

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 HALL,  
HARTFORD, ILLINOIS AT 6:30 P.M. ON THE  
20<sup>th</sup> Day of August 2019

1. Mayor Hickerson called the Village Board to order at 6:30 PM.
  2. Pledge of Allegiance
  3. Roll Call of Board Members
    - A. On roll call, the following Board Members were present: Clinton Caldwell, Chris Fulkerson, Kristie Luebbert, Michelle Prickett, and William Robertson. Jamie Harrop was absent.
    - B. Also present were: Village Attorney Chris Donohoo, Village Clerk Emme Flanigan, Treasurer Chessie Brame, and Residents Samantha Shemonia and Dennis Akers.
  4. Establishment of a quorum
  5. Approval of the Minutes: 8/6/2019
    - On motion of Prickett, seconded by Caldwell, it was voted to approve the 8/6/2019 Minutes as recorded by the Clerk. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Absent: Harrop. Motion unanimous.
  6. Report from Village Clerk
    - A. Clerk Flanigan requested approval of the medical benefits renewal agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) which is set to renew on October 1, 2019. The renewal rate will be going up by 6.15%. The Mayor added that with the loss of one of our employees, the interest for the year will cost the Village \$5,105.00 less than it did last year. On motion of Fulkerson, seconded by Robertson, it was voted to approve the agreement with BCBS. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Absent: Harrop. Motion unanimous.
  7. Report from Mayor Hickerson
    - The Mayor informed the Board that there will be a Beautification Meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.
  8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo
    - Attorney Donohoo brought up that the Board should set up a Meeting to discuss the new marijuana laws and decide to either opt out or allow marijuana business in the Village. It will go into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Even if the Village opts out it will still benefit from it because the tax revenue from the marijuana businesses will be divided up by Police Departments throughout the state.
  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. On motion of Robertson, seconded by Fulkerson, it was voted to approve Ordinance No. 2019-O-7 Repealing and Replacing Hartford Village Code Chapter 30-4-17 Emergency Response Billing. The Ordinance is removing South Roxana from the Mutual Aid Agreement. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Absent: Harrop. Motion unanimous.

15. **Public Works Committee (Harrop, Fulkerson, Robertson)**

- Trustee Robertson mentioned there is a sink hole on East Watkins. Mayor Hickerson said that he notified APEX about it.

16. **Public Utilities Committee (Caldwell, Robertson, Prickett):** Nothing to report.

17. **Parks & Recreation Committee (Luebbert, Prickett, Caldwell)**

- Trustee Luebbert asked when the Splash Park will be repaired that way she can give advanced notice about cancellations to people who reserved the park for parties if need be. The Mayor said it all matters on when the parts get delivered.

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

19. Allowable claims against the Village

- Trustee Prickett reported vendor claims of \$91,944.66, plus payroll claims of \$35,236.31, for total claims of \$127,180.97. On motion of Prickett, seconded by Luebbert, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the Village in the total amount of \$127,180.97. Ayes: Caldwell, Fulkerson, Luebbert, Prickett, and Robertson. Nays: None. Absent: Harrop. Motion unanimous.

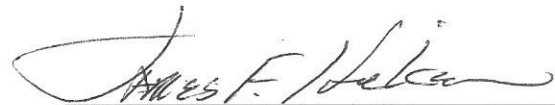
20. Citizens Comments

- Residents Samantha Shemonia and Dennis Akers started off by thanking the Board for letting them speak about their issues with a neighbor who rents on West Forest Street. These Residents along with other Residents who live on the street are working on a petition and getting in contact with the land lords to see what they can do to get the renter out of the house. The Residents complained about the neighbor doing things such as public nudity, loud obscene language, inappropriate conversations with young children, etc. The Residents said they are doing everything they can and requested they get as much help from the Police as they can. Attorney Donohoo and Trustee Robertson said there is not much the Police can do about the situation without definitive proof of his actions and even then there is still not much that can be done. On Thursday, the Police took the neighbor to a mental facility and the Residents haven't heard or seen from him since. Trustee Robertson recommended getting an Order of Protection, repeatedly contacting the land lord, and collecting as much evidence as possible.

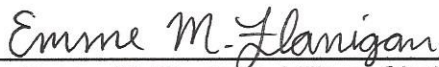
21. There was no Unfinished Business from the Board.

22. There was no New Business from the Board.

23. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM.



James F. Hickerson, Village President



Emme M. Flanigan, Village Clerk