

Regular Meeting Board of Trustees
Monday, November 20, 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 6:41 p.m.

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

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, and department heads. Village Engineer Ron Smith was absent.

A quorum was present.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Pierson thanked the fire department and Daley's Ambulance for the series of free CPR classes they have been offering to village employees.

Trustee Henyard announced that the trustees were sponsoring a "Winter Wonderland" party for village children ages kindergarten through third grade on December 1st at the Dorchester. Families may RSVP at 708-888-0344.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The village clerk asked for approval of the following meeting minutes either together or separately:

June 5, 2017	Regular Board Meeting
June 19, 2017	Regular Board Meeting
July 17, 2017	Regular Board Meeting
July 21, 2017	Special Board Meeting

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS REQUESTED.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

B. Communications – None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Human Services – Trustee Muhammad

Trustee Muhammad announced that the police and fire departments were compliant with installing GPS trackers in their vehicles. Public Works has not yet complied.

There were no further reports.

In response to trustees' questions, the village clerk explained that if the board of trustees elects not to meet as a committee of the whole, the regular meeting agenda is followed.

CORPORATE BILLS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance No. 17-042
Amending Title 3, Chapter 10, of the Dolton Village Code, "Cigarette and Tobacco Dealers," to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products Through Drive-Through Windows.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 17-042. Motion by Trustee House. There being no second, the motion failed.

- B. Update of Status of Club One

In response to Trustee Pierson's question, Mayor Rogers said that he expected there would be a hearing before the end of the year.

- C. Purchase of Fire Engine – Trustee Pierson, Chief Dyer

Trustee Pierson summarized the synopsis report by Chief Brandon Dyer regarding the proposed purchase. In response to Trustee House's question, Chief Dyer said that there would be no trade-in as the department needs all trucks. With this purchase each fire station would have a fire engine and a back-up.

MOTION TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE A 2017 E-One Demo Pumper Truck from the Fire Service Inc. for \$636,356.00 with annual payments of \$85,659.95 through REV Financial Services.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee House.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson, and Stubbs
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance No. 17-045
Authorizing and Providing for the Issue of its \$1,300,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017, of the Village of Dolton, Cook County, Illinois, for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal and Interest on Said Bonds, and Approving a Tax Escrow Agreement

Village Attorney John Murphey explained that the village is delinquent in its payments to Homewood Disposal and that the proceeds of the bond will pay all of the delinquency and for future services through April, 2018.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 17-045.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Pierson.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Denton, House, Muhammad, Pierson, and Stubbs
NAYS: 1 Henyard
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
Motion passed.

- B. Ordinance No. 17-046
Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$1,800,000 General Obligation Tax Anticipation Warrants, Series 2017A, in Anticipation of the Collection of Taxes Levied for Tax Year 2017, by the Village of Dolton, Cook County, Illinois, for Debt Service Purposes

Attorney Murphey explained that the ordinance authorizes the issuance of Tax Anticipation Warrants to be sold to the bond insurance companies in return for the companies making the village's bond payments due in December so that the village will not be in default.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 17-046.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Pierson.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson, and Stubbs
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
Motion passed.

- C. Ordinance No. 17-047
Amending Section 1-6-6 of the Dolton Village Code With Respect to Meetings of the Board of Trustees

Trustee Muhammad explained that by this ordinance the board of trustees will be returning to its committee of the whole format for its meeting on the third Monday of the month. He further explained that this change will allow citizens address at the committee of the whole meeting before trustees vote on matters at the regular meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 17-048.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- D. Employee Furlough Days

Trustee Muhammad explained that as part of this year's budgeting, the board approved furlough days for its non-union employees. Finance Manager Yvonne Redmond has advised that a limited number of employees have taken days to date, saving the village approximately \$5,000, far less than what was anticipated. Trustee Muhammad recommended canceling furlough days going forward. Trustee House recommended that furlough days already taken be credited to those employees as vacation days.

MOTION TO CANCEL NON-UNION EMPLOYEE FURLOUGH DAYS GOING FORWARD.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Pierson.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- E. Housing Fair

Trustee Muhammad announced that the trustees are sponsoring a housing fair on Saturday, December 2nd, from 4 to 6 p.m. at New Zion Christian Fellowship Church at 142nd and Chicago Road. As part of an "Invest in Dolton" program, the village will be selling nine houses "as is" to Dolton residents. The fair is one of several that will be held to educate prospective buyers on the process.

Trustee Muhammad said that the trustees will be voting on an ordinance to establish the program.

MOTION FOR A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING to be held at 3 p.m., November 30, 2017, to approve the "Invest in Dolton" program.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

F. Update of GPS Vehicles

(This item was addressed by Trustee Muhammad as part of his Human Services Committee report.)

G. Maintenance of Village Infrastructure and Vehicles

Trustee Pierson proposed establishing a program with formal procedures for maintenance of the village and village vehicles. Mayor Rogers asked if Trustee Pierson would like to establish the template for the program such as the one in place for the police department. Trustee Pierson said that he would rather hire employees to do the work than continue to bring in outside contractors. Mayor Rogers responded that the board had rejected previous qualified applicants for Public Works positions. Trustee Muhammad said that he was willing to work on a template for the program with Scott Gilmore, maintenance supervisor. Mayor Rogers noted that no south suburban community does 100 percent of its water main breaks in house. In response to Trustee Henyard's question, discussion followed on the current procedures for servicing police department vehicles.

H. Winter Wonderland Event

Trustee Stubbs thanked Media Director Edward Steave for posting notice of the trustees' event (as announced earlier by Trustee Henyard) on the village's website and cable stations. She asked Mayor Rogers for use of his email list of residents for an email blast on the event. Mayor Rogers responded that the list is compiled from events he sponsors as mayor, but said that he would grant its use for this event. Trustee Muhammad said that he also wanted media access to run interviews on the cable station, adding that it was not proper to use village resources to publicize the mayor's recent Thanksgiving turkey give-away. Trustee Pierson said that there should be a Village of Dolton email list.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers wished Dolton residents a Happy Thanksgiving. He announced that the annual village Christmas tree lighting ceremony is Saturday, November 25th, at 5:30 p.m.

The village's winter coat give-away continues. Residents are asked to donate gently used winter coats by dropping them off at either the village hall or the fire department.

Mayor Rogers thanked the many volunteers who helped give away more than one thousand turkeys to Dolton residents on November 18th.

Mayor Rogers read aloud his veto of the board's approval of an agreement with Acculight USA, a copy of which had been distributed to the trustees at this evening's meeting:

"I hereby veto the action taken at the November 15, 2017 Village Board meeting, where the Board approved an agreement with Acculight USA.

This agreement obligates the Village to spend over \$38,000. Given the Village's current financial challenges, the Village cannot afford such an expenditure at this time.

I respectfully request that the Board uphold my veto at the next regular meeting."

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Stephanie Fletcher, resident, stated that she had attended the November 15th special board meeting regarding Acculight. She said that there were contradictions in Acculight's presentation which the board should have noted as well. She expressed concern that the trustees are rapidly approving the proposal without further research, contacting ComEd directly, or review by the village attorney. She asked what incentives the trustees are receiving.

Trustee Stubbs responded that she had spoken with ComEd about the rebates it was offering for such a program. The current rebate of \$270,000 will shortly be reduced to \$70,000.

Resident asked what other companies the trustees looked at.

Mayor Rogers added that the board of trustees did not issue a Request for Proposals and approved payment of \$38,000 without having a contract before them. Also, the village's maintenance supervisor has advised him that a significant number of village lighting fixtures are not compatible with the proposed installation.

Don Shaw, resident, criticized the adoption of a Committee of the Whole Process. In response to resident's question, the village attorney confirmed that this year's tax levy was not high enough to trigger a truth in taxation hearing.

Trustee House explained that the process adopted by the board is a hybrid and the board of trustees retains its separate committees. The objective is to allow residents the opportunity to address the board before the board votes on items.

Mrs. Crayton, resident, was assured by Mayor Rogers and Chief Collins that for now the Dolton Police Department would continue to have a Student Resource Officer at Thornridge High School.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED SESSION)

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purpose of setting a sale price for property and pending litigation.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Pierson.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

The Board of Trustees entered into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. and returned at 9:01 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL

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

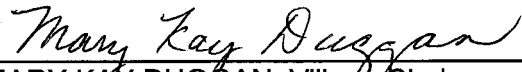
NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

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



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor