

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 1, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:51 p.m. at the Dorchester Senior Center Ballroom, 1515 E. 154th Street.

ROLL CALL

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

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

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

Presentation of the Colors by the International Association of Firefighters

PRAYER

Prayer was led by Minister Deborah White.

PRESENTATION

A. PACE Presentation re Bus Shelters

Mayor Rogers accepted a check by a representative of PACE to the Village of Dolton in the amount of \$4,816 for the village's participation in the PACE ad shelters program.

B. Recognition of Outgoing Trustees

Mayor Rogers acknowledged outgoing Trustees Stanley Brown and Robert E. Hunt, Jr., and with Village Clerk Duggan, presented them with plaques in recognition of their services to the Village of Dolton.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A. Approval of the Minutes:
April 3, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
April 17, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

The village clerk asked for a motion to approve the minutes either separately or together.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 3, 2017 AND APRIL 17, 2017
REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

B. Request for Tag Days– Fathers and Blessings

The village clerk explained that the number of days requested for tag days exceeded the Board of Trustees guidelines. She said that she had asked for but had not yet received a revised request for up to the three day maximum days per request.

The consensus of the Board of Trustees was to grant the request for tagging on Saturday, May 13, May 20, and May 27.

CORPORATE BILLS

MOTION TO APPROVE CORPORATE PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,871,431.31 and GROSS PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$373,837.29, and MELANIE FITNESS CENTER PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,323.00 and GROSS PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,553.75, FOR TOTAL CORPORATE PAYMENTS OF \$2,260,145.35.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. 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.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE

Cook County Circuit Court Judge D. Renee Jackson administered the oath of office of trustee to Tiffany Henyard.

Illinois Appellate Justice Nathaniel Howse, Jr. administered the oaths of office of trustee to Deborah M. Denton and Jason Howse.

Justice Howse administered the oath of office of village clerk to Mary Kay Duggan.

Justice Howse administered the oath of office of mayor to Riley H. Rogers.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Reconsideration of Ordinance No. 17-004
Amending Section 7-6-7-1 of the Dolton Village Code, "Water Rates Established" (non-residential)

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 17-004

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

MOTION TO AMEND TO REDUCE INCREASE TO \$7.50 INSTEAD OF \$10.00. PER UNIT.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Pierson.

ROLL CALL on Motion to Amend:

AYES: 6 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

ROLL CALL on Motion to Approve Ordinance as Amended:

AYES: 6 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS D, G, H, I.

- D. Ordinance No. 17-013
Repealing Title 3, Chapter 24, "Vacant Buildings; Owner Required to Act; Enforcement Authority", and Amending Title 8, "Building Regulations", by Adding New Chapter 16, "Vacant Building and Foreclosure Registration Program" of the Dolton Village Code
- G. Resolution No. 17 R-007
Accepting a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Abandoned Residential Property Municipal Relief Program
- H. Resolution No. 17-R-008
To Adopt and Implement the RainReady Community Plan
- I. Award of Contract: CDBG Street Resurfacing Program 1607-010

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS A, B, C, AND F.

- A. Ordinance No. 17-010
Amending Section 1-5-4R (Employment) of the Dolton Village Code
- B. Ordinance No. 17-011
Amending 1-6-7 (Committee of the Whole) of the Dolton Village Code
- C. Ordinance No. 17-012
Amending Section 3-4H-4 of the Dolton Village Code, "Sweepstakes Kiosks"
- F. Resolution No. 17 R-006
Updating Cook County Commercial Tax Incentive Agreement

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

Village Attorney Murphey advised that if the items are not to be approved by a consensus, each must be voted on.

Trustee House said that he was not in favor of bundling the ordinances as he wants a separate vote on Item B: Ordinance No. 17-011 Amending 1-6-7 (Committee of the Whole) of the Dolton Village Code. Attorney Murphey explained that this ordinance would replace the board's current committees structure with a committee of the whole structure.

Mayor Rogers explained that Item A would restore the mayor's full authority to hire and fire employees.

Item C would reduce the fees charged by the village for sweepstakes kiosk machines from \$1,000 to \$100, which is comparable to other communities. The village had set the fee at \$1,000 per machine because that is the amount it charges for video gaming devices. The owner of the machines is requesting the reduction because the machines do not generate revenue comparable to the video gaming devices. Ms. Sondra Phillips, Director of Permits and Licensing, explained that the village has received \$25 in revenue from the kiosk machines this year. The kiosks are more similar to the games and food vending machines at Dolton Bowl, for which the village charges \$35 per machine. The video gaming machines bring in significantly greater revenues to the business owners and the village than the kiosk machines.

Administrator Urban explained that Item F would streamline the application process to Cook County for property tax relief to business owners, by permitting county consideration of an application that has been approved by the mayor alone. The county is offering this option to avoid delays in the process that may occur with approval required by the full board. In response to Trustee Muhammad's question, Mr. Urban said that during his tenure there have been no delays in approval, but there had been delays prior to his tenure.

Attorney Murphey recommended that the board vote on each of the items to avoid confusing the record and because it would take less time.

Trustee Henyard said that her motion stands except that she will agree to the removal of Item B.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS A, C, F:

- A. Ordinance No. 17-010
Amending Section 1-5-4R (Employment) of the Dolton Village Code
- C. Ordinance No. 17-012
Amending Section 3-4H-4 of the Dolton Village Code, "Sweepstakes Kiosks"
- F. Resolution No. 17 R-006
Updating Cook County Commercial Tax Incentive Agreement

ROLL CALL:

AYES: 0

NAYS: 6 Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Mayor Rogers ruled, with the village attorney concurring, that the motion was to bundle the above ordinances and that the motion failed. He then asked for a motion to approve Item A.

- A. Ordinance No. 17-010
Amending Section 1-5-4R (Employment) of the Dolton Village Code

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 17-010

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: 1 Trustee House

NAYS: 5 Trustees Denton, Henyard, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion failed.

- B. Ordinance No. 17-011
Amending 1-6-7 (Committee of the Whole)

MOTION TO APPROVE NO. 17-011.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

Trustee House said that he believes this is a good ordinance because it provides for open discussion by all of the trustees of items to be voted on at the next meeting. This also allows for residents' input before items are voted on.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: 1 Trustee House

NAYS: 5 Trustees Denton, Henyard, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion failed.

- C. Ordinance No. 17-012
Amending Section -3-4H-4 of the Dolton Village Code: "Sweepstakes Kiosks"

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 17-012.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: 0

NAYS: 6 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion failed.

- F. Resolution No. 17 R-006
Updating Cook County Commercial Tax Incentive Agreement

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 17 R-006

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: 1 Trustee House

NAYS: 5 Trustees Denton, Henyard, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion failed.

- E. Agreement Between the Village of Dolton and Property Registration Champions (PRC)

Administrator Urban explained that this firm had made a presentation to the board at an earlier date. The firm has identified over 800 Dolton properties in foreclosure. It has researched and identified the owners and banks of record. It will process the annual registration requirements and \$200 annual fee passed by the board this evening. The village will receive \$100 and the firm will retain \$100. If the firm recovers from half of the foreclosed upon properties, the village will recoup \$40,000.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH PRC.

There was no motion or second or discussion:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: 1 Trustee House

NAYS: 5 Trustees Denton, Henyard, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion failed.

J. Appointment of The Horton Group as Liability/Casualty Broker of Record

MOTION TO APPOINT HORTON GROUP.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

Trustee Stubbs asked why the current broker was not included on the agenda to present as his term has not expired. Administrator Urban answered that it is the mayor's appointment to make at any time.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: 3 Trustees Denton, Muhammad, Pierson

NAYS: 2 Trustees Henyard, Stubbs

ABSTAIN: 1 Trustee House

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers said that in the interest of time he would not be giving a report tonight. He thanked the residents who came out this evening and expressed his wish that there would be such high attendance at all meetings.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Cliff Taylor, InsureSource, asked the the mayor and trustees to reconsider terminating his position as liability insurance broker.

Pastor William Fleishman, resident, expressed his support for the summer breakfast and lunch program announced by Trustee Muhammad with Adonis Quality of Life Initiative. Community pastors will gather at the village hall for the National Day of Prayer on May 4th.

Resident expressed displeasure at the board's vote to reject tax incentives for community businesses.

Ms. Williams, 500 block of Engle St., said that the fire response to the house fire on her block was deplorable, and that the responders were not able to draw from the fire on the block. Chief McCain responded that the hydrant was marked as low-pressure, and that responders accessed hydrants nearby. Resident further urged for more advertisement of businesses to come to Dolton.

David Collins said that board members need to start showing up at children's events, including the "Pitch Hit and Run" event on May 6th.

Resident, FountainCrest Condominium, expressed several concerns: 1) Why don't trustees know what's on the agenda; 2) Emergency number response Dolton Police Department; and 3) Dolton Park District Golf Range hours.

Allison Key, resident, commended Trustees Stan Brown and Robert Hunt, and added that Trustee Henyard speaks from the heart. She welcomed the addition of Trustee House to the Board of Trustees.

Ramona Jackson, 30-year resident, urged board members to think about their votes and not let them be someone else's decision.

Resident, new, asked Trustee House for clarification of his vote supporting a Committee of the Whole, which Trustee House again provided as above.

Rebecca Raines, RainReady, asked the Board of Trustees to move forward with the RainReady resolution it had approved. She commended Chief of Staff Elizabeth Scott for her assistance in completing the plan. The Dolton RainReady steering committee meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month.

Kevin Griffin, 15-year resident, asked for assistance in cutting down part of his neighbor's tree which is going to fall in his backyard.

Resident urged an "adopt a block" initiative to keep streets clean, and asked why trustees are taking the mayor's power away.

Kevin Burns expressed his displeasure with the "back and forth" between the mayor and trustees.

Cassandra Echols, 28-year resident, identified flooding, sewage, and issues re the neighboring house.

Mrs. Crayton, resident, announced future community meetings.

Emerson Doherty, 10-year resident, congratulated Mayor Rogers and the newly elected officials.

Willie Lowe, former trustee, congratulated the trustees on coming together.

Member, Dolton RainReady steering committee, announced that the committee meets at the village hall every first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 17th day of July, 2017.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor