

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
15th Day of August 2017

1. Call to order
 - A. Mayor Hickerson called the Village Board to order at 6:30 P.M.
2. Roll Call of Board Members
 - A. On roll call, the following trustees were present: Clinton Caldwell, Robert Cheatham, Heather Flanigan, Chris Fulkerson and Jamie Harrop. Michelle Prickett was absent.
 - B. Also present were: Village Attorney Chris Donohoo, Police Chief Brandon Flanigan, Fire Chief Bill Owens, Beryl Kinder, Connie Caldwell, Rob Budde, Shirley Hendricks, Nancy & Jon Thornburgh, Darrell Workman, Arnold McKee, Jarrod Horyn, and Village Clerk Chessie Brame.
3. Pledge to the Flag
4. Establishment of a quorum
5. Approval of the Minutes: 8/1/2017
 - A. On motion of Flanigan, seconded by Caldwell, it was voted to approve the 8/1/2017 minutes as recorded by the clerk. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson and Harrop. Nays: None. Motion unanimous. Absent: Prickett.
6. Report from Village Clerk
 - A. Clark-Wiegand Financial Services provided the Village Clerk with the medical benefits agreement set to renew October 1, 2017. Each trustee received a copy of the renewal prior to the board meeting.
On motion of Fulkerson, seconded by Harrop, it was voted to approve the renewal of the Village medical benefits agreement. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Fulkerson and Harrop. Nays: None. Abstain: Flanigan. Motion carried. Absent: Prickett.
7. Report from Mayor Hickerson
 - Mayor Hickerson mentioned that the Village will be taking applications for a part-time water/police clerk. It will be posted on the doors at Village Hall and the Police Department. Trustees Cheatham and Harrop will look over the applications and hopefully hire someone in September and train the employee in October.
 - Mayor Hickerson discussed that there needs to be rewriting for some ordinances dealing with rental property and occupancy permits. He had previously put information in each trustee's mailbox regarding this issue. Trustee Flanigan set an All Committee meeting for Tuesday, August 22nd at 6:30 P.M. to discuss this.
8. Report from Attorney, Chris Donohoo: Nothing to report.
9. Report from Village Engineer, Cas Sheppard (Absent): Nothing to report.
10. Report from Fire Department, Chief Bill Owens:
 - One of the firefighters will be leaving the department in a month, which will put the department down to 10 firefighters. Chief Owens is hoping the Board will look into hiring another firefighter and he would eventually like to get the firefighter count up to at least 15.

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

12. Report from Public Works Department, Doug Preston (Absent): Nothing to report.

Report from Committees:

13. Safety Committee (Harrop, Cheatham, Prickett)

A. Trustee Harrop asked for approval to fix the pump and valve repairs needed on engine 3811 at an estimated cost of \$3700.00.

On motion of Harrop, seconded by Cheatham, it was voted to approve the repairs for engine 3811. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson and Harrop. Nays: None. Motion unanimous. Absent: Prickett.

B. Trustee Harrop asked for approval for the Fire Department's new pager program in the amount of \$474.00.

On motion of Harrop, seconded by Caldwell, it was voted to approve the fire department's new pager program. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson and Harrop. Nays: None. Motion unanimous. Absent: Prickett.

14. Ordinance Committee (Prickett, Harrop, Caldwell)

A. Trustee Harrop made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 2017-O-311 amending the Hartford Village code section 24-2-10, allowing operation of golf carts on village streets. Trustee Bob Cheatham asked about the possibility of placing this ordinance on the ballot to be voted on by the residents. Mayor Hickerson replied saying that he thinks that's why the residents voted for the Board, to make these decisions.

On motion of Harrop, seconded by Flanigan, it was voted to approve Ordinance No. 2017-O-311. Ayes: Flanigan, Fulkerson and Harrop. Nays: Cheatham. Present: Caldwell. Motion carried. Absent: Prickett.

B. The Village attorney mentioned that he had prepared Ordinance No. 2017-O-312 amending the Hartford Village code section 3-1-10, and later realized that that section did not need to be amended, so the Board did not have to vote on that ordinance.

C. Trustee Harrop asked that the Board table Ordinance No. 2017-O-313 establishing the Hartford Village code section 3-1-12, creating regulations for keeping chickens as pets in the Village of Hartford, until the next board meeting.

On motion of Harrop, seconded by Caldwell, it was voted to table Ordinance 2017-O-313 until the next board meeting. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson and Harrop. Nays: None. Motion unanimous. Absent: Prickett.

15. Public Works Committee (Fulkerson, Flanigan, Cheatham): Nothing to report.

16. Public Utilities Committee (Cheatham, Caldwell, Fulkerson)

A. Trustee Cheatham asked for approval to accept the annual service agreement for water storage tank/clarifier cathodic protection systems in the sum of \$4355.00.

On motion of Cheatham, seconded by Caldwell, it was voted to approve to accept the service agreement for water storage tank/clarifier cathodic protection systems in the sum of \$4355.00. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson and Harrop. Nays: None. Motion unanimous. Absent: Prickett.

17. Parks & Recreation Committee (Caldwell, Fulkerson, Flanigan):

- Trustee Caldwell mentioned that the Splash Park will be closed during the week due to employee scheduling conflicts and lack of attendance. It will be open weekends only through Labor Day.
- The Confluence Tower will be open from 11:00 AM-4:00 PM on Monday for viewing the eclipse. The cost will be \$2.00 per adult and \$1.00 per child. Trustee Caldwell mentioned to bring viewing glasses because he didn't think the Tower had any left to give out. Trustee

Fulkerson asked that if any glasses are given out, will those guests have to sign a waiver. The attorney suggested that guests bring their own viewing glasses to avoid any liability.

- Mayor Hickerson and Trustee Caldwell met with some people who want to do a Podcast about the Tower. They took a tour of the grounds and collected information so maybe soon there will be a Podcast presented about the Tower.

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

19. Allowable claims against the Village

- A. Trustee Flanigan advised that the Village has vendor claims of \$72,597.00, plus payroll claims of \$39,231.19, for total claims of \$111,828.19.

On motion of Flanigan, seconded by Caldwell, it was voted to pay the allowable claims against the Village in the total amount of \$111,828.19. Ayes: Caldwell, Cheatham, Flanigan, Fulkerson and Harrop. Nays: None. Motion unanimous. Absent: Prickett.

20. There were no comments from the citizens.

21. New Business from the Board:

- Trustee Fulkerson said he is willing to join the Fire Department as support personnel if there is no conflict. As a support person, he wouldn't fight the fires or run EMS calls but he would do behind the scenes work such as filling air bottles, directing traffic, etc. Chief Owens said that in the past he was told that a Board member couldn't be on the fire department because it was an hourly paid position, but Trustee Fulkerson would like to volunteer on the department unpaid. The attorney suggested first contacting the insurance carriers and looking into the coverage. Mayor Hickerson told Trustee Fulkerson that it was a really nice gesture of him.

22. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

James F. Hickerson
Village President

Village Clerk, Chessie M. Brame