

MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HARTFORD,  
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,  
HARTFORD, ILLINOIS AT 6:30 P.M. ON THE  
21<sup>st</sup> Day of November 2017

1. Mayor Hickerson called the Village Board to order at 6:30 P.M.
2. Roll Call of Board Members
  - A. On roll call, the following trustees were present: Clinton Caldwell, Robert Cheatham, Heather Flanigan, Chris Fulkerson, and Michelle Prickett. Trustee Jamie Harrop was absent.
  - B. Also present were: Village Attorney Chris Donohoo, Police Chief Brandon Flanigan, Treasurer Sue Budde, Michael Goode, John & Christina Hayes, Connie Caldwell, Kerri Fulkerson and Village Clerk Chessie Brame.
3. Pledge to the Flag
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes: 11/7/2017
  - A. On motion of Flanigan, seconded by Caldwell, it was voted to approve the 11/7/2017 minutes as recorded by the clerk. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson, and Prickett. Nays: None. Absent: Harrop. Motion unanimous.
6. Report from Village Clerk: Nothing to report.
7. Report from Mayor Hickerson
  - A. On motion of Cheatham, seconded by Flanigan, it was voted to approve Resolution 2017-R-253 easement #175.02-132 ft to 150 ft in the sum of \$1600.00. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson, and Prickett. Nays: None. Absent: Harrop. Motion unanimous.
  - B. On motion of Prickett, seconded by Flanigan, it was voted to approve Resolution 2017-R-254 easement #176.01-132 ft to 150 ft in the sum of \$6350.00. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson, and Prickett. Nays: None. Absent: Harrop. Motion unanimous.
  - C. On motion of Caldwell, seconded by Flanigan, it was voted to approve to extend the Electrical Aggregation Service Agreement with Homefield Energy. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson, and Prickett. Nays: None. Absent: Harrop. Motion unanimous.
  - D. On motion of Fulkerson, seconded by Prickett, it was approved to enter dump truck usage fees into the Sanitation Capital Development Fund. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson, and Prickett. Nays: None. Absent: Harrop. Motion unanimous.
  - E. The State of Illinois will be starting their Bicentennial celebration and sent the Village a flag to hoist below the Illinois State flag. They recommend a proclamation be written, designating the date to raise the flag. Mayor Hickerson read the proclamation he wrote (see attached). Mayor Hickerson invited everyone to attend at Noon on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at our Veterans Park where we will join a statewide simultaneous ceremony to raise the Illinois Bicentennial Flag.
8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo
  - The Village Attorney mentioned that there is a house on Canal Rd. that was previously damaged by a fire and that the Village had originally started demolition. The house has now been purchased and the new owner will be doing a rehab on the house soon.
  - Mr. Donohoo has not heard any further news regarding the Virgin property other than that it will be listed for sale by a realtor.
  - Trustee Caldwell asked about an empty house on E. Hawthorne. It was discussed that a resident had purchased that house and still owns it.
9. Report from Village Engineer, Cas Sheppard (Absent): Nothing to report.
10. Report from Fire Department, Chief Bill Owens (Absent): Nothing to report.

11. Report from Police Department, Chief Brandon Flanigan: Nothing to report.
12. Report from Public Works Department, Doug Preston (Absent): Nothing to report.

**Report from Committees:**

13. **Safety Committee (Harrop, Cheatham, Prickett):** Nothing to report.
14. **Ordinance Committee (Prickett, Harrop, Caldwell)**
  - Trustee Prickett asked about the note Mayor Hickerson left for the Trustees in regards to amending Ordinance No. 2017-O-318 inspections and fees. Mayor Hickerson said he planned to address that to the Board under new business.
15. **Public Works Committee (Fulkerson, Flanigan, Cheatham):** Nothing to report.
16. **Public Utilities Committee (Cheatham, Caldwell, Fulkerson)**
  - A. Trustee Cheatham received a maintenance agreement for the (6) Flygt Pump Stations. It was mentioned that the increase in cost in this contract is because the newer pumps take special oil. On motion of Cheatham, seconded by Caldwell, it was voted to approve the Vandevanter Engineering Updated Annual Preventative Maintenance Contract for 2018-2020; Annual Inspection for 2018 & 2019 (Per Year): \$4315.00 and for 2020: \$4488.00. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson, and Prickett. Nays: None. Absent: Harrop. Motion unanimous.
17. **Parks & Recreation Committee (Caldwell, Fulkerson, Flanigan):** Nothing to report.
  - Trustee Caldwell wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
18. **Finance & Public Buildings (Flanigan, Prickett, Harrop)**
  - A. Trustee Flanigan read Tax Levy Ordinance No. 2017-O-324 in the requested amount of \$472,740.00. The Ordinance will be voted on at the next Board Meeting.
19. Allowable claims against the Village
  - A. Trustee Flanigan advised that the Village had vendor claims of \$248,028.27, plus payroll claims of \$31,995.87, for total claims of \$280,024.14. On motion of Flanigan, seconded by Fulkerson, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the Village in the total amount of \$280,024.14. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson, and Prickett. Nays: None. Absent: Harrop. Motion unanimous.
20. There were no comments from the citizens.
21. New Business from the Board
  - Mayor Hickerson mentioned that the Board would need to amend the ordinance regarding inspections and fees. Public Works is making multiple trips to houses to do inspections. Forms will be given to those getting the inspections, showing what is to be fixed. A temporary permit can be issued, and fees will increase each time another inspection has to be made. Trustee Cheatham thanked Police Chief Brandon Flanigan for what he has done in dealing with the rental property issues and helping to change the way the Village deals with the rental properties in regards to getting unpaid water bills paid.
  - Mayor Hickerson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
22. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

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James F. Hickerson  
Village President

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Village Clerk, Chessie M. Brame

***ILLINOIS BICENTENNIAL PROCLAMATION***

***WHEREAS***, Sunday, December 3, 2017, marks Illinois 199th birthday, as Illinois became the 21st state of the union on December 3, 1818; and

***WHEREAS***, Illinois Bicentennial will be a yearlong celebration between December 3, 2017, and December 3, 2018, which will be our state's 200th birthday, and

***WHEREAS***, Illinois Bicentennial will honor the many ways that Illinois has influenced American history, achievement, culture, innovation and more; and,

***WHEREAS***, Illinois Bicentennial is a once-in-a-lifetime invitation to fall in love with Illinois all over again; and

***WHEREAS***, together, we can inspire pride in Illinois and show the world what makes this state so great; and

***WHEREAS***, our community should encourage citizens, organizations, businesses, congregations, and cultural and education institutions to participate in the yearlong celebration; and

***WHEREAS***, 12 Noon on Monday, December 4, 2017 at our Veterans Park we will join a state wide simultaneous ceremony to raise the Illinois Bicentennial Flag; and

***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Village of Hartford endorses the efforts of Illinois Bicentennial encourages all citizens to participate and celebrate in the upcoming year.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF***, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the seal of the Village of Hartford to be affixed, this 21st day of November, 2017.

Mayor of the Village of Hartford

