

VILLAGE OF HARTFORD BOARD MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL ROOM
140 WEST HAWTHORNE
HARTFORD, ILLINOIS 62048
September 19, 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 Bill Robertson, Paul Aldridge, Bernie Caldwell, Kristie Luebbert, Bill Moore, and Michelle Preston. Also, present Attorney Chris Donohoo, Village Clerk Carolyn Daniels, Leadman Ed Sebastian, Police Chief Dan Geil, Fire Chief Jarrod Horyn, and Police Officer Matt Asbury.
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes:
 - a. Board Meeting: September 5, 2023, motion made by Bill Moore 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 – Nothing at this time.
7. Report from Mayor Bill Robertson
 - a. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Michelle Preston to approve the re-codification of Ordinances at a maximum cost of \$3000.00. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Luebbert, Moore and Preston. Nays: none. Motion Carried.
8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo
 - Per Attorney Donohoo he located the owner of 109 W. Elm and sent him two Certified letters yesterday giving him 14 days to start the process to either fix it up or get it demolished. If he does not, he will be added to the outstanding complaint as the new owner.
 - Attorney Donohoo also asked the board and Chief Geil if they would like him to move forward on creating the Tent Ordinance. Board agreed to continue process.
9. Report from Village Engineer
10. Report from Public Works Department, Ed Sebastian –
 - Mayor Robertson wanted to commend Ed on saving Hartford about \$8000.00. The splash pump went out again, the local people said it was not fixable. Ed took it to the guy in Alton and he fixed it for \$125.00.

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

- Per Chief Horyn he is still waiting to hear from Banner on when they can get the trucks in for maintenance.
- Fish Fry went well they made approximately \$1800.00 in profit. Two volunteers from Marathon Pipeline showed up and each donated \$2000, so the total profit was \$5800. Fire Department sold out on fish and there were no complaints.
- Took engine 3810 to work for an apparatus function. The pump blew all day and worked really well.

12. Report from Police Chief, Dan Geil –

- Matt Asbury addressed the rental property ordinance. The Police Department has been receiving complaints about people renting properties that are not deemed rental properties. So, the Police Department will be sending out notices to those property owners who are renting their properties and side-stepping inspections.

Report from Committees:

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

- a. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Bernie Caldwell to approve the purchase of a Canon Laser Printer and toner in the amount of \$261.99 for the Fire Department. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Luebbert, Moore and Preston. Nays: none. Motion Carried.
- b. Motion to purchase Deanna Coleman a new tire for her police vehicle was not made due to cost under \$200.00.

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

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

- a. Motion made by Bernie Caldwell and seconded by Bill Moore to approve purchasing 50-gallons of Glyphosate weed killer in the amount of \$699.99 for the Street Department. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Luebbert, Moore and Preston. Nays: none. Motion Carried.
 - Next board meeting Trustee Caldwell will present a motion to allow the Street Department to purchase a new Brush Hog. According to Ed Sebastian the current one is worn out and there is a need to purchase a new one for the John Deere Tractor.

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

- Per Mayor Robertson and Ed Sebastian, they stated water well 3 is not working properly. The well casing may have collapsed, so Mike is in the process of having a company come out and look at it. The well has been there since 1971 and in need of repair.

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

- a. Trustee Luebbert advised Trick or Treat dates and time will be October 30th and October 31st from 6 pm to 8 pm both nights.

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

19. Allowable claims against the Village

- a. Trustee Preston reported vendor claims of \$119,961.71, plus payroll claims of \$36,853.24 for total claims of \$156,814.95. On motion by Preston, seconded by Luebbert, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the village in the total amount of \$156,814.95. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Luebbert, Moore and Preston. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

20. Citizens Comments

- Chief Horyn wanted to thank Ed and his team for making the area around the Fire House look great for the Fish Fry.
- Chief Horyn indicated they are still waiting to hear from Philips 66 regarding if they will be awarded the \$25,000 in grant money.
- Chief Horyn indicated they were not awarded the AFG grant this year.

21. Unfinished Business from the Board

22. New Business from the Board

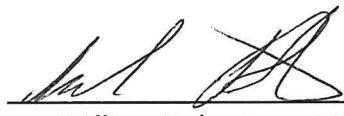
- The Wood River/Hartford School District is having discussions with Wood River Township and Hartford Township the Village(s) hiring police officers for the schools. This will not be based on grant money it will be in their levy and budgeted for yearly. The school will pay the officer's salary and insurance, and we will pay IMRF. More to come.
- Oil and Chip Day is the 28th.

23. Adjournment – 6:45 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