

VILLAGE OF HARTFORD BOARD MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL ROOM
140 WEST HAWTHORNE
HARTFORD, ILLINOIS 62048
February 20, 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, Bill Moore, and Michelle Preston. Also, present Attorney Chris Donohoo, Village Clerk Carolyn Daniels, Leadman Ed Sebastian, Police Sergeant Deanna Coleman, Treasurer Chessie Brame.
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes:
 - a. Board Meeting: February 6, 2024, motion made by Michelle Preston and seconded by Bill Moore to approve the minutes. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussions. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion Carried.
 - b. Special Meeting: February 9, 2024, motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Bernie Caldwell to approve the minutes. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussions. Ayes: 3, 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 Bernie Caldwell to approve signing the Hartford Tower and Great Rivers & Routes Tourism Bureau Agreement for the contract period May 16, 2024, and ending February 23, 2025 (9-month contract period). The cost per quarter will be \$6,250.00, first payment due May 1, 2024, and last payment due 2/1/2025. Total contract fees are \$25,000.00. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussions. Trustee Preston asked if we made any money last year. Per the Treasurer we made \$23,000. Trustee Preston asked if GRR is still going to turn it into a park? Per the Mayor there is a meeting with GRR tomorrow to discuss the new development plans. He will get copies of the plans to show the trustees. Ayes: Bernie Caldwell, Bill Moore, and Michelle Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo – Nothing at this time.
9. Report from Village Engineer – Nothing at this time.

10. Report from Public Works Department, Ed Sebastian –

- Per Ed the street department has been working on repairing hydrants and sidewalks. The snowplow had a few issues which the street department guys were able to fix after finding some loose connections.

11. Report from Fire Department, Fire Chief Jarrod Horyn

- Per the mayor, Chief Horyn has been hired by the Wood River Fire Department full-time, so he will be in tomorrow to discuss possibly quitting. Apparently, Wood River will not allow him to work as a volunteer.

12. Report from Police Chief, Matt Asbury

- Per Officer Coleman they are trying to decide whether or not they should pro-rate the golf cart license. The licenses run January through December, so if a person buys the license after January the question is should they pro-rate the first year. If so, they may need to change the ordinance. More to come. The new police truck is currently waiting on lights, which are on order. Phillips 66 did give \$10,000 towards the newest vehicle, the money for which will be used to buy new equipment.

Report from Committees:

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

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

- a. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Bernie Caldwell Ordinance No. 2024-O-02, an Ordinance Repealing Hartford Village Code 45-5-8 Mobile Homes on Private Lots. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. The mayor said he found out a couple of weeks ago that this ordinance existed and needed to be repealed. He wanted to get it taken care of before it became an issue. Ayes: Caldwell, Moore, and Preston. Nays: None. Motion carried.

15. Public Works Committee (**Caldwell**, Luebbert, Aldridge) – Nothing at this time.

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

- Per the mayor there is a lead pipe grant that we can get for \$30,000 to aid with finding lead pipes. In the meantime, what they have decided to do is make the inspection of lead-pipes part of the rental inspection process, since the yearly rental inspections are coming up.

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

- The PEP grant has been turned in timely, which will help with putting in pickle ball courts.

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

- a. Update on Thursday night open gym. Last day will be March 28, 2024.

19. Allowable claims against the Village

- a. Trustee Preston reported vendor claims of \$106,525.74, plus payroll claims of \$38,705.33 for total claims of \$145,231.07. 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 \$145,231.07. Ayes: Caldwell, Moore, and Preston. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

20. Citizens Comments

21. Unfinished Business from the Board

22. New Business from the Board – Trustee Moore said he would like to recognize Drake Champlin for his accomplishment at the ISHA Wrestling Tournament in Champaign, IL where he took second place. Drake finished the year with a 51-4 record.

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