

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 COMMUNITY CENTER  
AT 6:30 P.M. ON THE  
18<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2021

1. Mayor Robertson called the Village Board to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Board Members
  - A. On roll call, the following Board Members were present: Clinton Caldwell, Carolyn Daniels, Chris Fulkerson, Kristie Luebbert, Bill Moore, and Michelle Prickett.
  - B. Also present were: Village Attorney Chris Donohoo, Village Clerk Nancy Thornburgh, Village Treasurer Chessie Brame, Police Chief Brandon Flanigan, Public Works Lead Doug Preston, Water Clerk Francy Martin.
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Report from Village Clerk – nothing
6. Report from Mayor Robertson
  - A. Discussion about Property Inspections program restarting back up. Attorney Donohoo stated we did not need a motion because the Village only stopped them because of Covid and as long as everyone agrees to start them back up the Village is good. Chris Fulkerson stated the program will start back up on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.
  - B. Mayor Robertson gave everyone a copy of the proposed contract/agreement regarding the opening of the Tower. Discussion about the Tower cost per year (65,000.00), hours of operations, employees provided by GRRTB, volunteers, and operations cost. Events have already been scheduled by GRRTB. The date GRRTB would like for us to open the Tower is June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
  - C. Public Works Lead Doug Preston explained about how residents are using the Village Dump Truck and what the cost is for each type of dump truck and fees for dumping at the landfill. Discussion about the Dump Truck fees and dumping fees. Changing the cost for using the dump truck and only using the large dump truck for residents to request. Will need to change the ordinance and Attorney Donohoo will take care of making the changes and will get with Carolyn Daniels and have it ready by the next board meeting.
  - D. Mayor Robertson explained that Illinois is now in the Bridge Stage regarding Covid 19. Mayor Robertson asked if anyone had any objections about moving the Village Board Meetings back to Village Hall starting with the next board meeting. There were no objections
  - E. On motion of Daniels, seconded by Moore, it was voted to hold Hartford's Centennial Celebration on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and rain date May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. Ayes: Caldwell, Daniels, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, and Prickett. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.
  - F. On motion of Moore, seconded by Fulkerson, it was voted to allow Mayor Robertson to sign the contract with Steelworker's Union. Ayes: Daniels, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, and Prickett. Abstain: Caldwell. Motion was carried.
  - G. On motion of Daniels, seconded by Fulkerson, it was voted to have a closed meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 with Labor Local 338. Ayes: Caldwell, Daniels, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, and Prickett. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.
  - H. Gambling Machine discussion about how many locations can have gambling machine within the Village. Attorney Donohoo suggested not doing anything at this time to the Villages current ordinance until someone approaches the Village and at that time we change the ordinance.
7. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo
  - He received a call today from another law firm in the area regarding the PFA's in the water from the foam that is used by Fire Departments. Apparently there could be potential lawsuits coming around about using this type of product, nothing is local at this time. The local law firm is calling around to different municipalities and he received a call today. If the Village is interested they will have someone here at a meeting to explain in more details. Chris Fulkerson stated the Village of

Hartford Fire Department does not use that type of form they are talking about. The type of form the Fire Department is using is eco-friendly.

- Attorney Donohoo said he had court today and if anyone is interested about the outcome to see him after the meeting regarding the properties in the Village. The property on East Maple has 14 days to clean up the property and if not cleaned up the warrant will become activated.

8. Report from Village Engineer (Absent): Nothing to report.

9. Report from Public Works Department, Doug Preston:

- Doug brought up he would like the board to think about how the Village can start charging residents to mow their property. Attorney Donohoo said he has spoken with the Past Mayor numerous times about these properties and a lot of them are owned by people outside of town. The people in town who own property you send them a certified letter requesting them to pay if not, he will file something at the court house. Attorney explained there is a long process when the owners are outside of town and there is cost involved. Attorney Donohoo will check on the fee to see if there is any regulation regarding the fee that can be charged.

10. Report from Fire Department, Chief Jarrod Horyn (Absent):

11. Report from Police Department, Chief Brandon Flanigan: Nothing to report.

#### **Report from Committees:**

12. **Safety Committee (Moore, Fulkerson, Caldwell):** Nothing to report.

13. **Ordinance Committee (Daniels, Luebbert, Moore):**

- Attorney Donohoo will prepare some Ordinances and pass them along to Carolyn.

14. **Public Works Committee (Caldwell, Luebbert, Daniels):** Nothing to report.

15. **Public Utilities Committee (Fulkerson, Moore, Prickett)**

- On motion of Fulkerson, seconded by Moore to cut the water bill in half for property at 107 West Maple. The current bill was \$6,638.51 and it will be adjusted to \$3,319.25. They will set up a payment plan for the property owner. Ayes: Caldwell, Daniels, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, and Prickett Nays: None. Motion unanimous.

16. **Parks & Recreation Committee (Luebbert, Prickett, Caldwell):**

- Regarding Splash Pad Kristie asked Doug Preston if they could go down and make sure everything is ready to go. Doug said they are ready and would only take about 45 minutes to open the Splash Pad back up. Kristie mentioned we are going to start to look for part-time employees for the Splash Pad and take applications. Discussion about operating hours, fees, bracelets, and when to open back up.
- On motion of Luebbert, seconded by Caldwell to open the Splash Pad back up on Memorial Day weekend. Ayes: Caldwell, Daniels, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, and Prickett Nays: None. Motion unanimous.
- Park Pavilions can be opened back up as of May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Attorney Donohoo stated no vote is needed because they were only closed because of Covid.
- Gym can be opened back up as of May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Attorney Donohoo stated no vote is needed because they were closed only because of Covid.

17. **Finance & Public Buildings (Prickett, Daniels, Fulkerson)**

18. Allowable claims against the Village

- On motion of Prickett, seconded by Luebbert to have Lakeside repair the Gym's Roof at \$6,954.00 and use the Village's lift. Attorney Donohoo said this is based on getting a contingency on getting a waiver and agreement between Lakeside and the Village of Hartford about the liability purposes on the equipment. To make sure their insurance would cover them when using our equipment. Ayes: Caldwell, Daniels, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, and Prickett Nays: None. Motion unanimous.

- Trustee Prickett reported vendor claims of \$102,599.39 plus payroll claims of \$36,891.13, for total claims of \$139,490.52. On motion of Prickett, seconded by Luebbert, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the village in the total amount of \$139,490.52. Ayes: Caldwell, Daniels, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, and Prickett Nays: None. Motion unanimous.

19. There were no citizen comments.

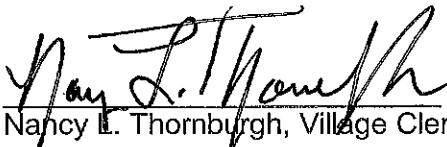
20. Unfinished Business from the Board

- Michelle Prickett asked hours at Village Hall and Police Department. The Village Hall hours are posted.

21. New Business from the Board

- Apex meeting is June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at the Community Center. Apex will notify us with the times later.
- RBGA wants to hold closed event invitation only from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Tower on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021. They want to serve Beer and Wine and they will need to get a Class C License which the Village has for these types of events. This will be sponsored by Phillips 66, Coleman's Campers, and Wert's. No cost to the Village.
- Kristie asked about the banners that people purchased and Doug said they have kept everyone of them at the Street Department shop and he will get the banners for them.
- Chris Fulkerson asked about when homes are torn down, the Village does not currently have a permit fee and he was wondering if there is anything that can be charged because our Street Department does go down before and after to check on water lines and sewers. The fee being considered is \$150.00.
- Items that need to be added to the Agenda for the next meeting are being asked to be turned in by Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and use the Agenda Items form. The Village Clerk will have them available in your mailboxes, emails, and have extras at the Village Hall.

22. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

  
Nancy L. Thornburgh, Village Clerk

  
Bill Robertson, Village President