

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  
16<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2018

1. Mayor Hickerson called the Village Board to order at 6:30 PM.
2. Roll Call of Board Members
  - A. On roll call, the following trustees were present: Clinton Caldwell, Heather Flanigan, Chris Fulkerson and Jamie Harrop. Trustees Robert Cheatham and Michelle Prickett were absent.
  - B. Also present were: Village Attorney Chris Donohoo, Fire Chief Bill Owens, Police Chief Brandon Flanigan, Sue Budde, Matt Asbury, Jarrod Horyn, Jake Sanders and Village Clerk Chessie Brame.
3. Pledge to the Flag
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes:
  - A. On motion of Caldwell, seconded by Harrop, it was voted to approve the 1/2/2018 minutes as recorded by the clerk. Ayes: Caldwell, Flanigan, Fulkerson and Harrop. Nays: None. Absent: Cheatham and Prickett. Motion unanimous.
  - B. Attorney Chris Donohoo mentioned that board meeting executive session minutes need to be reviewed every 6 months. He reviewed the minutes and recommended that they not be released at this time. The minutes must stay sealed in the Clerk's office. If a trustee needs to review the minutes, they can read them in the Clerk's office but then the minutes must be sealed until released.
6. Report from Village Clerk: Nothing to report.
7. Report from Mayor Hickerson
  - A. On motion of Caldwell, seconded by Flanigan, it was voted to approve Resolution 2018-R-255 for IMRF Early Retirement Incentive. Ayes: Caldwell, Flanigan, Fulkerson and Harrop. Nays: None. Absent: Cheatham and Prickett. Motion unanimous.
  - B. Mayor Hickerson asked if there was a motion to continue membership with the Riverbend Growth Association and pay the \$2654.02 in annual dues. Trustee Caldwell made a motion to continue membership with the Riverbend Growth Association. Mayor Hickerson asked if there was a second. The motion died on the floor for lack of a second.
  - C. On motion of Flanigan, seconded by Harrop, it was voted to approve Resolution 2018-R-256 to proceed with Curry & Associates for corrective restoration measures of water tower, lime silo and ground storage tank. Ayes: Caldwell, Flanigan, Fulkerson and Harrop. Nays: None. Absent: Cheatham and Prickett. Motion unanimous.
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 reported that in 2017, the Fire department responded to a total of 201 calls, 170 which were EMS calls and the other 31 calls were for car wrecks, carbon monoxide, assisting at fires with other departments, etc.
  - Engine 3811 has recently had some repairs to try to get the pump working properly. An estimate was received in the amount of \$1600.00 to fix the remaining repairs needed.
11. Report from Police Department, Chief Brandon Flanigan
  - Chief Flanigan mentioned that Chestnut Health Systems has donated a dose of NARCAN for each officer to have in their possession. The officers recently completed training on how to administer the NARCAN. Each dose of NARCAN that the police department needs will cost \$75, in which Chestnut is willing to reimburse. The officers have not had to administer NARCAN to anyone in the last 2 months.

12. Report from Public Works Department, Doug Preston (Absent): Nothing to report.

**Report from Committees:**

**13. Safety Committee (Harrop, Cheatham, Prickett)**

- A. On motion of Harrop, seconded by Caldwell, it was voted to hire Jarrod Horyn as part-time Hartford Police Department patrolman. Ayes: Caldwell, Flanigan, Fulkerson and Harrop. Nays: None. Absent: Cheatham and Prickett. Motion unanimous.
- B. On motion of Harrop, seconded by Caldwell, it was voted to pay police academy tuition at the cost of \$2000. Ayes: Caldwell, Flanigan, Fulkerson and Harrop. Nays: None. Absent: Cheatham and Prickett. Motion unanimous.
- C. Chief Owens mentioned that they are currently paying over \$900 a year for the paging system the Fire Department is using and there are some glitches with it. South Roxana has discussed with Hartford and Roxana, about switching to a new cell phone paging system and splitting the cost. If the department switched to the new cell phone paging system, they will only have to pay \$500 a year. On motion of Harrop, seconded by Caldwell, it was voted to approve a new cell phone paging system for the Fire Department at the cost of \$500. Ayes: Caldwell, Flanigan and Harrop. Nays: None. Abstain: Fulkerson. Absent: Cheatham and Prickett. Motion carried.

**14. Ordinance Committee (Prickett, Harrop, Caldwell)**

- A. On motion of Fulkerson, seconded by Harrop, it was voted to approve Ordinance 2018-O-327 amending Hartford Village code section 11-2-4 Residency. Ayes: Caldwell, Flanigan, Fulkerson and Harrop. Nays: None. Absent: Cheatham and Prickett. Motion unanimous.

15. **Public Works Committee (Fulkerson, Flanigan, Cheatham):** Nothing to report.

16. **Public Utilities Committee (Cheatham, Caldwell, Fulkerson):** Nothing to report.

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

- A. Trustee Flanigan advised that the Village had vendor claims of \$67,197.71, plus payroll claims of \$37,397.37, for total claims of \$104,595.08. On motion of Flanigan, seconded by Caldwell, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the Village in the total amount of \$104,595.08. Ayes: Caldwell, Flanigan, Fulkerson and Harrop. Nays: None. Absent: Cheatham and Prickett. Motion unanimous.

20. There were no comments from the citizens.

21. New Business from the Board

- Trustee Harrop asked about training reimbursement for the new firefighters if they sign a contract to stay on the department for a certain amount of time. In the past, there was reimbursement until it was removed due to firefighters getting reimbursement and quitting shortly after. The attorney thinks it is a possibility if a contract is set up to give reimbursement at a later date after training completion. Currently the firefighters have to pay out of pocket upfront. Trustee Flanigan asked about providing a prorated reimbursement or payment plan.
- Trustee Fulkerson wants the Board to consider raising admission/prices at the Splash Park due to the closing of the Wood River Aquatic Center. The Board discussed the possibility of extending hours and raising rates for non-residents. A committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss this issue as it gets closer to summer.

22. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

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James F. Hickerson  
Village President

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Village Clerk, Chessie M. Brame