

VILLAGE OF HARTFORD BOARD MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL ROOM
140 WEST HAWTHORNE
HARTFORD, ILLINOIS 62048

January 2, 2024

6:30 PM

1. Call to order.
 - A. Mayor Robertson called the meeting order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Board Members: the following members present: Mayor Bill Robertson, Bernie Caldwell, Kristie Luebbert, and Bill Moore. Also, present Attorney Chris Donohoo, Village Clerk Carolyn Daniels, Treasurer Chessie Brame, Leadman Ed Sebastian, Police Chief Dan Geil, Fire Chief Jarrod Horyn, Officer Deanna Coleman, Officer Matt Asbury, and Liz Asbury.
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes:
 - a. Board Meeting: December 19, 2023, motion made by Kristie Luebbert and seconded by Bill Moore to approve the minutes upon correction under line item 12 removing the word water and replacing with oil. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussions. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion Carried.
6. Report from the Village Clerk, Carolyn Daniels – nothing at this time.
7. Report from Mayor Bill Robertson
 - a. Motion made by Kristie Luebbert and seconded by Bill Moore to approve paying the Annual Membership to the Riverbend Growth Association for the period of 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2024 in the amount of \$3047.27. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Luebbert and Moore. Nays: None. Motion carried.
 - b. Motion made by Kristie Luebbert and seconded by Bill Moore to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for School Resource Officer Program contract. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Luebbert and Moore. Nays: None. Motion carried.
8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo –
 - Two things, I will be filling on Thursday several grass cutting leans. All parties have been sent letters giving them opportunities to pay and no one has paid. Regarding the demolitions I have been waiting for the parties involved to do something and they have not. Two of the properties I will move forward with the demolishing. The property next to Bill Moore since the person purchased the home after the fact, he will be sent a notice stating it has been 60 days and if he does not comply with fixing up the property the property will be added to the complaint to have it demolished. The other two properties Chris will move forward on having them

demolished. Chris said he was not able to reach Egelhof. Officer Coleman stated she arrested him and found out he is residing in Jerseyville. She will provide Chris with Egelhof's current address so he may reach out to him.

9. Report from Village Engineer – Not present

- Update provided by the mayor that Engineer has been working on getting the water and sewer over to LKQ property.
- Work needs to be done at the water plant. We were originally told the work would cost around \$50,000 to \$60,000. Now we are being advised it could cost around \$200,000.

10. Report from Public Works Department, Ed Sebastian – Nothing at this time.

11. Report from Fire Department, Fire Chief Jarrod Horyn –

- Per Jarrod he went by Banner and was told they should have the truck back this week and then they will discuss getting the second truck in.
- Update on numbers for 2023. There was 171 calls, 126 of them were EMS calls, and 11 were mutual aids.
- Update on volunteer firefighters who participated in calls. Ethan Bassel 40%, Jarrod Horyn 45%, Matt Luebbert 21%, Ted Luebbert 28%, Nick Rose 24%, Jake Sanders 53%, Tory 17%, and Barry White 37%. Most made quota which is outlined in bylaws; however, they are working on making improvements in this area for 2024.

12. Report from Police Chief, Dan Geil –

- Dan read his resignation letter as Chief of Police effective January 2, 2024, since he will be taking the role of SRO Officer. Dan endorsed Matthew Asbury as his replacement to the Chief position and endorsed Deanna Coleman as the next Sargent.
- Officer Matt Asbury provided an update on the number of calls the police department managed. In 2023 they handled 2196 and in 2022 they handled 2090 calls.

Report from Committees:

13. Safety Committee (**Moore**, Fulkerson, Caldwell) –

- a. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Kristie Luebbert to approve using grant money to purchase equipment for the new police vehicle from Galls at a cost of \$4345.36. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Luebbert and Moore. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Bernie Caldwell to approve offering a patrol officer position to a previously qualified candidate selected from the interviews, in preparation to replace upcoming vacancy due to fulfilling the SRO Position. Upon acceptance of the position, the candidate will be placed on the next agenda for hiring. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Luebbert and Moore. Nays: None. Motion carried.

14. Ordinance Committee (**Aldridge**, Luebbert, Moore) – Nothing at this time.

15. Public Works Committee (**Caldwell**, Luebbert, Aldridge) –

- a. Motion made by Bernie Caldwell and seconded by Kristie Luebbert to approve purchasing 4 new tires for the 2018 F-150 at a cost of \$750.83. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Luebbert and Moore. Nays: None. Motion carried.

16. Public Utilities Committee (**Fulkerson**, Moore, Preston) – Nothing at this time.

17. Park & Recreation Committee (**Luebbert**, Preston, Caldwell) – Nothing at this time.

18. Finance & Public Buildings (**Preston**, Fulkerson, Aldridge) – Nothing at this time.

19. Allowable claims against the Village

- a. Treasurer Chessie Brame reported vendor claims of \$112,429.40, plus payroll claims of \$35,980.36 for total claims of \$148,409.76. On motion by Kristie Luebbert, seconded by Bill Moore, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the village in the total amount of \$148,409.76. Ayes: Caldwell, Luebbert, and Moore. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

20. Citizens Comments – Nothing at this time.

21. Unfinished Business from the Board – Nothing at this time.

22. New Business from the Board – Nothing at this time.

23. Adjournment – 6:45 pm

- a. A motion by Bill Moore, seconded by Bernie Caldwell to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. All in favor signify with saying Aye. Those opposed say Nay. Aye unanimous.



Carolyn Daniels, Village Clerk



William Robertson, Mayor