

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 HALL,  
HARTFORD, ILLINOIS AT 6:30 P.M. ON THE  
3<sup>rd</sup> Day of December 2019

1. Mayor Hickerson called the Village Board to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Board Members
  - On roll call, the following Board Members were present: Jamie Harrop, Kristie Luebbert, Michelle Prickett, and William Robertson. Clinton Caldwell and Chris Fulkerson were absent.
  - Also present were: Village Attorney Chris Donohoo, Village Clerk Emme Flanigan, Village Treasurer Chessie Brame, Sgt. Dan Geil, and Darrin Renhardt.
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes: 11/19/2019
  - On motion of Prickett, seconded by Robertson, it was voted to approve the 11/19/2019 Minutes as recorded by the Clerk. Ayes: Harrop, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Absent: Caldwell and Fulkerson. Motion unanimous.
6. Report from Village Clerk: Nothing to report.
7. Report from Mayor Hickerson: Nothing to report.
8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo: Nothing to report.
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): Nothing to report.
12. Report from Police Department, Chief Brandon Flanigan (Absent): Nothing to report.
- 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
  - Trustee Prickett reported vendor claims of \$72,427.97, plus payroll claims of \$31,454.11, for total claims of \$103,882.08. On motion of Prickett, seconded by Harrop, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the Village in the total amount of \$103,882.08. Ayes: Harrop, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Absent: Caldwell and Fulkerson. Motion unanimous.
20. There were no Citizen Comments.
21. Unfinished Business from the Board
  - Mayor Hickerson said he spoke with CAS Engineering about the cost of the annexation which would be \$6-700 for each property. The Mayor said the annexation can't be voted on tonight but the Board can decide if they want it on the next Agenda. He said he spoke with the woman wanting to get her property annexed and was told that the buyer wants to build a shed, then

eventually build a house on the remnants of the house that burned. Trustee Prickett said there's a conflict with the buyers' wants and the zoning of the properties. Trustee Robertson said if the properties are annexed then the Village will have to supply water to them. Trustee Prickett said it seems that the cost of the annexation outweighs the return the Village would receive. Trustee Robertson agreed and said it seems like the people wanting the property to be annexed need to figure out what they want before the Board can decide what to do. Mayor Hickerson said the owner had the opportunity in the past to annex the property but refused. Because of this, the Mayor believes the owner should cover the cost of engineering fees if she wants it annexed. Trustee Prickett said the Mayor should inform the owner of these zoning issues and engineering costs to see if she'd still be willing to get the property annexed. The Board decided to hold off on voting until the Mayor contacts the owner to figure out what she wants to do.

- Mayor Hickerson discussed the house on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street that Trustee Prickett was concerned they were renting rooms out of. The Mayor said he discussed with the Water Clerk, Francy Martin, and discovered the owner of the house has never filled out an Occupancy Permit. The Mayor also said he talked to Chief Flanigan about sending a letter to the owner about filling out an Occupancy Permit. Sgt. Geil informed the Board that the letter has been sent.

#### 22. New Business from the Board

- The Mayor informed the Board about a Park Grant he received. Last year, we used the grant to put in a few lights by the walking path. Trustee Robertson asked if the grant is \$15,000 again. Mayor Hickerson said it is \$15,000 again and he would like to extend the lights to the other side of the walking path in the park. Trustee Prickett asked if it'd be possible to fix the bathrooms at the park instead. The Mayor said the Board should go with getting new lights for now and work on getting bids for new bathrooms over the summer. Mayor Hickerson said he will get the Resolution for the grant prepared for the next Board Meeting.

23. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

  
Emme M. Flanigan, Village Clerk

  
James F. Hickerson, Village President