

VILLAGE OF HARTFORD BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL ROOM  
140 WEST HAWTHORNE  
HARTFORD, ILLINOIS 62048  
October 4, 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, Bernie Caldwell, Michelle Prickett, Kristie Luebbert, Bill Moore, and Paul Aldridge. Also, present Attorney Chris Donohoo, Village Clerk Carolyn Daniels, Treasurer Chessie Brame, Chief of Police Dan Giel, Chief of Fire Department Jarrod Horyn, and residents Christina & John Hayes.
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes:
  - a. Board Meeting: September 20, 2022, motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Fulkerson to approve the minutes. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Moore, Luebbert, Caldwell, Aldridge, Fulkerson, and Prickett. Nays: None. Motion Carried
  - b. All Committee Meeting: September 22, 2022, motion was made by Moore, seconded by Prickett to approve the minutes. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Moore, Luebbert, Caldwell, Aldridge, and Prickett. Nays: None. Abstain: Fulkerson. Motion Carried
6. Report from the Village Clerk, Carolyn Daniels – Nothing at this time
7. Report from Mayor Bill Robertson –
  - a. Motion made by Mayor Robertson to approve the \$500,000 OSLAD grant. Grant was applied for by Great Rivers and Routes, who would like to put in a sculpture park at tower. GRR will pay the \$250,000, so this is at no cost to the Village of Hartford. Motion made by Robertson, second by Luebbert. Ayes Moore, Aldridge, Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Prickett. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
  - b. Grants in general. Mayor received a call from Secretary of State regarding the police department grant, which was approved. Police department will use money to upgrade equipment, purchase new cameras (body and inside cars), new computers and laptops. Would like to purchase new street cameras to assist police department with reading license plates, observing vehicle activity which will be used improve the safety of the community. Also, some of the money can be used toward hiring a fifth full-time officer. This will help with reducing overtime cost to the village. Recently, thirty overtime shifts needed covering, and the part-time officers were only able to cover three.
  - c. There is a second tower grant for \$55,000 to help pay for operations. All the grants are 100% covered and will not cost the village. Received check from campground for \$10,300 for fees. \$7500 will allocated to fire department. Received second ARPA payment \$91,000 for the new water meters. Still waiting on the 5 or 6 new fire hydrants ordered to replace the ones not working.

8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo
  - a. Demolition properties – Attorney Donohoo advised all title searches on demo houses were completed and ready for action.
9. Report from Village Engineer – Absent – Per Mayor Robertson the Village Engineer advised the Core of engineers will need to move a sewer pipe that shoots up to levy district. The cost is approximately \$12,400. Cost will be covered by the Southwest Illinois levy district.
10. Report from Public Works Department, Doug Preston – Absent – Per Mayor Robertson the flashing stop lights we discussed in last meeting will cost approximately \$900.00 apiece. We plan to place items in the next budget and use MFT money to purchase.
11. Report from Fire Department, Fire Chief Jarrod Horyn –
  - a. Working with Marathon who wants to do a controlled burn of a wood pile and brush.
  - b. Hartford Fire Department did not respond to porch fire on Watkins Street Saturday. Several firefighters were out of town, several were working and the others who were available are still in training, so they were unable to respond. Jarrod is collaborating with men to get them training so they are qualified to report to fires.
  - c. IFSI Training is scheduled for October 27-30. Grant will cover cost of training and hotels for five firefighters attending. Chief Horyn requested payment of gas for only his vehicle. Any firefighter who does not wish to carpool will be responsible for their own gas. Chief Horyn is also requesting their dinners to be paid for, (other meals included by IFSI).
  - d. Radio grant – money received, radios have been received and waiting to be installed.
12. Report from Police Department, Police Chief Dan Geil – Nothing at this time.

**Report from Committees:**

13. Safety Committee (**Moore**, Fulkerson, Caldwell)
  - a. Motion was made by Moore, seconded by Fulkerson to pay for gas and dinners for firefighter's who will attend IFSI Training, cost \$700.00. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Aldridge, Fulkerson, Moore, Luebbert, and Prickett. Nays: None. Motion Carried
14. Ordinance Committee (**Aldridge**, Luebbert, Moore) - nothing at this time.
15. Public Works Committee (**Caldwell**, Luebbert, Aldridge) –
  - a. Motion was made by Caldwell, seconded by Aldridge to purchase a Stihl chainsaw at a cost of \$425.00, so the street department can continue cutting down trees in town. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Aldridge, Fulkerson, Moore, Luebbert, and Prickett. Nays: None. Motion Carried
16. Public Utilities Committee (**Fulkerson**, Moore, Prickett) – nothing at this time
17. Park & Recreation Committee (**Luebbert**, Prickett, Caldwell) – nothing at this time – October Fun Fall Festival is coming along. Pray for pleasant weather.
18. Finance & Public Buildings (**Prickett**, Fulkerson, Aldridge) - nothing at this time
19. Allowable claims against the Village

- a. Trustee Prickett reported vendor claims of \$112,125.43, plus payroll claims of \$36,758.74 for total claims of \$148,884.17. On motion by Prickett, seconded by Moore, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the village in the total amount of \$148,884.17. Ayes: Caldwell, Aldridge, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, and Prickett. Nays: None. Motion carried.

20. Citizens Comments – Nothing at this time


21. Unfinished Business from the Board – Mayor Robertson was on the Ameren aggregation call today. Town is currently paying 4.5 cents. New rate was locked in at 12.1, and twenty-eight towns signed off. Ameren advised they did a bid and buy today, so if you are not in the aggregation the cost will go to 17 cents. Constellation will manage aggregation, and they will notify the towns people. The company moving the Veteran's Memorial will move it at a cost of \$2000.00.

22. New Business from the Board – none

23. Adjournment – 6:58 pm

1. A motion by Moore, seconded by Aldridge 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.

  
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Carolyn Daniels, Village Clerk

  
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William Robertson, Mayor