

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 15, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:32 p.m. at the New Village Hall.

The following trustees were present: Deborah M. Denton, Tiffany Henyard, Jason House, Duane Muhammad, Robert E. Pierson, Jr., and Valeria Stubbs.

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

Deputy Clerk Denise Fields was present in the absence of Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan,

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/PRAYER Prayer was led by Elder Edward Crayton

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Clerk Denise Fields announced a request for tag days by Dolton Elite Basketball on May 21 and May 28 at Sibley and Lincoln and Sibley and Chicago Road. Dolton Elite is also sponsoring a "Who's the Best in the South" fundraising event from June 16-18.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADDRESS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FACING THE VILLAGE.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Henyard.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

Trustee Muhammad announced that there was a press conference yesterday attended by five of the trustees regarding an incident at the club across the street from the new village hall in which five individuals were shot. Trustee Muhammad asked Mayor Rogers as village liquor commissioner to confirm the ownership and management of the club, and whether it is insured. Mayor Rogers said that the owner and license holder is Mucho Gusto and has been for about three years. Mayor Rogers said that he would have been better able to provide information if Trustee Muhammad had provided his questions ahead of time. Trustee Muhammad responded that he had attempted to find out this information at the mayor's press conference on Monday, but was told to leave. Mayor Rogers pointed out that he was not notified by the trustees of Sunday's press conference called for less than 12 hours after the investigation. He said that the Sunday press conference may have jeopardized the investigation by releasing information that had not been released by the police department. Trustee Muhammad refuted Mayor's comments and criticized the mayor for politicizing the village's media outlets.

Mayor Rogers said that the chief of police immediately shut the club down. He said that there is a legal protocol that must be followed before the liquor license may be revoked, and that he is acting upon the direction of the village attorney. Attorney Murphey confirmed that a hearing with prior notice is required before any permanent action may be taken.

In response to Trustee Muhammad's question, Village Attorney Murphey said that he did not believe the village would incur liability for altercations taking place among club patrons parking in the village lot.

Trustee Pierson said that the license granted to Much Gusto exceeded the maximum number of licenses permitted by ordinance. Mayor Rogers said that there was a license given to that establishment when he came into office. Trustee Pierson said that "Secrets" had been closed before the current club opened.

Mayor Rogers said that he meets annually with all liquor establishments to make it clear that if they are good neighbors they will have no problems from the village.

In response to Trustee Stubbs' question, Mayor Rogers said that a Larry Jackson is not the owner or manager of the current club. Trustee Stubbs said that while this may be one incident, the shooting of five individuals is severe. Mayor Rogers said he does not disagree, but to avoid litigation, further action must be taken the right way. Trustee Stubbs also asked why if the license exceeded the limit could not be revoked. Attorney Murphey added that because the matter is serious, the board does not want to jeopardize the investigation by anything that is said publicly.

At the request of Mayor Rogers, Chief Collins explained that he informs the mayor and trustees of the status of such investigations and notes when information has not yet been released to the public and which may jeopardize the investigation if released.

In response to Trustee Muhammad's repeated questions, Mayor Rogers confirmed that the club owner had paid its license renewal fee in March and that there is insurance. He repeated that he cannot provide particulars without the file in front of him, but confirmed that one of the principals is a Mr. Bob Tercich.

Trustee Pierson asked Attorney Murphey what the board needs to do to have a say in what establishments come into the Village of Dolton.

Mayor Rogers noted that the village has a high pedestrian population, and that public intoxication is a serious problem even when the establishments are not open. Trustee Pierson said he has seen 500 cars parked outside this club. He added that he has sat in his car outside the club and observed persons in the parking lot drinking and dropping their liquor bottles. Mayor Rogers said that he is out regularly at night and regularly contacts the chief of police and public works to clean up when needed. He refuted Trustee Pierson's assertion that the mayor is taking no action on this matter, and that he is obliged to avoid litigation by not following due process.

In response to Trustee Stubbs' question, Mayor Rogers said that he would keep the board informed of the process. Trustee Henyard said that she wants to see the board take action now. Mayor Rogers again said that the police took immediate action to close the club.

MOTION TO RECESS FOR 15 MINUTES.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Pierson.

Mayor Rogers asked that presentation to outgoing Police Lt. Glenn Ores be made beforehand.

PRESENTATION TO LT.GLENN ORES:

Chief Collins asked Lt. Ores to join him at the podium. Chief Collins said that Lt. Ores, who has served the Village of Dolton for 31 years, is a stand-up public servant, and presented a plaque to Lt. Ores in appreciation of his service. Lt. Ores spoke of his long-held commitment to serving the Dolton community and expressed his thanks to the residents for the opportunity to do so for so many years.

On the motion to recess:

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

The Board of Trustees recessed at 7:33 p.m. Mayor Rogers called the meeting back into session at 7:51 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A. Approval of the Minutes:
May 1, 2017
At the request of the village clerk, the minutes were pulled from the agenda.

B. Communications:
Request for Tag Days – Dolton Elite Basketball
No action was taken.

Trustee Henyard reminded residents that the village's free permit holiday is in effect.

Trustee Pierson announced "Clean Sweep" Dolton on May 27th. Mayor Rogers confirmed that flyers on the event will be made available during the meeting.

Trustee Denton announced that there is a food pantry at Abundant Living Church every Monday from 5-7 p.m. Pastor Fleshman told her that the flyers have been taken down. Mayor Rogers said that to his knowledge Public Works has not taken any down, but the state or county will remove any signs posted on their roadways.

Trustee Muhammad announced free lunches and breakfasts through the Adonis Group and cooperating pastors beginning June 12th at posted locations.

ENGINEER'S REPORT None

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Stan Urban announced that the first budget meeting for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2017 is scheduled for May 17th at 4 p.m. Also, he will be asking for the board of trustees to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Reconsideration of Appointment of Liability/Casualty Broker of Record

MOTION TO RECONSIDER APPOINTMENT.

Motion by Trustee Denton. Second by Trustee Henyard.

Trustee Denton said that she would like to reconsider InsureSource as Broker of Record. She noted that all the leg work had been done by InsureSource in the past year, and saw no reason to change after one year. She noted that InsureSource had promised the same reduction of \$38,000 in brokers fees as had The Horton Group, which had been selected. Trustee Stubbs reiterated Trustee Denton's points. Mayor Rogers noted that the board has set a precedent in changing contracts after a short period of time.

Mayor Rogers recognized Mr. Kelly Foxx of The Horton Group, who said that in his opinion the \$38,000 in brokers fees were and have been unnecessary. Mr. Foxx said that InsureSource does not have sufficient personnel. He introduced Mr. Carter Larry, who is a certified trainer of police courses mandated by the state. His services are provided at no charge through The Horton Group.

Mayor Rogers recognized Mr. Cliff Taylor of InsureSource. Mr. Taylor notified that in the past year his team has moved forward, there is a lessening need for these fees. Mr. Taylor summarized his services to the village in the prior year. He acknowledged that his company is small and that he has partnered with HUB International as needed. In response to Trustee Pierson's questions, Mr. Taylor said that the initial fees were applied to his team's initial gathering of information. To date his agency has done training with the department heads. In response to Mayor Rogers question, Mr. Taylor confirmed that the broker received the agency fees in addition to commissions. In response to Mayor Rogers' questions, Mr. Taylor estimated commissions for the coming year at \$100,000.

Trustee House said he had spoken with representatives of both companies and that both companies were qualified and capable. He will vote strictly on a blind bid system.

Mayor Rogers recognized Mr. Steve Morkis of HUB International who recommended Mr. Taylor's expertise. He noted that the fees charged had previously been higher, and that the lower fees were charged in the first year because they did not know what they were walking into.

Mayor Rogers asked why InsureSource could not reduce its fees when he asked last year. Mr. Taylor noted that it had reduced fees its first year over the previous broker, and now was prepared to eliminate them.

Mr. Foxx said that his bid last year did not include any brokers fees because he did not then as now believe they were necessary. He noted that the village pays a lot of money in insurance premiums, and the goal is to reduce the premiums. He gets paid by the insurance carrier commissions

Trustee Henyard expressed her opinion that The Horton Group was following InsureSource's lead in eliminating fees. Mr. Foxx said that he disagreed with that, as he was the first to identify the \$38,000 in fees charged to the village in his email.

On the Motion to Reconsider appointment of The Horton Group as Broker of Record.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 3 Trustees Denton, Henyard, Stubbs
NAYS: 1 Trustee Pierson
ABSTAIN: 2 House, Muhammad
ABSENT: 0
Motion passed.

MOTION TO APPOINT INSURESOURCE AS BROKER OF RECORD.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

There being no discussion:

ROLL CALL

AYES: 3 Trustees Denton, Henyard, Stubbs
NAYS: 1 Trustee Pierson
ABSTAIN: 2 House, Muhammad
ABSENT: 0
Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution No. 17 R-009
For Approval of Renewal of Class 8 Real Estate Tax Incentive for Land and Improvements of Dunkin Donuts

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION No. 17 R-009.

Trustee Muhammad said that he had asked Administrator Urban to contact the owner to inquire about the number of Dolton residents working there. He said that in return for a tax incentive the owner should hire African-Americans. He doesn't see Dolton's population represented among the employees. Mr. Urban said he heard from the owner's attorney late this afternoon. Of its 9 employees, one or more may live in Dolton. The owner was out of town and did not have the information in front of him. Dunkin Donuts hires by posting signs at the location and by word of mouth among employees. It currently pays \$45,000 to \$50,000 per year in sales taxes and pays \$30,952 in property taxes per year with the incentive. The attorney said the owner would be happy to work with the village to post job openings.

In response to Trustee Pierson's question, Mr. Urban said that the incentive would bring the taxes down to not quite the residential rate. Without the incentive, the taxes would be double.

Mr. Mike Rose of LFI, outlined the history of the Greenwood-Sibley corridor. When his company sold the property to Dunkin Donuts, it was with the understanding that there would be no attempt to reduce property taxes. Dunkin Donuts has received 12 years of tax reductions. Neither Wendy's nor Walgreen's has received tax incentives. He asked the board to vote no on this incentive and for the storage facility later on the agenda. Trustee Henyard said it was not right to allow Mr. Rose to speak against the item when the owner could not be present.

MOTION TO TABLE RESOLUTION No. 17 R-009.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

Mr. Urban said that he would double check the time-frame needed by the owner to receive the incentive for this year.

B. Resolution No. 17 R-010

In Support of the Renewal of the Class 8 Real Estate Incentive for the Property Commonly Referred to as 14948 S. Woodlawn Ave. (Global Self Storage)

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 17 R-010.

Trustee Muhammad asked for an explanation of the benefit to the village when the storage facility has few employees and pays no sales taxes. Attorney Zach Kafitz spoke on behalf of the owner. He said that when the current owner acquired the property, it had 79 percent occupancy. It has brought occupancy to about 95%. The tax incentive allows the facility to lower its rates. The benefit to Dolton is the availability of affordable storage to the community. Approximately 225 of 650 units are rented by Dolton residents. The facility attracts approximately 100 visitors daily.

In response to Trustee Muhammad's question, the attorney confirmed that without the tax incentive the owner may not be able to continue to operate the business successfully. The owner would have to increase its rates, which means it would no longer be competitive and attractive to tenants. Trustee Muhammad asked for information on the current rate per square foot and projected increase without the incentive.

MOTION TO TABLE RESOLUTION NO. 17 R-010.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Pierson.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

Mayor Rogers directed that Item K be moved up the agenda to be considered next.

K. Reconsideration: South Suburban Land Bank & Development Authority

MOTION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE SOUTH SUBURBAN LAND BANK & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Pierson.

Mayor Rogers asked Mr. Russ Rydin of the South Suburban Land Bank & Development Authority to address the board. Trustee Henyard objected, saying the board was ready to vote without discussion. Mayor Rogers said he is asking Mr. Rydin to speak as part of his discussion on the issue.

Mr. Rydin explained that South Suburban Land Bank is a governmental agency currently with 21 member communities throughout the south suburbs. It acquires and facilitates the development of distressed properties, including the former Standard Bank building and the Taco Bell project. Because it has the authority to remove back taxes on properties, it is able to attract buyers who would not otherwise be interested or able to purchase. For the Taco Bell acquisition alone, the village received approximately \$300,000 plus additional revenue to the village. It brought in Water Treatment Systems and millions of dollars in investment in that property. It also has houses in the village. It utilizes local realtors and a local minority-owned contractor to service the properties. There is no cost or liability to the village. He said that he cannot think of a reason why the village would want to withdraw.

Mayor Rogers said he thinks the opposition is about him, dating back to opposition by the board to the mayor serving on the land bank's board. He said that the land bank has been a great facilitator of development in the village. He said he would have no objection to appointing someone else if the board would consider staying with the land bank.

Trustee Muhammad said that neither he nor some of the other current trustees were on the board when the board first considered joining the land bank. His vote is not personal but based on his research and what he believes is in the best interests of the village.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Henyard, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

NAYS: 1 Trustee House

ABSTAIN: 1 Trustee Denton

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- C. Resolution No. 17 R-011
Determining the Appropriateness for Approval of Class 6B Status for Certain Real Estate
Owned by KPM Company, Inc. at 1330 E. 142nd Street

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 17 R-011.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

In response to Trustee Muhammad's questions, attorney Conor Desmond spoke on behalf of the potential owner, KPM Company. He reviewed the county's requirements for a living wage. RAO Design International, Inc. will be operating the site. It plans to bring its five current employees and is seeking to hire two to three more, and has already reached out to Administrator Urban to hire Dolton residents. In response to Trustee Pierson's question, he explained that the company builds plastic models on spec for inventors. In response to Trustee Henyard's request, Attorney Murphey explained that a Class 6B status is similar to a Class 8 except that it is expressly for manufacturing facilities that have been vacant or abandoned. The initial approval would be for a twelve year duration. The expectation is that if the Class 6B is approved, the parties would close on May 26th. The county rarely rejects an application once approved by the municipality.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- D. Resolution No. 17 R-012
Supporting a Class 6B Real Estate Tax Assessment Application by Top Freight Express, Inc.
Industrial Facility Located at 14151 Irving

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 17 R-012.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

Norma Arias translated for potential owner Henry Morales. His company is a small transportation business that hauls steel crates and other industrial materials. He is relocating from Franklin Park and will lose at least 15 of his 30 drivers in the move. He will need 15 new drivers and six additional employees that he will seek to hire from the community. The trucks would only be stationed at the facility on the weekend.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- E. Resolution No. 17 R-013
Trustee Access to Media Center / The Sentinel
Trustee Muhammad

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 17 R-013.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Pierson.

At Trustee Muhammad's request, Attorney Murphey explained that the policy to be approved under the resolution provides for access by elected officials.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- F. Resolution No. 17 R-014
Contracts over \$1,500

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 17 R-014.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Pierson.

Attorney Murphey explained that this item should not be a resolution but a code amendment by ordinance. The provision is limited to contracts with third party vendors ("service providers"). Any such contract over \$1,500 must come before the board for approval.

MOTION TO APPROVE AS ORDINANCE NO. 17-014.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- G. Request for Proposals: Fire Hydrants Testing and Painting

MOTION FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP).

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Henyard.

Trustee Pierson said that he is looking to learn everything about the condition of village fire hydrants. He is seeking testing, pricing, and painting and repair. Mayor Rogers said that he had requested testing by the fire department of all fire hydrants after his election. The fire department is currently retesting. Hydrants may malfunction over the winter due to deep freeze. Fire hydrants that have not been used for a number of years may be either dead or will break water mains when they are opened up.

Trustee Pierson requested action be tabled until the Village Engineer is present. The village board needs to be informed of the overall situation. Administrator Urban noted that painting cannot be done in-house in conformance with IEPA regulations. Mr. Urban said he will prepare and put out an RFP on painting only.

H. Request for Proposals: Administrative Hearing Officer

MOTION FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP).

Administrator Urban said that he could prepare a RFP as was done with the RFP for a prosecuting attorney and posted on the bar association's website. There were no responses at that time. Trustee Pierson acknowledged that trustees have been discussing sending out the RFPs to a couple of attorneys. Mayor Rogers took issue with a comment Trustee Pierson had made that the conviction rate is too low and the village is losing revenue. Mayor Rogers said that the main reason to issue a ticket is for compliance, not revenue. Trustee Pierson said that he has observed the hearing officer dismissing tickets even when the individual doesn't speak. If the police department is doing something wrong they should be told. Mayor Rogers said that the hearing officer should have discretion when the individual shows a willingness to comply.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 1 Trustee House

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

I. Request for Proposals: Grant Writer

MOTION FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP).

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Pierson.

In response to Mayor Rogers' question, Trustee Henyard said that she planned to discuss compensation as part of the budget process, and wanted to see what ranges the proposals may set.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

J. Lawn Care Services

Trustee Pierson said he wanted to discuss this item because last year the village spent \$170,000 in lawn care services. Mayor Rogers noted that there were also some irregularities in the billing last year which he had asked the housing department to investigate. Director of Housing Denise Fields confirmed that the village is presently cutting grass at 621 properties. The properties are divided among contractors by quadrants followed by the police department.

In response to Trustee Henyard's question, Mayor Rogers confirmed that he had hired a fourth contractor because of the number of complaints the village had received last year and the amount of rain early this year. Trustee Henyard objected to Mayor Rogers hiring without board input and consent.

Trustee Pierson said he agreed that hiring an additional contractor should come before the board, but said that his concern last year was that there was no oversight over the contractors. If Public Works cannot handle cutting all of the grass, it should be jobbed out as needed with limitations on the contractors. The village is going to run out of money if the costs overrun continue.

L. Village Vehicles and Gasoline

Trustee Stubbs said she wanted an accounting of all vehicles that are taken home by employees and the gasoline expenses for these vehicles. She said that employees earning \$100,000 or \$89,000 year should not have use of vehicles to and from work at no costs to themselves.

Trustee Muhammad asked for an internal audit of the vehicles being taken home and how gasoline is expensed for both village and personal vehicles.

Mayor Rogers said that he would like to convert to an automatic system for gas dispersal at the village pump that would track vehicle usage. Trustee Stubbs agreed that a tracking system is a good idea, but challenged why any employee needs a vehicle for "emergency" response as the mayor had mentioned. Trustees Pierson and Stubbs agreed that only the mayor, police chief, and fire chief should have take-home vehicles.

M. Reorganization of Board of Trustees Committees

Trustee Muhammad said that the trustees have reorganized into six committees:

Human Services Committee, Trustee Muhammad, Chair; Trustees Stubbs, House, members, addressing matters relating to the youth, veterans, workforce development and emergency assistance. media/communications.

Planning Committee, Trustee Henyard, Chair; Trustees Stubbs, addressing matters relating to strategic, comprehensive, and capital improvement planning, housing, zoning, permits, building preservation/renovation and new construction. seniors.

Departmental Operations Committee, Trustees Stubbs and Muhammad, Chair; Trustee Pierson, member, with one more member opening. addressing matters relating to the water department, inspectional services, personnel, and public works.

Police & Fire Committee, Trustee Pierson, Chair; Trustee Muhammad, Denton, members, addressing matters relating to police and fire, and liaison with the police and fire pension boards. One member of this committee will also sit on the ESTB/911 Board.

Finance Committee, Trustee Muhammad, Chair; Trustees House, Henyard, members, addressing matters related to the Village's finances such as the budget, financing matters (i.e. bonds, tax anticipated warrants, etc.), contracts, insurance, tax incremental financing and motor fuel tax.

Special Events Committee, Trustees Henyard and Stubbs, Chairs, Trustee Denton, member, with one more member opening, to act in an advisory capacity to the Board on matters of special events within the community.

N. 50/20 Summer Youth Employment Program Update

(Mayor Rogers excused himself for a few minutes.)

Trustee Stubbs said she wanted to know if the program was fully funded. She noted that she, Trustee Pierson, and Village Clerk Duggan had donated \$500 each to the program.

Trustee Muhammad noted that Chief of Staff Elizabeth Scott had said she was soliciting businesses for contributions. He said that the village has been advertising on facebook, and with the upcoming youth summit, the trustees needed to know how many businesses had signed up.

(Mayor Rogers returned.)

Mayor Rogers said that the village had not reached its funding goal. Some commitments were rescinded. Last year the program cost the village \$86,000. His office is trying to outsource students to outside businesses. This year the village has a little more than \$30,000 in commitments, and is probably short slightly less than \$50,000. Some of last year's youth have requested to come back to work at the village.

In response to Trustee Muhammad's request to identify those businesses which have made commitments, Mayor Rogers said that Ardagh Corporation has committed to hiring 15 youth.

Chief of Staff Scott said that Simply Beautiful II, the village's IT consulting company, and JR's Jamaican Jerk are firm commitments. Ms. Scott confirmed that Trustee Stubbs, Trustee Pierson, Attorney Murphey, and Village Clerk Duggan had each donated \$500. She asked the trustees to consider donating, and that the trustees and even residents to reach out to businesses for contributions.

Mayor Rogers noted that with workers compensation costs, the commitment by these companies exceeds the \$1,600 in salary.

Trustee Henyard corrected Ms. Scott for referring to her by her first name. She has asked that she be addressed as Trustee Henyard at board meetings.

In response to Trustee Muhammad's question, Mayor Rogers said the deadline for the program going forward would be the second week in June. He hopes that there will be room in the budget to employ up to ten youth at the village. Many of the businesses have said that they are "donated out."

O. Mothers' Day Breakfast Update

At Trustee Stubbs' request, this item was pulled from the agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers said that for the sake of time, noting that it was now 20 minutes to 11 p.m., he would not be giving a report.

Trustee Stubbs left the meeting and returned during Citizens Address.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Bobby Charles, resident, spoke of the history of Mucho Gusto and its predecessors, the number of taverns in Dolton and drugs being sold at local gas stations. As a former employee, he said that he knows that the discussion of the number of village vehicles going home and gas usage is nothing new.

With Mayor Rogers leave, Chief Collins explained that he has implemented GPS tracking on all police vehicles which also accounts for mileage and gasoline usage.

Resident said that the meeting agenda has too many items. She questioned the trustees' vote to withdraw from the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority. Resident said that she has received four tickets which she believed were a mistake and went to court. She said that many people nonetheless were found liable. It is not a matter of the hearing officer not doing a good job. She added that it's disheartening to clean litter from her street when two hours later it is back. On her block it is her neighbors and people coming into town who are leaving the trash.

Resident said that she believed the club next door should remain closed. She added that she has been calling since 2014 to have the trees in her parkway trimmed. She expressed concern that the fire hydrant by her house may not be able to put the fire. She questioned granting tax incentives to large businesses when minority-owned businesses do not get them.

Resident agreed with the comment that there are too many items on the agenda. She said that she agreed that if the village cannot afford three contractors it cannot afford four. She added that the contractors need to be managed. Trustees should get their agenda items at least a week before a board meeting so that they can make informed decisions. She added that the village should not have paid for a trustee-elect's trip to Springfield because she was not yet a trustee. She believes that the club next door is supposed to be managed by a Dolton resident, but the Secretary of State's website shows that they are not. She objected to the three-minute limitation on the residents' right to speak.

Resident said that after the shooting at the club next door and other problems there in the past, the club should not be allowed to re-open and it should be replaced by a different type of business.

Resident, 20 years, said that he wants to see only one mayor for the Village of Dolton. He objected to the committees forming their own committees. Typically, the president of any club appoints the committees.

Resident congratulated the officials who were re-elected and elected. He questioned provisions of the ordinance on the media center and The Sentinel. He recommended an independent editorial board for The Sentinel. He questioned whether any of the committees included oversight duties. Any legislative duties are to be performed at committee meetings so there should be a lot of committee meetings.

Resident said that he doesn't pay taxes to see board members fighting. He suggested an after-school program for teenagers to help maintain the village. He suggested a tree-cutting application be placed on the village's website. Resident asked the mayor whether he would renew the license for the club next door if it cannot remain closed.

Resident said it is disheartening to see adults not acting as adults. He asked about the status of the youth building. He asked how the finance committee deals with revenue. He recommended a separate committee on generating revenue. He also questioned whether the ordinances have been codified. He asked about the status of the industrial property at 142nd and Cottage Grove.

Jordan Murray, resident, said that there should be a focus in the community on the youth.

Former Trustee Cathern Bendell, noted that there had been a shooting at the club next door last year. She said that other communities like South Holland do not rely on clubs for revenue. The costs to the village related to these incidents are tremendous. She questioned why the club was charging to park in the village parking lot. She asked why the village ordinance requiring liquor managers to live in Dolton was not enforced. She said that she was saddened by losing the land bank.

Former village employee said that she is glad to see the trustees come together against Mayor Rogers. She criticized Mayor Rogers and urged residents to learn the truth.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter Executive Session. No reason was provided.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Henyard.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

The Board of Trustees entered Executive Session at 11:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Pierson, second by Trustee Muhammad, 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

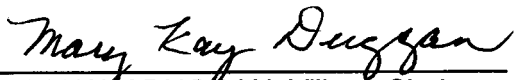
NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 a.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 21st day of August, 2017.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor