

VILLAGE OF HARTFORD BOARD MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL ROOM
140 WEST HAWTHORNE
HARTFORD, ILLINOIS 62048
January 3, 2023
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 Robertson, Bernie Caldwell, Chris Fulkerson, Michelle Preston, and Bill Moore. Also, present Attorney Chris Donohoo, Village Clerk Carolyn Daniels, Treasurer Chessie Brame, Police Chief Dan Geil, and citizen Daryl Workman. Absent was Paul Aldridge and Kristie Luebbert.
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes:
 - a. Board Meeting: December 20, 2022, motion was made by Michelle Preston, seconded by Bernie Caldwell to approve the minutes. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Moore, Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried
6. Report from the Village Clerk, Carolyn Daniels – Nothing at this time.
7. Report from Mayor Bill Robertson
 - a. Motion made by Caldwell and seconded by Moore to authorize the Village Attorney to begin legal proceedings against the Independent Auditor McCalley, Donohoo and Associates for failing to provide Village audit in a timely manner. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Moore, Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried
 - b. Motion made by Moore and seconded by Caldwell to approve Riverbend Growth Association membership for period of 1/1/23 through 12/31/23, at a yearly cost of \$3047.27 based on population. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Moore, Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried
8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo –
 - Warrants were applied for and may have been served to the owner of 211 East Fourth Street. The street department will be boarding up the house on January 4th, based on an emergency declaration that the property has been deemed a hazard. The owner is also being served a warrant on Condemnation.
9. Report from Village Engineer – Absent
 - Mayor Robertson and Trustee Caldwell will be meeting with Engineer on Monday to discuss lead pipe mandate issued by the State. Village must have numbers

together in order to apply for grants, which will help Village pay for process of removing lead pipes from homes.

10. Report from Public Works Department, Doug Preston – Absent

- Per Mayor Robertson Doug has placed the order for the flashing stop signs at Hawthorne and Delmar.

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

12. Report from Police Department, Police Chief Dan Geil –

- Received new computer and working on full filling \$250,000 grant, a list of how the Police Department would like to use the grant money will be provided to the Trustee's in the future.

Report from Committees:

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

- a. Motion made by Moore and seconded by Caldwell to approve "Village of Hartford Compensation Agreement with Phillips 66." Agreement allows the Village to charge for Police callouts for crane crossings at Rt. 3 and Rt. 111, and for Administrative Payroll Processing. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Moore, Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried

14. Ordinance Committee (**Aldridge**, Luebbert, Moore) - nothing at this time.

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

- Per Mayor Robertson he had Doug survey sidewalks and catch basins that may need repair. Will keep everyone updated.

16. Public Utilities Committee (**Fulkerson**, Moore, Preston) –

- Per Fulkerson he had to approve an emergency purchase due to the air compressor going out at Water Plant and had to be replaced. This resulted in a line freezing up and the Village having to run off Roxana water for a few days. This occurred over the holiday weekend.

17. Park & Recreation Committee (**Luebbert**, Preston, Caldwell) – absent

18. Finance & Public Buildings (**Preston**, Fulkerson, Aldridge) –

- The roof at the gym, which was under warranty, has been repaired.

19. Allowable claims against the Village

- a. Trustee Preston reported vendor claims of \$88,639.60, plus payroll claims of \$35,176.90 for total claims of \$123,816.50. On motion by Preston, seconded by Fulkerson, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the village in the total amount of \$123,816.50. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Moore, and Preston. Nays: None. Motion carried.

20. Citizens Comments – Daryl Workman asked if there had been any consideration to allowing people to have chickens in the town. Mayor Robertson stated they pulled Alton's ordinance to compare ours to.

He asked Mr. Workman to meet with him and he will allow him to review the ordinance and give his thoughts.

21. Unfinished Business from the Board –

- Tower will be having Eagle watching for the next 2 months.
- The men's restroom had a leak that was discovered yesterday at the Tower. The men repaired the leak.
- Mayor Robertson stated he was informed the grant money to fix the pump at the Tower is available just waiting on check from the State.
- Tower elevator passed inspection by Otis. Trustee Caldwell voiced concerns that may still need to be addressed.

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

23. Adjournment – 6:46 pm

1. A motion by Moore, seconded by Fulkerson 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