

VILLAGE OF HEUVELTON

Regular Board Meeting

June 12, 2024

At 6:00 pm, Mayor Lashua called the meeting to order, she opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Trustees in attendance were Trustee A. Guardino, Trustee M. Hebert, Trustee E. Wood, and Trustee C. Basford. Also, in attendance was A. Spaman, DPW Supervisor; B. Bailey, HVFD Chief; C. Fout, DANC.; and K. Feuka. J. Lightfoot, SLC Legislator arrived at 6:03pm.

Public Forum Mr. Lightfoot updated the Board on county matters. He left at 7:18pm.

HVFD Report Chief Bailey gave the fire department report. They discussed the filling of pools and the use of hydrants. It was decided that no hydrants are to be used. Chief Bailey left at 6:12pm.

RESOLUTION 24-057 WAIVE LIMIT FOR HVFD POOL WATER HAULING

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

Resolution to wave the limit to the number of gallons of water per day the HVFD hauls to fill swimming pools subject to change at the discretion of the water operator.

Water/Sewer Mr. Fout gave an update to the Board on the water and sewer operations. There were no major issues. He left at 6:17pm.

Mayor Lashua discussed the change orders needed for the sewer project. She also talked about a letter to Losurdo Foods regarding installation of the flow meter.

RESOLUTION 24-058 SEWER PROJECT CHANGE ORDER 2, CONTRACT 2

Offered by Tr. M. Hebert, seconded by Tr. E Wood. All in favor.

Resolution to accept Change order 2 to Contract 2 for additional services to install electrical to the flow meter being installed to monitor the flows from Losurdo, for an increase of \$12,417.11. It will also change the substantial completion date to 8/7/24.

RESOLUTION 24-059 SEWER PROJECT CHANGE ORDER 4, CONTRACT 1

Offered by Tr. A. Guardino seconded by Tr. M. Hebert. All in favor.

Resolution to accept Change order 4 to Contract 1 for additional services to install a metering manhole by Losurdo Foods, Inc. at an increase of \$41,571.52. It will also change the substantial completion date to 8/7/24.

RESOLUTION 24-060 PAY PROJECT INVOICES OFF WARRANT

Offered by Tr. A. Guardino, seconded by Tr. C. Basford. All in favor.

Resolution to pay project invoices off warrant as grant funds become available.

RESOLUTION 24-061 SOLAR CONSENT & ESTOPPEL AGREEMENT

Offered by Tr. M. Hebert, seconded by Tr. E. Wood. All in favor.

Resolution for the Mayor to execute the Solar Consent and Estoppel Agreement when the attorney is agreeable to the language of the agreement.

Mayors Report Mr. Feuka explained the HHA Grant application and the SEQR and Lead Agency Status for the boat launch upgrade and park improvement grant application. He left at 6:52pm.

RESOLUTION 24-062

VILLAGE SUPPORT HHA GRANT APPLICATION

Offered by Tr. A Guardino, seconded by Tr. C. Basford. All in favor.

WHEREAS, the Heuvelton Historical Association (hereinafter “HHA”) is a New York State (NYS) Not-for Profit Corporation that has been the primary source of the preservation, redevelopment and maintenance of historic Heuvelton properties it has secured over the last 15 years including the Pickens Hall, the adjoining building at 81 State St. which houses the St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union and a second floor living space, and most recently, 25 Water Street, which houses the Reflexions Salon and a second floor living space, and;

WHEREAS, the HHA’s success has resulted in documented growth of Heuvelton’s commercial and residential properties spurring economic expansion, consistent with the goals of the New York State Empire State Development (ESD) and Division of Housing and Community Renewal (HCR) agencies, and;

WHEREAS, the HHA has identified further improvements for the properties noted above including, but not necessarily limited to, renovating existing space to offer an additional rental apartment; underground burial of primary electrical service and parking lot improvements to the site between 25 Water Street and Pickens Hall, heating system conversion to energy-efficient heat pump technology to serve all three buildings, and/or renovation of Pickens Hall to provide catering kitchen equipment and preparation facilities, and;

WHEREAS, the Village has been successfully awarded “Pro-Housing Community Program” certification by the HCR, which is required and prioritized for several grant opportunities making funds available to NYS Not-for-Profit Corporations proposing such work in certified communities via the 2024 New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process, and;

WHEREAS, the HHA is actively preparing related applications to the 2024 ESD “Capital Improvement Grants for Pro-Housing Communities Program” and/or the 2024 HCR “New York Main Street Program”, as applicable, for the noted improvements, and;

WHEREAS, a resolution adopted by the governing Board of the certified Pro-Housing Community in which the NYS Not-for-Profit Corporation proposes grant-funded work is required as part of the application process to document support and approval for the application(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Village of Heuvelton Village Board officially supports and approves the HHA submitting one or both of the applications noted above to 2024 NYS CFA program.

**RESOLUTION 24-063
ASSUMING LEAD AGENCY STATUS**

RESOLUTION SETTING STATUS UNDER SEQRA AND

Village of Heuvelton – Boat Launch Upgrade and Park Improvements

Offered by Tr. E. Wood, seconded by Tr. M. Hebert. All in favor.

WHEREAS, the Village of Heuvelton, hereinafter referred to as the “Village”, is proposing to cause to be constructed an upgrade to the existing Oswegatchie River boat launch with additional improvements to the existing park in which the launch is located, all on a 6.73-acre parcel owned by the Village of Heuvelton situated between Horseshoe Road and the Oswegatchie River, and;

WHEREAS, the Village of Heuvelton Village Board must evaluate all proposed actions submitted for its consideration that may affect the environment in light of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and the regulations promulgated thereunder, and;

WHEREAS, the “involved agencies”, as that term is defined in 6(A-2) NYCRR 617.2(t), include the Town of Oswegatchie, St. Lawrence County Planning Department, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), New York State Department of State (DOS), New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and the United State Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), and;

WHEREAS, the Village of Heuvelton Village Board desires to serve and act as the Lead Agency for the purposes of SEQR, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Heuvelton Village Board that:

The Village of Heuvelton Village Board makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the project, and; The project constitutes a “UNLISTED ACTION” as that term is defined in Section 6(A-2) NYCRR Section 617.2(al), and; The Village of Heuvelton Village Clerk shall cause the Town of Oswegatchie, St. Lawrence County Planning Department, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), New York State Department of State (DOS), New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and the United State Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) as the other “involved agencies” to be notified of this resolution, and;

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Lashua discussed the summer youth program. She also talked about hiring a contractor to do work on the pavilion gables. She also informed the board that it is required by the Attorney General that an appraisal of the sewer property would have to be done before it could be sold.

RESOLUTION 24-064

YOUTH PROGRAM PAY RATES

Offered by Tr. A Guardino, seconded by Tr. E Wood. All in favor.

Resolution to set the pay rates for the summer recreation program; Recreation Attendants \$15.00/hr., Swim Director \$2,000 salary, Bus Drivers \$25.00/hr., and Recreation Leader \$2,000 salary.

RESOLUTION 24-065

HIRE RECREATION EMPLOYEES

Offered by Tr. A Guardino, seconded by Tr. E Wood. All in favor.

Resolution to allow the Mayor to hire youth recreation employees at her discretion.

RESOLUTION 24-066

HIRE CONTRACTOR FOR PAVILION WORK

Offered by Mayor Lashua, seconded by Tr. C Basford. All in favor.

Resolution to authorize the DPW Supervisor to hire a contractor for labor on the pavilion gables at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00. The Village will supply the materials needed.

Streets/Sidewalks Mr. Spaman gave a DPW report. The safety audit was completed with a few minor issues to correct. They have been busy with calls to resident’s homes for sewer issues.

RESOLUTION 24-067

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Offered by Tr. A Guardino, seconded by Tr. M Hebert. All in favor.

Resolution to accept the minutes of the 5/08/24 Board Meeting & 5/30/24 FYE and 6/5/24 Special Meeting.

RESOLUTION 24- 068

VOUCHER APPROVALS

Offered by Tr. M Hebert, seconded by Tr. E. Wood. All in favor.

Approval of Vouchers 0624-1-0624-23

General	\$29,654.84
Sewer	\$51,945.03
Water	\$ 6,113.39
Sewer Cons.	\$ 2,000.00
Total	\$89,713.26

Other Disbursements \$ 15,427.08

At 8:35pm, with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mayor Lashua. All agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Smithers
Deputy Clerk