

VILLAGE OF HARTFORD BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL ROOM  
140 WEST HAWTHORNE  
HARTFORD, ILLINOIS 62048  
March 21, 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, Fire Chief Jarrod Horyn, Treasurer Chessie Brame, and Citizen Danny Waugh.
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Motion of Silence was held in honor of our former Mayor, Village employee and long time resident Jim Spann.
6. Approval of the Minutes:
  - a. Board Meeting: March 7, 2023, motion was made by Bernie Caldwell, seconded by Michelle Preston to approve the minutes. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: six, Nays: none, Motion Carried.
7. Report from the Village Clerk, Carolyn Daniels –
  - a. The Village Clerk provided a reminder for the Water Clerk of the upcoming Wood River Sewer Rate increase. A 3% increase will take place May 1<sup>st</sup>; however, Hartford rates are not changing. We are currently paying \$4.13 per 1,000 gallons. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, the rate will change to \$4.25 per 1,000 gallons. The Water Clerk will note the change on the water bills.
8. Report from Mayor Bill Robertson
  - a. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Bernie Caldwell to approve a \$1500.00 donation to the Lewis and Clark Society of America as a contribution to the upcoming Departure Event at the Lewis and Clark State Historical Site in May 2023. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Trustee Caldwell asked if this was legal? Mayor Robertson advised that the Village has contributed to the event in past years. Trustee Moore stated, schools attend event and they have a gentleman who portrays Thomas Jefferson. The gentleman does a great job and the event is very entertaining. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried
  - b. Motion made by Bernie Caldwell and seconded by Bill Moore to approve Resolution No. 2023-R-05, a Resolution Recognizing the Future Partnership with LKQ Corporation that will be Mutually Beneficial for both LKQ Corporation and the Village of Hartford. Mayor Robertson asked if there

were any further discussion. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried

- c. Motion made by Paul Aldridge and seconded by Bill Moore to accept the contract Agreement for Engineering and Surveying services with SMS Engineers for the Village of Hartford. The term of this agreement is for the next two years, with a right to a one-year extension. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried

9. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo –

- Attorney Donohoo provided updates on three properties in Hartford.
  - a. 211 E 4<sup>th</sup> Street - Filed motion to publish, which means a judge will sign allowing us to publish in the paper for three weeks and if the owner does not respond we can move forward. Attorney Donohoo is having a hard time locating this owner. If anyone knows how to reach Mr. Egelhoff Attorney Donohoo would like to speak with the owner about signing a Consent to Judgement that would allow us to demolish the structure, which would save a lot of time.
  - b. 106 E. Maple – Filing a Motion to Publish. Attorney Donohoo is unable to locate the owner LLC.
  - c. 109 W. Elm – Attorney Donohoo has spoken to this owner who has asked that the Village hold off one week as he has a potential buyer. This owner has been served and if he does not sell in the next few weeks Attorney Donohoo will file a motion to publish or see if he will sign a Consent to Judgement.

10. Report from Village Engineer – Absent

- Mayor Robertson stated that the SMS notified him that the Core of Engineers are going to be potholing, which means they will be putting in two 30-inch lines and then air drill twenty-five wells for flood relief between the pump stations from Hawthorne to Rand.

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

12. Report from Fire Department, Fire Chief Jarrod Horyn –

- Per Chief Horyn 3810 failed pump testing so it is in the shop for a night. The cost should be minimal.
- Thank you to Carolyn and Chessie they assisted Chief Horyn with obtaining paperwork needed so he could complete his Fire Marshall grant paperwork.
- Edwardsville Foundation Grant (Amazon Grant), that they published last year reached out to Chief Horyn asking for him to provide a new quote of stuff he would like up to \$50,000. Chief Horyn asked for Cardiac Monitor and an Automated CPR Device, both around \$30,000 each.
- He is also working with the Library to offer a CPR Class to the public. April 19<sup>th</sup> is the date he would like to offer.

13. Report from Police Department –

- Chief Geil would like to order a new Police vehicle since his has over 118,000 miles. He provided state bids from Chevrolet and Ford. The vehicle he would like to order

is from Miles Chevrolet, which is a truck that offers more options with all the wiring included. The SUV from Ford does not offer as many options, and they have not been very responsive to questions. He feels the truck would be very useful to the police department. There is currently \$64,000 in the budget for a new Police vehicle.

Report from Committees:

14. Safety Committee (**Moore**, Fulkerson, Caldwell) –
  - a. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Bernie Caldwell to accept the bid from Miles Chevrolet for a new 2023 Chevrolet 9C1 Police Pursuit Silverado vehicle. Cost would be \$49,460.00, and with the additional options the approximate total cost would be \$54,226.00. The package includes a GM 5 year / 100,000 Mile Warranty, Drivetrain Warranty, and Free roadside assistance for 5 years / 100,000 miles. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried
15. Ordinance Committee (**Aldridge**, Luebbert, Moore) –
  - a. Motion made by Paul Aldridge and seconded by Bill Moore to approve Ordinance 2023-O-03, an Ordinance Amending (Municipality) Ordinance No. 2014-O-271 to Amend Territory of the Riverbend Enterprise Zone. Passing of this ordinance allows the changes to the existing boundary of the Enterprise Zone. 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 by Bill Moore to allow our mayor to sign Amendment to the Riverbend Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement. This will allow for the submission of the application to the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity. asked if there were any further discussion. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried
16. Public Works Committee (**Caldwell**, Luebbert, Aldridge) –
  - Trustee Caldwell said he has applications for the street department and asked if he should contact the applicants. Mayor Robertson advised we are still accepting applications for at least another week, so he needs to hold off contacting them at this time.
17. Public Utilities Committee (**Fulkerson**, Moore, Preston) – Nothing at this time
18. Park & Recreation Committee (**Luebbert**, Preston, Caldwell) – Nothing at this time
19. Finance & Public Buildings (**Preston**, Fulkerson, Aldridge) – Nothing at this time
20. Allowable claims against the Village
  - a. Trustee Preston reported vendor claims of \$106,308.16, plus payroll claims of \$34,891.63 for total claims of \$141,199.79. On motion by Preston, seconded by Luebbert, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the village in the total amount of \$141,199.79. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, and Preston. Nays: None. Motion carried.
21. Citizens Comments – Nothing at this time
22. Unfinished Business from the Board – Nothing at this time

23. New Business from the Board –

- Trustee Moore asked who is responsible for the railroad tracks on Hawthorne as the black top is getting bad. Trustee Luebbert said she asked Melissa, who said it is not the refinery's responsibility. Mayor Robertson believes it is either DOT or the railroads.
- Trustee Luebbert wanted to know if the house on the Corner of Market and Hawthorne was served. Chief Geil offered the old owner was sent notices to clean up and now they are trying to find out who the new owners are. Attorney Donohoo said he will investigate.

24. Adjournment – 7:00 pm

1. A motion by Bill Moore, seconded by Paul Aldridge 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