

VILLAGE OF HARTFORD BOARD MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL ROOM
140 WEST HAWTHORNE
HARTFORD, ILLINOIS 62048
June 20, 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, Kristie Luebbert, Bill Moore, and Michelle Preston. Also, present Attorney Chris Donohoo, Village Clerk Carolyn Daniels, Leadman Ed Sebastian, Police Chief Dan Geil, and Fire Chief Jarrod Horyn, Treasurer Chessie Brame.
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes:
 - a. Board Meeting: June 6, 2023, motion made by Kristie Luebbert and seconded by Michelle Preston 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
 - Jim Harper came in today and gave a presentation on the new Hartford Website. The site is very professionally done, and I think everyone will be pleased when it is ready to view, which should be in the next week or two. The site allows us to quickly load the agendas and meeting minutes. The business tab allows us to showcase the Hartford businesses, provide details about them and the map connects to google to provide directions. We will be sending out a letter to all businesses asking if they would like to be featured on our website. There are tabs for the Fire Department, Street Department, Police Department, Village Hall, Library, etc. All the tabs can be easily updated with information, and events. We are also discussing adding a link to allow residents to pay water bills online. The Website is also accessible by phone.
7. Report from Mayor Bill Robertson
 - a. Mayor Robertson announced he had a Certificate of Service Award for Doug Preston for 26 years of Service. Since Doug was unable to attend, the Certificate was given to his spouse Michelle Preston.
 - b. Mayor Robertson announced the Veteran's Memorial Dedication will hopefully be on July 5th at 5 pm prior to the board meeting at 7th Street Park. Bernie Caldwell is in charge of setting up the event, will publish it on the Website and possibly in the newspaper so residents can attend.
 - c. Mayor Robertson announced we have one applicant for the Dog Catcher position and one applicant for a full-time/part-time Police Officer position. Interviews will be scheduled.

- Moment of Silence was held in honor of Don Prickett, who passed away this week.

8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo –

- Attorney Donohoo stated 109 W. Elm has been sold and closing date is June 30th. Unsure if the new owner will fix it up or tear it down. The owner stated he has plans to do something by late summer. Attorney Donohoo is not dismissing the lawsuit at this time. Egelhoff scheduled for court soon and he cannot locate the owners of 106 E. Maple. There was a lean on 203 S. Olive, which has sold, and someone is putting a house on it.

9. Report from Village Engineer – Absent

- Mayor Robertson stated Cas Sheppard is retiring, and the new Engineer will be Scott Wiener. Mayor Robertson will be contacting Scott to introduce himself.

10. Report from Public Works Department, Ed Sebastian

- Ed advised the parts for the Splash Park should be in soon, so they hope to have it up and running this weekend. Veteran's monument will be moved Thursday or Friday to the park. They fixed another fire hydrant today, so 3 out of 5 are fixed.

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

- Fire Chief Jarrod Horyn reported the Fire Department will be attending Don Pricketts funeral on Friday, June 23rd at 10 am. Don served in the Fire Department for 30 years.
- The Fire Department needs 6 new tires on one of the fire trucks due to tires are 18 years old and several tires have splits in them. He received a bid of \$4000.00, so he would like to get them fixed soon.
- Chief Horyn stated he has been looking at new fire trucks. Right now, a new truck will cost \$700,000 to \$800,000 and will take approximately 6 years to get. He found a couple of trucks in Springfield, Illinois that fills all their needs and fits the bay for \$650,000. Fire trucks are supposed to be changed out every 10 years, our newest one is 18 years old. Trustee Moore stated they also looked at a truck out of Louisiana that is a replica of the truck we have for \$560,000. Mayor Robertson would like to hold a committee meeting soon to discuss the truck issue, and financing. Only grants available will cover equipping the truck.

12. Report from Police Chief, Dan Geil – nothing at this time.

Report from Committees:

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

- a. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Chris Fulkerson to approve using grant money toward the purchase of a 2023 Honda Utility Side by Side for \$10,613.00 to be utilized by the Police and Fire Departments. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore and Preston, Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Bernie Caldwell to approve using grant money received by the Police toward purchasing DART Training Simulator and accessories in the amount of \$18,045.00. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Trustee Luebbert asked how the Simulator works? Chief Geil stated the Simulator comes in two parts. There is a computer and software for creating scenario-type situations using realistic-looking targets, and

individual training modules consisting of video instruction and customized drills designed to focus on specific real-world learning tools. They can use this tool during meetings or have on-site training events, rather than having to attend training events outside the town. The Simulator also covers how to respond to school shootings. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore and Preston, Nays: None. Motion carried.

- c. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Chris Fulkerson to approve Resolution 2023-R-06, MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System), Master Agreement. This is a statewide structured, planned mutual aid system for deploying fire, rescue, and emergency medical services personnel for large scale events that overwhelm local resources. This program does not cost anything to the village. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore and Preston, Nays: None. Motion carried.
 - Trustee Moore stated he is going to set up interviews with the applicants for the Dog Catcher and Police officer positions for next Monday or Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

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

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

- Trustee Caldwell stated he received a requisition for 2 front tires for the backhoe in the amount of \$850.00 that he had approved.

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

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

- a. Trustee Luebbert brought to table whether we should be charging residents for the Splash Pad. After a discussion it was decided the Splash Pad will be free since there is no way to distinguish between residents and non-residents. Other splash pads in the area are free so we should not experience the issues we had in the past. Agreement was the Village will only charge those renting for parties and will reconvene should we experience any negative behaviors. Ayes: 4, Nays: 1
- b. Community Yard Sale will be September 9th. The Fire Department will host a fish fry.
- c. Fall Fun Fest will be October 21st. The Beautification committee has also decided to hold the Halloween Parade the same day to hopefully boost participation. The Halloween Parade had very little participation last year due to Wood River holding a chili cook off after their parade. The event will consist of a car cruise that will participate in parade, and then a car show at the park. There will be food vendors, a beer tent, kid friendly events and Halloween movie. Line up for parade will possibly start at 11 am and step off at noon. Phillips 66 has provided funding for the event.

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

19. Allowable claims against the Village

- a. Trustee Preston reported vendor claims of \$104,377.79, plus payroll claims of \$37,461.03 for total claims of \$141,838.82. On motion by Preston, seconded by Luebbert, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the village in the total amount of \$141,838.82. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, and Preston. Nays: None. Motion carried.

20. Citizens Comments

- Chief Horyn stated Library AED's will be here in a month or two, and Dan's were ordered yesterday. He asked that the board consider replacing AEDs at the tower, Village Hall, gym and adding one to Street Department.


21. Unfinished Business from the Board – nothing at this time

22. New Business from the Board – nothing at this time

23. Adjournment – 7:08 pm

1. 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