

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 1, 2015

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the New Village Hall at 7:39 p.m.

ROLL CALL The following Trustees were present: Stanley Brown, Tiffany Henyard, Robert E. Hunt, Jr., Duane Muhammad, Robert E. Pierson, Jr., and Valeria Stubbs.

Also present: Village Attorney John B. Murphey, Village Engineer Ronald E. Smith, Village Administrator Stan Urban and department heads

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER

Prayer was led by Pastor Kanayo K. Odeluga of Revival Center Church of God in Christ.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A. Approval of the Minutes:

The Village Clerk asked for separate motions to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 4, 2015, and the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole on May 18, 2015

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES of the May 4, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Pierson. There being no discussion:

Roll Call

AYES: 6 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES of the May 18, 2015 Committee of the Whole.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Pierson. There being no discussion:

Roll Call

AYES: 6 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

B. Communications

Bears Basketball 24 Sevyn Youth Organization (Dolton Bears) requests permission to hold tag days in Dolton on Saturday, June 13, June 27, and July 17.

MOTION TO APPROVE REQUEST by Dolton Bears.

Motion by Trustee Brown. Second by Trustee Pierson. There being no discussion:

Roll Call

AYES: 6 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

The Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, Inc. (CEDA) is currently accepting applications for the 2015 Community Services Block Grant Scholarship program for income eligible students enrolled in post-secondary or vocation educational programs (degree or certificate). The deadline to apply is June 15, 2015, for financial assistance for the fall semester/quarter. Information is available on the board room table.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ronald E. Smith summarized his written report to the Board of Trustees:

Beginning last night and for the next week and a half, Illinois Department of Transportation contractors will be milling the surface of Sibley Blvd. between Halsted St. and Torrence Ave. nightly from 9 p.m. to 4 p.m. The entire resurfacing project is expected to be completed by August.

In response to Trustee Hunt's question, Engineer Smith outlined the procedures for completion of a report for all streets within the village. The report is expected to be ready this month.

The plans and permit for the Melanie Fitness Center spa have been approved by the Illinois Department of Health subject to final approval of the contractor.

The meter replacement project is ready to be advertised and go out to bid next week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police and Fire—Trustee Pierson

Chief Steven McCain reports that the fire department responded to 174 incidents from May 4th through May 17th: 129 emergency medical, 34 fire-related, and 11 motor vehicle related. The fire department responded to 167 incidents between May 18th and May 31st: 127 emergency medical, 33 fire-related, and 8 motor vehicle related. The fire department has responded to 1,690 incidents to date this year.

Chief McCain reminds residents to be mindful of the potential for severe weather in the spring and summer. The Illinois Department of Human Services is sponsoring a car seat check on Friday, June 6th, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Dolton Fire Department. Appointments are required. Please telephone 312-793-7662.

Acting Dep. Chief Michael Moore reports that the Dolton Police Department responded to 800 calls for service from May 18th through June 1st.

Trustee Pierson asked for volunteers for the June 20th Clean Up Day. Volunteers may contact Mary Evans at the new village hall. Trustee Pierson also asked residents to take care of the streets and alleys by their homes. Afterwards he will be asking for strict code enforcement.

Mayor Rogers added that the Cook County SWAP participants will be doing clean up in the village twice a month beginning next month, as well as painting in the new village hall.

Public Works

Acting Supt. Matt Stacey reports that Public Works received and responded to 154 requests for service: 23 loader pick-ups, 62 JULIE locates, 11 sewer complaints and five sewer repaired, five street lights replaced and 23 street lights repaired, and two water main breaks repaired.

The chipper truck is out and will be following the garbage routes. Branches cut in four-foot sections and tied will also be picked up. The public is reminded to put garbage out no earlier than the night before pick-up. Bulk items may be placed with the garbage for pick-up. Residents are asked to report non-working street lights and their location to the Public Works Department.

Public Works is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Residents may call 708-201-3280.

Housing—Trustee Henyard

Acting Director Denise Fields reports a total of 567 Housing Department activities for the month of May, 2015, among them including 11 sale inspections, 22 “as is” sales, 17 escrow release inspections, 21 quit-claims, 100 rental licenses and 145 rental inspections, and 31 vacant property permits, reporting revenue of \$26,300.00.

Code Enforcement issued a total of 175 tickets and two warnings, and received 20 complaints.

Trustee Henyard announced that information is available on the board room table regarding the following programs:

MyCity Modification offers loan modification of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac mortgages as part of a pilot program in Cook County. Homeowners who are 90 days or more delinquent on their payments may qualify for modification without having to provide a complete application to their loan servicer.

The South Suburban Housing Center is sponsoring a Home Buyer’s Workshop on Wednesday, June 17th, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the South Holland Community Center, 501 E. 170th St.

For more information on the second annual flower giveaway, residents may telephone 708-794-6660.

Mortgage assistance is also available through Cook County by application at the Ford Heights Community Center 943 E. Lincoln Hwy. Telephone 708-758-2565 x13. The contact is Janice Smith.

Trustee Henyard reminded residents that at its last meeting the Board of Trustees passed an ordinance waiving building permit fees for homeowners until June 15th.

Trustee Henyard’s second annual Dolton cancer walk will be from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, June 20, 2015, starting at the Dorchester Senior Center and ending at the Old Village Hall fountain. For more information, Trustee Henyard may be contacted at 708-297-6859.

Food for Thought will be giving away 150 food baskets at Good Burger, 634 Burnham in Calumet City. Other organizations will be there.

Trustees Henyard, Brown and Hunt are planning to take 50 students to see *Jurassic World* next week. Students must have a 3.0 GPA or better.

Dorchester Center—Trustee Stubbs

No report.

Melanie Fitness Center—Trustee Muhammad

Plans are moving forward for repair of the whirlpools. Melanie is having a membership drive with a goal of signing 900 new members. The goal is for the Melanie Fitness Center to stand on its own. Trustee Muhammad asked Dolton residents to become members.

At Mayor Rogers’ request, Administrator Urban noted that there have been some cuts. There is rental space, so there is some revenue coming in. Mr. Urban will provide the numbers to the board tomorrow.

Youth—Trustee Brown

Republic Services is recruiting women and veteran drivers. Information is on the board room table.

The Dolton Riverdale Little League will be playing on Tuesday through Friday of this week at its field located at 13846 Lincoln in Dolton.

The American Softball Association is looking for men and women officiates at \$25-55 per game. For more information, contact Trustee Brown at sbrown@vodolton.org.

Finance —Trustee Hunt

Trustee Hunt announced that the police and public works department union employees are receiving their retroactive pay as of today. The audit process will begin June 8th. The budget will be discussed at the June 15th Meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The budget must be passed by the end of July.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Urban reported on the update of the sale of the Dorchester. Due diligence is over. The buyer had provided an asset purchase agreement for review by the attorneys.

The police chief search is in progress. Postings were in place as of last week.

Administrator Urban asked the board to consider meeting at 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m. for the summer and through September. Mayor Rogers asked residents to weigh in as well during Citizens Address.

At Mayor Rogers request, Trustee Muhammad reminded residents that the village will be employing young people ages 18-21 for the summer at \$10 per hour through a grant by the Bethel Community Facility of Chicago Heights. Bethel also offers other youth employment programs. The contact telephone number is (708) 758-5585. The information is posted on the village website at www.vodolton.org.

CORPORATE BILLS

Finance Director Miller asked for a motion to approve payment of the Corporate Bills in the amount of \$999,361.80 and Gross Payroll in the amount of \$348,508.27, Melanie Fitness Center Bills in the amount of \$12,045.60 and Gross Payroll of \$7,417.58, for total Corporate Payments of \$1,367,333.25.

MOTION TO APPROVE Corporate and Melanie Fitness Center Bills in the amount of \$1,367,333.25.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

Trustee Henyard stated that she wished to amend the payroll to restore the salaries of the executive assistant to the mayor, media center director, and village administrator to the amounts approved by the Board of Trustees last year.

MOTION TO AMEND by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Brown. Discussion followed:

Trustee Henyard stated that the increases should have come before the board for approval. She questioned the salary for a videographer. Mayor Rogers replied that his assistant's salary was restored to the amount initially approved by the board last year during the budget process. He noted that the media center director's duties are not limited to videotaping meetings but also maintaining channel 4, which is again up, and the village's website. He said that the salaries restore the status quo. Trustee Henyard replied that raising salaries without board approval is not the proper way to do it. Trustee Hunt said that he would vote to keep the salaries, but that other employees making \$10/hour deserve increases. Trustee Brown said that he was not against the Media Center Director's salary, but that it was not done properly.

Trustee Henyard and Trustee Brown withdrew their respective motion and second as to the Media Center Director only.

On the Motion to Amend:

Roll Call
AYES: 2 Trustees Brown, Henyard,
NAYS: 4 Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
Motion failed.

On the Motion to Approve:

Roll Call
AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 1 Trustee Henyard
ABSENT: 0
Motion passed.

Ms. Miller asked for a motion to approve payment of the Dorchester Bills in the amount of \$41,166.95 and Gross Payroll of \$49,950.25 for total payments of \$91,117.20.

MOTION TO APPROVE the Dorchester Senior Center Bills in the amount of \$91,117.20.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Stubbs. There being no discussion:

Roll Call
AYES: 6 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Resolution 15 R-005
Proposing a Class 8 Classification for 340 W. Sibley Blvd.
- B. Ordinance 15-019
Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property (Vehicles)
- C. Ordinance 15-020
Amending and Updating Fees and Charges for the Police Department
- D. Ordinance 15 -021
Amending Title 4, Section 4-9-8F, "Open Dumping- Fly Dumping" of the
Dolton Village Code

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Brown. There being no discussion:

Roll Call
AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 1 Trustee Henyard
ABSENT: 0
Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Extension of Dorchester Management Agreement through September 30, 2015
MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

Administrator Urban noted that the agreement contains a provision for termination on 30 day notice. There being no further discussion:

Roll Call
AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs
NAYS: 1 Trustee Henyard
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance 15-022
Amending the Dolton Village Code to Provide for the Recall of Elected Officials

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

Trustee Hunt stated that the ordinance was not legal and that he would vote no. Mayor Rogers disagreed. In response to Trustee Henyard's question, Administrator Urban said that the ordinance had been called for by several trustees and the mayor. Mayor Rogers added that it had also been called for by residents. In response to Trustee Henyard's question, Village Attorney Murphey described the recall procedure set forth in the ordinance. The mayor, village clerk, or any trustee may be subject to a recall election upon filing of a petition with the village clerk with voter signatures of not less than 25 percent of the number of votes cast at the last election for mayor. In response to Trustee Henyard's question regarding the ordinance's provision that an elected official may not be subject to recall during the official's first year and last eight months, Attorney Murphey confirmed that Trustee Pierson is presently also eligible for a recall. There being no further discussion:

Roll Call
AYES: 3 Trustees Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs
NAYS: 3 Trustee Brown, Henyard, Hunt
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

There being a tie, Mayor Rogers cast his vote: AYE. Motion passed 4-3.

MAYOR'S REPORT

June 2nd is National Gun Violence Awareness Day in memory of Hadiya Pendleton, who would have turned 18 years old. Those wishing to show support are encouraged to wear orange on that day.

Mayor Rogers was in Washington, D.C. last week. He pledged to do everything he can to secure grant funding for the village.

Mayor Rogers has met with developers interested in the former Dustie's property who are considering a TGIF or Famous Dave's at the location.

The signage at the new village hall is up.

Mayor Rogers has asked Trustees Pierson, Muhammad and Stubbs to consider candidates for the mayor's house beautification award program this year. Application forms are at the front entrance and on the village's website.

Mayor Rogers noted that all three District 205 high schools held graduation ceremonies on May 27th. He congratulated those students who also completed the International Bachelor Program.

Thursday, June 4th, is the last day of school for elementary schools in the village. The village continues to visit elementary schools in the village for ice cream give away. Local businesses have provided their support.

Coffee with the Mayor will be June 13th at the Dorchester between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Mayor Rogers continues to sponsor Senior Movie Day at Nzure's every third Thursday of the month.

Mayor Rogers congratulated Trustee Stubbs and her volunteers for a successful Mother's Day Brunch on May 9th. While there may not be enough time to sponsor a Father's Day event this year, the mayor said that he is looking to hold a barbecue next year. He would also like to involve the residents of the senior care facilities in the village.

Health Care Consortium is sponsoring summer youth assistants in the mayor's office and public works beginning June 22nd.

Channel 4 is back up and will be updated. Mayor Rogers and some of the trustees will be walking throughout the village to hear residents' concerns. Last year's "task force" days involving all village departments coming out will return this summer.

Mayor Rogers asked residents to bear with the village in cutting the tall grass. The village wants to do a better job getting banks to cut the grass on their properties.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

William Fleshman, 14709 Clark, and pastor of two churches at 14540 Lincoln, referenced the 133rd Psalm and expressed his sadness over the introduction and passage of the ordinance permitting the recall of elected officials. He said that the voters elected them and to recall is a mistake. It won't do anything but continue to divide. He asked the Village Attorney to define "public trust." Pastor Fleshman also asked about the possibility of bringing channel 4 to AT&T.

Trustee Muhammad noted that negotiations continue to bring channel 4 to AT&T, but board meetings may now be viewed on the village website.

Mayor Rogers spoke in rebuttal to the resident's comments. Resident responded.

Arlecta Baldwin suggested that there be a membership drive for the Melanie Fitness Center, as residents do not know what it has to offer. She suggested a Friday pool night for families as nothing is going on in the pool at that time.

Former Trustee Willie Lowe, 15103 Diekman Ct., criticized police response to his report of 12 teenagers congregating in front of his house at 12 o'clock at night. He was told that the police department cannot make people move. The responding officer socialized with those in front of his house.

Mayor Rogers responded that there will be a change in police response to loitering and noise.

Barbara Parker, resident, asked when the village would be sprayed for mosquitos and inquired about the rain barrel program discussed at an earlier meeting.

Mayor Rogers replied that there was spraying in the village yesterday.

Trustee Muhammad replied that he was in contact with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) and that the village would be participating in its rain barrel program shortly.

Dan Lee, 15649 Dante, said that the "saggy pants" situation in town was getting out of hand. Also, he said that he has been coming to meetings since last July, and he can't see how removing the cause of divisiveness on the village board is divisive. He said that while he would prefer to wait for the next regular election, the village can't afford the divisiveness anymore.

George Jordan, 14802 Dearborn, said that he is against a recall of elected officials. He said that it is like putting a hatchet over someone's head. Resident questioned how recalled officials would be replaced.

Bobby Stewart, 15418 Greenwood, said that he was saddened by the passage of the ordinance allowing the recall of elected officials. The people rise and fall by their right to vote. He expressed his thanks to the village for its efforts, but noted that parents have to step up. Gang activity is increasing. There was a murder recently. The people of Dolton are suffering because of taxes and vacant houses.

Desmond Shuford, 14922 Michigan, said that this is his first board meeting since returning from University of Illinois where he was a communications major. He said that members of the board should agree to disagree. Resident said that he has his own communications company. He would like to provide the needed sound system.

Cleo Jones, 157th and Ingleside, and president of the Dolton Park District, announced that the park district's grant funding has been cut or placed on hold by Governor Rauner. He inquired whether the village had a program for evaluating its department heads, and whether the village projected to raise taxes. Finally, he asked when the village was going to repair the hole at 158th and Drexel caused by a water main break.

Barbara Pierce, 14325 Ingleside, reported that her garage had been set on fire on May 11th. She asked for more police patrol in the area.

Arthur Harris, resident, said he was in favor of the ordinance allowing the recall of elected officials, and urged Mayor Rogers to get the petitions out.

Resident said that the mayor was doing a wonderful job and thanked him for restoring channel 4. She said that while it is okay to disagree, some decisions before the board have been "no brainers." Residents cannot let trustees take the village hostage.

Mrs. Clayton, resident, said that she agreed with former Trustee Lowe regarding police response. She was also told by police that they could not make two men sitting in a truck in front of her house move.

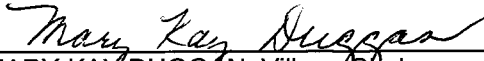
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Pierson to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, second by Trustee Stubbs, Mayor Rogers asked for a roll call to adjourn.

Roll Call
AYES: 6 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
Motion passed.

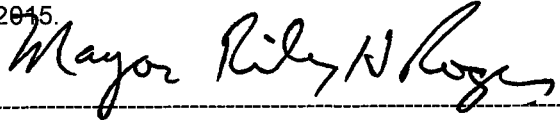
The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 6th day of July, 2015.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor