

VILLAGE OF HARTFORD BOARD MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL ROOM
140 WEST HAWTHORNE
HARTFORD, ILLINOIS 62048
July 18, 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. Also in attendance, Matt Asbury, Jacob Sanders, Marsha Geil, Tyler Morris & Spouse, Carrie Fulkerson, and Gary Phillips.
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes:
 - a. Board Meeting: July 5, 2023, motion made by Bernie Caldwell and seconded by Kristie Luebbert to approve the minutes. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussions. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Motion Carried.
 - b. All Committee Meeting: July 11, 2023, motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Chris Fulkerson to approve the minutes. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussions. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Motion Carried.
6. Report from the Village Clerk, Carolyn Daniels – Nothing at this time
7. Report from Mayor Bill Robertson
 - a. Mayor Robertson stated that 126 E. 2nd Street was sold for back taxes.
 - b. Community Outreach Meeting with Premcor will be held July 26th at 4:30 pm at the Hartford Community Center. They will be discussing Hartford River Dock Area Lagoons Remediation Project. The public is welcome to attend.
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
 - Ed advised all the fire hydrants have been fixed.

11. Report from Fire Department, Fire Chief Jarrod Horyn

- Chief Horyn provided a follow-up to questions asked at All Committee Meeting.
- Will insurance increase? Village Clerk provided insurance at replacement cost for a \$600,000 truck would be \$4620.00/yr. Currently the Village is paying \$2156.00/yr. on the 2005 Spartan (RC). Paying \$167.00/yr. on the 2001 Truck and \$434/yr. on the 1994 Truck (CV).
- What would it cost to rebuild the trucks instead of buying new? Per Chief Horyn he does not have an answer. Sentinel and Banner both need to look at truck before giving a price. If the decision is made to rebuild the truck will be out of service for several months.
- Will ISO Rating change? ISO rating based on 4 categories: Water supply, Community Teaching program, Communications and Fire Department. Current rating is 7 out of 10. Ways to improve ISO rating: Hire more volunteer firefighters, have SOP/SOG (have), updated equipment (have for the most part), annual pump/ladder testing (performed every year), communication (have), and a new fire truck.
- Details of Warranty – He will provide copies to trustees.
- Details of grants – Applied for and received grants from Small Equipment, FEMA, Edwardsville/Madison County, Marathon and working on one with Phillips 66. Applied for AEG grant 3 years in a row and was turned down. No other truck grants are available.

12. Report from Police Chief, Dan Geil –

- Reported the police department received a letter from a couple out of Great Brook, New Jersey showing appreciation for all the work the police departments do across the USA.
- Presented Tyler Morris with Police Academy Certificate.

Report from Committees:

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

- a. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Bernie Caldwell to approve hiring Tyler Morris as a Full-Time Police Officer. Back-ground check, drug/alcohol testing previously passed. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Trustee Fulkerson wanted to verify Village is within union contract to hire a fifth police officer? Matt Asbury indicated to hire a fifth police officer the board has to open the discussion of hiring part-time. Mayor Robertson said, the \$250,000 Police Grant they set aside \$60,000 to pay a fifth officer. All local municipalities have at least five police officers and a fifth officer will help to reduce overtime. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, and Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- b. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Chris Fulkerson to approve upgrading Fire Truck 3811 and repairing the Rescue Truck at an approximate cost of \$100,000. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Trustee Moore offered that he spoke with Banner who said they could fix both trucks, and it is extremely important that the pumps are ran every month to avoid any issues. Banner stated they are currently updating four fire trucks and two are older than ours. The NFP guidelines regarding purchasing a new fire truck every 20 years is suggested but not mandatory. It was also suggested the Village of Hartford start putting money into the general capital fund to help the fire department with saving for a new fire truck. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, and Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- c. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded none to approve purchasing a new Fire Truck at an approximate cost of \$600,000. No motion made to second vote Died on Table.

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

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

- a. Motion made by Caldwell and seconded by Luebbert to accept applications to hire a Full-Time Street Department worker. An ad will be placed in the newspaper to accept the applications beginning July 24th through August 11th. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, and Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

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

- Trustee Fulkerson advised that today he was informed the Screw pump motor is going out at the sewer plant, and the approximate cost to fix is \$1200 to \$1400. He will approve and place it on next agenda.

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

- a. Motion made by Kristie Luebbert and second by Fulkerson to approve hiring Kaden Sandbach as a part-time Park/Splash Pad employee subject to back-ground check, physical, and drug/alcohol testing. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, and Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

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

19. Allowable claims against the Village

- a. Trustee Preston reported vendor claims of \$156,652.63, plus payroll claims of \$41,507.69 for total claims of \$198,160.32. On motion by Preston, seconded by Luebbert, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the village in the total amount of \$198,160.32. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, and Preston. Nays: None. Motion carried.

20. Citizens Comments – Nothing at this time

21. Unfinished Business from the Board


- Ameren wants to use our park in September for a festival.
- August 1st is the new release date for the New Hartford Website
- St. Jude run is August 4th the police will be assisting as they run through Hartford.

22. New Business from the Board –

- Trustee Fulkerson would like to create an ordinance to stop people from rummaging through other people's trash and making a mess.
- Back to School Jam at the Library is on July 29th from noon to 2 pm.

23. Adjournment – 7:05 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