

Regular Meeting Board of Trustees  
Monday, March 6, 2017  
6:30 p.m.

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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/  
PRAYER Prayer was led by Mr. Edward Crayton.

ROLL CALL The following Trustees were present: Stanley Brown, Valeria Stubbs, Robert E Pierson Jr, and Duane Muhammad and Tiffany Henyard. Trustee Robert E. Hunt, Jr. arrived at 6:38 p.m.

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

A quorum was present.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Village Clerk asked for approval of the following meeting minutes either together or separately:

February 6, 2017 Regular Board Meeting;  
February 21, 2017 Special Board Meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES of February 3, 2017 and February 21, 2017, 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, and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

B. COMMUNICATIONS

None

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ronald E. Smith summarized his written report on the upcoming Cook County Community Development Block Grant (application).

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Police and Fire -Trustee Pierson**

Chief Steven McCain reports that the village will be conducting an entry level firefighter examination this summer. The starting salary for a full-time firefighter is \$44,660.90 as of May 1, 2016, plus benefits.

### **Public Works - Trustee Stubbs**

Supt. Matthew Stacey reports that Cook County SWAP workers were out in the village in February picking up debris and cleaning curbs along the village's main streets. Public Works performed the following repairs in February: 71 b-box, 3 sewer basins, 3 water main breaks, 2 water main valves, and 10 street light repairs. Public Works cut and trimmed 45 trees and is working a map filling pot holes and cleaning up debris. The street sweeper has been out when weather conditions were good following the garbage routes. Residents are reminded to put out their garbage the night before pickup along with other debris.

### **Youth—Trustee Stubbs**

Dolton Park District will offer a "Play, Learn, Grow" after-school program and a youth basketball program this fall. More information is available by calling the park district at 708-841-2111.

Trustee Muhammad announced "The Team Travel Experience" offered by the American Dominican Baseball Agency for baseball players 13-16 years old to visit and play baseball in the Dominican Republic in late May. The cost is \$2,300 per player. Trustee Muhammad said he would solicit funds from area businesses to sponsor players.

### **Housing - Trustee Henyard**

Trustee Henyard reports that the Housing Department processed 406 transactions in January with total revenue of \$55,005.00. Annual rental licenses and inspections are due by April 30, 2017.

Trustee Henyard offered her assistance to residents struggling to modify their mortgages. She may be reached at 708-297-6859.

### **Human Resources/Department on Aging – Trustee Henyard**

Trustee Henyard reminded senior residents who have received utility shut-off notices that they may be eligible for up to \$200 in assistance from the village's senior assistance program.

### **Economic Development -Trustee Brown**

Trustee Brown announced that creation of a tax increment funding district (TIF) for 300 W. Sibley Blvd. is moving forward. Trustee Brown reminded residents that disabled homeowners may be eligible for a property tax credit. The deadline to apply is approaching. More information may be found at [www.cookcountyassessor.com](http://www.cookcountyassessor.com). The Thornton Township Summer Lawn Care program is accepting applications from eligible senior homeowners for service, and for youth ages 17-25 for jobs.

**Finance—Trustee Hunt**

Trustee Robert Hunt announced that the village has filed all required annual audit, comptroller report and TIF reports with the state. Department heads will be meeting in the near future regarding the 2017-2018 budget.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

None.

**CORPORATE BILLS**

MOTION TO APPROVE corporate payments in the amount of \$1,551,672.22, Gross Payroll in the amount of \$393,628.92; Melanie Fitness Center payments in the amount of \$10,135.78, and Gross Payroll in the amount of \$2,620.88, for total corporate payments of \$1,958,057.80.

Motion by Trustee Stubbs. Second by Trustee Pierson.

In response to Trustee Pierson's question, Administrator Urban confirmed that the village had sufficient funds on hand to pay the corporate bills.

**ROLL CALL**

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Acceptance of TIF Designation / Qualification Report  
Proposed West Sibley TIF

Village Attorney John Murphey outlined the investigation and report issued by Kane, McKenna and Associates, Inc., finding that the area qualifies as a "blighted area" as required and defined by state statute.

MOTION TO ACCEPT TIF REPORT BY KANE, McKENNA AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. Extension of Contract with W&W Towing.

Trustee Pierson explained that he asked for this item to be placed on the agenda because W&W has been doing a good job. Mayor Rogers noted that the contract does not expire until May and that he does not understand the urgency to extend the contract, and for a period of four years instead of one year. The Village Attorney has not had time to review the proposed contract drafted by W&W's attorney. Trustee Stubbs asked for a delay as she had been out of state attending her brother's funeral and had not had the opportunity to review the contract.

### MOTION TO TABLE EXTENSION OF CONTRACT.

Motion by Trustee Stubbs. Motion failed for lack of a second.

### MOTION TO EXTEND CONTRACT WITH W&W TOWING AS PRESENTED BY W&W TOWING.

Trustee Muhammad asked that the W&W representatives present step forward. Mr. Early Walker of W&W introduced his attorney, who explained that the contract was unchanged from the current one-year contract expiring in May, except that it is effective for a four-year period, and provides that the village may not terminate the contract except for default in performance by W&W. In response to Mayor Rogers' question, Chief Robert Collins confirmed that there had been some traffic incidents caused by W&W drivers but overall W&W was doing a good job. Chief Collins recommended that the contract's "no out" clause be reviewed by the attorney before approval. Mayor Rogers again questioned the extension of the one year contract to four years. In response to his question, Mr. Walker said that he had not talked to any board members regarding the contract. There being no further discussion:

### ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 1 Trustee Stubbs.

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

Trustee Muhammad asked to be recognized to offer his congratulations to Mayor Rogers on his primary election win and pledged his cooperation.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers thanked Dolton voters for their support and pledged to be a mayor for all residents of the village. He said that in spite of an ugly campaign, he focused on presenting the village in a good light, Highlighting efforts to revitalize the village, demolish dilapidated and dangerous properties and develop new housing bringing in new homeowners to the village. He pledged to continue his economic development efforts which have brought 13 new businesses and 270 new employees to the village since he became mayor. Dolton's unemployment rate has decreased from 15.1 percent to 8 percent during his first term.

Mayor Rogers announced that Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx would be speaking at Faith United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is open to the public.

## CITIZENS ADDRESS

Minister Deborah White, resident, said that it was time to put away personal agendas and be of one accord on no more liquor, lounges, or gambling establishments, dilapidate properties, youth development, more productive businesses, cleaning up downtown, and moving Dolton forward.

Cheryl Hill, resident, spoke of the recent "horrible" election. She congratulated Mayor Rogers, whom she said has done some good. The village needs leaders who are available to the residents.

Sandra Morrisette, resident, said the village needs leadership, accountability, and transparency. She commended Trustee Muhammad for being the only candidate to present plans. Resident further reported sewer flooding on 146<sup>th</sup> Street between Dorchester and Kenwood.

Kathy Dixon, Communications Director, Dolton Park District, announced upcoming park district programs.

Resident thanked the mayor and trustees for a quiet meeting, thanked Trustee Muhammad for his Dominican Republic youth baseball event, expressed his thanks for the 50/20 summer youth employment program, and thanked Public Works for help with flooding.

Rose Van Witzenberg, resident, asked for help in fixing the constant sewer back-up into her home after heavy rain.

Dan Lee, resident, asked if any money had been collected for the new TIF district. Attorney Murphey explained that the acceptance of the TIF report is the first of many steps. Resident recommended the train/work opportunities for those 18-24 years old offered by the Chicago Urban League.

South Holland resident noted that his uncle, a Chicago Police Officer, had been killed in the line of duty and said that police officers should be honored for their service as police responders.

Demetrius Walker, announced new programs offered by Fathers and Blessings.

Resident said that cars are parking in no parking zones on Evers St. across from the park, and that Evers is in need of repairs.

Resident, 14200 block of Oak Street, reported that her neighbor allows her dogs to run loose. They have no tags and are very threatening to passersby.

Mrs. Crayton, resident, spoke of the Local 134 Electrical Union apprenticeship program starting within the week, and announced that School District 148 is looking for mentors at Lincoln School. Resident asked if there was anything residents could do to help Mrs. Van Witzenberg.

Willie Lowe, resident, commended Mayor Rogers and Trustee Muhammad for running clean election campaigns, and inquired whether the "Welcome Packet" was still being offered at the Village Hall, and whether Deep Tunnel was operational.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Pierson, second by Trustee Stubbs, 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 Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

  
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MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 3rd day of April, 2017.

  
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RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor