

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
16th Day of March 2021

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, Police Chief Brandon Flanigan, Fire Chief Jarrod Horyn, and Resident Nancy Thornburgh.
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes: 3/2/2021
 - A. On motion of Robertson, seconded by Caldwell, it was voted to approve the 3/2/2021 minutes as recorded by the clerk. Ayes: Caldwell, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Abstain: Fulkerson and Harrop. Motion carried.
6. Report from Village Clerk: Nothing to report.
7. Report from Mayor Hickerson
 - A. Mayor Hickerson asked for a motion to bypass the bid process and approve RCS to do repairs on Piasa Lane near S. Delmar at a cost of \$37,208.25. This work would consist of removing an area damaged by truck traffic. The area of 14' wide by 181' in length would be replaced with highway mesh and 8" of concrete. Trustee Luebbert asked if the Mayor has contacted the refinery to see if they will pay for it since it was their trucks that caused the damage. Mayor Hickerson said he is working on it. On motion of Caldwell, seconded by Prickett, it was voted to bypass the bid process and approve RCS to do repairs on Piasa Lane near S. Delmar at a cost of \$37,208.25. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Harrop, Luebbert, and Prickett. Nays: Robertson. Motion carried.
 - B. Because the motion was approved to bypass the bid process, the Mayor did not ask for a motion to go out for bids for this project.
 - C. Mayor Hickerson read Resolution No. 2021-R-2. The Mayor asked for a motion to pass Resolution No. 2021-R-2, Endorsing the Great Rivers and Routes Tourism Bureau as the state certified bureau. On motion of Caldwell, seconded by Robertson, it was voted to approve Resolution 2021-R-2. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Harrop, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.
 - D. Mayor Hickerson asked for a motion to hire Robert Preston as part-time park employee subject to drug test. Trustee Luebbert asked if the village doesn't post part-time work anymore. Mayor Hickerson said not for people who return every year. The Mayor also said this will be Robert's 20th or 21st year working for the village. Trustee Luebbert said she knows in the past there was an issue because jobs weren't posted to the public. Mayor Hickerson said if it was a new position then that would be correct but since he returns every year there's no need to. Trustee Fulkerson asked the Attorney if there was anything wrong with not posting the job. Attorney Donohoo said he'd have to look at the ordinances. On motion of Caldwell, seconded by Harrop, it was voted to hire Robert Preston as part-time park employee subject to drug test. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Harrop, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.
 - E. The Mayor asked for a motion to hire Kaleb Harrop as part-time Public Works employee subject to drug test. On motion of Caldwell, seconded by Robertson, it was voted to hire Kaleb Harrop as part-time Public Works employee. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Abstain: Harrop. Motion carried. The Mayor said he will leave it to Lead Man Doug Preston's discretion on when the part-time workers can start working.

8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo
 - Attorney Donohoo informed the Board that he spoke with the campground owner's attorney discussed in the previous meeting about changing the rate charges to the Village. Their attorney said she would talk to them about it and get back to Attorney Donohoo.
 - Attorney Donohoo also informed the Board that court is back in session. Attorney Donohoo said he put out a bench warrant for the residents whose houses have been discussed in previous meetings that didn't show up for court. He is hoping this will get them into court.
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: Nothing to report.
12. Report from Police Department, Chief Brandon Flanigan: Nothing to report.

Report from Committees:

13. **Safety Committee (Fulkerson, Caldwell, Luebbert)**
 - A. Trustee Fulkerson asked for approval to send Officer Coleman to DARE Certification Training May 31, 2021-June 11, 2021 in Lincoln, IL at an approximate cost of \$2300 which covers training fee, hotel, per diem. On motion of Luebbert, seconded by Robertson, it was voted to send Officer Coleman to DARE Certification Training. Ayes: Caldwell, Harrop, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Present: Fulkerson. Motion carried.
 - B. Trustee Fulkerson informed the Board that on March 27th there will be an Easter drive thru at the Fire Department from 10am-12pm that is Covid safe where the kids can get out and take pictures with the Easter Bunny. Trustee Fulkerson said that Fire Fighter Luebbert was the one who came up with the idea.
 - C. Trustee Fulkerson also informed the Board that he was approached by someone who lives in town and has an EMT license that would like to work for the Hartford Fire Department. Trustee Fulkerson said he will put it on the next agenda for him to get hired.
14. **Ordinance Committee (Robertson, Luebbert, Harrop):** Nothing to report.
15. **Public Works Committee (Harrop, Fulkerson, Robertson):**
 - Trustee Harrop said that Lead Man Doug Preston got an estimate from RiverBend Outdoor for tree removal and the cost will come out of MFT.
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 \$79,259.74, plus payroll claims of \$32,770.68, for total claims of \$112,030.42. On motion of Prickett, seconded by Fulkerson, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the village in the total amount of \$112,030.42. 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 asked why the Village wasn't renting the gym out. Trustee Fulkerson said that surrounding towns are renting their buildings out and following Governor Pritzker's guidelines. Mayor Hickerson said that just because some places are open doesn't mean they're following the guidelines. The Mayor said he thinks it should wait a couple of months.
 - Trustee Robertson said someone told him that the website still says the Centennial Celebration is coming up next month. Mayor Hickerson asked Clerk Flanigan if it does say that. Clerk Flanigan said whatever date was last discussed for the celebration in a meeting is the date that is on the website.

22. New Business from the Board

- Trustee Caldwell asked how the village's ball field rentals compare to surrounding areas. Trustee Prickett said the village is cheaper than surrounding ball fields. Trustee Caldwell asked why no one is renting the ball fields if we're cheaper. Trustee Prickett said the fields are not up to their standards. Trustee Prickett said teams do have to bring their own mounds. Mayor Hickerson said there aren't enough teams in the area. Trustee Prickett also said the fields don't get tilled. Trustee Caldwell asked why the fields don't get tilled. Mayor Hickerson said if there were teams that rented the fields then they would get tilled but no one wants to rent them.

23. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.


Emme M. Flanigan, Village Clerk


James F. Hickerson, Village President