

VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON
Regular Board Meeting
March 13, 2014

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 Wood, Guardino, and Parish. Also in attendance were T. Murray, DPW Superintendent, J. Bickel, Treasurer and N. Friot, Chief, HVFD. Tr. Thornhill was absent.

HVFD Report Chief Friot informed the Board that Mr. Snover had signed the dry hydrant easement agreement and had returned it to his attorney who will forward it to Mr. Gebo. The next step in the process is to set up a shared services agreement with the Town to plow the dry hydrant turn around. The fire department annual banquet was very nice and had a good turnout. The Mayor read a letter to the Board from the Town of Oswegatchie Board inviting the Village Board to the next Town Board meeting, April 14, 2014 at 7:00 pm, to discuss negotiating the upcoming Fire Protection Contract. The Town of Oswegatchie Board rescinded a resolution which was passed on February 10, 2014, for a 2% increase for the 2015-2017 Fire Protection Contract. Tr. Wood, Tr. Parish and Deputy Mayor Guardino will attend the Town meeting. Mayor Lashua will respond to the Town's letter. Chief Friot informed the Board that the loan for E103 will be paid off on Friday, March 14, 2014. Chief Friot left at 6:40 pm

Sewer/Water The WWTP is running well and all were in compliance. Mayor Lashua discussed information that she receive from Carrie Tuttle, DANC, about Losurdo Foods. There is potential to get a second source well from Losurdo's and also supply Losurdo's with water from the Village. There was a discussion about a resident's water/sewer late fee. Tr. Parish will contact the resident and have them send a letter to the Board about waiving the late fee.

Mayor's Report T. Burley and C. Tuttle had a meeting with the DEC concerning a bar screen for the WWTP and Lagoon # 2. The Mayor discussed with the Board a response letter that is to be sent to the DEC about these items. The Mayor discussed with the Board the Oswegatchie Blueway Trail Project meeting that she attended. A benefit of the project would include support of individual communities seeking funding for local projects along the Oswegatchie River. The project would promote sustainable tourism and preservation and may help communities get points for funding future projects.

RESOLUTION 14-016 **PROTECT LAGOON # 2 FROM BEING LLEGALLY DECOMMISSIONED**

Offered by Mayor Lashua seconded by Tr. Wood. Tr. Guardino and Tr. Parish-yes.

Resolution to protect lagoon #2 from being illegally decommissioned by adding additional signage to the head of the lagoon regarding the prohibition of dumping any material into the lagoon. The Village will continue to have a fence that is closed and locked outside of normal business hours to prevent illegal dumping.

RESOLUTION 14-017 **OSWEGATCHIE BLUEWAY TRAIL COMMITMENT**

Offered by Mayor Lashua seconded by Tr. Guardino. Tr. Parish and Tr. Wood-yes.

Resolution to contribute \$500 to the Oswegatchie Blueway Trail Project and send commitment letter.

There was a discussion about lighting at the boat launch area. Tr. Guardino gave an approximate cost of \$1100 for two 240V LED lights. The cost for National Grid to put in a street light would be \$240 for just the light plus lighting costs each month. Mr. Murray suggested that the Village extend the boat ramp. The lighting and the extension of the boat ramp will be discussed further at April’s Board meeting. The Board reviewed the tentative budget. Now that the Trash Truck Reserve fund was expended after purchasing a new trash truck there was a discussion about establishing an equipment reserve fund. J. Bickel left at 7:24 pm. The Mayor read a letter from two residents in the Village who complimented the Village crew on what a good job that they do for the Village.

RESOLUTION 14-018 **2014-2015 BUDGET TO PUBLIC HEARING**

Offered by Mayor Lashua seconded by Tr. Wood. Tr. Parish and Tr. Guardino-yes.

Resolution to hold a public hearing on the 2014-2015 tentative budget on Wednesday, April 9th, at 6:00 pm.

National Grid There was a discussion about National Grid putting in pole drops in the Village. This will be discussed further at April’s Board meeting.

Sidewalk Mr. Murray informed the Board that a company called Kenyon was going through the Village doing a sewer/pipe inspection for the upcoming sewer project. The Village crew will be going to a hard hat expo in Syracuse on March 19th. There is a recall on a part for the new trash truck and the crew will be taking it to Stadium International to have it repaired on the way to the expo. There was a discussion about taking the packer off of the old trash truck and putting it on the dump truck.

Trash/Recyclables There was a discussion about changing to a sticker system for the trash program for the Village. Residents would no longer have to purchase blue trash bags, only stickers. It was suggested that the size of the stickers could be 3x5 and that they should be extra sticky. There would be a sticker for trash a different color (labeled trash) and the sticker for recyclables would remain the same. For trash a 13 gallon bag would take 1 sticker and a 32 gallon bag would take 3 stickers. Bags must be clear or translucent. No black bags. A pamphlet and a newsletter would be sent out to residents informing them the particulars of the new system if it is approved by the Board. Mayor Lashua will check on the cost of the stickers and get back to the Board at the next Board meeting.

RESOLUTION 14-019 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Offered by Tr. Parish seconded by Tr. Wood. Mayor Lashua and Tr. Guardino-yes.

Resolution to accept the minutes of the 02/12/14 meeting.

RESOLUTION 14-020 **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Offered by Tr. Guardino seconded by Tr. Parish. Mayor Lashua and Tr. Wood-yes.

Resolution to approve vouchers as follows:

General	293-320	\$ 11,584.66
Sewer	293-320	\$ 4,794.36
Water	293-320	<u>\$ 3,639.31</u>
Total		\$ 20,018.33

Fire Reserve \$ 145,074.15
Other Disbursements \$ 30,102.54

RESOLUTION 14-021

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Offered by Tr. Wood seconded by Tr. Parish. Mayor Lashua and Tr. Guardino-yes

Resolution to approve the following budget modifications:

General: Inc. 51102.1 Safety Eq. \$15.39 Dec. 51104.1 Streets CE \$15.39

At 8:40 pm, with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Tr. Parish. All were in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna M. Hurst
Village Clerk