

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
19th Day of December 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, Jamie Harrop and Michelle Prickett.
 - B. Also present were: Village Attorney Chris Donohoo, Fire Chief Bill Owens, Treasurer Sue Budde, Rob Budde, Connie Caldwell and Village Clerk Chessie Brame.
 3. Pledge to the Flag
 4. Establishment of a quorum
 5. Approval of the Minutes: 12/5/2017
 - A. On motion of Flanigan, seconded by Harrop, it was voted to approve the 12/5/2017 minutes as recorded by the clerk. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Harrop and Prickett. Nays: None. Present: Fulkerson. Motion carried.
 6. Report from Village Clerk
 - A. Board Meetings for 2018 will be posted in the Village Hall and at the Public Safety Building.
 7. Report from Mayor Hickerson: Nothing to report.
 8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo: Nothing to report.
 9. Report from Village Engineer, Cas Sheppard (Absent): Nothing to report.
 10. Report from Fire Department, Chief Bill Owens
 - Chief Owens would like to start enforcing the ordinance for billing non-residents for use of the Fire department resources. Police Clerk Tiffany Huff will assist in this process. The Village Attorney will look at the past ordinance and the Village may need to do a resolution to post the costs/fees.
 - The Fire department would like the Village to consider sending a few firefighters to University of Illinois for fire training. Chief Owens did not have the exact amount yet, but said that the cost would include the class, hotel stay, and cost of gas for the Chief's vehicle.
 11. Report from Police Department, Chief Brandon Flanigan (Absent): 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):** Nothing to report.
 15. **Public Works Committee (Fulkerson, Flanigan, Cheatham):** Nothing to report.
 16. **Public Utilities Committee (Cheatham, Caldwell, Fulkerson)**
 - Trustee Cheatham reported that he approved a purchase for chart pens charged to the Waste Water department in the amount of \$330.

17. **Parks & Recreation Committee (Caldwell, Fulkerson, Flanigan):** Nothing to report.

18. **Finance & Public Buildings (Flanigan, Prickett, Harrop):** Nothing to report.

19. Allowable claims against the Village

- B. Trustee Flanigan advised that the Village had vendor claims of \$42,581.00, plus payroll claims of \$37,913.35, for total claims of \$80,494.35. On motion of Flanigan, seconded by Caldwell, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the Village in the total amount of \$80,494.35. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson, Harrop and Prickett. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.

20. Citizens Comments: Mrs. Caldwell wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

21. New Business from the Board

- Curry Associates Engineering will be giving a presentation at the next board meeting regarding work and updates needed on the water tower. 1996 was the last time the water tower was painted.
- The Riverbend Growth Association (RBGA) has sent the Village a bill for yearly dues in the amount of \$2654.00. Mayor Hickerson has asked the Board to be thinking about the benefits of being in the RBGA and if we should continue to be members. Since 1991, the Village has paid over \$86,000 to the RBGA in dues and an additional \$1,050 for luncheons.
- Trustee Prickett mentioned that there are some sidewalks in the Village that may need to be made handicap accessible. She mentioned that there are examples of inaccessible sidewalks right outside of the Library and one on Delmar. Mayor Hickerson said that MFT and the Street Department could be used to do those smaller projects. Public Works receives a list each year of the areas within the Village that need those kinds of improvements and they try to work on it throughout the year. The Street Department had recently fixed the wheelchair ramp at the gym to prevent any possible accidents. Trustee Flanigan asked if the Library would be responsible for the expenses. It was discussed that the Library would have to pay for any work that wasn't on the property of the Village. Any mowing and landscaping maintenance costs will be the responsibility of the Library. Public sidewalks and entrances off the curbs would be covered by the Village.

22. Members of the Board wished a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

James F. Hickerson
Village President

Village Clerk, Chessie M. Brame