

VILLAGE OF HARTFORD BOARD MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL ROOM
140 WEST HAWTHORNE
HARTFORD, ILLINOIS 62048
December 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, Bernie Caldwell, Chris Fulkerson, Kristie Luebbert, Michelle Preston, and Bill Moore. Also, present Attorney Chris Donohoo, Village Clerk Carolyn Daniels, Treasurer Chessie Brame, Police Chief Dan Geil, Police Officer Tyler Morris, Auditor Greg McCalley, and citizen Daryl Workman. Absent Paul Aldridge.
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes:
 - a. Board Meeting: November 15, 2022, motion was made by Kristie Luebbert, seconded by Bill Moore to approve the minutes. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried
6. Report from the Village Clerk, Carolyn Daniels –
 - a. GRR Annual Summit takes place Feb. 9th, 2023, at Gateway Center. Motion made by Luebbert and seconded by Caldwell to approve the purchase of two tickets for the Mayor and the Village Clerk to attend. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried
 - b. Pickle Ball update: Keasler building is closed the Month of December, so we added their schedule to ours. Pickle ball is currently using the Hartford gym six out of seven nights. They have also scheduled Monday's, and Wednesdays for the Months of January, February, and March, with potential to add more dates. The first night was successful with 15 to 20 people attending.
 - c. 2023 Board Meeting dates provided to attendees and will be posted on Hartford website.
 - d. Village Hall holiday hours will be Dec. 23rd closing at 11:30, Dec. 26th closed, Dec. 30th closing at 11:30 and Jan. 2nd, 2023, closed.
 - e. The State of Illinois minimum wage will increase to \$13/per hour effective Jan. 1st, 2023.
 - f. Reminder the Village Hall employee luncheon is set for December 7th from noon until 1 P.M., and food will be provided by Jerry's Café. Special Thank You to Chris Donohoo for paying for the event.
 - g. Dec. 10th and 11th will be the Pioneers gathering at Lewis and Clark Historic Site for anyone who would like to attend.
7. Report from Mayor Bill Robertson
 - a. Mayor Robertson introduced Greg McCalley from Independent Auditor's office. Mr. McCalley indicated the audit is not complete but should be ready by next week. He will provide a copy to Mayor for review and should be ready to discuss it at the next board meeting.

- Mayor Robertson stated the Police department just received a \$250,000 grant to help pay for radios, computers, new guns, and other equipment that may need updating. \$60,000 may be used toward hiring a fifth officer, but that will be discussed next year.

8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo –

- Filed abate the nuisance on 106 E. Maple, 109 W. Elm and 211 E. Fourth. The process will take a few months.

9. Report from Village Engineer – Absent

10. Report from Public Works Department, Doug Preston – Absent

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

12. Report from Police Department, Police Chief Dan Geil –

- Chief Geil introduced Tyler Morris, who is a part-time officer in training and currently attending the police academy.
- Chief Geil attended the Mustache March and was presented with a \$2500.00 check to use for community events, or items the police department might need. Dan would like to use it for a new camera system, and for the school.

Report from Committees:

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

- a. Motion made by Moore and seconded by Caldwell to purchase a Dell Opti Plex Desktop computer with windows 11 for the police department at a cost of \$1250.00. Grant money will be used to pay for purchase. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried
- b. Motion made by Moore and seconded by Fulkerson to purchase a Pulse Oximeter base line vital sign machine for the fire department, approximate cost \$450. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried

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

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

- a. Motion made by Caldwell and seconded by Luebbert to pay the \$2000.00 to Alton Memorial Sales to move the Veteran's Memorial Monument and relocate to the park. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried
- b. Motion made by Caldwell and seconded by Moore to purchase twenty new recycling bins to replace damaged and missing bins. Cost is \$11.02/per bin with a total cost of \$220.40. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried

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

17. Park & Recreation Committee (**Luebbert, Preston, Caldwell**) – nothing at this time

- Mayor Robertson stated the Village received a \$2500 check from Phillips 66 to purchase new equipment for the parks.

18. Finance & Public Buildings (**Preston**, Fulkerson, Aldridge) –

- a. Motion made by Preston and seconded by Moore to accept the Tax Levy Ordinance 2022-O-8 in the requested amount of \$562,876.00. Mayor Robertson asked if there were any further discussion. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, and Preston. Nays: None. Motion Carried

19. Allowable claims against the Village

- a. Trustee Preston reported vendor claims of \$100,131.66, plus payroll claims of \$71,692.49 for total claims of \$171,824.15. On motion by Preston, seconded by Moore, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the village in the total amount of \$171,824.15. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, and Preston. Nays: None. Motion carried.

20. Citizens Comments – Daryl Workman requested the board reconsider allowing people to have chickens in the town next year. Mayor Robertson stated he would pull the ordinance and look at how other towns are handling. He will address this request once he reviews as others have also expressed interest.

21. Unfinished Business from the Board – nothing at this time

22. New Business from the Board –

- Trustee Preston stated the library is holding the Old Fashion Christmas on Sunday, December 11th from 5 P.M. to 8 P.M.

23. Adjournment – 6:49 pm

1. A motion by Moore, seconded by 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