be created, and shall specify the single time when and place where the town and village boards will jointly meet to consider the proposal and to hear all persons interested in the establishment of the joint fire district.

At 11:36 am, with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Tr. Basford. All agreed.  
 Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Donnelly  
 Village Clerk