

MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HARTFORD,
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON ZOOM
AT 6:30 P.M. ON THE
1st Day of December 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, Kristie Luebbert, Michelle Prickett, and William Robertson.
 - 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: 11/17/2020
 - A. On motion of Fulkerson, seconded by Robertson, it was voted to approve the 11/17/2020 minutes as recorded by the clerk. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Harrop, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Abstain: Luebbert. Motion carried.
6. Report from Village Clerk: Nothing to report.
7. Report from Mayor Hickerson
 - A. The Mayor asked for a motion to raise all part-time adult wages to \$11 an hour effective January 1, 2020. This is in compliance with the minimum wage laws in Illinois. On motion of Robertson, seconded by Harrop, it was voted to raise all part-time adult wages to \$11 an hour effective January 1, 2020. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Harrop, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.
8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo
 - Attorney Donohoo informed the Board that he sent out letters to the homes mentioned in the previous Board Meetings. Attorney Donohoo said if he doesn't get a response, he recommends moving forward with a preliminary injunction.
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 Fire Department was fitted for the new SCBA gear tonight.
 - Trustee Fulkerson also informed the Board that the Fire Department was not able to hold off on buying a new PC because it broke and there are reports are due.
12. Report from Police Department, Chief Brandon Flanigan: Nothing to report.

Report from Committees:

13. **Safety Committee (Fulkerson, Caldwell, Luebbert)**
 - A. On motion of Fulkerson, seconded by Luebbert, it was voted to hire Crystal Monson for the position of Animal Control Officer subject to a pre-employment independent background check, physical, and drug test. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Harrop, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.
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)**

- Trustee Caldwell informed the Board that the water plant has 6 valves that need to be replaced. The Mayor informed the Board of the major repairs to the extent of \$5,318 to rebuild 6 cylinders that operate the backwash filters. Mike Daniels got together with Wegman and found a company that can rebuild instead of replace them.

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 \$151,325.39, plus payroll claims of \$32,123.09, for total claims of \$183,448.48. On motion of Prickett, seconded by Luebbert, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the Village in the total amount of \$183,448.48. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Harrop, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.

20. There were no citizen comments.

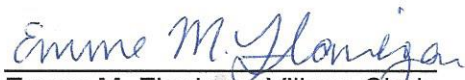
21. Unfinished Business from the Board


- Trustee Fulkerson informed the Board that he had Chief Flanigan pull numbers on the four houses that have been talked about in the previous meetings. Over the last 4 years, the house on Elm has had 7 ordinance violations, the house on Delmar has had 10 ordinance violations, the house on E. Fourth has had 14 ordinance violations, and the house on E. Maple has had 10 ordinance violations and 17 animal violations. Attorney Donohoo said the house on E. Maple's owner did not show up to her court date recently and was found guilty in her absence on three of the charges. Trustee Fulkerson asked what will happen if the residents of these houses do not pay their fines. Attorney Donohoo said they will go to collections. Attorney Donohoo said he is hoping that the letters he sent out threatening a preliminary injunction will help. Mayor Hickerson asked if any of these properties can have a condemned sign put on it. Attorney Donohoo said he will look into it. Trustee Fulkerson asked if the house with no window and an open back door can be boarded up. Attorney Donohoo said as long as it is vacant then the Public Works Department can board up the window and fix the back door.

22. New Business from the Board

- Trustee Luebbert said she was on the Illinois Department of Health website and saw that Hartford has had 558 Covid tests and 64 positive cases. Trustee Luebbert asked Chief Flanigan if he knew whether or not that was accurate. Chief Flanigan said the positive cases number sounded high and Mayor Hickerson said the last time he looked it was only 41 positive cases. Trustee Fulkerson checked the numbers during the meeting and informed the Board that Madison County is up to 63 positive cases.
- Trustee Fulkerson informed the Board that there has been a resident complaining recently about a Board Member being on the Fire Department. Trustee Fulkerson said he had the Mayor have Attorney Donohoo look into it to make sure it wasn't breaking the law. Trustee Fulkerson said he wanted to make sure that the rest of the Board does not have a problem with him volunteering at the Fire Department. The Board agreed that they don't have a problem with it because it is allowed under the state statute. Trustee Fulkerson thanked the Board for their support.

23. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.


Emme M. Flanigan, Village Clerk


James F. Hickerson, Village President