

Village of Dolton  
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees,  
Wednesday, November 15, 2017  
5 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Pursuant to notice duly posted of the call for a Special Meeting by Trustees Duane Muhammad, Valeria Stubbs, Robert E. Pierson, Jr., Deborah Denton, and Tiffany Henyard, Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the New Village Hall at 5:10 p.m.

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

A quorum was present.

**ALLEGIANCE/  
PRAYER**

**PRESENTATION** AcculightUSA, Mr. Bill Ponzio, CEO, Mr. Varun Kumar Singaram:

The proposed installation of 575 LED light fixtures is projected to save over \$63,000 in the first year. Projected total cost of the project is \$248,563. AcculightUSA will apply on the village's behalf for rebates from ComEd. Current rebates of over \$248,000 expire at the end of the year. With anticipated rebates applied, the net cost to the village is \$38,978.00

**OLD BUSINESS** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Approval or proposal by Acculight USA for installation of energy efficient lighting throughout the Village of Dolton.

**MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSAL BY ACCULIGHTUSA.**

Motion by Trustee Stubbs. Second by Trustee Pierson.

Mayor Rogers said that there should have been a Request for Proposals (RFP) issued. He asked how the trustees had selected this particular company. There was no response. Mayor Rogers said without an RFP, the board cannot know if this offer would be the best. He asked where was information on the proposed rebates and also how can the village be sure it would receive them. Mayor Rogers noted that the village is not in the dark, and that due to the village's current financial crisis, with employees currently on furlough days, he does not see the urgency to expend village funds on this project. Mr. Ponzio responded that the urgency is the annual savings of \$63,000. Trustee Stubbs noted that another company had made a presentation to the board at Mayor Rogers' invitation. She said that in January the available rebates go down to \$70,000.

Trustee Stubbs added that she had spoken with Bonita Parker of ComEd and asked Robinson Engineering to forward estimates of the work. She told Mayor Rogers that the trustees had not heard from "your guy" and wished that Trustees Muhammad and House were present because they have the numbers. Mayor Rogers replied that Trustee House had recommended an RFP. Trustee Pierson warned that delay would cost the village the higher rebate.

Trustee Pierson responded that the trustees in favor hoped to save a few days, as the deadline to apply for the rebates is December 31<sup>st</sup>. He said that the trustees thought it was a good idea to save \$65,000+ per year, and that the trustees had been talking about it for several weeks.

In response to Mayor Rogers' question, Acculight representatives said that the company has contracts with Rolling Meadows and Waukegan. Mayor Rogers also asked why the company had changed its name, as shown by Secretary of State records.

Trustee Denton asked for confirmation that Acculight would cover the costs of the rebates if they are not granted. Mr. Singaram said yes. Mayor Rogers asked where was the contract. Mr. Singraham responded that Acculight would apply for the rebates grant and then provide the contract. Mayor Rogers asked what is the board being asked to approve right now. Mr. Ponzio responded that the village is being asked to approve the proposal as presented.

Trustee Stubbs added that Acculight did not have the cooperation of Public Works Supt. Matt Stacey in showing all village lights, unlike the Dolton Park District. Mayor Rogers noted that the park district has a fraction of lights compared to the entire village. Supt. Stacey said that he had responded to Acculight's request.

Mayor Rogers cautioned that the capital improvements/special projects fund may be needed this winter for equipment.

#### ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE:

#### ROLL CALL

AYE: 4 Trustees Denton, Henyard, Pierson, Stubbs

NAY: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Trustees House, Muhammad.

Motion passed.

#### CITIZENS ADDRESS

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 Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Mayor Rogers asked for a roll call to adjourn.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Denton, Henyard, Pierson, Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

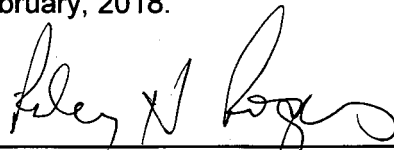
ABSENT: 2 Trustees House, Muhammad

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

  
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MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 2nd day of February, 2018.

  
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RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor