

MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HARTFORD,
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD ON ZOOM VIDEO CHAT
AT 6:30 P.M. ON THE
19th Day of May 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, Police Chief Brandon Flanigan, and Fire Chief Jarrod Horyn.
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes: 5/5/2020
 - A. On motion of Luebbert, seconded by Harrop, it was voted to approve the 5/5/2020 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
 - Mayor Hickerson informed the Board that the local Mayors have been having weekly and bi-weekly meetings. Everyone is worried about financing during the pandemic. A couple municipalities are discussing cutting staff and combining jobs. Mayor Hickerson said so far the Village is doing okay and to continue keeping expenses down.
8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo
 - Attorney Donohoo informed the Board that Ameren wants to get an easement in the park. Mayor Hickerson said Ameren wants to replace the high power line on the southwest corner of the park next to the railroad tracks. Ameren wants to widen their easement another 50 feet from south to north. Attorney Donohoo informed the Board of our Ordinance on easements that has three steps. First, there is a \$500 application fee. Second, they have to pay a fee per sq. ft. for the easement. Third, there is a \$2,000 administrative yearly fee that is payable May 1st. In the past, the Village has negotiated these fees for lump sum payments. Attorney Donohoo said he has been negotiating with Ameren's senior real estate agent and was offered .35 per sq. ft. which is \$12,700, plus the \$500 application fee. As of right now, Ameren is holding off on the \$2,000 per year administrative fee. Ameren's senior real estate agent told Attorney Donohoo that he will get back with him sometime next week to inform him on what they decide to do. Mayor Hickerson said the power companies have always made a onetime payment for overhead lines.
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
 - Chief Horyn informed the Board that they sent the truck discussed in the last meeting to Banner yesterday. There were no major issues, just wiring with the air horn and seam lights.
 - Chief Horyn also informed the Board that the department has been going to Madison lately for fires and used all of the foam off of their engine. That will be replaced by Madison Fire Department.
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 the purchase of a 2020 Interceptor Utility from Morrow Brothers Ford for the cost of \$36,290 with an installation of equipment cost of \$5,505 for a total cost of \$41,795. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion, approving the purchase. 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)

- A. Trustee Luebbert asked the Board's opinion on dedicating the main ball field at the park in honor of Bob East. Trustee Luebbert said Bob poured his heart out at the park and gave it everything to make sure it was perfect all the time. She ended by saying how proud Bob was of the ball fields. The Board and Mayor agreed it was a great idea. Attorney Donohoo said he recommends passing a resolution for it.

18. Finance & Public Buildings (Prickett, Harrop, Fulkerson): Nothing to report.

19. Allowable claims against the Village

- A. Trustee Prickett reported vendor claims of \$72,444.78, plus payroll claims of \$33,206.18, for total claims of \$105,650.96. On motion of Prickett, seconded by Fulkerson, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the Village in the total amount of \$105,650.96. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Harrop, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.

20. Citizen comments:

- Chief Horyn asked what the latest news was on the Centennial Celebration. Mayor Hickerson said as of now, they have to wait to see if they're allowed to have it. Nothing has been cancelled at this time. The Mayor said he plans to wait until July to make a decision.
- Trustee Luebbert asked the Mayor about surrounding areas opening their parks. Mayor Hickerson said they are all remaining closed for now.


21. There was no unfinished business from the Board.

22. New Business from the Board

- A. Trustee Robertson asked the Board's opinion on going back to the gym for Board Meetings. Mayor Hickerson said there is no benefit to having the meetings in person until Phase 4 of the Governor's order.

23. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.


Emme M. Flanigan, Village Clerk


James F. Hickerson, Village President