

VILLAGE OF HARTFORD BOARD MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL ROOM
140 WEST HAWTHORNE
HARTFORD, ILLINOIS 62048
November 7, 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, Chris Fulkerson, Bill Moore, and Michelle Preston. Also, present Attorney Chris Donohoo, Village Clerk Carolyn Daniels, Leadman Ed Sebastian, Police Chief Dan Geil, Treasurer Chessie Brame, Corey Thornburgh, and spouse.
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes:
 - a. Board Meeting: October 17, 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. October 3, 2023, motion made by Paul Aldridge and seconded by Chris Fulkerson to approve the minutes. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussions. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Motion Carried.
 - c. Motion made by Kristie Luebbert and seconded by Bill Moore to approve keeping all past closed minutes sealed. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussions. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Motion Carried.
6. Report from the Village Clerk, Carolyn Daniels –
 - a. Advised the ad for a full-time police officer ran through November 7th. Applications were accepted until 4 pm today. As of 4 pm the Village received 2 applications.
7. Report from Mayor Bill Robertson
 - a. Motion made by Paul Aldridge and seconded by Bill Moore to approve hiring Corey Thornburgh for the full-time street department subject to drug testing, physical and back-ground check. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion.
 - i. Trustee Caldwell questioned why Corey? The mayor explained he has the right to appoint, and the Trustees have the right to approve or disapprove.
 - ii. Trustee Fulkerson asked if the attorney could look at the paperwork he has regarding payroll. He indicated we have an anti-nepotism ordinance, but he feels we would be in the same boat because the applicant's family member fills out the payroll and time sheets. Chessie Brame Treasurer stated the head of the Street Department provides employee hours on a sheet to the Water Clerk who places on a spreadsheet, and the Treasurer enters the information and pays the employees. Attorney Donohoo stated the paper is implying "a person who has the authority in determining someone's salary or

payroll whether it is an hourly rate, salary rate or overtime,” which this does not apply in this situation. Nancy does not have any input on salary, payroll, or overtime.

Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, and Moore. Present: Fulkerson. Abstain: Luebbert and Preston.
Nays: none. Motion Carried.

- b. Mayor Robertson provided an update on Excessive Engine Braking/Jake Breaking noise that is prohibited. The street department will be purchasing signs that will help control the noise on Rt. 3, and then the police department will have to enforce.

8. Report from Attorney Chris Donohoo –

- a. Attorney Chris Donohoo provided information regarding a new law signed by the Governor of Illinois called the Paid Leave for All Workers Act (PLAWA). PLAWA becomes effective January 1, 2024, which mandates that employers provide up to 40 hours of paid leave during a 12-month period for many types of employees in Illinois (includes full-time, part-time, and seasonal). The IML is in discussion with legislators and others to see if municipalities will be exempt. Right now, the consensus is they are not and must comply. The Village may have to quickly pass an ordinance if our ordinance does not cover the new law.

9. Report from Village Engineer – Not present

10. Report from Fire Department, Fire Chief Jarrod Horyn – Not present

11. Report from the Public Works Department, Lead Man Ed Sebastian –

- Per Ed the old forklift is 40+ years old and can no longer be repaired. He found a used one for \$23,000 and would like to place it on the next agenda for approving the purchase.

12. Report from Police Chief, Dan Geil –

- Chief Geil advised the police department received a \$3000 grant from the Mustache for March Foundation to be used as they see fit.

Report from Committees:

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

- a. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Paul Aldridge to approve purchasing an iPad for the Fire Department to be used on runs. Cost of iPad is \$359.00. The iPad will replace the old laptop and comes with a Public Government Security System package, which is inclusive of their monthly fee. The fire department got rid of spectrum TV, which will pay for this package. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore and Preston. Ayes: 6 Nays: none. Motion Carried.
- b. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Bernie Caldwell to approve purchasing 500 personalized stamped envelopes for the Police Department at a cost of \$370.85. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore and Preston. Ayes: 6 Nays: none. Motion Carried.
- c. Motion made by Bill Moore and seconded by Chris Fulkerson to approve purchasing Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission Police training assessments for 2025 at a cost of \$600.00. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore and Preston. Ayes: 6 Nays: none. Motion Carried.

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

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

- Trustee Caldwell advised that he has a requisition for a new fork-lift for the street department that he will have placed on the next agenda for approval.

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

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

- Trustee Luebbert provided an update on Pickle Ball. The Pickle Ball group will be renting the gym on an as needed basis due to East Alton and Wood River now have new facilities. Jorge Salgueiro has asked if they could get a reduction in the gym rental fee from \$35/hr. to \$20/hr. The Trustees agreed not to reduce the rental fee.

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

19. Allowable claims against the Village

- a. Trustee Preston reported vendor claims of \$148,656.14, plus payroll claims of \$34,166.80 for total claims of \$182,822.94. On motion by Preston, seconded by Luebbert, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the village in the total amount of \$182,822.94. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore and Preston. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

20. Citizens Comments –

21. Unfinished Business from the Board –

22. New Business from the Board –

- a. Trustee Luebbert stated that she was contacted by Krista Prickett about planting a tree in the park in honor of her father Don Prickett, who was a long-time citizen and Fire Chief. She was also contacted by Joe Consiglio family, they would like to put a bench by the Veteran's Memorial with a name plate in honor of their father Tom Consiglio. The Trustee's approved both requests.
- b. 7:04 Motion made by Chris Fulkerson and seconded by Bill Moore to adjourn for Closed Meeting to discuss 5-IL-CS 120/2 (c-1), Personnel Issues. Ayes: Aldridge, Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore and Preston. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- c. 7:13 Motion made by Chris Fulkerson and seconded by Bill Moore to adjourn the closed Meeting. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Those opposed say Nay. Aye unanimous.
- d. 7:13 Motion made by Chris Fulkerson and seconded by Bill Moore to go back into open session. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Those opposed say Nay. Aye unanimous.

23. Adjournment – 7:13 pm

- a. A motion by Chris Fulkerson, seconded by Bill Moore, 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