

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
5th 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: 4/21/2020
 - A. On motion of Luebbert, seconded by Robertson, it was voted to approve the 4/21/2020 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
 - A. Mayor Hickerson requested a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Appointments. On motion of Fulkerson, seconded by Robertson, it was voted to approve the 2020-2021 Appointments. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Harrop, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.
 - B. Mayor Hickerson informed the Board that applications were taken a couple months ago to replace Karl Bowermaster. Bowermaster will still be on the Village's payroll until June 9th. The Mayor said he believes the hiring should hold off until the Village's economic standing is clear after this pandemic.
8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo
 - Attorney Donohoo informed the Board that he talked with Brian at Colman's Campers about the trailer park to try and get an update on where they were with it. Brian said the process is still going but they are about 60-90 days behind. Brian told Attorney Donohoo that he doesn't expect to close on the property for 60-90 days and doesn't plan to start working on it for 60-90 days after that.
 - Attorney Donohoo also informed the Board that he talked to IDOT about the stop sign on Robbins Rd. The engineer said he would not recommend putting a stop sign there because of the proximity to the railroad. The engineer told Attorney Donohoo that if the traffic continues to be a problem, he recommends putting up signs informing drivers to slow down or a speed hump.
 - Attorney Donohoo also informed the Board that he talked to SMS about the issue discussed in the previous meeting. SMS is now offering \$6500 and Attorney Donohoo said he believes that is the deal the Village is going with.
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 a couple months ago per request of the Mayor due to COVID-19 the Fire Department has canceled their trainings. Chief Horyn asked that the Board consider opening the training back up.
 - Chief Horyn also informed the Board that the department will be spending \$3810 at Banner soon because their air horns and scene lights do not work.

- Chief Horyn also informed the Board that the public safety building has not been mowed like the rest of the Village and asked if that can be taken care of. Mayor Hickerson said he will make sure that gets passed along to Public Works.

12. Report from Police Department, Chief Brandon Flanigan: Nothing to report.

Report from Committees:

13. **Safety Committee (Fulkerson, Caldwell, Luebbert)**

- Trustee Fulkerson asked if there is any problem with the Fire Department opening training back up as long as they comply with Governor Pritzker's rules. Mayor Hickerson said he didn't know training had closed but that as long as the Fire Department follows the safety regulations, there shouldn't be a problem with it.
- Trustee Fulkerson informed the Board that back in November, the Board approved purchasing a new Police car. At this time, the Police Department cannot get an answer on when that car will be available. Trustee Fulkerson said he had Chief Flanigan get a quote on switching from a Charger to an Explorer. Trustee Fulkerson informed the Board that there is a price increase and he will be putting it on the next agenda to be voted on. Mayor Hickerson asked how much of a price increase it would be. Trustee Fulkerson said it'd be roughly \$7,000. Chief Flanigan said there are two cars available now from Morrow Brothers. Mayor Hickerson asked Chief Flanigan if he could see if Morrow Brothers could hold a car for them until it is approved at the next meeting. Chief Flanigan said he would call them tomorrow.

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)**

- Mayor Hickerson informed the Board that long time employee of the Village and friend, Bob East, passed away. The Mayor said Bob put his heart and soul into the park while working for the Village.

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

19. Allowable claims against the Village

- A. Trustee Prickett reported vendor claims of \$103,463.43, plus payroll claims of \$35,559.98, for total claims of \$139,023.41. On motion of Prickett, seconded by Luebbert, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the Village in the total amount of \$139,023.41. 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 6:50 p.m.


Emme M. Flanigan, Village Clerk


James F. Hickerson, Village President