

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
16th Day of June 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, Jamie Harrop, Kristie Luebbert, Michelle Prickett, and William Robertson. Chris Fulkerson was absent.
 - 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 Head of Public Works Doug Preston.
 4. Establishment of a quorum
 5. Approval of the Minutes: 6/2/2020 & 6/5/2020
 - A. On motion of Luebbert, seconded by Caldwell, it was voted to approve the 6/2/2020 Minutes as recorded by the Clerk. Ayes: Caldwell, Harrop, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Absent: Fulkerson. Motion unanimous.
 - B. On motion of Caldwell, seconded by Harrop, it was voted to approve the 6/5/2020 Minutes as recorded by the Clerk. Ayes: Caldwell, Harrop, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Abstain: Prickett. Absent: Fulkerson. Motion carried.
 6. Report from Village Clerk: Nothing to report.
 7. Report from Mayor Hickerson
 - A. The Mayor informed the Board that Attorney Donohoo has been negotiating with the Senior Real Estate Agent with Ameren. Ameren wants a 50 ft. stretch in addition to what they have overhead. Ameren is willing to pay \$12,700 but will not pay the \$2,000 annual fee because they didn't have to pay it before. Trustee Caldwell asked if they will be cutting down any trees. The Mayor said he didn't think so. Trustee Luebbert asked if this Easement is indefinite. The Mayor said that it is a one-time payment that lasts forever. Mayor Hickerson requested a motion to approve Resolution 2020-R-4; A Resolution approving easement expansion on Village-owned property located along the West side of Seventh Street Park. On motion of Caldwell, seconded by Prickett, it was voted to approve Resolution 2020-R-4. Ayes: Caldwell, Harrop, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Absent: Fulkerson. Motion unanimous.
 8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo: Nothing to report.
 9. Report from Village Engineer (Absent): Nothing to report.
 10. Report from Public Works Department, Doug Preston: Nothing to report.
 11. Report from Fire Department, Chief Jarrod Horyn
 - Chief Horyn informed the Board that the Fire Department has started hose testing tonight. There have been no failures yet for the first truck.
 - Chief Horyn also informed the Board that the Fire Department was awarded \$15,800 for a small equipment grant from the State Fire Marshall.
 - Chief Horyn also informed the Board that he asked the Public Works Department to trim the tree on the corner of the Public Safety Building to help see around it when the trucks pull out.
 12. Report from Police Department, Chief Brandon Flanigan: Nothing to report.
- Report from Committees:**
13. **Safety Committee (Fulkerson, Caldwell, Luebbert)**
 - Trustee Fulkerson came into the meeting.

- Trustee Fulkerson informed the Board that they need to look into selling Chief Flanigan's old squad car and the D.A.R.E. car as surplus equipment. Mayor Hickerson said Public Works also has some things to be sold so the Village will auction everything at once.

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 the sign for Bob East to put at the ball field has been received but they will be holding off on putting it up until it is possible to do a small dedication at the ball diamond with his wife.
- Mayor Hickerson informed the Board that on the 26th the park will be open with the restriction of gatherings to 50 people or less.

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

19. Allowable claims against the Village

- A. Trustee Prickett reported vendor claims of \$49,646.52, plus payroll claims of \$34,610.22, for total claims of \$84,256.74. On motion of Prickett, seconded by Luebbert, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the Village in the total amount of \$84,256.74. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Harrop, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.

20. There were no citizen comments.

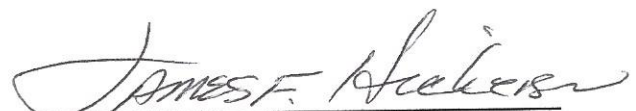
21. There was no unfinished business from the Board.

22. New Business from the Board

- The Mayor said he would like to wait to open the Tower until further notice due to COVID.
- Chief Horyn asked if the Splash Park is open. The Mayor said it is also closed until further notice due to COVID.
- Trustee Robertson asked what the plans are for the D.A.R.E program. Chief Flanigan said Wood River has gotten rid of their program and are starting a new one. Chief Flanigan says he plans on looking at their program and possibly going that route instead of D.A.R.E. Trustee Luebbert asked if the department doesn't go that route, if Will Cunningham would do it again. Chief Flanigan said Will Cunningham would be willing to do it but that it'd be a little more expensive. Mayor Hickerson said that would be a good option. Chief Flanigan said he would verify it with Cunningham.

23. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.


Emme M. Flanigan, Village Clerk


James F. Hickerson, Village President