

VILLAGE OF HARTFORD BOARD MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL ROOM
140 WEST HAWTHORNE
HARTFORD, ILLINOIS 62048
August 1, 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, 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 Jacob Sanders, Barry White.
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes:
 - a. Board Meeting: August 1, 2023, motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Michelle Preston 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 –
 - a. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Bernie Caldwell to approve signing the Met Life renewal agreement set to renew on September 1st, 2023. Vision will increase by 4% and all other coverages will remain the same. Also, to approve signing the BCBS renewal agreement set to renew October 1st, 2023. Rate increase of 12.5%. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Moore, and Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
7. Report from Mayor Bill Robertson
 - a. Mayor Robertson attended the Premcor meeting regarding the levee side work taking place in 2023. Premcor is going to drain all the ponds behind the levee between Hawthorne and Rand Avenue, and then fill them in. When complete Premcor will rebuild W. Hawthorne behind the levee and make it better than before. The Premcor Site Remediation details will be placed on the Hartford website.
 - b. Mayor Robertson asked for permission from the Trustee's to allow him to contact Labor Local 338 to discuss changing the section of the Labors contract regarding the new hire rates and probationary period for the Street Department. Mayor Robertson would like to change current contract from a 4-year scale (70%, 80%, 90%, 100%), to first year 90% with 1 year probation, and then 100%. Trustee Preston asked what the contract is for police? Police contract is 100% upon hire and 6-month probation. Trustee Preston feels the Street Department contract should be same as Police. There was no objection to Mayor Robertson contacting the Labor Local to discuss changing contract.

8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo

- a. Attorney Donohoo presented the new ordinance regarding prohibiting camping on public property within the Village of Hartford. He had two matters to consider 1) how to cite the individual(s) if they do not have an ID or refuse to provide an ID and (2) how we want to implement the fine. He also indicated that Alton sends the money collected to a local charity to help support the homeless. Typically, the police speak with them without writing a citation and they normally will leave; however, there are a few that will not leave without forcing them. Attorney Donohoo is going to reach out to East Alton to find out how they are managing the homeless in their area. He will report back to us and finalize it.

9. Report from Village Engineer – Nothing at this time

10. Report from Public Works Department, Ed Sebastian

- The Screw Pump pully was fixed and functional. Old garbage truck brakes and lines are being repaired and should be ready soon.

11. Report from Fire Department, Fire Chief Jarrod Horyn

- Calls for month of July - 17 total calls, 14 were EMS, 1 fire alarm, 1 vehicle fire and 1 down power line.
- 3811 has been to shop and evaluated, waiting for list of items that will need repaired. 3811 is functional at this time.
- After vehicle fire 3810 had engine problems. They discovered it had a broken push rod. It is currently at Banner and being repaired.
- Chief Horyn brought up a safety concern. The hole where the Veteran's Monument was removed will need to be filled in to prevent any accidents.

12. Report from Police Chief, Dan Geil

- Chief Geil stated it is important to have the ordinance Chris Donohoo is working on since he recently had to deal with a homeless person who was going through trash and storing the items under an evergreen tree on one of Apex properties. He has spoken to Mark Phillips who is going to cut the limbs back on the trees to prevent this in the future.

Report from Committees:

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

- a. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Bernie Caldwell to approve sending Matt Asbury to the SEHIA (Southwestern Homicide Investigators Association), Conference. The Village would need to pay for registration, hotel, gas, and meals at an approximate cost of \$800-\$900. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Moore, and Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- b. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Bernie Caldwell to approve continuing the Police Law Institute Training subscription, which is monthly online training each officer has to do. The cost for 3-years is \$1710.00 which is \$570/per year. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Moore, and Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

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

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

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

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

- a. Splashpad will remain open past the initial close date for two private parties in September. The parties are scheduled for September 9th and 10th. The Trustee's agreed to allow the park to remain open and public works will close after September 10th.

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

19. Allowable claims against the Village

- a. Trustee Preston reported vendor claims of \$91,869.92, plus payroll claims of \$41,239.22 for total claims of \$133,109.14. On motion by Preston, seconded by Luebbert, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the village in the total amount of \$133,109.14. Ayes: Caldwell, Moore, and Preston. Nays: None. Motion carried.

20. Citizens Comments

- Barry White asked if we have new baseball mounds that can be used. Mayor Robertson said, we do have them, and they are ready for use just need to know ahead of time so they can be removed from storage and placed on the field.

21. Unfinished Business from the Board

- Trustee Preston notified the board there is one property that needs mowing and another that appears to be building something new on it. Mayor Robertson said he will add the property to the list of properties that need mowing, and he has already spoken to the owner of the other property.
- Trustee Preston also thanked the Fire Department and Police Department for all their help at the Back-to-School event at the library.

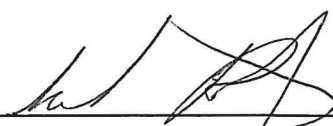
22. New Business from the Board –

23. Adjournment – 7:02 pm

1. A motion by Bill Moore, seconded by Michelle Preston 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