

Village of Dolton
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, July 17, 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 6:51 p.m.

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

Also Present: Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan, Village Attorney John B. Murphey, Village Engineer Ron Smith and department heads.

Village Administrator Stan Urban was absent.

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER

Prayer was led by Elder Edward Crayton.

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PERSONNEL MATTERS AND PENDING LITIGATION.

There being no discussion:

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

The Board of Trustees returned from Executive Session a 7:40 p.m.

PROCLAMATION National Night Out

The proclamation declaring August 1, 2017, 'National Night Out in the Village of Dolton' was read aloud by Mayor Rogers.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Cliff Taylor of InsureSource, insurance broker of record for the village, explained his team's efforts to reduce premium costs in the past year. Mayor Rogers questioned how there could be an decrease in costs to the village with an increase in the excess liability premium. Mr. Taylor responded that with a decrease in overall exposure there is a decrease in costs. In response to Trustee Pierson's question, Mr. Taylor confirmed that InsureSource had also waived its service fee. Trustee Pierson recommended a special meeting to renew InsureSource as broker of record.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The village clerk asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 1, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2017.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

B. COMMUNICATIONS

The village clerk reported a request for tag days of Empire Dance Institute of Chicago.

There was no motion to approve the request; therefore denied.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ron Smith reported that PACE is still in negotiations with the property owners of the northeast corner of Sibley Blvd. and Chicago Rd. to install a bus shelter.

The village was awarded in 2016 a Cook County Community Development Block (CDBG) Grant of \$220,000. The following streets are scheduled to be resurfaced:

Evers: 146th to 147th

Princeton: 146th to 149th

149th: Oak to Irving

147th: Dorchester to Dante

146th: Dorchester to Blackstone

147th to 148th Alley between Edbrooke and Indiana

The village has applied for \$400,000 in 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Human Services - Trustee Muhammad

Trustee Muhammad deferred to Trustee Stubbs under Old Business Item D.

Planning - Trustee Henyard

Housing Director Denise Fields reports 315 transactions for June, and total revenue collected of \$55,369.50.

Trustee Henyard announced that eligible seniors may continue to apply to the village for up to \$200 in utility assistance. Trustee Henyard's Cancer Walk will take place in October.

Departmental Operations - Trustee Stubbs

Supt. Matt Stacey reports that Public Works performed 87 separate services in the month of July to date.

Trustee Stubbs announced that the July 15th electronic recycling event was a success. Items collected are used to help veterans. She will announce future events. Anything with a cord is accepted.

Police and Fire -Trustee Pierson

The committee met on July 11th. Among the items discussed were this year's fireworks, which Trustee Pierson described as "out of control." The firefighters entry level test was this past Saturday. Those who passed move on to the oral exams.

Finance - Trustee Muhammad

The committee met on July 10th. The projected budget deficit has been reduced from \$5.1 million to \$2.8 million. The budget will be reviewed quarterly.

Special Events - Trustee Henyard

Trustee Henyard congratulated former Trustee Stan Brown on his appointment as a Dolton Park District commissioner. Trustees Henyard and Stubbs are planning a back to school event.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - None

CORPORATE BILLS

MOTION TO APPROVE CORPORATE BILLS in the amount of \$1,535,699.37, gross payroll of \$397,003.87, Melanie Fitness Center bills in the amount of \$10,324.10 with gross payroll of \$2,583.75, for total corporate payments of \$1,945,611.09.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Retirement/Consultant Agreement with Stan Urban
- B. Approval of Retirement Agreement with Atlena Williamson
- C. Approval of Retirement Agreement with Harry Blaundin
- D. Approval of Retirement Agreement with David Spigolon.
- E. Approval of Retirement Agreement with Glenn Ores.

At Trustee Henyard's request, Item A was removed from the Consent Agenda.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS B-E.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

Village Attorney Murphey explained that the proposed agreement with Mr. Urban is the result of the board's earlier closed session discussion. By its terms the agreement is on a month to month basis, and approval would extend to the remainder of July.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM A: RETIREMENT/CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH STAN URBAN THROUGH JULY, 2017.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Pierson.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Denton, House, Muhammad, Pierson, and Stubbs

NAYS: 1 Trustee Henyard

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Reconsideration of Ordinance No. 17-015
Amending Section 4-4-2(K) of the Dolton Village Code, "Nuisances Defined," Relating to Hours when Basketball may be Played" in Certain Zoning Districts.

This ordinance was passed by the Board of Trustees on June 5, 2017, and vetoed by Mayor Rogers at the next regular board meeting on June 19, 2017

Trustee Henyard corrected the village clerk's listing of her name on the agenda under this item. She said she did not bring it forward with Trustee Pierson.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 17-015.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 1 Trustee House

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

MOTION TO OVERRIDE MAYORAL VETO OF ORDINANCE NO. 17-015.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

Trustee Pierson said that he had brought a problem with his neighbor to the mayor in confidence. Dolton was a quiet community when he moved in. He said that the mayor did not deal with the problem and left it to him. He said that the mayor chose to go public and is reported to have said he is going after Trustee Pierson. Mayor Rogers responded that Trustee Pierson brought this ordinance forward for his own benefit. He asked what young people are going to do after 6 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 1 Trustee House

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed. Mayoral veto overridden.

B. Reconsideration of Development Agreement with BP Capital to Rehabilitate and Restore Vacant Property to the Tax Rolls

The agreement was passed by the Board of Trustees on June 5, 2017, and vetoed by Mayor Rogers at the June 19, 2017 regular board meeting.

Mayor Rogers said that he researched Attorney Bass' representation that he had worked with certain communities. Mayor Rogers said that the mayors, including Mayor Jackson of Riverdale, did not know him. Trustee Stubbs said that the South Suburban Land Bank turned over only 14 properties in addition to the water treatment plant. She noted that Attorney Bass said that he never said he had worked with the current mayors. Mayor Rogers responded that he would think that the mayors would know who was working with their communities.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH BP CAPITAL.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 1 Trustee House

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

MOTION TO OVERRIDE MAYORAL VETO OF APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH BP Capital.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

At Trustee Henyard's invitation, Attorney Anthony Bass and Donald Meadows of BP Capital stepped forward to address and refute the mayor's comments.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 1 Trustee House

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed. Mayoral veto overridden.

C. Purchase of Fuel Monitoring Equipment

MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF FUEL MANAGEMENT SYTEM FROM PETRO VEND 100 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,985.00.

There being no discussion:

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

D. Update of Status of 50/20 Summer Youth Employment Program

Trustee Stubbs announced that Health Care Consortium had hired summer youth workers at its own expense for four weeks beginning today. She expressed hope that next year staff would ensure that funds are available to avoid a late start to the program. Trustee House, who is the chief financial officer for Health Care Consortium, said that credit for the cooperative relationship is due to the mayor and the previous board, as well as to Ms. Scott. Health Care Consortium participates in three such programs.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance No. 17-018
Adopting an Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year

A public hearing on the ordinance was duly noticed and held prior to the regular board meeting pursuant to Section 8-2-9 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 17-018.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

In response to Mayor Rogers' question, Trustee Muhammad confirmed that salaries for certain staff positions had been reduced. In response to Mayor Rogers' follow-up question, Trustee Muhammad said that the reductions were arrived at in an effort to reduce the budget deficit. At Mayor Rogers' request, Finance Director Yvonne Redmond read aloud the staff positions and employees affected:

Human Resources-Blacher- \$75,000 to \$65,000
Communications-Triche-\$48,000 to \$38,000
Chief of Staff-Scott-\$55,000 to \$45,000
Fire Inspector-Dyer-position eliminated
Physical Facilities-Gilmore-\$70,000 to \$60,000
Public Works Asst. Supt.-Conway-\$50,000 to \$36,000
Public Works Supt.-Stacey-\$85,000 to \$52,300

Mayor Rogers said that these reductions were a personal attack on the mayor's office.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 1 Trustee House

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

B. Resolution No. 17 R-016

Appointment of Janice Johnson as Authorized Agent to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF)

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

C. Proposal for Parking Enforcement

Police Chief Robert M. Collins, Jr. proposed using crossing guards to issue parking tickets.

MOTION TO APPROVE EMPLOYING CROSSING GUARDS TO ISSUE PARKING TICKETS.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, and Pierson

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Stubbs

Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers said that he gave his report under the Appropriation and Budget Ordinance.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Don Shaw, resident, questioned how the ordinance limiting basketball playing was to be enforced and said that the board was overreaching. He noted that the trustees had passed an unbalanced budget and said that reductions should be made in a systematic way.

Pat Byrd, resident, also questioned enforcement of the ordinance limiting basketball playing.

Patrick Pembroke asked about the status of his maintenance contract approved by the board at the last meeting.

Tracy Brown, resident, asked about the obstruction on Woodlawn between Sibley Blvd. and Lincoln Ave. and fire hydrant checks. She also asked if any board members were willing to take cuts in their salaries.

Kevin Boens, resident, said that Trustee Pierson had misused his power in bringing forward the ordinance limiting basketball playing.

Rebecca (last name not given), whose in-laws are long-time residents, said that BP Capital should hire local youth and that the village should not have been paying Fathers and Blessings (FAB) for work done by residents.

Almetta Moody, 150th and Grant, reported low tree branches and falling bark in the parkway.

Beth McBride, resident, asked trustees to act in a more professional manner and to not reduce the salaries of hardworking employees.

Resident asked about plans to generate revenue and to compensate for decrease in services, and further asked what percentage of personnel salaries were cut from the budget.

Georgia Williams, resident, asked who was responsible for replacement of public sidewalks.

Diane Lofton, resident, suggested the creation of a citizen oversight board, and said that to cut salaries and expect the affected employees to do a good job is ridiculous.

Britney Norwood, resident and business owner, announced that she is sponsoring "steppin'" every Friday at Dolton Park. She urged the trustees to work together to move Dolton forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Entered into earlier as set forth above.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee House, second by Trustee Denton, 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 and Stubbs

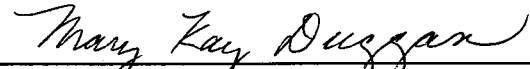
NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

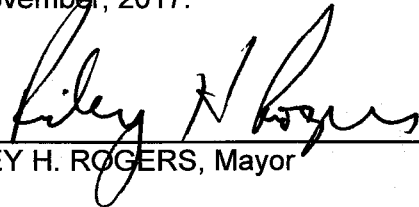
Motion passed

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 20th day of November, 2017.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor