

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 6, 2015

- CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the New Village Hall Board Room at 7:34 p.m.
- ROLL CALL** The following Trustees were present: Cathern L. Bendell, Stanley Brown, Robert E. Hunt, Jr., Robert E. Pierson, Jr., and Sabrina G. Smith. Trustee Tiffany Henyard arrived moments after roll call.
- Also present: Village Attorney John B. Murphey and Engineer Ronald E. Smith. Village Administrator Stan Urban and department heads were present, excepting the Chief and Deputy Chief of Police, who arrived later. Village Engineer Ronald E. Smith and Legislative Counsel James M. Vasselli were absent.
- A quorum was present.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER** Prayer was led by Trustee Hunt.
- PRESENTATION** Mariyana Spyropoulos, President of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) addressed the Mayor and Board of Trustees. She explained that the MWRD does two things: It treats waste water and it manages flood water. The president spoke about the Thornton Reservoir and Deep Tunnel Project. The reservoir is expected to be in service this summer. The president invited village officials and community groups to tour the reservoir and any MWRD facilities. Once the reservoir is in service, no tours will be possible. It will have a total storage capacity of 8 billion gallons in combined sewage and flood waters runoff.
- MWRD's Rain Barrel Program is offering 15,000 free rain barrels to community groups throughout the county. In order for the program to have an impact and reduce flooding, a community must be on board.
- Mayor Rogers noted that the reservoir is the old quarry along I-80/I-294. He asked about the potential impact on Dolton residents. The president explained that in addition to Deep Tunnel or the Thornton Reservoir, MWRD wants to capture the water on the front end by providing green infrastructure, including rain barrels, green roofs, and permeable pavements.
- In response to Trustee Hunt's question, the president confirmed that tours of the reservoir would remain available for the next two months only.
- President Spyropoulos thanked the Mayor, Board, and everyone for their time.
- VILLAGE CLERK REPORT** A. Approval of the Minutes:
- MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES** of the March 16, 2015 Regular Board Meeting and March 16, 2015 Meeting of the Committee of the Whole.
- Motion by Trustee Bendell. Second by Trustee Pierson. There being no discussion:
- Roll Call
AYES: 6 Trustees Bendell, Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Pierson, Smith
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
Motion passed.

B. Communications

Request by Just Because Mentoring Services for permission to tag on April 25, 2015, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Sibley Blvd. and Lincoln Ave.

Trustee Pierson asked if the organization would be insured. Trustee Bendell expressed concern that the agency is based in Hazel Crest and may not be serving Dolton. The matter was deferred for the Clerk to determine if the organization would be insured with the Village of Dolton as additional insured.

ENGINEER'S REPORT Village Engineer Ronald E. Smith summarized his written report and answered questions:

Beginning in April, the Illinois Department of Transportation will be resurfacing a 5.5 mile stretch of Sibley Blvd. from Dixie Highway to Torrence Avenue.

June is the deadline for the application for the Illinois Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Program. A list of the types of projects that are eligible is included with the report.

Engineer Smith noted he had submitted an installation schedule of the new PACE bus shelters at the last regular board meeting and will contact PACE for an update.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police and Fire—Trustee Pierson

Chief John Franklin reports that the police department responded to 1,101 complaints and requests for service from March 16 through April 6th. The first phase of entry level officer testing was on March 28th.

Chief Terence Hughes reports that the fire department responded to 336 calls in the month of March. Entry level testing for firefighters will be on April 11th. Promotional testing for lieutenant and engineer has been pushed back to June 27th.

Public Works—Trustee Bendell

Acting Supt. Matt Stacey reports that Public Works received and responded to 212 requests for service. The public is reminded to put garbage out no earlier than the night before pick-up. Bulk items may be placed out with garbage. Residents are asked to report non-working street lights to the Public Works Department. Homewood Disposal has begun picking up leaf bags as of the first week of April.

Trustee Bendell reminded residents that portable basketball hoops are not permitted in the street and must be at least 20 feet from the street.

Housing—Trustee Henyard

Acting Director Denise Fields reports a total of 516 Housing Department activities for the Month of March, 2015, including 38 "as is" sales, 13 quit-claims, 14 judicial sales, 138 rental licenses and 194 rental inspections, with reported revenue of \$40,560.

The Building Department reports that 116 permits were issued in March, with reported revenue of \$12,082.00.

Code Enforcement issued a total of 114 tickets and 2 warnings, and received 10 complaints.

Trustee Henyard announced that her second annual Dolton cancer walk will be from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, June 20, 2015, starting at the Dorchester and ending at the waterfall. For more information, Trustee Henyard may be contacted at 708-297-6859.

Trustee Henyard also announced that Beggars Pizza in Lansing is hiring cooks and hostesses. At Trustee Henyard's request, Administrator Urban confirmed that the village is not currently hiring, but all applications are kept on file for one year.

Trustee Henyard asked if the sales proceeds for the Media Center had been received. Mr. Urban confirmed that the deed was conveyed and \$30,000 was received. As far as Mr. Urban understood, the new owner would be making major repairs and expanding his business into the building. The new owner has entered into a rental agreement with a used car dealer. In response to Trustee Henyard's question, Mr. Urban said that public works has removed at least two truckloads of items from the building to date.

Trustee Henyard asked Mayor Rogers for a planning committee meeting regarding such items as the future of the old Village Hall. Mayor Rogers said that it would be considered.

Dorchester Center/Melanie Fitness Center—Trustee Smith

Trustee Smith had no report other than to announce that at the last meeting the Board sold the Dorchester.

Trustee Smith brought flyers for South Suburban College's GED program. Open enrollment began today. There is no charge for the program. She also brought flyers for South Suburban College's annual job fair on May 19th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Youth—Trustee Brown

New Life Celebration of God in Dolton will host its inaugural annual community expo on July 25, 2015. Further information is available on the table.

Registration for Dolton-Riverdale Little League Baseball will be held at the Dolton Park District and the Riverdale Recreation Center every Saturday or at Doltonriverdalelittleleague.com. There is a \$125.00 fee. Discounts are available.

Finance —Trustee Hunt

At Trustee Hunt's request, Administrator Urban updated the residents on the proposed sale of the Dorchester. There is a fully executed Letter of Intent. Escrow payment has been deposited. Mr. Urban received 46 due diligence questions from the purchaser. Once responded to, purchaser has 45 days.

Trustee Hunt announced that a new auditor would be selected at tonight's meeting, and it is anticipated the new audit will begin the week of May 4th. The village has received \$1 million less in property tax revenue this year than it received last year. Contributions to police and fire pension funds continue to increase, placing a greater strain on the village. On the positive side, the village recently applied for Build America bond rebates for bond interest paid dating to May, 2014, and expects to receive \$174,000. The village recently received a \$14,000 grant from the Illinois Public Risk Fund for public works supplies.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Urban announced that he will be out of the office beginning Thursday, April 8th through the following Sunday, and will have limited email and telephone access.

CORPORATE BILLS

Finance Director Miller asked for a motion to approve payment of the Corporate Bills in the amount of \$1,365,200.68 and Gross Payroll in the amount of \$310,035.62, Melanie Fitness Center Bills in the amount of \$16,358.01 and Gross Payroll of \$7,585.83, for total Corporate Payments of \$1,699,180.14.

MOTION TO APPROVE Corporate and Melanie Fitness Center Bills in the amount of \$1,699,180.14.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Smith.

Trustee Brown asked if outside help was hired to move out of the Media Center. Mayor Rogers noted that any expenditure would be reflected in the bills, but that here was no outside vendor used to remove equipment or other items from the Media Center.

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

Ms. Miller asked for a motion to approve payment of the Dorchester Bills in the amount of \$41,994.04 with Gross Payroll in the amount of \$52,063.04, for total Dorchester Payments of \$94,057.08.

MOTION TO APPROVE the Dorchester Senior Center Bills in the amount of \$94,057.08.

Motion by Trustee Bendell. Second by Trustee Smith. There being no discussion:

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Selection of Auditor: Lauterbach & Amen, LLP
- B. Resolution 15 R-003
Authorizing the Adoption of the Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- C. New Hires Part-time (2): Water and Housing Department Clerks

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA. Motion by Trustee Bendell. Second by Trustee Hunt.

Trustee Henyard asked about the protocol for the hiring. Discussion followed between Trustee Henyard and Mayor Rogers regarding effective communication of available positions. Administrator Urban noted that he had communicated with the mayor and trustees regarding vacancies. He reminded the board that the village is short-handed and sometimes cannot wait two weeks to publicly announce vacancies at meetings in addition to the website.

In response to questions by Trustees Bendell and Smith, Mr. Urban confirmed that he, John Kasperek, and Ms. Blanco of Kasperek and Associates, village accountants, recommended Lauterbach & Amen as the new auditor.

ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE:

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

OLD BUSINESS

A. Bank of America ATM Location.

Administrator Urban reminded the board that Bank of America had previously requested permission for installation of an ATM at another location. No board action was taken at that time. Bank of America is now requesting installation at 1030 E. Sibley Blvd.

Mr. Urban introduced the architect and engineer for the project to answer questions from the board. The proposed drive-through ATM would be located due west of Burger King. The representatives demonstrated the traffic flow. Questions followed. Mr. Urban said he would follow-up with Bank of America.

B. New Village Hall Discussion

Administrator Urban noted that Trustee Smith had requested this item be placed on the agenda. Trustee Smith said that she had meant to pull the item. Trustee Henyard asked about plans for the old village hall. Mayor Rogers noted that discussion of the old hall was not on the agenda.

Trustee Henyard asked for a complete total of the costs of the move to the new village hall. Mr. Urban said that he did not have the figures before him. He had sent costs to date to the board more than a week ago and then again to Trustee Smith. Mr. Urban recalled that the move will significantly save the village in telephone expenditures. The total costs for installation of phone lines/equipment were about \$15,000.

Trustee Henyard asked why the board had received invoices for \$30,000 but expenditures to date are approximately \$42,000. Mr. Urban said that not all bills are in. He said it is as important to know how much was saved as well as the cost. Mr. Urban assured Trustee Henyard that all bills would be presented to the board.

C. Ordinance No. 15-008
Providing for a Building Permit Fee Holiday for Owner-Occupied Residential Property

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 15-008.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Brown.

Trustee Henyard noted that 20 residents took advantage of last year's fee holiday, and that she hopes more residents will take advantage of it for their home improvements. She suggested the holiday begin on April 15th through June 15th. Discussion followed.

Roll Call
AYES: 6 Trustees Bendell, Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Pierson, Smith
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Fourth of July Discussion

Administrator Urban explained that last year at Trustee Henyard's request, \$10,000 were budgeted for fireworks for this fiscal year. There have been meetings this year with the park district attended by Trustees Henyard and Brown, and two attended by Mr. Urban. Mr. Kendall Parrott of the park district confirmed that the park district was considering an expanded celebration and was asking the village to contribute an additional \$12,000 for police and fire only.

Trustee Smith expressed concern about expending funds based on future projections of revenues and savings. She also expressed her admiration for past Fourth of July events. Discussion followed.

Mr. Parrott clarified that the park district expected to spend approximately \$12,000 for staffing, not including entertainment.

In response to Trustee Pierson's question, Mr. Urban outlined the expected police and fire expenditures. He also noted that there are less than 90 days to the Fourth of July. Further discussion followed.

Trustee Hunt noted that the board approved \$10,000, but as there have been no motions to increase that amount, he suggested the board move forward to the next item.

B. Street Signs

Administrator Urban reported that at Trustee Hunt's request, there was a quick survey of missing street signs in the village showing that approximately 125-130 signs need to be replaced, at an approximate cost of \$49 per sign not including pole banding as needed. There is approximately \$220,000 remaining from the \$1.4 million bond funds. Trustee Hunt said that his request was motivated by his discussion with one resident, but that he did not want to replace just one sign when it is evident that many streets are without signs. He said that putting them up at one time would be less expensive. Mayor Rogers agreed. Mayor Rogers noted that aluminum street signs replaced two years ago were stolen. The new signs will be alloy.

Mr. Urban noted that there will also be an inventory of all fire hydrants. The last inventory was three years ago.

MOTION TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENT STREET SIGNS.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Brown.

Roll Call

AYES: 6 Trustees Bendell, Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Pierson, Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

"Coffee with the Mayor" is this coming Saturday, April 11th from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Attorney Dennis Gianopolus will discuss real estate closings;

Mayor Rogers reminded everyone to vote in the village election tomorrow, April 7th. The newly elected trustees will be sworn in to office on May 4th.

Congresswoman Robin Kelly is sponsoring a Job and Resource Fair on April 11th at Gwendolyn Brooks H.S. located at 250 E. 111th St.

Mayor Rogers, in connection with the Nzure entertainment center across Washington St. from the new village hall, is sponsoring a free movie day for seniors every third Thursday from 1-4 p.m.

Mayor Rogers is sponsoring a Mother's Day brunch on May 9th following a shortened "Coffee with the Mayor" at 8:30 a.m. The brunch will begin after 9:30 a.m.

Mayor Rogers acknowledged the 14th anniversary this day of the Melanie Fitness Center.

The Dolton Chamber of Commerce held its March 26th meeting at the new village hall. Mayor Rogers reported on the state of the village at the chamber meeting.

Under Pastor LeFlore of New Community Church, the "Pelican Group" volunteers of young people returned this year to do clean up in the village.

Mayor Rogers met with the Cook County Sheriff's Department. The sheriff's SWAP team will be in the village 1-2 times each week this summer to do clean up and also paint the new village hall.

CITIZENS ADDRESS:

"Woody" Woodard, resident, expressed his thanks for the replacement of the two street lights on his block. He again requested that the village paint the curb yellow further back at the stop sign at 140th and Wentworth Ave. He noted that he continues to pick up trash and bottles on his block regularly. Resident urged the board to stop bickering and have better communication with each other.

Mrs. Clayton, resident, called the board's attention to speeding on Lincoln Ave at Sanderson St. She asked why the village does not depend on its Emergency Services Disaster Relief Agency (ESDA) for the Fourth of July celebrations. Mayor Rogers noted that ESDA has not been active. He said that even though ESDA members were volunteers, there is still a liability cost to be considered. Mayor Rogers added that a new ESDA would refocus on training. Mrs. Clayton informed the board that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offers training free of charge.

Bobby Stewart, resident, asked that the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) workers be assigned to the west side of Greenwood Ave. from Sibley Blvd. to 156th St. He reported holes in the sidewalks by New Covenant Church on Greenwood. He further observed that Triangle Park lacks benches for parents or an area for older children, who frequent the younger children's play area. He also pointed out that the speed limit on Greenwood by the park is 45 mph, and that the heavy truck traffic damages homes. Engineer Smith confirmed that the county had transferred Greenwood Ave. to the village. Mayor Rogers noted that 5-ton weight restrictions are in place and should be enforced.

Resident, 143rd and Dante Ave., reported that Public Works had filled a sink hole on her street with rocks. The hole is now extending to her driveway.

Vince Bass, of Nzuri Entertainment Center, across the street from the new village hall, introduced himself and invited everyone to visit Nzuri, which is not just a club.

Gary Jones, resident. and CEO of Top Notch Movers and Maintenance, offered his services to the village.

Arthur Harris, resident, said that he is looking forward to better meetings in May and after. He said that the return of the village newsletter will answer residents' questions. He again urged the mayor to install a clock tower outside the new village hall.

Resident noted that commercial vehicles are parking in residential areas, citing a Comcast truck parked on Woodlawn Ave.

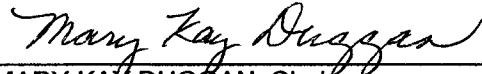
ADJOURNMENT

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

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

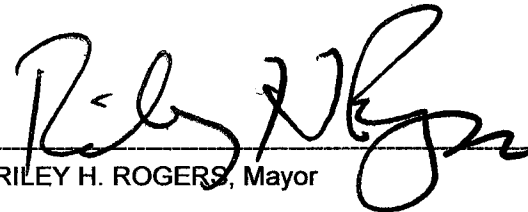
The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 4th day of May, 2015.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor