

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  
1<sup>ST</sup> Day of August 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, and Chris Fulkerson. Trustees Jamie Harrop and Michelle Prickett were absent.
  - B. Also present were: Village Attorney Chris Donohoo, Police Chief Brandon Flanigan, Mike Goode, John & Christina Hayes, Bart & Sandy Pickett, Connie Caldwell, Arnold McKee, Darrell Workman, Jason Denton, Jarrod Horyn, Yogi Patel and Village Clerk Chessie Brame.
3. Pledge to the Flag
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes: 7/18/2017
  - A. On motion of Flanigan, seconded by Fulkerson, it was voted to approve the 7/18/2017 minutes as recorded by the clerk. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, and Fulkerson. Nays: None. Motion unanimous Absent: Harrop and Prickett.
6. Report from Village Clerk
  - Beautification committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. The Hartford community yard sale and fire department fish fry will be Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - A. The IMLRMA renewal is approaching. Changes were made to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract so a new signed contract is needed to move forward with the renewal process. The last time the contract was signed, it was passed with an ordinance. The clerk referred to that same ordinance to move forward with the signing of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract. On motion of Caldwell, seconded by Flanigan, it was voted to approve Ordinance 2017-O-314 approving membership in the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, and Fulkerson. Nays: None. Motion unanimous Absent: Harrop and Prickett.
7. Report from Mayor Hickerson: Nothing to report.
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 (Absent): Nothing to report.
11. Report from Police Department, Chief Brandon Flanigan
  - Chief Flanigan called the DARE instructor school and was told that the school was full this year and has a wait list. Chief Flanigan had Hartford added to the wait list and hopefully a spot will open up. Mayor Hickerson asked if Chief Flanigan had spoke with Roxana's Police Department to see if Hartford could possibly borrow Roxana's DARE officer. Chief Flanigan spoke with Roxana's Police Chief, who is currently their DARE officer, and he said there may be a possibility that he could help out with Hartford's DARE program.
12. Report from Public Works Department, Doug Preston (Absent): Nothing to report.

## **Report from Committees:**

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

- A. Trustee Fulkerson mentioned that three AED batteries will expire in the next six months. The thought is to purchase two of the batteries now and wait on the third until it would need replaced. On motion of Cheatham, seconded by Caldwell, it was voted to approve the purchase of two new AED batteries at a cost of approximately \$800.00 (\$400 each). Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, and Fulkerson. Nays: None. Motion unanimous Absent: Harrop and Prickett.

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

- A. Trustee Fulkerson read over Ordinance 2017-O-310 determining that the total number of Class "D" liquor licenses shall not, at any time, exceed three (3) licenses in the Village of Hartford.

On motion of Flanigan, seconded by Fulkerson, it was voted to approve Ordinance 2017-O-310. Ayes: Flanigan, Fulkerson and Hickerson. Nays: Caldwell and Cheatham. Motion carried. Absent: Harrop and Prickett.

\*Mayor Hickerson broke the tie vote.

### **15. Public Works Committee (Fulkerson, Flanigan, Cheatham)**

- A. Trustee Fulkerson discussed establishing a \$30 dump truck service fee; payable up front with the signing of a contract and that Public Works would drop off the truck. The average dumping fee has been around \$80 a load. Trustee Fulkerson mentioned that it usually takes 3-4 families to fill the dump truck and that Public Works would wait until the dump truck is completely full before dumping it at the landfill. The attorney asked that the Board table this so he can look into more information on this issue. The Mayor says that a flaw he sees with this is if one family fills the entire truck and then only has to pay the \$30 fee as opposed to the entire dump fee. Trustee Fulkerson is worried that residents will start to put out excessive amounts of garbage in order to avoid having to pay for the dump truck. Mayor Hickerson said that in the past, if there was an excessive amount of trash for regular pick up, the street department would issue a notice to the resident informing them that they would have to get a dump truck for the extra amount. Mr. Donohoo recommends waiting on this so that he can check into the contracts/applications the Village would be using.

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

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

- Trustee Caldwell mentioned that the Board needed to discuss the closing schedule of the Splash Park. The Splash Park will start closing during the week on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> but will remain open on the weekends through Labor Day Weekend. The last open day for the Splash Park will be Labor Day, Monday September 4th.

### **18. Finance & Public Buildings (Flanigan, Prickett, Harrop):** Nothing to report.

### **19. Allowable claims against the Village**

- A. Trustee Flanigan advised that the Village has vendor claims of \$95,633.18, plus payroll claims of \$41,360.02, for total claims of \$136,993.20.

On motion of Flanigan, seconded by Fulkerson, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the Village in the total amount of \$136,993.20. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, and Fulkerson. Nays: None. Motion unanimous. Absent: Harrop and Prickett.

### **20. Citizens Comments**

- Resident Jason Denton commented on the recent Back to School Bash that occurred over the weekend. He commended Amy Kinder Martin and the others involved in helping with the event. Children received free backpacks, eye exams, haircuts, food, etc. He said over 2500 people attended the event and that he was saddened to see lack of representation from the

Village, with only one trustee attending and not much police presence. He mentioned that the Fire Department participated and that the Police Department drove through. Mayor Hickerson mentioned that the Back to School Bash is a church event, not held by the Village. He feels that it is best that he stay separate from church serving the public, but he is glad the event went so well. Trustee Flanigan added that the police officers were working a lot of overtime since they had been shorthanded. She thanked the Police Department for making any kind of presence at all and said she is disappointed that any negative comments would be made regarding lack of police presence.

- Mr. Denton also asked when a flag would be replaced at the Confluence Tower. Trustee Caldwell said the cable that came with the flag was not strong enough to handle the flag with the high winds. The Village will get a stronger/bigger cable that can handle the flag and then the flag will be put back up.

21. New Business from the Board

22. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

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James F. Hickerson  
Village President

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Village Clerk, Chessie M. Brame