

VILLAGE OF HARTFORD BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL ROOM  
140 WEST HAWTHORNE  
HARTFORD, ILLINOIS 62048  
December 20, 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, Treasurer Chessie Brame, and Chief of Fire Department Horyn. Absent Paul Aldridge and Carolyn Daniels.
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes:
  - a. Board Meeting: December 6, 2022, motion was made by Kristie Luebbert, seconded by Bernie Caldwell 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 – Nothing at this time. The Village Clerk was absent, Michelle Preston recorded the meeting.
7. Report from Mayor Bill Robertson
  - a. Independent Auditor did not appear. Audit should have been completed in October. Mayor asked to place on record that a discussion will be held to determine next steps.
8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo –
  - As a follow-up on suits on the three property's – none have been served at this time but should be served within the next week or two.
9. Report from Village Engineer – Absent
10. Report from Public Works Department, Doug Preston – Absent
  - Recycle bins have been ordered, received, and starting to distribute.
11. Report from Fire Department, Fire Chief Jarrod Horyn – All items under Safety Committee
12. Report from Police Department, Police Chief Dan Geil – Absent
  - The new computer has been received.

Report from Committees:

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

- a. Motion made by Moore and seconded by Caldwell to pay \$1000.00 to Dan Rogers from First Due Consulting to write the AFG Grant that will be used to purchase battery powered extrication tools approximate cost is \$76,000.00. Mr. Rogers has done this for the fire department several times and is very successful. 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 use \$5000.00 donation from Phillips 66 on new emergency lights for engine 3810. The donation was issued for foam upgrade; however, Chief Horyn purchased new foam last year. He does not want to buy foam in bulk, or he risks foam going bad. He spoke with Melissa Erker, who gave approval to use donation on items needed. We will need to pay Data Tronics to install lights at an approximate cost of \$600 to \$800. 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) – nothing at this

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

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

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

- The gym roof is leaking again. Doug has placed a call to check on getting it fixed and cost.

19. Allowable claims against the Village

- a. Trustee Preston reported vendor claims of \$56,407.92, plus payroll claims of \$31,607.60 for total claims of \$88,015.52. On motion by Preston, seconded by Fulkerson, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the village in the total amount of \$88,015.52. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Moore, and Preston. Nays: None. Motion carried.

20. Citizens Comments – No comments

21. Unfinished Business from the Board

- a. Chief Horyn addressed the fire department's request to increase the volunteer pay to \$16/ per hour as of May 2023. He knows minimum wage will increase to \$13 as of January 1, 2023 and will increase to \$15 by 2025. He would like everyone to think about the increase. Mayor Robertson stated, "this will be discussed further in April 2023."
- Mayor Robertson provided an update on General Dollar. He attended the Focus Meeting between General Dollar, Apex, and EPA. Apex letter did not provide efficient detail regarding why they do not want General Dollar to build. EPA will be issuing a response to the Apex letter. Currently waiting for the response from EPA.

22. New Business from the Board –

- Chief Horyn suggested the fire department Durango be issued to the Dog catcher for use since the dog catcher's car was severely damaged. The cost to repair the vehicle will cost more than the vehicle is worth.

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.

  
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Carolyn Daniels, Village Clerk

  
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William Robertson, Mayor