

Village of Dolton
Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, August 3, 2017
3 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Pursuant to notice duly posted of the call for a Special Meeting by Trustees Duane Muhammad, Robert E. Pierson, Jr., and Valeria Stubbs, Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the New Village Hall at 3:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL The following Trustees were present: Deborah Denton, Tiffany Henyard, Duane Muhammad, and Valeria Stubbs. Trustee Jason House was absent.

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER

Prayer was led by Elder Edward Crayton.

OLD BUSINESS

(At Trustee Muhammad's request, Mayor Rogers deferred Item A until after Items B and C.)

- B. Ordinance No. 17-022
Amending Section 4-4-2(K) Relating to Hours when Basketball may be Played in Certain Zoning Districts

Trustee Pierson said that he has heard residents' objections to the ordinance he had proposed and that had been passed by the board limiting prohibiting residential playing after 6 p.m. This ordinance restores the provision prohibiting playing after 8 p.m. There being no discussion:

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee House

Motion passed.

- C. Extension of Retirement/Consultant Agreement with Stan Urban through August, 2017.

Trustee House entered the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Stubbs. Second by Trustee Pierson.

There being no discussion:

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 1 Trustee Henyard

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- A. Ordinance No. 17-021
Amending Ordinance No. 17-018 Adopting an Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year

Trustee Muhammad read his statement supporting the ordinance, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Finance Director Yvonne Redmond outlined the amendments:

Salary reductions for select administrative employees are restored. The deputy fire chief position is restored. Previous line items for additional positions in the fire and finance departments, and the village administrator are deleted. The village is implementing furlough days for non-union employees.

Trustee House asked that the ordinance be tabled until the next regular meeting to allow time to consider.

Mayor Rogers questioned whether the village could operate without a village administrator. Trustee Muhammad commended Ms. Johnson and Ms. Redmond for managing day to day operations and said that the board will consider the need for an administrator in the future. In response to Mayor Rogers' question, Trustee Muhammad responded that the board is extending Stan Urban's consultant agreement to "tie-up loose ends" regarding collective bargaining and sale of the Dorchester. Mayor Rogers said that the village needs an administrator.

Trustee Henyard said that she will not vote for what she sees is a 5% increase.

Trustee House said that he will be voting no on the ordinance today only because he requires more time to review the proposed budget.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 17-021.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Pierson.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Denton, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

NAYS: 2 Trustee Henyard, House

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance No. 17-023
Amending Title 3, Chapter 2 of the Dolton Village Code to Provide for a Package Liquor Tax

Village Attorney Murphey explained that this ordinance imposes a 2% tax on packaged liquor sales.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- B. Ordinance No. 17-024
Imposing a Sewer Maintenance Fee

In response to Trustee Muhammad's question, Brian Marciniak, payment center manager, explained that the ordinance would increase residential sewer fees to \$15 per quarter.

Motion by Trustee Stubbs. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- C. Ordinance No. 17-025
Amending Section 7-6-7-1 of the Dolton Village Code, "Water Rates Established".

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Pierson.

Brian Marciniak, payment center manager, addressed questions by the trustees. Apartment buildings of four units or more are to be charged at the same rate as commercial properties.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

D. Ordinance No. 17-026
Declaring a Village-Wide Hiring Freeze

Motion by Trustee Stubbs. Second by Trustee Pierson. Discussion followed.

Trustee House recommended a target date to resume hiring. Trustee Muhammad cited Section 2, Paragraph B of the ordinance permitting hiring upon a necessary finding of the Board of Trustees.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 1 Trustee House

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Cathy Bendell, former trustee and resident, questioned the minimum water billing of 10 units, as many, especially seniors, do not use that much, and questioned why the new ordinance imposed only \$5 sewer charge per residential building when homeowners are to be charged \$5.

Pat Harris, resident, questioned salary levels at \$55-65,000 per year when residents don't see what the employees are doing. Resident said that the village needs more police and fire personnel.

Patrick Walsh, attorney, questioned the reduction of certain employees' salaries. He also asked about an online notice purportedly by the village to recruit a part-time director of Public Works.

Village Attorney Murphey confirmed that per state law, there cannot be any reduction in compensation of current elected village officials. Trustees Muhammad and Stubbs pledged to donate back 5% of their annual salaries.

Felita Crayton, resident, asked about the sale of the Dorchester.

Arthur Adams, 30-year resident and public works employee, said that there are public works employees who have the skill sets to take care of sewer problems.

In response, Mayor Rogers noted past problems in calling out public works employees for emergencies.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

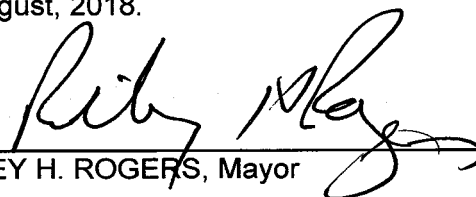
Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 5th day of August, 2018.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor