

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
18th Day of August 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 Devin Preston.
 4. Establishment of a quorum
 5. Approval of the Minutes: 8/4/2020
 - A. On motion of Luebbert, seconded by Prickett, it was voted to approve the 8/4/2020 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: Nothing to report.
 8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo
 - A. Attorney Donohoo informed the Board that he tried to contact the owner of the dog discussed in previous meetings by phone but they didn't answer. Attorney Donohoo said he did send them a letter and gave them until Saturday to put up the enclosure but had not heard back about it. Trustee Fulkerson said the dog has not been out since.
 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: Nothing to report.
- Report from Committees:**
13. **Safety Committee (Fulkerson, Caldwell, Luebbert)**
 - Trustee Fulkerson informed the Board that Chief Flanigan put the ACO car at the corner of Delmar and Hawthorne to try and get drivers to stop at the stop signs there.
 14. **Ordinance Committee (Robertson, Luebbert, Harrop)**
 - A. Trustee Robertson read Ordinance No. 2020-O-6, amending the Hartford Village Code Garbage 16-1-3 (agreements with contractors). Trustee Robertson expressed his concern about raising the garbage rates after hearing from the auditor that the Village has a several thousand dollar surplus. Mayor Hickerson informed Trustee Robertson that just because there is a surplus, doesn't mean that it covers another department – the individual category still needs to be taken care of under the budget. Trustee Robertson said he understood that it is all general funds so the surplus money can go where it needs to go. On motion of Harrop, seconded by Fulkerson, it was voted to approve Ordinance No. 2020-O-6. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Harrop, Luebbert, and Prickett. Nays: Robertson. Motion carried.
 15. **Public Works Committee (Harrop, Fulkerson, Robertson)**
 - A. Trustee Harrop asked for a motion to hire Devin Preston full-time subject to a pre-employment independent background check, physical, and a drug test. Trustee Luebbert asked if Devin has been working part-time and if the job has been posted again. Mayor Hickerson said the job was posted in March, interviews were lined up in April, the pandemic hit, and the interviews were held

last Saturday. Trustee Robertson asked how many applications there were. Mayor Hickerson said there were about 25 applications and 5 people were interviewed. The Mayor informed the Board that Devin has worked two separate times as part-time for the Street Department, has a CDL license, and has worked two times before that at the Splash Park. Trustee Luebbert expressed her concern about having so many relatives on the same department. Mayor Hickerson said he chose the most qualified person regardless of the relations. Mayor Hickerson added in that because of Devin's prior experience with the Village, he will already know what to do on the job. On motion of Caldwell, seconded by Robertson, it was voted to hire Devin Preston. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Harrop, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Motion unanimous. Mayor Hickerson and the Board congratulated Devin.

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 \$58,263.42, plus payroll claims of \$30,995.78, for total claims of \$89,259.20. On motion of Prickett, seconded by Luebbert it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the Village in the total amount of \$89,259.20. 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
 - Mayor Hickerson informed the Board that he had been contacted by Colman's Campers about opening a convenience store where the camper sales are for people that will be scheduling camp sites. They also want a Class B Liquor License and a Class D Gaming License. The Board approved.
 - Trustee Robertson informed the Board that Olive Street is so bad that it cut a hole in the side of one of the police vehicle's tires. The Mayor said to contact APEX because they are the ones responsible for it.
23. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.


Emme M. Flanigan, Village Clerk


James F. Hickerson, Village President