

VILLAGE OF HARTFORD BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL ROOM  
140 WEST HAWTHORNE  
HARTFORD, ILLINOIS 62048  
February 6, 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, Paul Aldridge, Bernie Caldwell, Kristie Luebbert, Bill Moore, and Michelle Preston. Also, present Attorney Chris Donohoo, Village Clerk Carolyn Daniels, Leadman Ed Sebastian, Fire Chief Jarrod Horyn, Jake Sanders, Police Chief Matt Asbury, and Liz Asbury.
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes:
  - a. Board Meeting: January 16, 2024, motion made by Kristie Luebbert and seconded by Bill Moore to approve the minutes. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussions. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion Carried.
6. Report from the Village Clerk, Carolyn Daniels
7. Report from Mayor Bill Robertson
  - a. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Paul Aldridge to approve Ordinance No. 2024-O-01 An Ordinance Amending Hartford Ordinance No. 2023-O-03 to Amend Territory of the Riverbend Enterprise Zone. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Luebbert, Moore and Preston. Nays: None. Motion carried.
8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo –
  - Update on house next to Bill Moore. The gentleman there says he is still working on it and has filled up 5 or 6 dumpsters, so Attorney Donohoo has allowed him 30 more days, or he will follow through with adding him to the complaint.
9. Report from Village Engineer
  - Bill Robertson indicated Ed and him will be meeting with the construction company McGruder and Corps of Engineers regarding the damage to the canal road and asking them to fix the damage.
10. Report from Public Works Department, Ed Sebastian –
  - Water well three is back in service and tomorrow Mike and Ed are going to pick up the new water truck after waiting 10 months for it.

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

- January was a busy month for the fire department. They ran 18 calls, 9 were EMS, 2 traffic crashes and 1 structure fire. On the next agenda he will be proposing to put a couple of people through fire basic class at a cost of \$410 per student. It is online and they will meet weekends for 6 to 8 months for practicals. This will give the fire department more certified firefighters.

#### 12. Report from Police Chief, Matt Asbury

- a. The white 2016 Explorer is again needing work. It needs new bushings, lower control arms, new front driver's seat and the power steering went out. It is a 2016 with 120,000 miles on it. Unsure how much the Village wants to continue to dump into this vehicle. Just so happens the day the vehicle went down Matt received a call from the Pontiac Chrysler dealer in Jerseyville offering a brand new 2023 Dodge Charger fully police ready. They purchased thinking they could flip the car to a private owner but was told by Chrysler that they cannot and that it has to go to a municipality. The state bid is over \$42,000 and they are offering it to us for \$35,000. The board cannot vote on this tonight since Matt just found out about the offer. Bill Robertson spoke with Melissa Erker who said, Phillips 66 might buy the vehicle for us or at least give a donation. She will let Bill know by Friday. Bernie Caldwell suggested it to have a special meeting. The board agreed to a special meeting on Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm to discuss options and have a vote. Motion was made by Bernie Caldwell and seconded by Bill Moore to have a special meeting on Friday. Bill Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Luebbert, Moore and Preston. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### Report from Committees:

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

- a. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Kristie Luebbert to approve purchasing a drum of Syn-oil W-20 from Heritage Petroleum in the amount of \$697.81. The oil will be charged 75% to the police department and 25% to the street department. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Luebbert, Moore and Preston. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Bernie Caldwell to table the requisition to refurbish the white Explorer seat and purchasing two chairs for the police department until the next board meeting. Bill Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Luebbert, Moore and Preston. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- c. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Kristie Luebbert to approve purchasing from Arms Unlimited two Colt M-4 Rifles in the amount of \$1860.00. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Trustee Preston asked if there is a trade option. Matt explained they are not getting rid of any of the rifles. They currently have 4 rifles, so they are adding 2 rifles, so each police officer has a rifle. Trustee Moore offered that items c through f will be purchased by grant money. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Luebbert, Moore and Preston. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- d. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Bernie Caldwell to approve purchasing two rifle lights, two Eotech sights, and two forward grips in the amount of \$1560.00. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Luebbert, Moore and Preston. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- e. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Kristie Luebbert to approve purchasing from Ray O'Herron seven new Glock handguns in the amount of \$3959.00. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Trustee Preston asked if there is an option for trade. Matt said, the company is offering a trade in value for each handgun. Trustee Luebbert stated the paperwork shows a trade in value of \$240 per gun. Trustee Caldwell asked when did they purchase Glocks that had problems? The mayor stated years ago they had Glock 9 mm that had problems but that was years ago. The police have been using Glock 40's for years. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Luebbert, Moore and Preston. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- f. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Bernie Caldwell to approve purchasing from Ray O'Herron a Pro-Laser Lidar unit in the amount of \$2400.00. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Trustee Preston asked what is a Lidar gun? Matt stated the Lidar gun has pinpoint accuracy whereas the laser gun does not. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Luebbert, Moore and Preston. Nays: None. Motion carried.

14. Ordinance Committee (**Aldridge**, Luebbert, Moore)

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

- a. Motion made by Bernie Caldwell and seconded by Bill Moore to approve replacing the Public Works furnace in the amount of \$3000.00. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Luebbert, Moore and Preston. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

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

- Update on PEP Grant – applying to asphalt the roller hockey area to be used for 3 Pickle Ball courts. Working with Melissa and Matt from Phillips 66 to provide funds for coating, stripping and nets for the courts, and for new playground equipment.

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

19. Allowable claims against the Village

- a. Trustee Preston reported vendor claims of \$186,354.98, plus payroll claims of \$38,694.48 for total claims of \$225,049.46. On motion by Michelle Preston, seconded by Bill Moore, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the village in the total amount of \$225,049.46. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Luebbert, Moore and Preston. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

20. Citizens Comments

- Jarrod Horyn asked if they get a new police vehicle would the board allow the fire department to have the Ford Explorer. The fire department would like to fix the vehicle up and use it as an EMS vehicle and then they could use it for EMS calls and sell the Rescue truck and make a profit off selling it.

21. Unfinished Business from the Board –

22. New Business from the Board

23. Adjournment – 6:59 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.

  
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Carolyn Daniels, Village Clerk

  
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William Robertson, Mayor