

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  
6<sup>th</sup> Day of February 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, Robert Cheatham, Heather Flanigan, Chris Fulkerson, Jamie Harrop and Michelle Prickett.
  - B. Also present were: Village Attorney Chris Donohoo, Fire Chief Bill Owens, Christina Hayes, Dan Geil, Sue Budde, Keith Moran and Village Clerk Chessie Brame.
3. Pledge to the Flag
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes: 1/16/2018
  - A. On motion of Caldwell, seconded by Flanigan, it was voted to approve the 1/16/2018 minutes as recorded by the clerk. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson, Harrop and Prickett. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.
6. Report from Village Clerk: Nothing to report.
7. Report from Mayor Hickerson
  - A. Keith Moran of Moran Economic Development discussed a proposal on extending TIF One for 12 years. Mr. Moran mentioned that he has a lot of history of working with the Village. TIF district number One is set at roughly \$300,000 a year (has existed for almost 23 years), and expires on February 2, 2019. Once that TIF expires, the Village will no longer receive that money in the TIF fund. That money will still be levied, just distributed into other taxing districts. The TIF can be extended an additional 12 years, making it a 35 year TIF. Mr. Moran talked with the Mayor about what to do to extend the TIF. Mr. Moran mentioned that he would help take the Village through the steps of what to do and how to get the State Legislature to approve the extension. TIF can only be used to pay for certain things/activities within that district, such as public infrastructure, streets, sidewalks, storm sewer, water and sewer lines, public building repairs, demolishing and even some engineering and architecture fees. The fees for Moran Economic Development can be paid out of TIF. TIF funds cannot be used for pensions, salaries, magazines, etc. Mr. Moran briefly discussed the negotiating that happens with the school districts. To get the TIF extension, the Village would need a letter of support from the school and sometimes you have to negotiate a deal with the schools for their support. Mayor Hickerson will give each trustee a copy of Moran's contract and will have it on the agenda for the next Board Meeting.
  - B. On motion of Caldwell, seconded by Fulkerson, it was voted to approve Resolution 2018-R-257 endorsing the Alton Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau as the State Certified Bureau for the area in which the Village of Hartford is located in Madison County, Illinois. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson, Harrop and Prickett. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.
  - C. On motion of Caldwell, seconded by Harrop, it was voted to approve the Village of Hartford Master Service Agreement with Phillips 66. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson, Harrop and Prickett. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.
  - D. On motion of Fulkerson, seconded by Prickett, it was voted to approve Resolution 2018-R-258 replacing previous Resolution for IMRF Early Retirement Incentive. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson, Harrop and Prickett. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.
  - E. On motion of Caldwell, seconded by Harrop, it was voted to advertise for part-time weekend water operator, part-time Confluence Tower help and part-time summer splash park help. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson, Harrop and Prickett. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.
  - F. Mayor Hickerson wants to schedule a closed all committee meeting at 6:45 PM to discuss the possibility of adding an addendum to Laborers Local 338 agreement on weekend water plant

hours. Then following the meeting at 7:00, Union Steward Dana Daniels will meet to discuss potential changes to the contract. Trustee Flanigan asked if they could also schedule an all committee open meeting at 6:30 to discuss the hiring policy. The meetings were scheduled for February 13<sup>th</sup>.

8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo: Nothing to report.
9. Report from Village Engineer (Absent): Nothing to report.
10. Report from Fire Department, Chief Bill Owens
  - Chief Owens mentioned that the FD submitted their 1<sup>st</sup> charges for vehicle incidents in the amount of \$460.00.
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)**
  - A. Chief Owens mentioned that most of the gears on Engine 3811 are tore up/damaged and need repaired. On motion of Harrop, seconded by Caldwell, it was voted to approve the repairs needed for Engine 3811 at the cost of \$6496.50. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Harrop and Prickett. Nays: None. Abstain: Fulkerson. Motion carried.
  - B. Trustee Harrop requested to table the approval to hire Mike Clohessy as a volunteer firefighter for the Fire department.
14. **Ordinance Committee (Prickett, Harrop, Caldwell):** Nothing to report.
15. **Public Works Committee (Fulkerson, Flanigan, Cheatham)**
  - A. Trustee Fulkerson mentioned that the street department has 3 pieces of equipment to sell (Tahoe dual tank gasoline air compressor, Stihl MM55 tiller, and Clarke portable electric concrete mixer) and that they would like to buy a 3 inch trash pump with the money acquired from the sales. Depending on the estimated value of the equipment, it was discussed to have a yard sale to sell the equipment instead of going out for bids. There may other surplus/equipment that could be added to the sale. The matter was tabled until a specific date is picked for the sale.
    - The Public Works department has been helping cut Village spending by doing a lot of the equipment repair work for the police and fire departments. They have also found a new company to purchase oil from, at a lower price than what the Village had been paying.
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 \$118,587.47, plus payroll claims of \$69,668.93, for total claims of \$188,256.40. On motion of Flanigan, seconded by Fulkerson, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the Village in the total amount of \$188,256.40. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson, Harrop and Prickett. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.
20. There were no comments from the citizens.
21. New Business from the Board
  - Mayor Hickerson discussed how the rental inspections were going. An extension of one month was given to those who are still out of compliance. When the month of February is over, the Village will have to move on to the next step to get properties to comply with the ordinance. It

was discussed that the attorney may have to send out letters to the properties who are not even trying to comply. The Mayor suggested that the Village send out one last letter on March 1<sup>st</sup> and if there is still no attempt to comply, the attorney will send out a letter in April. The Mayor mentioned that this ordinance is not a money grab. Trustee Caldwell commented that this is about safety (smoke detectors, GFI's, etc.), saving lives and getting up to date with new codes.

22. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM.

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James F. Hickerson  
Village President

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Village Clerk, Chessie M. Brame