

VILLAGE OF HARTFORD BOARD MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL ROOM
140 WEST HAWTHORNE
HARTFORD, ILLINOIS 62048
January 17, 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, Kristi Luebbert, Michelle Preston, and Bill Moore. Also, present Attorney Chris Donohoo, Village Clerk Carolyn Daniels, Treasurer Chessie Brame, Police Officer Deanna Coleman, and citizen Daryl Workman. Absent was Paul Aldridge.
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes:
 - a. Board Meeting: January 3, 2023, motion was made by Bernie Caldwell, seconded by Bill Moore to approve the minutes. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried
6. Report from the Village Clerk, Carolyn Daniels –
 - a. Happy birthday to Chris Donohoo and Dan Geil
7. Report from Mayor Bill Robertson
 - a. Motion made by Luebbert and seconded by Caldwell to approve Mayor Robertson with moving forward with hiring a new Audit Firm. Speaking with Hughes, Cameron and Company, LLC. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried
 - b. Motion made by Moore, seconded by Preston to approve Resolution R-01-2023 – allowing Good Energy, L.P., to serve as agent and consultant for the Village of Hartford with regards to purchasing utility supply, (natural gas), for the Village of Hartford. Constellation manages the Village energy. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried
 - c. 2023 PEP Grant for the park is up. It has a \$15,000.00 minimum to spend per town but could be more. The issue is if it is used for new construction, we would be mandated to use an engineer, which will increase the cost and cut available money. Mayor Robertson will be working with Kristie.
 - d. Phillip 66 tax hearing for the 2022 assessment matter has been scheduled for January 26, 2023, at 9 AM at the Admin. building at Madison County. The hearing is a public meeting that will be held in person. Everyone is welcome to attend.
8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo –

- Provided update on the three properties that have been declared as having Health, Safety and Welfare issues. One property has been served and two have not.

9. Report from Village Engineer – Absent

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

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

12. Report from Police Department, Police Chief Dan Geil – Officer Coleman stated the police department has nothing to report.

Report from Committees:

13. Safety Committee (**Moore**, Fulkerson, Caldwell) – nothing at this time.

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

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

- Trustee Caldwell stated the school crossing lights are not working, so Doug will need to purchase new batteries. The cost will be approximately \$424.00. Will place on next agenda for board approval.

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. Trustee Preston reported vendor claims of \$57,498.34, plus payroll claims of \$35,113.62 for total claims of \$92,611.96. On motion by Preston, seconded by Moore, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the village in the total amount of \$92,611.96. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, and Preston. Nays: None. Motion carried.

20. Citizens Comments – Daryl Workman asked if the Village could purchase swings for people with disabilities at the park. After reviewing our ordinance and Alton’s ordinance on chickens Mr. Workman would like the board to consider allowing Chicken runs in backyard to be 5 foot off property line instead of 10 feet. Mayor Robertson indicated that the Village Attorney will work on creating an ordinance, and hopefully we will have it available to present to the board on the next agenda. The Village will require a permit fee.

21. Unfinished Business from the Board – Mayor Robertson advised that Bill Moore has been working on what it will take to relocate the memorial and found out there is more infrastructure required than originally stated. The marble slab has to be dug up, and then reinforced steel would have to be added to hold it up at the new location. The Village may need to involve a structural engineer, which will increase the original cost. Trustee Luebbert feels this is still something the Village should pursue.


22. New Business from the Board –

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