

VILLAGE OF HARTFORD BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL ROOM  
140 WEST HAWTHORNE  
HARTFORD, ILLINOIS 62048  
September 6, 2022  
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, Chris Fulkerson, Kristie Luebbert, Bernie Caldwell, Michelle Prickett, Paul Aldridge, and Bill Moore. Also, present Attorney Chris Donohoo, Village Clerk Carolyn Daniels, Police Chief Dan Geil, Fire Chief Jarrod Horyn, and Treasurer Chessie Brame. Residents: Danny and Debbie Waugh, and Christina Hayes.
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes:
  - a. Board Meeting: August 2, 2022, motion was made by Moore seconded by Luebbert to approve the minutes. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Aldridge, Luebbert, and Moore. Nays: None. Abstained: Fulkerson and Prickett. Motion Carried
  - b. Board Meeting: August 16, 2022, motion was made by Prickett seconded by Moore to approve the minutes. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Aldridge, Fulkerson, Prickett, and Moore. Nays: None. Abstained: Luebbert. Motion Carried
6. Report from the Village Clerk, Carolyn Daniels
  - a. Addressed shredding vendor issue and possible change to new service. Shred-it is our current vendor who is unreliable. They charge \$72 every 2 months and they do not shred on site. We have had issues with Shred-it not consistently showing up. We have a bid from Marconet out of Missouri located across 270 bridge, they will pick up every 2 months for \$50 and shred on site. Will place on next agenda to ask for motion.
7. Report from Mayor Bill Robertson
  - a. Sat through an informational program on the future of energy prices in our area. What was brought up is a very disturbing situation where Ameren is going to raise the cost to consumer from 4.5 kwh up to around 12-15 kwh. The only reason for us to participate in the aggregation is to solidify the actual number charged. If we are not in the aggregation, then the price could go higher. The question was asked, what if the price goes lower than the aggregation price and they stated you could withdraw from it, with the caveat that you could not come back in during the term of the contract (which should be between 18-24 months) if the price then went higher. The situation is we have only a little less than a month to make the decision since they will be bidding on prices by October 1, so we must decide this month. Currently we have Homefield. Homefield is not going to be part of the bid there will be three other companies. Hartford will notify the residents of the new companies. The Mayor asked for someone to make a motion allowing him to be the representative and have authority to sign contract if good.

- b. Motion made by Aldridge and seconded by Luebbert to approve Mayor Robertson as Good Energy Electric Aggregation BID Day Representative. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussions. Ayes: Caldwell, Aldridge, Fulkerson, Prickett, Luebbert and Moore. Nays: None. Motion Carried
8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo
    - a. General Dollar is still a go they are currently getting all their ducks in a row, and they have several days to commit.
  9. Report from Village Engineer - Absent
  10. Report from Public Works Department, Doug Preston – Absent – Mayor reported there is a partial road collapse on East Fourth and East Second. Odesco is going to camera it tomorrow. Cost is going to be approximately \$1200.00.
  11. Report from Fire Department, Fire Chief Jarrod Horyn – Turn around for refinery starts today so may see high traffic. Fire Department will hold a fish fry on Saturday at 10 am.
    - a. Update on Data Tronics Radio grant – past due bill has not been paid because company has not provided all the radios. Grant writer sent for payment last week and it was approved. Village should be receiving funds within 3-5 business days. Jarrod will contact Data Tronics to discuss partial payment and status of remaining radios.
    - b. Proposal for 20-year fire truck revolving loan through the Illinois State Fire Marshall must make decision by October 31st. 20-year no interest loan for \$350,000. Looking to get a demo truck around \$450,000, which will be customized to fit bay. Plan to go down to 2 fire engines to cut down on fuel cost and maintenance. Looking to use capital fund to up front final cost. State gives a \$100,000 grant to help supply truck. New billing company has billed for eight wrecks that will bring in extra money to help pay yearly payments. Suggestion made to have an all-committee meeting to discuss further.
  12. Report from Police Department, Police Chief Dan Geil – There has been five accidents all along Rte. 3, so Chief Geil would like to see stop lights at Casey's; however, the state has stated there are not enough fatalities to warrant lights. Chief Geil is asking the trees there by the levy district pump station be removed to help with view. Mayor Robertson stated, he is going to approach the state again since Dollar General will be going in and creating more traffic. Chief Geil would like to shutdown Old St. Louis Road on North side of Casey's due to trucks keep running over stop sign. Suggestion was made to build a barrier, but that is a State Road, and we would possibly need permission.

**Report from Committees:**

13. Safety Committee (**Moore**, Fulkerson, Caldwell) – Moore suggested an all-committee meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm to discuss Fire Truck proposal.
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, Prickett) – Sending Mike Daniels to water conference this year cost \$225.00. Current water bills there appears to be an issue. Nancy is investigating on her end with software company, and Mike is performing re-reads. Once investigation is completed new bills will be issued.

17. Park & Recreation Committee (**Luebbert**, Prickett, Caldwell)
  - a. New Splash pad pump invoice was received cost is \$8,480.85.
  - b. Reduce rate requests for Ball Diamond and Gym rental received by non-residents. Decision made not to reduce the rates.
  - c. Halloween Parade – October 29<sup>th</sup> line up at noon and parade at 1 p.m. Trick or Treat on October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
  - d. If residents have any clothing left over from yard sell, they can donate to the high school. EAWR High school has a program called New to Me where kids can pick out clothing if they need it.
18. Finance & Public Buildings (**Prickett**, Fulkerson, Aldridge) - nothing at this time
19. Allowable claims against the Village
  - a. Trustee Prickett reported vendor claims of \$98,884.27, plus payroll claims of \$41,177.21 for total claims of \$140,061.48. On motion by Prickett, seconded by Moore, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the village in the total amount of \$140,061.48. Ayes: Caldwell, Aldridge, Luebbert, Fulkerson, Prickett, and Moore. Nays: None. Motion carried.
20. Citizens Comments – Mr. Waugh asked if we should purchase the proper software that goes with the new electronic water meter system. Mayor Robertson stated that we have a software company called Locis, who implemented a program that interfaces with the new electronic reading system. This is growing pains that we will work through this with the software company.
21. Unfinished Business from the Board - nothing at this time
22. New Business from the Board – Some sidewalks need addressing and possible repair. Mayor Robertson will have Doug look at them. There is a house on West 6th Street that needs to work on appearance, and a house on East 5th Street. Mayor will take a look at houses and address if need.
23. Adjournment – 7:21 pm
  1. A motion by Moore, seconded by Fulkerson 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