

VILLAGE OF HARTFORD BOARD MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL ROOM
140 WEST HAWTHORNE
HARTFORD, ILLINOIS 62048
March 7, 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, Paul Aldridge, Bernie Caldwell, Chris Fulkerson, Kristi Luebbert, Michelle Preston, and Bill Moore. Also, present Attorney Chris Donohoo, Village Clerk Carolyn Daniels, Police Chief Dan Geil, City Engineer Cash Sheppard, LKQ Representatives Chris Farrah and Randy Smith.
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes:
 - a. Board Meeting: March 7, 2023, motion was made by Kristie Luebbert, seconded by Michelle Preston to approve the minutes. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: six, Nays: none, Motion Carried.
6. Report from the Village Clerk, Carolyn Daniels – Nothing at this time
7. Report from Mayor Bill Robertson
 - a. Mayor Robertson introduced LKQ Representatives Chris Farrah and Randy Smith who came to discuss and answer any questions regarding potential business for the New Poag Road area. LKQ Corporation is a 13-billion-dollar company who went public in 2001. They work with businesses who need parts to repair vehicles, and with insurance companies. LKQ purchases later model cars that are stripped down completely, all parts are stored and inventoried. Fluids are drained, cleaned, and reused. The containers that house the fluids are stored in double tanks above ground. There is nothing that will contaminate the soil. Any inventory not sold within a year will be crushed and sold as scrap. The company is looking to employ 80-100 employees in the Hartford plant. They work Monday – Friday, 7-4, the company pays good wages, and the job is basically hands-on type positions. LKQ would like to begin construction as soon as possible; however, they realize there are hurdles but they feel this property has potential. To view details about the company, the recycling process and how they help the environment please visit “LKQEarth.Youtube.”
 - b. Motion made by Bernie Caldwell and seconded by Bill Moore to approve Mayor Robertson to attend the Economic Development training class at a cost of \$450.00. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, 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, Doug Preston – Absent
 - Fire Hydrant at 5th and Delmar has been replaced. Four more are scheduled to be replaced and there is one on the list to repair.
11. Report from Fire Department, Fire Chief Jarrod Horyn – Absent
12. Report from Police Department - Nothing at this time.

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) –
 - a. The Water Department is in desperate need of a new truck. The truck Mike is currently driving is a 2004 and has broken down twice recently, once in the middle of an intersection. The truck is a safety hazard and cannot make trips to Missouri when needed. Mike is working on getting bids. So far, bids have started at around \$35,000 to \$40,000.
 - b. Motion made by Bernie Caldwell and seconded by Kristie Luebbert to begin accepting applications for part-time Street Department help subject to drug testing and background checks. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Trustee Preston asked what age a person has to be for the Street Department. Mayor Robertson said 18 for the street and 16 for the park. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried
 - Trustee Caldwell asked if anyone had any questions about the picture provided during the meeting showing the concrete pad for the Veteran's Memorial Monument. A concrete pad will be placed where the horseshoe pit area is now.
16. Public Utilities Committee (**Fulkerson**, Moore, Preston) – Nothing at this time
17. Park & Recreation Committee (**Luebbert**, Preston, Caldwell) –
 - a. Motion made by Kristie Luebbert and seconded by Bill Moore to begin accepting applications for part-time Park help subject to drug testing, and background checks. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried
 - b. Motion made by Kristie Luebbert and seconded Chris Fulkerson to approve Resolution 2023-R-03 to designate 2 South Delmar and 435 Confluence Tower as official parks. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Trustee Fulkerson asked if 5 Diamonds would be in any trouble if they rent to a sex offender? Attorney Donohoo indicated unless 5 Diamonds is aware the person is a sex offender, they have no obligation. Since 5 Diamonds already designated a portion of land to us as a Mini Park, they should be aware of the sex offender laws. Mayor Robertson indicated he will contact Brian and make sure he is aware. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried

- c. Motion made by Kristie Luebbert and seconded by Bill Moore to approve Resolution 2023-R-04 Authorizing the Mayor to apply for park commission funds from Madison County. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. The low bid on the new pump for the water feature at the tower is \$10,288.00. The \$4712.00 left over will be allocated to use toward the concrete pad for the Veteran's Memorial at 7th Street Park. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried

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

- Trustee Preston asked if we could extend the Public open gym night past March 16th. The decision was made that we should not extend it due to low attendance.

19. Allowable claims against the Village

- a. Trustee Preston reported vendor claims of \$90,296.75, plus payroll claims of \$34,974.40 for total claims of \$125,271.15. On motion by Preston, seconded by Luebbert, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the village in the total amount of \$125,271.15. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, and Preston. Nays: None. 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 –

- Trustee Luebbert addressed with board that her and Trustee Preston have been bouncing around that the part-time guys at the street department should make \$2/per hour more than the girls (or guys), who work at the splash park. Trustee Fulkerson asked what about the fire department, who are volunteers. Trustee Luebbert said, Chief Horyn did bring something to the board but did not present it. Trustee Fulkerson stated if you are mentioning one department's wages, the fire departments should be brought up at the same time. Making it equal to equal. Mayor Robertson brought up that we have to think about all the Villages part-time labor to avoid any discrimination between the positions. Trustee Aldridge said he agrees with the mayor, but he also asked that before we start discussing increases with one party that the wage issue be addressed with the union leaders. Mayor Robertson said Ed Sebastian, who is the Union representative for the Street Department, already approached him on this issue when he heard about the possibility of a part-time labor wage discussion.

23. Adjournment – 7:26 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