

MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HARTFORD,  
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD AT THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTER  
AT 6:30 P.M. ON THE  
17<sup>th</sup> Day of November 2020


1. Mayor Hickerson called the Village Board to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Board Members
  - A. On roll call, the following Board Members were present: Clinton Caldwell, Chris Fulkerson, Jamie Harrop, Michelle Prickett, and William Robertson. Kristie Luebbert was absent.
  - B. Also present were: Village Attorney Chris Donohoo, Village Clerk Emme Flanigan, Village Treasurer Chessie Brame, and Police Chief Brandon Flanigan.
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes: 11/3/2020
  - A. On motion of Caldwell, seconded by Harrop, it was voted to approve the 11/3/2020 minutes as recorded by the clerk. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Harrop, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Absent: Luebbert. Motion unanimous.
6. Report from Village Clerk: Nothing to report.
7. Report from Mayor Hickerson
  - The Mayor asked the Board if they would like to go back to Zoom Board Meetings because our area is currently back to Tier III. The Board agreed to go back to Zoom starting in December.
8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo
  - Attorney Donohoo brought up the damaged houses that have been discussed in previous meetings and discussed what the Board can possibly do about them. A preliminary injunction is possible if, from the road, it is clear that the house is in severe violation of an ordinance code that poses a threat to the first responders if they had to respond to a call there. Another option is to try and condemn the houses if the damage is worth more than 50% of the value of the home. Attorney Donohoo said the preliminary injunction would be quicker but it will be difficult due to the courts being closed until further notice. Trustee Fulkerson asked what happens if you can't get a hold of the home owner. Attorney Donohoo said the homeowner would likely have to be served and someone would have to be hired to serve them the papers which would cost \$60-70. Trustee Fulkerson asked the Mayor and Attorney Donohoo if they ever got in contact with the homeowner of the house on West Elm that has been discussed in previous meetings. Trustee Robertson said that homeowner died. Trustee Fulkerson said he thinks the preliminary injunction is the best option. Attorney Donohoo said an updated report from the inspector would need to be written up first. Attorney Donohoo said he'd look up the house on West Elm to see if there is a probate case on it.
9. Report from Village Engineer (Absent): Nothing to report.
10. Report from Public Works Department, Doug Preston (Absent): Nothing to report.
11. Report from Fire Department, Chief Jarrod Horyn (Absent)
  - Trustee Fulkerson informed the Board that the PC went out at the Fire Department. He said they will be holding off on buying a new one until after January 1<sup>st</sup> because right now is not the right time to buy one.
  - Trustee Fulkerson informed the Board that everyone on the Fire Department is up for CPR. Trustee Fulkerson said 2 years ago when everyone was up for their CPR the Village paid for them to get it so everyone can get it all at once and make it easier to track. Trustee Fulkerson said that is the one certification they have to pay for because they have to buy the cards. To get the whole department certified it will be \$120.

12. Report from Police Department, Chief Brandon Flanigan  
➤ Chief Flanigan asked Trustee Fulkerson if the Police Department could also get in on getting CPR certified.

**Report from Committees:**

13. **Safety Committee (Fulkerson, Caldwell, Luebbert):** Nothing to report.
14. **Ordinance Committee (Robertson, Luebbert, Harrop):** Nothing to report.
15. **Public Works Committee (Harrop, Fulkerson, Robertson):** Nothing to report.
16. **Public Utilities Committee (Caldwell, Robertson, Prickett):** Nothing to report.
17. **Parks & Recreation Committee (Luebbert, Prickett, Caldwell):** Nothing to report.
18. **Finance & Public Buildings (Prickett, Harrop, Fulkerson):** Nothing to report.
19. Allowable claims against the Village  
A. Trustee Prickett reported vendor claims of \$51,979.14, plus payroll claims of \$33,673.84, for total claims of \$85,652.98. On motion of Prickett, seconded by Robertson, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the Village in the total amount of \$85,652.98. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Harrop, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Absent: Luebbert. Motion unanimous.
20. There were no citizen comments.
21. Unfinished Business from the Board  
➤ Trustee Prickett asked Chief Flanigan if he had caught any cats at the house mentioned in the previous meeting. Chief Flanigan said he hadn't caught any yet but the neighbor to the east of the house said she's only seen one cat running around the house and she knows the owners regularly feed the cats on the inside.  
➤ Trustee Robertson said the parking problem on North Market still hasn't fixed itself. Trustee Robertson suggested extending the yellow line on the sidewalk a bit more to keep them away from the intersection. Attorney Donohoo said he doesn't think it'd be a problem. Mayor Hickerson asked how far back it should be painted. Trustee Robertson said the ordinance says 30ft is the designated distance for those types of things. Attorney Donohoo asked how far it is currently. Trustee Robertson said it's likely not even 4ft long. Trustee Robertson said it's the curb going north towards market. Trustee Fulkerson suggested going to the cutoff of the driveway of the house that's been discussed in previous meetings. Mayor Hickerson said it could go back about 10ft. Trustee Fulkerson asked what the ordinance says for fire hydrants. Trustee Robertson said it's 15ft. Trustee Fulkerson said to extend the yellow line 15ft. Mayor Hickerson said he will make sure it gets painted.
22. There was no new business from the Board.
23. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

  
Emme M. Flanigan, Village Clerk

  
James F. Hickerson, Village President