

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
6TH Day of June 2017

1. Call to order
 - A. 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, Brandon Flanigan, Diane Cheatham, Sue Budde, Beryl Kinder, Shirley Hendricks, Michael Goode, Bart & Sandy Pickett, Amy Harding, Christina Hayes, Brent & Joanna Allen, Connie Caldwell, John Hayes, Marsha Moore, Jason Denton, Jarrod Horyn, Gary Phillips, Gina Lewis, Belinda Lenon, Doc Patel, Yogi Patel, and Village Clerk Chessie Brame.
3. Pledge to the Flag.
4. Establishment of a quorum.
5. Approval of the Minutes: 5/16/2017
 - A. On motion of Flanigan, seconded by Fulkerson, it was voted to approve the 5/16/2017 minutes as recorded by the clerk. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson, and Harrop. Nays: Prickett. Motion carried. No corrections/changes were added to the minutes.
6. Report from Village Clerk
 - Chessie Brame thanked resident Mary Budde for donating some of the plants that were placed out front of the Village Hall.
 - A. The Treasurer asked that the Village go into an agreement with Williams Office Products for computer repair and services. The agreement is for a 20 hour block of time, in the amount of \$1400.00 and will expire after 3 years. A resident had previously donated his time and computer services, but unfortunately is going to have to step down. On motion of Flanigan, seconded by Harrop, it was voted that the Village go into a 20 hour block of time agreement with Williams Office Products for computer repair and services. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson, Harrop, and Prickett. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.
7. Report from Mayor Hickerson
 - Mayor Hickerson spoke on behalf of the owners of Express Market as they were not in attendance at that time. The owners had previously requested a pour license and were denied. The ordinance only allows for one "D" License and it is currently held by The Hideout. Express Market requested that the Village expand the number of licenses so that they can have gaming in their facility. The Mayor stated that it would be sales tax and an extra \$800 for the Village. He suggested the possibility of putting the ordinance change on the agenda and asked the board to take into consideration that it is revenue for the Village.
 - Mayor Hickerson stated that under the new agreement approved between the Village of Hartford and the United Steelworkers representing the Police Department, the Village will be going in a new direction. Brandon Flanigan was appointed the new position of Working Chief of Police.
 - A. Approval of Yearly Appointments and 30 Day Appointments
On motion of Flanigan, seconded by Fulkerson, it was voted to approve the Yearly Appointments and 30 Day Appointments. Ayes: Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson, Harrop, and Prickett. Nays: None. Present: Caldwell. Motion carried.

- Mayor Hickerson stated that to control rumors, committee meeting and board meeting minutes will be posted for viewing on the bulletin board and older minutes will be kept in a binder for public viewing.
- In April, a private party was held for retiring officials and one official that lost the election. Mayor Hickerson stated that the price to cater the party was not on the agenda but was voted on at the cost of \$350. In addition, there was \$99.05 spent on cake and decorations. There was also \$385.11 (that was not voted on) spent on plaques presented, which included \$93.58 paid for next day delivery. The total spent on the party was \$834.15. Mayor Hickerson stated that an event such as the private party should not happen with taxpayer's money and is quoted saying, "I don't want to ever see this happen again, for a private party paid for by taxpayer's money."
- Due to the quick and heavy rains this past Sunday, many residents had their drains back up in their basements. Mayor Hickerson pledged that within the next 4 years, to separate as many sewers in this town as we can, and not start other major projects.

8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo

- The Mayor had asked Mr. Donohoo to discuss ordinances with the board. Mr. Donohoo discussed that ordinances are the Village law. They are a lengthy process and they have to be completed correctly because if they are found to be invalid by the court, then the ordinance would have to be completed all over again. The ordinances have to be reviewed by the attorney to ensure that there won't be a situation where the ordinance could be invalid. As long as the ordinance has not been adopted, it can be amended. When amending an ordinance, keep the language the same but strike through the parts to be amended.

9. Report from Village Engineer, Cas Sheppard (Absent)
Nothing to report.

10. Report from Fire Department, Chief Bill Owens (Absent)
Nothing to report.

11. Report from Police Department, Chief Brandon Flangian

- Chief Flanigan wanted to dispel the rumor that the police department is doing away with the DARE program. The police department will continue to provide the DARE program, whether Lt. Grigg continues to teach the program or if the department has to send an officer to DARE school. Chief Flanigan stated that the residents will see more of a police presence within the school and the Village.
- East Alton Police Chief sent a letter of recognition to the Hartford police department regarding a shooting incident that occurred in East Alton. Officer Matt Asbury responded to the call to assist with the matter. Officer Asbury was recognized and thanked for his service.
- Safety Committee Meeting requested for Monday June 12, 2017 at 6PM to discuss operational changes within the department and hiring changes.
- Chief Flanigan thanked Mayor Hickerson for trusting him with the responsibility of being Chief of Police and he looks forward to serving the citizens of Hartford proudly.

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

Report from Committees:

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

A. Promotion of Dan Geil to Sergeant

On motion of Harrop, seconded by Caldwell, it was voted to promote Officer Dan Geil to Sergeant. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson, Harrop, and Prickett. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.

Officer Geil's wife, Marsha Moore, pinned Officer Geil with his new badge.

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 discussed three requisition forms with estimates regarding generator service/repair. Forms included \$869.26 for generator repair at the waste water plant, \$1326.10 for generator repair at the police department, and \$2977.84 for generator repair at the Lewis & Clark building. Mayor Hickerson asked that the clerk check to see if the Village insurance might cover the incident regarding the generator at the Lewis & Clark building because it was struck by lightning.
- A. Ordinance 2017-O-303 tabled until the next board meeting.
- B. Ordinance 2017-O-304 tabled until the next board meeting.

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

- A. Discussion of Splash park hours of operation and employees
Staffing the Splash Park has been difficult due to the W-2 limitations. The board discussed extending the hours if there are enough employees to cover the shifts. It was agreed to extend the hours. Hours of operation are from 10AM to 6PM.
- B. Approval of waiving the 30% profit fee for the Roughneck Wrestling Club fundraiser at the Hartford Park
A discussion was held in regards of what to do if the trucks brought into the park for the fundraiser would tear up the park, and if the renter would take full responsibility for any damages that occur to the park. The attorney suggested amending the contract to make it binding, and that if the profit fee is waived for one non-profit organization, the Village should plan to waive the fee for all non-profit organizations.
On motion of Caldwell, seconded by Flanigan, it was voted to approve waiving the 30% profit fee for the Roughneck Wrestling Club Fundraiser. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson, Harrop, and Prickett. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.
- Trustee Caldwell announced that the Village is looking for volunteers to help out at the Confluence Tower. The hours of operation are Wednesday-Sunday from 1-5PM.

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

Nothing to report.

19. Allowable claims against the Village

- Add-on Vendor invoices: 1) Blue Cross Blue Shield for \$19,113.23 and 2) FasFleet for \$936.35.
- A. Trustee Flanigan advised that the Village has vendor claims totaling \$63,162.96.
On motion of Flanigan, seconded by Cheatham, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the Village in the total amount of \$63,162.96. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson, Harrop, and Prickett. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.

20. Citizens Comments

- The owner of Express Market asked what the reason was for declining his request for a pour liquor license. Mayor Hickerson stated that the board had discussed the issue earlier in the meeting and that the board would need to agree to change the ordinance to allow for another "D" license within the Village. The owner stated that he would put the gaming machines in a separate section of his store.
- Jason Denton asked if the Village had any update for his question from the last meeting regarding lawsuits. The Mayor explained that he had no information about that subject, and that even if he did have new information, he didn't think he would be allowed to discuss that.

21. New Business from the Board

- Finance Committee Meeting requested for Monday June 12, 2017 at 6:30PM to discuss requisitions and charge card purchases.

22. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 P.M.

James F. Hickerson
Village President

Village Clerk, Chessie M. Brame