

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  
6<sup>th</sup> Day of April 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, and Resident Nancy Thornburgh.
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes: 3/16/2021
  - A. On motion of Caldwell, seconded by Harrop, it was voted to approve the 3/16/2021 minutes as recorded by the clerk. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Harrop, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.
6. Report from Village Clerk: Nothing to report.
7. Report from Mayor Hickerson: Nothing to report.
8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo
  - Attorney Donohoo informed the Board that he heard back from the campground's attorney. They are willing to do the \$1 a day per camper deal. They said they have been busy lately but they don't expect to stay that busy through the whole year. They would also like to change their 30 day stay policy to 6 month stay policy in order to make it seasonal. They are also asking that the Village only revisits their terms every few years. Trustee Caldwell asked why campers can only stay for 30 days. Attorney Donohoo said it's so it doesn't turn into a trailer park and the campground owners did not want to deal with eviction responsibilities. Trustee Luebbert asked if it could be a 3 month stay rather than 6 months. Trustee Prickett said she thinks 3 months sounds better. Trustee Fulkerson asked Chief Flanigan if there have been any problems on the campground. Chief Flanigan said there have been 4 domestics, one of which was major. Attorney Donohoo said he will get back with their attorney and let them know what the Board discussed.
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 had 85 kids show up to the Easter event.
12. Report from Police Department, Chief Brandon Flanigan: Nothing to report.

**Report from Committees:**

13. **Safety Committee (Fulkerson, Caldwell, Luebbert)**
  - A. Trustee Fulkerson motioned to approve Tristain Palmerton as Volunteer Fire Fighter subject to background check, drug test, and physical. Palmerton lives in town and is a licensed EMT which will make him the 6<sup>th</sup> Fire Fighter with an EMT license. Trustee Luebbert seconded the motion, approving Tristain Palmerton as Volunteer Fire Fighter subject to background check, drug test, and physical. Mayor Hickerson asked if the department advertised for the position. Trustee Fulkerson said they did not and were not looking for a new employee, Palmerton reached out to them. The Mayor asked how they're different from other departments when it comes to

advertising. Trustee Fulkerson said the past attorney told them not to advertise for certain positions but to instead tell people that they are accepting applications. Mayor Hickerson asked if the Fire Department interviewed Palmerton. Trustee Fulkerson said they did. Mayor Hickerson reminded him that he told the departments that he wants to be present at interviews. Trustee Fulkerson said for the last interview the Mayor didn't go so he assumed he wouldn't want to go to this one. Mayor Hickerson said he was busy during the last interview. Mayor Hickerson said he wants to be included in the interviews, especially with the high turn around at the Fire Department. The Mayor said that the village has paid for a lot of drug tests and physicals for people that didn't show up to work. Trustee Fulkerson said they have not lost a Fire Fighter since they let Sanders go. Mayor Hickerson said there have been people who's physical and drug tests were paid for then dropped out before joining the department. Trustee Fulkerson asked for examples because he couldn't recall any who had done this. The Mayor asked if Barry White ever joined the Fire Department. Trustee Fulkerson said that he did but is in the middle of turnaround. Trustee Fulkerson said White does run calls when he is available and when he is done with turnarounds he will get CPR certified and in the fall he will work on getting his EMT license. Mayor Hickerson said that in the future all departments should follow the same procedures. 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):** Nothing to report.

17. **Parks & Recreation Committee (Luebbert, Prickett, Caldwell)**

- Trustee Luebbert informed the Board that she has been getting complaints about the park bathrooms not being opened. Mayor Hickerson said he didn't think the bathrooms could be opened yet due to Covid. Trustee Fulkerson said state parks have their bathrooms opened. Mayor Hickerson said he has no problem opening them as long as it follows the CDC guidelines. Attorney Donohoo said he will look into it to see if the village can open the bathrooms.
- Mayor Hickerson informed the Board that the ball diamonds have been cleaned up and the hockey nets were replaced.

18. **Finance & Public Buildings (Prickett, Harrop, Fulkerson)**

- A. Trustee Prickett read the totals for Budget Ordinance 2021-O-1. For General Corporate Purpose: \$2,239,167; for Anticipated Revenues: \$3,057,040; for Special Appropriation Budget: \$999,765; and for Special Appropriation Revenue: \$368,685. On motion of Prickett, seconded by Fulkerson, it was voted to approve Budget Ordinance 2021-O-1. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Harrop, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.

19. Allowable claims against the Village


- A. Trustee Prickett reported vendor claims of \$94,442.43, plus payroll claims of \$34,376.95, for total claims of \$128,819.38. On motion of Prickett, seconded by Caldwell, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the village in the total amount of \$128,819.38. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Harrop, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.

20. There were no citizen comments.

21. There was no unfinished business from the Board.

22. There was no new business from the Board.

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

  
Emme M. Flanigan, Village Clerk

  
James F. Hickerson, Village President