

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  
21<sup>st</sup> Day of July 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, Sgt. Dan Geil, and Officer Matt Asbury
  4. Establishment of a quorum
  5. Approval of the Minutes: 7/7/2020
    - A. On motion of Luebbert, seconded by Fulkerson, it was voted to approve the 7/7/2020 Minutes as recorded by the Clerk. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Harrop, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.
  6. Report from Village Clerk
    - A. Clerk Flanigan read the sealed bids for the 2011 Dodge Charger, 1996 Chevrolet Caprice, 1980 Ford A-62 Loader, 1974 John Deere 401B Tractor, and the 20+ year old Countryline 72" Brush Hog.
      - 2011 Dodge Charger bids: \$1,175, \$500, \$1,850, \$266. On motion of Fulkerson, seconded by Robertson, it was voted to accept the bid of \$1,850. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Harrop, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.
      - 1996 Chevrolet Caprice bids: \$1,310, \$750, \$350, \$361, \$315, \$900. On motion of Fulkerson, seconded by Harrop, it was voted to accept the bid of \$1,310. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Harrop, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.
      - 1980 Ford A-62 Loader bids: \$1,200, \$1,012, \$2,000. On motion of Fulkerson, seconded by Caldwell, it was voted to reject all bids. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Harrop, Luebbert, and Prickett. Nays: None. Abstain: Robertson. Motion carried.
      - 1974 John Deere 401B Tractor bids: \$625, \$154. On motion of Prickett, seconded by Caldwell, it was voted to reject both bids. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Harrop, Luebbert, and Prickett. Nays: None. Abstain: Robertson. Motion carried.
      - 20+ year old Countryline 72" Brush Hog bids: \$107, \$103, \$225. On motion of Caldwell, seconded by Prickett, it was voted to reject all bids. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Harrop, Luebbert, and Prickett. Nays: None. Abstain: Robertson. Motion carried.
  7. Report from Mayor Hickerson: Nothing to report.
  8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo
    - Trustee Luebbert asked for an update on the dog bite that happened recently. Officer Asbury said this specific dog has bitten someone on three separate occasions. Because of this, the dog has been deemed a vicious dog and is now at Madison County.
  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): Nothing to report.
  12. Report from Police Department, Chief Brandon Flanigan (Absent): Nothing to report.
- Report from Committees:**
13. **Safety Committee (Fulkerson, Caldwell, Luebbert):** Nothing to report.
  14. **Ordinance Committee (Robertson, Luebbert, Harrop)**

A. Attorney Donohoo informed the Board that the ordinance was revised. The current ordinance states that any time you want to discipline an employee it has to go through the whole Board. The new ordinance says the department head now has the power to suspend a part-time employee until the next Board Meeting where disciplinary actions can be voted on by the Board. Trustee Robertson read the ordinance. Trustee Robertson motioned to approve Ordinance 2020-O-5, amending the Hartford Village Code section 11-2-9 disciplinary proceedings. Trustee Luebbert seconded the motion, approving Ordinance 2020-O-5. Ayes: Fulkerson, Harrop, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: Caldwell. Motion carried.

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 \$97,410.38, plus payroll claims of \$32,585.47, for total claims of \$129,995.85. On motion of Prickett, seconded by Luebbert, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the Village in the total amount of \$129,995.85. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Harrop, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Motion unanimous.

20. Citizens Comments

➤ Officer Asbury asked if the Splash Park will be closed for the remainder of the year. The Mayor said it will stay closed due to COVID. The Board said they will spread the word around.

21. Unfinished Business from the Board


➤ Mayor Hickerson informed the Board that the audit will be presented at the next Board Meeting.  
➤ Trustee Caldwell said he believes the meetings should go back to Zoom meetings until COVID is better than it is right now. Trustee Fulkerson believes that the problem with the Zoom meeting is background noise and losing pieces of the discussion. Trustee Prickett said she prefers to meet in person. Mayor Hickerson said he has no problem meeting in person but, if Madison County goes back to closing down businesses because of COVID then the meetings should go back to Zoom. Attorney Donohoo told Trustee Caldwell that if he wants, he can be in the meetings through Zoom while the rest of the Board meets in person. Trustee Caldwell said that isn't necessary. Mayor Hickerson suggested to meet in person one more time to see how COVID and monitor how COVID progresses. The Board agreed.

22. New Business from the Board

A. Trustee Fulkerson asked where the process is at on Bill Miller's property on Delmar because his fence is even further out on the sidewalk. Attorney Donohoo said Bill might have a buyer for the property and plans to clean it up within a week.

23. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

  
Emme M. Flanigan, Village Clerk

  
James F. Hickerson, Village President