

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 16, 2016

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the New Village Hall at 6:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL The following trustees were present: Stanley H. Brown, Tiffany Henyard, Duane Muhammad, Robert E. Hunt, Jr., and Robert E. Pierson, Jr. Trustee Valeria Stubbs was absent.

Also present: Village Attorney John B. Murphey, Village Administrator Stan Urban and department heads. Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan and Village Engineer Ronald E. Smith were absent.

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER

Prayer was led by Mr. Edward Crayton.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Ashahed Triche, Executive Assistant to Mayor Rogers, read aloud Proclamations in recognition of Brian Geiger and Tianna Newkirk, outstanding young Dolton residents. Mayor Rogers asked Mr. Geiger and Ms. Newkirk to speak about their accomplishments and presented them with the Proclamations.

Deputy Clerk Denise Fields announced that Dolton Elite Basketball is requesting permission for tag days on May 21st and May 22nd at Sibley Blvd. and Chicago Road. Proceeds will go to its AAU basketball program.

MOTION TO APPROVE TAG DAYS as requested.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Stubbs

Motion passed.

Representatives from the Cal-Sag Trail Commission presented a banner showing the length of the Cal-Sag Trail.

Trustee Henyard announced the following employment opportunities: American Homes, Riverdale, MB Bank and Wendy's in South Holland, Good Burger in Calumet City, W&W Towing in Blue Island. The village public department is hiring laborers.

Trustee Henyard's Cancer Walk will be from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, June 11th. Volunteers or those who wish to participate may contact Trustee Henyard at 708-297-6859. The free building permit holiday for owner-occupied homes is in effect beginning April 1st and continues through May 30th. Clerk of the Circuit Court Dorothy Brown is offering an expungement seminar on June 4th at Thornton Township High School.

Trustee Brown announced that those interested in positions as field maintenance technicians may call 708-914-4274 for information. The U.S. Postal Service has thousands of available employment positions starting at \$21 per hour. Information is available at www.usps.com/jobs. The Thornton Township Youth and Family Services is sponsoring a crisis response and information line 24 hours at 708-957-6745.

Local 134 offers weekly sessions for electrician apprenticeships every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 6201 W. 115th St. in Alsip.

Chief Rob Collins introduced Rony, the new K-9 member of the Dolton Police Department and his handler, Officer Jeff DeVries, who just graduated from training. Rony is a dual purpose dog who can track and can also detect drugs. The funds to purchase Rony and all of the equipment Officer DeVries uses came from money seized by drug dealers.

Trustee Muhammad announced that the Melanie Fitness Center will celebrate its 15th anniversary with a Membership Appreciation Day on May 21st from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Trustee Muhammad introduced several young persons who attended the 50/20 summer jobs seminar this past weekend to speak to the merits of the program. Asst. Principal Steven Valant of Thornridge High School, Thornridge teachers, and parents also expressed appreciation for the program. A brief video of the seminar followed.

OLD BUSINESS

A. 50/20 Summer Youth Program

Mayor Rogers explained that the plan is to hire 50 young persons for 20 hours at \$10 per hour. He had reached out to Sen. Harris and Rep. Jones who expressed their support but were not able to obtain funding from Springfield. High School District 205 has agreed to contribute to the program.

Discussion followed on village funding for the program.

Mayor Rogers asked Dr. Jerry B. Doss, Human Resources Director for High School District 205, who spoke of the district's intern program with local municipalities and school districts. In response to Mayor Rogers' question, Dr. Doss explained that it would hire interns to work at the village at no cost to the village. The district could possibly hire 15-24 interns.

Discussion continued on whether the village had sufficient funds for the program.

MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE OF \$86,000 FOR 50/20 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Muhammad. Discussion continued.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Brown, Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Stubbs

PRESENT: 1 Trustee Henyard

Motion passed.

B. Reconsideration of a Rotation of Tow Companies

Presentations by: Wes's Service of Calumet City, IL
Airline Towing of Calumet Park, IL

Mayor Rogers explained that he was contacted by Wes's Towing and Airline Towing asking that the board of trustees reconsider rotating towing companies. Trustee Brown and Trustee Henyard objected to hearing the presentations by the towing companies because the board of trustees had already voted to contract with another towing company. Trustee Henyard cited Section 37 of Roberts Rules of Order which provides that a motion to reconsider may only be made by a member who had voted with the prevailing side. Mayor Rogers noted that there had been no motion. The village attorney advised that a presentation is different than a vote on the contracts.

Brian Booker of Wes's Service addressed the board. Mr. Booker said that at its April 18th meeting the board had expressed interest in going to a towing rotation. He provided information about Wes's services to the board, which included a commitment by Wes's to donate \$25 to the village's 50/20 summer youth program for each awarded tow. Mr. Booker said that he is a former Thornridge student and that he may be able to hire some youth to work at his company as part of the program. Wes's has 26 full-time and 4 part-time employees and works with many police departments as well as the general public.

Mayor Rogers noted that one of the requirements for award of the towing contract was to have a heavy duty tow truck. The company which was selected did not have a heavy duty truck but that Wes's would provide it. Mayor Rogers said that the board should reconsider the contract and at least put them on a rotation because both of these companies have everything that is needed to provide service.

Brian Bramlett of Airline Towing addressed the board. Mr. Bramlett said that as of this year, Illinois statute requires police departments to maintain a tow rotation list. This information is included in the packet he had submitted, which also includes references. Mr. Bramlett said that it was not correct as stated at the April 18th board meeting that its license had been revoked. The license was suspended due to a clerical error and was reinstated within 24 hours. Each employee has completed a traffic incident management training course as documented in the packet. A complete list of equipment is also provided. Airline would also tow municipal vehicles free of charge.

In response to Trustee Muhammad's questions, Mr. Bramlett said that the suspension was due to a late payment. Mr. Bramlett said that his father owns Airline Towing and that it is not looking for a buyer. Trustee Henyard said she stands on what she said at the April 18th meeting. Mayor Rogers said that he did not receive the information Trustee Henyard said she would send him.

Trustee Pierson said the he was inclined to go to a rotation because of the new law.

MOTION TO ROTATE TOWING COMPANIES.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

In response to Trustee Muhammad's question, Chief Collins read from 625 ILCS 5/4-203.5 effective January 1, 2016. In response to Trustee Henyard's questions, Chief Collins confirmed that that the performance by the selected tow company, W&W Towing, has been very good. Its response time has been an average of four to seven minutes. Chief Collins said that while the department did not have an issue with response time, Airline's response was between a few minutes to 30 minutes.

The representatives from Wes's and Airline both committed to posting a truck in the village. An Airline employee who was present said that he is a long-time Dolton resident and drives his truck to and from work. He had formerly towed exclusively in Dolton. Airline Towing also has a history of donating equipment to the village.

Trustee Muhammad clarified that the rotation would include the selected company.

Trustee Hunt said that trustees were initially in favor of a rotation as Chief Collins had initially recommended. He questioned why Chief Collins had changed his recommendation to selecting Airline alone. Trustee Hunt said that Mayor Rogers had even spoke against a rotation. Trustee Hunt said he would need to research the state statute as the board had just been given a copy.

Mayor Rogers said that the board had voted based on the misrepresentation of the selected towing company. Both companies' representatives confirmed that W&W had asked them to provide equipment. Mayor Rogers said that if there was a misrepresentation the contract may be voided.

Chief Collins said that it would probably be advisable to go with a rotation so as not to be in violation of the state law. Trustee Hunt said that he would rely on the village attorney for legal advice. Chief Collins said that the law is on the books and is available for reading online.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 2 Trustees Muhammad, Pierson
NAYS: 3 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Trustee Stubbs

Motion failed.

C. Approval of Insurance Broker of Record

MOTION TO APPROVE INSURE SOURCE, LLC AS BROKER OF RECORD.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Henyard.

MOTION TO TABLE. Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 2 Trustees Muhammad, Pierson
NAYS: 3 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Trustee Stubbs

Motion failed.

Trustee Muhammad said that there were questions asked of all the brokers and this company did not respond. He said he would like to know why not. Mr. Cliff Taylor of Insure Source said that he was unaware of any questionnaire. Mr. Urban said that he sent an email with attached questions by a trustee to all of the companies. One responded. Mr. Taylor said he had not received it. Trustee Muhammad asked Mr. Taylor to provide the following: 1) a sample of the firm's brokerage agreement; 2) certificate of insurance; 3) errors and omissions claims (Answer: None.); 4) firm's fee structures; 5) coverage for prior acts; 6) mid-term billing for additions (Answer: None); 7) additional workers compensation premiums for changes in employee salaries (Answer: Yes); 8) estimated number of carriers needed.

Trustee Muhammad asked the trustees to reconsider tabling this item until all questions had been answered.

Mr. Taylor said that he takes pride in representing African-American municipalities to ensure that they receive the same level of service as other municipalities. He currently represents Harvey, Phoenix, and Robbins, and is negotiating with a fourth community in the south suburbs. There are four employees but with his partnership with HUB International brings a total of 11 employees assigned to the village exclusively.

In response to Mayor Rogers' question, Mr. Taylor said his company would be paid by commission if there were no brokers' fees.

Trustee Pierson said that he wished the board would take more time to vet the answers to the questions asked.

On the motion to approve:

ROLL CALL

AYES: 3 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt
NAYS: 2 Trustees Muhammad, Pierson
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Trustee Stubbs

Motion passed.

Mr. Taylor thanked the board and said it would not be disappointed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution No. 16 R-003
Supporting Submission of an Application to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for Funding under the 2016 Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 16 R-003.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Pierson.

Administrator Urban explained that his resolution must be passed to even be considered for funding.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Stubbs

Motion passed.

B. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement Establishing a Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force to Deter Street Gangs, Narcotic and Criminal Activity – Chief Collins

Chief Collins explained that habitual offenders and perpetrators of criminal acts commit the same acts in surrounding communities. A multi-jurisdictional task force would have the authority to cross the borders of Dolton, Riverdale and South Holland, make arrests, deter and solve crimes. Mayor Rogers added that this task force is the outcome of an earlier multi-jurisdictional meeting. Chief Collins said it would take effect if all municipalities approve it by mid-June.

MOTION TO APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCE

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Brown.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Stubbs

Motion passed.

C. Ordinance Pertaining to the Hiring and Firing of Employees

Trustee Henyard said she is asking for an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 15-011 to restore the language of "advice and consent and board of trustees." Attorney Murphey said the board needed a prepared ordinance to vote on. Trustee Henyard asked why the board could not use the same language as in the earlier ordinance requiring board approval for hiring and firing (Ordinance No. 13-001). Mayor Rogers noted that prior to the passage of Ordinance No. 13-001, the mayor did not require board approval for hiring and firing. In response to Trustee Henyard's request, Attorney Murphey said he would prepare an ordinance for the next meeting.

D. Replacement of Village of Dolton Prosecuting Attorney

MOTION TO TABLE TO NEXT BOARD MEETING.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Brown.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Stubbs

Motion passed.

Mayor Rogers apologized to Village Prosecutor Dennis G. Gianopolus for the matter not coming forward after waiting through this long meeting. Attorney Gianopolus said he would be happy to discuss any concerns with any trustees prior to the next board meeting.

E. Upcoming Village of Dolton Events

Mayor Rogers explained that he provided the trustees with a list of events he would like the village to sponsor in the coming months. Among them are weekly flea market and farmers markets. Steppin' at the Fountain resumes June 1st. Mayor Rogers would like the village to offer a "Taste of Dolton" over the July 4th holiday weekend. The event would conclude with fireworks. He hopes to offer a gospel fest and blues fest later in the summer.

Mayor Rogers introduced Executive Assistant Ashahed Triche to highlight recent events: the National Day of Prayer on May 5th and a tour of the Ardagh glass bottling manufacturing plant with Sen. Dick Durbin. Mayor Rogers appearance on Comcast's Newsmakers program is on the village website. There will be a Father's Day breakfast on June 18th. Mr. Triche invited residents to install the village's "app" found on the website to receive regular updates on upcoming village events.

Mayor Rogers said that Sen. Durbin came to the village after hearing about the village's successful employment outreach to Dolton residents with Ardagh, and expressed his appreciation. Congresswoman Robin Kelly has also visited the village on several occasions.

Mayor Rogers noted that crime is down in the village of Dolton following the hiring of the new police chief and adding several new officers.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Cliff Taylor of Insure Source, LLC, on behalf of the Gloria J. Taylor Foundation, offered two \$500 college scholarships to Dolton high school seniors.

Resident said that she thinks there should be a day or prayer before meetings. She said she had read in the Chicago Tribune that Calumet City has one of the highest levels of lead in its water among south suburban communities. She asked if there is lead in the water in Dolton. Mayor Rogers responded that the village has an Illinois certified water tester that takes water samples and sends them in for testing weekly. Resident asked the board to be of one accord. She was disappointed at the way the board acted when the children were present.

Resident Demetria Waddell said Wes's Towing came to her rescue when her car broke down on the expressway. It came within minutes of her call. She asked the board to reconsider rotation. She also had a good experience with Airline Towing. She also said that the board's behavior in front of the children present was embarrassing. Residents don't want to come to meetings to watch adults fight.

Former Trustee Cathy Bendell asked when the next budget meeting is to take place. She said that the mayor had said it would be moved from the 2nd floor of the police department to the new village hall. Mayor Rogers confirmed that it would be at the new village hall. The date has not yet been set.

Dorothy Kelly Pitts, resident, asked about resurfacing of the streets west of Indiana Avenue. Mayor Rogers said that the first street scheduled for repair is 146th Street and Edbrooke Avenue. The village received a \$200,000 grant last year, but one street costs \$30,000. That is why only parts of the streets were repaired. Wabash Avenue is also a priority. Resident asked if code enforcement would notify neighbors not to put garbage in the alley.

Diane Lofton, resident agreed that the board meetings are too long and are embarrassing. She asked where were the trustees' concerns regarding the budget when they had a lawyer. She said she believed the lawyer cost more than \$80,000.

Valerie Hill, resident, said she received a \$700 water bill that was for a previous owner. Resident also spoke in support of Wes's Towing.

Mrs. Crayton, resident, thanked Chief of Staff Elizabeth Scott and Ashahed Triche for the youth summit. She asked that a towing rotation be reconsidered. She said that the board of trustees should give up their salaries for jobs for youth and rehabilitating the youth center. She asked if Thornton Township had been asked for help. She noted that Brian Geiger is a product of the Dolton Youth Commission.

Ted Norwood, resident, said that Trustees Brown, Henyard, and Hunt have a right to ask questions about the village. There should be meetings in the back before the public meeting.

Trustee Brown noted that the Open Meetings Act prohibits more than two trustees from meeting in private with the mayor.

A representative from W&W Towing said it was offering two \$500 scholarships for the summer youth program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purpose of discussing the status of a certain employee.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Brown.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 3 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Muhammad

NAYS: 2 Trustees Hunt, Pierson.

ABSTAIN: 0

BSENT: 1 Trustee Stubbs

Motion passed.

The Board of Trustees entered into Executive Session at 9:41 p.m. The Board returned to the regular meeting at 11:02 p.m. Trustees Hunt, Pierson and Stubbs were absent.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 3 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Muhammad,

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 3 Trustees Hunt, Pierson and Stubbs.

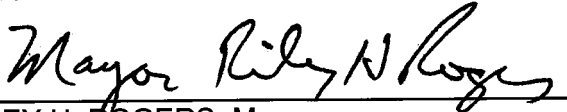
Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 6th day of June, 2016.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor