

**VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**May 8, 2013**

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 Thornhill, Wood, Guardino and Parish. Also in attendance were T. Murray, DPW Superintendent and J. Lightfoot, SLC Legislator. Eliza Jane Hamilton, Jacob Pribble, Kayla Thompson, Mallary Cameron, Allison Montroy, Judy DeSantis, Hunter DeSantis, Judith Rheome and Scott Cameron were from the Heuvelton Leo's, Betsy Barr, Nancy LaFaver, Reality Check, Ben Todd, SLC Public Health Department, Chris Hayes, Mary Hayes, and Jeremy McGaw, Village residents. Tim Burley and Kevin Hickey, C2ae.

**HVFD Report** Chief Basford was absent. The Mayor informed the Board that the Fire Department will be moving a storage building to another area on the property and adjusting the grade. They will also be building a training tower at no cost to the Village. They will possibly start building the training tower in July.

**Sewer/Water** The Mayor informed the Board that the WWTP was running well and that all were in compliance. Sludge is ready to spread as soon as we get the okay from the DEC. The electric bill for the WWTP was higher this month. The KW hours were higher this month due to decanting and mixing the lagoon.

**Public Forum** Mallary Cameron, Hunter DeSantis, Kayla Thompson, Jacob Pribble and Judith Rheome gave a presentation on tobacco to the Board. There was a discussion about the new smoking ban in St. Lawrence County where no one is allowed to smoke on County property and the possible change of age to 21 to purchase cigarettes. Information is being gathered so that the Board can make an informed decision on the suggestions for local licensing and zoning of cigarettes and will get back with the Heuvelton Leo's. The Mayor will contact Nancy LaFaver. Chris Hayes discussed with the Board changing his property located at 25 Washington Street from residential to commercial. This will need to go before the Village Planning Board and the County Planning Board. As soon as a meeting is set up with the Village Planning Board Mr. Hayes will be notified.

Tim Burley, C2ae, discussed with the Board the progress report for the sewer replacement project. The Mayor asked Tim Burley if the water main project for Water Street could be done with the sewer construction project on Water Street. Mr. Burley said that it could be done if it was considered critical. Tim Murray will start Clinton Street first for replacing water mains. Tim Burley discussed with the Board adding alternates to the project. Mr. Burley informed the Board that there would be project meetings as the project progressed. Mr. Burley said that he has not heard from USDARD on the Water Tower/Distribution project. He will check with USDARD on the status and get back with the Board. Mr. Burley and Mr. Hickey left at 7:00 pm. Mr. Lightfoot, SLC Legislator, informed the Board that a bill still has not been put together on the 1% sales tax increase. Mr. Griffo did not like the 5 year plan that the County put together. The County is looking into suing the State and the Indian Tribes for the 5 million dollars of casino money that is owed to the County. Mr. Lightfoot told the Board that the Assembly authorized a bill for extended voting; there is no money to cover the cost to do this. There will be a meeting at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center on May 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to noon to discuss the possible closing of the Psychiatric Center. Mr. Lightfoot left at 7:10 pm.

Jeremy McGaw discussed with the Board water/sewer hookups for the new home he is building in the Village. Mr. McGaw is requesting a new sewer connection on the Village sewer main, which would require excavating State Street (SH812). There is a factory tap on the Village sewer main approximately 45' north of the existing sewer lateral connection. The Village's sewer main on State Street (SH812) is located 4' off the edge of State Street and 7' deep, which falls in NYSDOT's road jurisdiction. The Village is requesting input from the NYSDOT on Mr. McGaw's request. Mr. McGaw also discussed with the Board brush pickup. The Village Clerk will email Mr. McGaw a copy of the newsletter with the information on brush pickup and also email Mr. McGaw a copy of the letter sent to the DOT so that he has the name and address of the individual taking care of this matter. Mr. McGaw left at 7:50 pm.

**RESOLUTION 130-048**

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

**SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE ST. LAWRENCE PSYCHIATRIC CENTER**

**WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Mental Health is proposing a reduction in the number of inpatient hospital beds, and**

**WHEREAS, the plan would include designating certain hospitals for closure, and**

**WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center, located in Ogdensburg, New York provides a comprehensive range of residential programs including Children/Youth Services, Adult Services, and a Sex Offender Treatment Program, and**

**WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center has a distinguished history of providing services to those in need from the North Country and throughout New York State for over 100 years, and**

**WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has a long history of assisting New York State by welcoming and caring for those being treated at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center, and**

**WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center is the only such facility in this part of the state, and**

**WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center provides high quality care for residents of this region for whom travel and access to other facilities outside of this region would be a hardship, and**

**WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center employs approximately 500 people, and**

**WHEREAS, these employees reside in the North Country, make purchases here, and support our local business, thereby contributing to the local economy and making our region a better place to live and raise a family, and**

**WHEREAS, in the past few years the General Motors plant in Massena, New York closed, putting over 500 people out of work, the Newton Falls Fine Paper Mill closed, leaving 100 people without jobs, the zinc and talc mines in Gouverneur area have greatly reduced their operations, costing over 200 job losses, and numerous cutbacks and layoffs at local hospitals and schools have further strained the North Country economy, placing an unprecedented demand on human, health, and social services in our region, and**

**WHEREAS, the loss of jobs and payroll at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center would create an economic climate that will contribute even further to the need for the services that would be taken out of this area by the Center's closure or reduction of services, and**

**WHEREAS, the current condition of the over 500,000 square feet of vacant and deteriorating buildings that were formerly used by the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center is a clear indication that there is no market or reasonable expectation for the adaptive reuse of any additional buildings currently being used by the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center should they be closed, and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Heuvelton urges our regional elected to oppose any plan that would involve the closure or reduction in services of the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center, and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, United States Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, United States Congressman Owens, New York Senators Little, Griffo, and Ritchie and New York Assembly Members Duprey, Russell, Butler, and Blankenbush.**

**RESOLUTION 13-049**

**ANTI-TERRORIST COVERAGE**

Offered by Tr. Guardino, seconded by Tr. Wood. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Thornhill, Parish-yes. **Resolution to opt out of the terrorism portion of the Village's liability insurance at a savings of \$401.00.**

**Mayor's Report** The Board reviewed the Sewer Use Law on charges for new sewer hook-ups. The Board will be coming in on May 29th, by 4:00 pm., to sign vouchers to close the books. The Mayor informed the Board that the school budget vote would be May 21<sup>st</sup>, 1-8 pm.

**Sidewalk** Mr. Murray informed the Board of the last day for brush pickup. Mr. Murray told the Board that the person that would be hired for DPW summer help would be Christopher LaRock and that he would be starting the end of May. Mr. Murray said that the DPW crew would be starting summer hours in June. There was a discussion about stripping the mulch from Murdock Park and re-mulching. Hydrant flushing will begin Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. We are still waiting to hear from the DEC about spreading sludge. The amount the Village will receive from Chips will be \$23,090. The plant buckets will be put out the week of 5/11/13. There was a discussion about the appearance of the Town Hall yard.

Tr. Parish spoke with the Board about a complaint from a resident on Lisbon Street whose backyard was flooding due to construction of a driveway on the neighbor's property. Mayor Lashua will discuss this with Mr. Tuttle. There was a discussion about the poor condition of several properties in the Village. The Mayor will ask Mr. Tuttle to copy the Board on any letters sent to property owners and what, if any, action will be taken to correct the problem areas.

**RESOLUTION 13-050**

Offered by Tr. Parish, seconded by Tr. Guardino. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Thornhill, Wood-yes. **Supporting the plan of the St. Lawrence County Recreational Trails Board for re-opening the community connector/recreational access corridor below the Rainbow Falls Dam in Parishville as a segment of the St. Lawrence multi-use trail and a segment of New York State Snowmobile Trail No. 8**

**WHEREAS, access below Rainbow Dam on Picketville Road located in the Town of Parishville has been an important route for travel, recreation, and other purposes since the 1950s, and**

**WHEREAS, this route is an essential and important recreational community connector connecting the Towns of Parishville and Colton, and**

**WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Recreational Trails Advisory Board through State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) and consultation with local clubs has identified this as a route critical to the Cross County Trails Development, and**

**WHEREAS, this route was a groomed snowmobile trail and is included in the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation White Hill Unit Management Plan as Trail No.8, and**

**WHEREAS, Brookfield Renewable Energy Group restricted access below Rainbow Dam closing this route to all forms of traffic.**

**WHEREAS, on March 4, 2013, two men drowned while trying to cross the Rainbow Falls Reservoir by snowmobile on the ice, and**

**WHEREAS, reopening the crossing at Rainbow Dam would provide a safe route across the Raquette River, and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Heuvelton Village Board supports the plan of the St. Lawrence County Recreational Trails Board for re-opening the community connector/recreational access corridor below the Rainbow Falls Dam in Parishville as a segment of the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail and a segment of New York State Snowmobile Trail No.8, and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the NYS Snowmobile Association, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Town of Colton Supervisor, Town of Parishville Supervisor, St. Lawrence County Snowmobile Association, St. Lawrence County Trails and Recreation Advisory Board, and Brookfield Renewable Energy Group.**

#### **RESOLUTION 13-051**

Offered by Tr. Parish, seconded by Tr. Guardino. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Thornhill, Wood-yes.  
**VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON SUPPORTS ATV INCREASE WEIGHT BILL  
A04971/S1946**

**WHEREAS, weight limits for registration currently stand at 1000 pounds, and many of the different manufactured brands weigh more than 1000 pounds, making registration an impossibility, and**

**WHEREAS, this legislation would also amend the definition of ATV "All Terrain Vehicle" to include any self-propelled vehicle which is manufactured for sale for operation primarily on off-highway trails or off-highway competitions and only incidentally operated on public highways providing that such vehicles do not exceed seventy inches in width, and**

**WHEREAS, these important Bills would allow the registration of UTVs, commonly referred to as side by sides, with weight limits up to 1500 pounds, and**

**WHEREAS, other states have passed similar legislation, and**

**WHEREAS, the Village of Heuvelton recognizes that this type of ATV, although larger in stature than conventional ATVs, are characterized as a passive mode of recreational vehicle that allow the users, a more practical way to accomplish chores, an opportunity for two or more hunters to reach their destination with a single machine, and a more comfortable and safe avenue to enjoy the beautiful outdoors that St. Lawrence County and New York State has to offer, and**

**WHEREAS, the Village Board recognizes the necessary revenue gains for both the County and State that could be attained through sales and use of ATVs, both conventional and side by side, and**

**WHEREAS, this legislation is a critical step towards creating economic development, job creation, and increased tourism opportunities in a County that is rich in natural resources for responsible ATV use,**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Heuvelton Village Board supports ATV Increase Weight Bill A04971/S1946, and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Patty Ritchie, Senator Joseph Griffo, Senator Elizabeth O'C Little, Assemblyman Kenneth Blankenbush, Assemblywoman Addie Russell, Assemblyman Marc Butler, Assemblywoman Janet Duprey, and Judy Wendt, St. Lawrence County ATV Association.**

**RESOLUTION 13-052**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Offered by Tr. Thornhill, seconded by Tr. Wood. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Parish, Guardino-yes.  
**Resolution to accept the minutes of the 04/10/13 meeting.**

**RESOLUTION 13-053**

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Offered by Tr. Thornhill, seconded by Tr. Wood. Mayor Lashua and Trs. Parish, Guardino-yes.  
**Resolution to approve vouchers as follows:**

General	378-401	\$ 10,968.73
Sewer	378-401	\$ 7,020.14
Water	378-401	\$ 1,430.61
Sewer Capital	378-401	\$ <u>47,999.50</u>
Total		\$ 67,418.98

**Other Disbursements \$ 72,794.59**

At 9:00 pm, with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Tr. Thornhill. All were in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna M. Hurst  
Village Clerk