

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  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Kristie Luebbert, Michelle Prickett, and William Robertson. Chris Fulkerson and Jamie Harrop were absent.
    - B. Also present were: Village Attorney Chris Donohoo, Village Clerk Emme Flanigan, Village Treasurer Chessie Brame, Fire Chief Jarrod Horyn, and Resident Nancy Thornburgh.
  4. Establishment of a quorum
  5. Approval of the Minutes: 2/16/2021
    - A. On motion of Caldwell, seconded by Prickett, it was voted to approve the 2/16/2021 minutes as recorded by the clerk. Ayes: Caldwell, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Present: Luebbert. Absent: Fulkerson and Harrop. Motion carried.
  6. Report from Village Clerk: Nothing to report.
  7. Report from Mayor Hickerson
  8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo
    - Attorney Donohoo informed the Board that court opened back up yesterday.
  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 (Absent): Nothing to report.
- Report from Committees:**
13. **Safety Committee (Fulkerson, Caldwell, Luebbert)**
  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 \$41,169.10, plus payroll claims of \$35,158.16, for total claims of \$76,327.26. On motion of Prickett, seconded by Robertson, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the village in the total amount of \$76,327.26. Ayes: Caldwell, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Absent: Fulkerson and Harrop. Motion unanimous.
  20. There were no citizen comments.
  21. Unfinished Business from the Board
    - A. Trustee Robertson informed the Board that he has been watching the campground and they have been averaging 25-28 campers per day. Based on their original proposal of 5% the Village would have made \$1,000 in 15 days. Trustee Robertson said he would like to go back to their

original proposal of 5% on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Attorney Donohoo said it is possible to do that but the number cannot be a percentage but can be a flat fee. Trustee Robertson said that would come out to around \$24,000 a year. Trustee Robertson also said he believes that 75% of those earnings should go into Capital Development for the Fire Department because they are trying to get a new truck. Chief Horyn said the truck equipment will likely be over \$100,000. Trustee Robertson said he thinks the other 25% should go to the park because he gets complaints about the jungle gym not being safe and kids getting hurt. Attorney Donohoo said he will get a hold of the campgrounds attorney to see what their thoughts are. Mayor Hickerson said he liked the idea of putting the money into the park. Trustee Prickett said she thinks the park has enough money to fix up the jungle gym equipment. Trustee Prickett said she thinks the 25% should go to Public Works for a new trash truck because it's starting to wear down. Trustee Luebbert said she thinks the parks definitely need to be fixed up and possibly have volleyball courts installed. Trustee Robertson asked how old the newest fire truck is. Chief Horyn said it is a 2005 and the other two are from early 90's. Chief Horyn said the cost for a new truck would be around \$450,000.

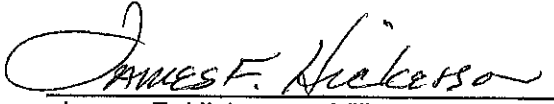
- B. Trustee Robertson also informed the Board that the campground is currently using Johnny on the Spots for restrooms and asked if the Tower bathrooms can be opened to them. Mayor Hickerson said that may open the possibility of vandalism to the Tower. Attorney Donohoo said if we open it to them then they should get charged for it. Attorney Donohoo said he thinks it should be the campground's responsibility to have better restrooms. The Mayor said public bathrooms haven't been able to be open due to Covid anyways.

## 22. New Business from the Board

- A. Mayor Hickerson informed the Board that he has been getting asked when the Tower will be opened back up. The Mayor said he thinks it should wait and be revisited in May. A reason for this is because bathrooms still can't be open to the public which puts the employees at a risk. Trustee Caldwell said he thinks it needs to wait till the Covid restrictions are lifted.
- B. Mayor Hickerson also said he thinks the cafeteria area of the gym also needs to remain closed for rentals until further notice. Chief Horyn asked what the current guidelines are. Mayor Hickerson said the state is still in Phase 4.

23. The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

  
Emme M. Flanigan, Village Clerk

  
James F. Hickerson, Village President