

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  
2<sup>ND</sup> Day of May 2017

1. Call to order
  - A. Mayor Pro Tem Caldwell called the Village Board to order at 6:32 P.M.
2. Oath of Office:
  - A. Village Clerk Chessie Brame administered the Oath of Office to Mayor James Hickerson, and 3 Trustees: Clinton Caldwell, Chris Fulkerson, and Jamie Harrop. Note: Chessie Brame was administered the Oath of Office for the position of Village Clerk at the County Clerk's office prior to her term in office.
3. Roll Call of Board Members
  - A. On roll call, the following trustees were present: Clinton Caldwell, Heather Flanigan, Chris Fulkerson, Jamie Harrop, and Michelle Prickett. Absent: Robert Cheatham.
  - B. Also present were: Village Attorney Chris Donohoo, Administrative Assistant Deanna Barnes, Village Engineer Cas Sheppard, Beryl Kinder, Charles Hendricks, Shirley Hendricks, Christina Hayes, Connie Hickerson, Connie Caldwell, Mike Goode, Sue Budde, Amy Harding, Mike Brame, Helen Eyers, Lonnie Eyers, Sandy Pickett, Marsha Moore, John Hayes, Darrell Workman, Amber Harrop, Dan Geil, Francy Martin, Kristie Luebbert, Amy Martin and Village Clerk Chessie Brame.
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Report from Village Clerk  
Nothing to Report.
6. Report from Mayor Jim Hickerson  
\*Mayor Hickerson asked the Board of Trustees to work with him to make the right decisions to get the village back in the direction it should be going. Mayor Hickerson thanked the citizens that elected him and said he will keep his pledge, "I will work for you."
  - A. 2017-2018 Appointments and 30 Day Appointments  
On motion of Flanigan, seconded by Harrop, it was voted to approve the Appointment of Chris Donohoo as Village Attorney and to approve the 2017-2018 Appointments and 30 day appointments. Ayes: Caldwell, Flanigan, Fulkerson, Harrop and Prickett. Nays: None. Motion unanimous. Appointment List attached.
  - B. Mayor Hickerson introduced Attorney Chris Donohoo. Mayor then announced that he saw no need to move to Executive Session at that time.
7. Report from Attorney Chris Donohoo  
\*Chris Donohoo thanked the Mayor and Board of Trustees for the welcome.
8. Report from Administrative Assistant, Deanna Barnes
  - A. Village received park grants back from the county in the amount of \$15,398 to pay for the new mowers.
  - B. Grant claims were turned in to the Madison County Highway department for \$85,000.
  - C. A Concert Series donation from Phillips 66 was received. Enough funds were donated to be able to hold a concert series like last year.

- D. Jim Closson with IMLRMA will be attending a Board Meeting in July to discuss IML Risk Management programs.
- E. Upcoming Tower Events:
  - May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017: Yoga & Meditation from 10-11:00 A.M.
  - May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017: Tower Birthday Bash from 10 A.M-4:00 P.M.
  - May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017: Twilight Thursdays from 7-9:00 P.M.

9. Report from Village Engineer, Cas Sheppard

- A. Waste water plant pump replacement project, is a quarter of the way complete. One screw pump is in and having issues so it needs to have the bearings checked but the project is progressing.
- B. Engineer stated that they are trying to finish the Central Avenue project. Currently working on fence work and had mentioned to a member of the Fire Department, that until the construction is complete, streets need to remain closed. As soon as fence work and grating are complete, construction items and signs will be moved.
- C. South Market water line replacement project is still underway. Traffic control was placed on Hawthorne, working on the tie in where that will eventually hook back into the line that was replaced on N. Market.
- D. Mayor had questions for the Engineer regarding calls he received from citizens complaining about drainage problems that they hadn't experienced prior. Mayor is requesting SMS to provide walkthroughs with concerned citizens. Engineer stated that it would be no problem to do an initial walkthrough meeting with the citizens at no charge, to assess the situations.

10. Report from Fire Department, Chief Bill Owens (Absent)

- A. John Hayes requested authorization to set up roadblocks on Rand/Delmar and Delmar/Hawthorne for June 16<sup>th</sup> for a "Fill the Boot" event. Mayor didn't think it would be a problem. Caldwell made a motion to approve the road blocks, seconded by Harrop. Prickett corrected the motion, stating that it would need to be added to the agenda for the 5/16/17 meeting.

11. Report from Police Department, Lt. John Grigg (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)**

Nothing to report. (Cheatham-absent)

17. **Parks & Recreation Committee (Caldwell, Fulkerson, Flanigan)**

Nothing to report.

18. **Finance & Public Buildings (Flanigan, Prickett, Harrop)**

- A. Flanigan announced that she is working on the budget and that if any of the Trustees would like to meet or hold a committee meeting, that they are still meeting with departments to work out numbers to put on the 5/16/17 agenda.

19. Allowable claims against the Village

- A. Trustee Flanigan advised that we have vendor claims of \$43,288.71, plus payroll claims of \$42,387.97, for total claims of \$85,676.68. On motion of Flanigan, seconded by Caldwell it was voted to pay the combined total claims in the amount of \$85,676.68. Ayes: Caldwell, Flanigan, Fulkerson, Harrop and Prickett. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.

20. Comments from the Citizens

- A. Water Clerk, Francy Martin, asked if and when the Splash Park would be open because she is getting many calls regarding that information. Mayor Hickerson suggested getting a committee meeting set up regarding that.

21. New Business

None

22. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

James F. Hickerson  
President, Board of Trustees

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Chessie Brame, Village Clerk

## **2017-2018 Appointments:**

Attorney: Chris Donohoo

Village Engineer: Sheppard, Morgan & Schwaab, Inc.

Village Engineer for Water & Sewer projects on need basis-Curry & Assoc. Engineering Firm

Auditor: Donohoo, McCalley and Associates

Treasurer/Systems Manager: Sue Budde

Fire Chief: Bill Owens

Asst. Fire Chief: Tony Barrett

ESDA Director: Bill Owens

Current Firemen: Capt. Casey Inman, Capt. Jarrod Horyn, Lt. Scott Dixon, John Hayes, Blake Barnes, Les Dixon, Denny Eyer, Michelle Dixon, Kerri Fulkerson, Jake Sanders, Deanna Wreath, Kenny Kearby, Teddy Luebbert and Chaplin David Fields

Animal Control Officer: James Young

Plumbing Inspector: State Inspector

Planning Chairman: Danny Waugh

Mayor Pro-Tem: Clinton Caldwell

Village Committees:

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

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

**Public Works Committee (Fulkerson, Flanigan, Cheatham)**

**Public Utilities Committee (Cheatham, Caldwell, Fulkerson)**

**Parks & Recreation Committee (Caldwell, Fulkerson, Flanigan)**

**Finance Committee, Public Buildings (Flanigan, Prickett, Harrop)**

## **30 Day Appointments:**

Administrative Assistant/Project Manager: Deanna Barnes

Zoning Administrator: Deanna Barnes

Lead Man Public Works: Raymond Preston, Jr.

Public Works Employees: Dana Daniels, John Hopper, Raymond Preston, Jr., Clyde Preston, Karl Bowermaster, Ed Sebastian, Michael Daniels

Part-time Public Works Employees Water Dept.: Lester Hancock

Ranking Officer Lt. John Grigg

Sgt. Brandon Flanigan

Patrolman Daniel Geil

Patrolman Matthew Asbury

Police Clerk: Tiffany Huff

Part-time Police Clerk: Belinda Lenon

Part-time patrolman: Bob Rhyne, Bill Robertson, Jack Stalcup

Water Clerk: Francy Martin

Part-time Water Clerk: Belinda Lenon

Custodian (part-time): Renee Brown

Building Inspector: Street Dept.

Electrical Inspector: Karl Bowermaster