

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 5, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL In the absence of Mayor Riley H. Rogers, Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:36 p.m.

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

Also present: Village Attorney John B. Murphey. Department heads were present, with Deputy Fire Chief Don Rush on behalf of Chief McCain. Village Engineer Ronald E. Smith and Finance Director Yvonne Redmond were absent.

A quorum was present.

The village clerk asked for a motion to appoint a mayor pro tem to chair the meeting.

MOTION TO APPOINT TRUSTEE HENYARD as Mayor pro tem to chair this meeting.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Pierson.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

Trustee Henyard assumed the mayor's chair.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER Prayer was led by Elder Edward Crayton.

GENERAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief of Staff Elizabeth Scott announced the following:

The village's annual Gospel Fest will be on Saturday, September 16th, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the main park.

Park Ave. from Lincoln Ave. to Washington St. (in front of the fire and police departments and Old Village Hall) will be renamed "Honorary Firefighter Lawrence Matthews Way" in a ceremony on Saturday, September 9th, at 12:30 p.m.

Trustee Stubbs announced that the final electronics recycling event of the year will be on Saturday, September 16th. Residents with identification may drop off "anything with a board or a cord" behind the department between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Trustee Stubbs also expressed thanks for donations of water for victims of the Texas hurricanes, to Food-for-Less allowing a collection bin outside of the store, to W&W Towing for volunteering trucks to transport the donations, and to Communications Director A.M. Triche for preparing and distributing flyers on short notice.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

- A. Approval of the Minutes - None.
- B. Communications – None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Human Services – Trustee Muhammad

Trustee Muhammad read aloud the notice posted on the village's facebook page about the Youth Constructive Apprenticeship Program, which has 25 slots available for local young people ages 16-24 who are out of school and meet the program's requirements.

In response to Trustee Muhammad's email inquiry, Ms. Scott had reported back that local businesses hired 20 youths for the 50/20 Summer Youth Program: Ardagh Glass 24; JR's Jamaican Jerk Restaurant 4; and Simply Beautiful Salon 2. Ms. Scott added thanked Trustee House for his efforts in hiring 14 additional youth workers at Health Care Consortium of Illinois. Trustee House is Chief Financial Officer of Health Care Consortium.

Planning – Trustee Henyard

Trustee Henyard read the code enforcement report for August: 148 tickets; 182 warnings; 17 complaints.

Housing Director Denise Fields reports that the housing department processed 310 transactions in August with total revenues of \$64,177.50.

Trustee Henyard announced that in addition to the village's senior assistance program, Thornton Township also helps residents behind on utility bills. Contact: 708-596-6040.

Departmental Operations – Trustee Stubbs

Public Works Supt. Matt Stacey reports that public works completed 267 residential services and serviced 34 village vehicles.

Police and Fire Committee – Trustee Pierson

Trustee Pierson announced that there was a Community Policing meeting last Thursday, August 31st and that the next meeting is on September 28th.

Chief Robert M. Collins, Jr. reports that the Dolton Police Department responded to 2,283 requests for service in August.

Chief Steven A. McCain reports that the Dolton Fire Department has responded to 2,852 requests for services this year through August.

Deputy Fire Chief Don Rush read Chief McCain's written request to the Board of Trustees requesting that Park Ave. in front of the fire and police departments and the old village hall be renamed "Honorary Firefighter Lawrence Matthews Way." Firefighter Matthews died in the line of duty this year.

MOTION TO APPROVE DESIGNATION OF PARK AVE. BETWEEN LINCOLN AVE. and WASHINGTON ST. as "HONORARY FIREFIGHTER LAWRENCE MATTHEWS WAY."

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

Finance – Trustee Muhammad

Finance Director Yvonne Redmond reports the following:

Now that the budget has passed, the finance department will input the final figures in our system and produce the budget to actual reports for distribution to the Board and department heads for review. Once received, department heads should review the reports for accuracy. If there are discrepancies with items being posted incorrectly in the general ledger, a journal entry can be done to correct the error.

Our auditors, Lauterbach and Amen, will be on site the weeks of September 18 and September 25 to audit the financials for the period of May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017. We do not anticipate any issues this audit and are confident that an unqualified opinion will be issued for the second consecutive year.

Special Events – Trustee Henyard

Trustee Henyard announced that her Cancer Walk will take place on September 30th. Donations are to Pastor Fleshman's fund to assist Dolton residents with prescription bills. Contact Trustee Henyard at 708-297- 6859 for more information.

CORPORATE BILLS

MOTION TO APPROVE Corporate Payments in the amount of \$721,251.38, Gross Payroll in the amount of \$358,988.02; Melanie Fitness Center Payments in the amount of \$1,673.95, Gross Payroll in the amount of \$2,465.63, for Total Corporate Payments of \$1,084,378.98.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Henyard.

In response to Trustee Muhammad's question, Supt. Stacey said that the payment to HD Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$7,408.96 was for water meters to be installed in homes. Trustee Muhammad questioned payments to Calumet City Plumbing totaling \$12,117.00 for its emergency work at the Dorchester, and asked that the item be removed from the evening's warrant list. In response to Trustee Muhammad's question about payment to Gallagher Asphalt in the amount of \$47,450, Supt. Stacey said that public works as been doing a lot of repairs and catching with blacktopping the parkways and roads after water main breaks.

There being no objection, payments to HD Supply Waterworks and Calumet City Plumbing were removed.

MOTION TO APPROVE AS AMENDED:

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

OLD BUSINESS

A. Extension of Consultant Agreement with Stan Urban

MOTION TO EXTEND Consultant Agreement through September, 2017.

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

ROLL CALL

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

B. Mayoral Veto

Ordinance No. 17-030 to Repeal Ordinance No. 15-023 "An Ordinance Amending the Dolton Village Code to Regulate Electronic Product Promotions, Sweepstakes Kiosks"

The village attorney read Mayor Rogers' veto message to the trustees:

"I hereby veto Ordinance No. 17-030, "An Ordinance Amending the Dolton Village Code to Repeal 'An Ordinance Amending the Dolton Village Code to Regulate Electronic Product Promotions, Sweepstakes Kiosks.'"

There is no legitimate reason for the Village Board to damage those businesses which rely on kiosk income. There have been no police or other problems associated with the kiosks. They are a legal recreation providing enjoyment to residents.

If the Board is upset about the request to reduce the kiosk license fee, then the Board should sit down and negotiate. It makes no sense to destroy the kiosk businesses altogether and expose the Village to the risk of costly litigation.

I urge the Board to accept this veto and leave the kiosk businesses alone."

NEW BUSINESS

At Trustee Stubbs' request, and there being no objection, New Business Items F and G were moved to the top of New Business.

F. LED Street Lighting Presentation – Acculight USA

Mr. David Milliner, Mr. Bill Punzio, and Mr. Febin Mootheril spoke on behalf of Acculight USA, manufacturer of LED "state of the art" light fixtures. Acculight is presently "sampling" in various communities by replacing outdoor 250 watt lighting with 100 watt LED lighting. Trustee Stubbs noted that there is a 60 to 70% reduction in electrical costs by replacing the lighting. ComEd is currently offering significant rebates to communities replacing their lighting with LED. With village assistance, Acculight will conduct an audit with village assistance of lighting fixtures so that it may present a formal proposal.

G. Insurance Cost Savings Presentation – TIPS@170

Mr. David Sullivan of TIPS@170 outlined its Spousal Medical Expense Reimbursement Program, which may save the village several hundred dollars per year in health care costs without changes to coverage and administration costs. As fees, TIPs would share the savings with the village. In response to Trustee Muhammad's question, Mr. Sullivan said that his organization has been working with local governments out of state and as of June in Kane County.

Return to Order of New Business:

A. No. 17 R-19 and R-020 For Improvement by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code (Ellis and Woodlawn Ave.)

In his written report to the board, Village Engineer Ron Smith explained that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) recently conducted an audit of the village's motor fuel tax (MFT) account for fiscal year 2014, and is requiring the approval and submission of a resolution authorizing designated street resurfacing and application for use of MFT funds for the projects, and approval of final reports for same.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS 17 R-019 and 17 R-020.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- B. Ordinance No. 17-031**
Amending Section 3-3-6 of the Dolton Village Code to Create a Class C-1 Liquor License

This item was pulled from the agenda per Mayor Rogers' request.

- C. Ordinance No. 17-032**
Amending Section 6-5-4-7 of the Dolton Village Code to Allow for the Posting of Additional Handicap-Only Signs
(14209 Maryland, 14209 Drexel, 15123 Oak, 14261 Pennsylvania, 15325 Evers)

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 17-032.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- D. Ordinance No. 17-033**
Amending Section 3-10 of the Dolton Village Code "Cigarettes and Tobacco Dealers to Increase Fines

This item was pulled from the agenda at the request of Trustee Pierson.

- E. Hiring and Promotion of Police Officers – Chief Collins**

Chief Collins requested the immediate promotion to sergeant of two (2) officers and promotion of a third in January, 2018.

MOTION TO APPROVE PROMOTION OF TWO (2) OFFICERS TO SERGEANT IMMEDIATELY AND PROMOTION OF AN ADDITIONAL OFFICER TO SERGEANT IN JANUARY, 2018.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

Chief Collins requested that the village hire three (3) full-time officers immediately and an additional three (3) officers in one-month increments beginning in January, 2018. In his written report to the board, Chief Collins explained that since 2015 the village has hired eleven (11) full-time patrol officers and lost nine (9) due to resignations, terminations and retirements. There are an additional eight (8) officers presently on no-duty or light duty status.

Trustee House noted that the newly enacted hiring freeze requires not only written submission by a department head to hire but also formal recommendation by committee to the board. The request was referred to the trustees' police and fire committee.

(New Business items F and G were addressed at the top of New Business as set forth above. The board next considered Items H and I in reverse order)

I. Status of Union Negotiations

Trustee Muhammad read Mr. Stan Urban's written report to the board, summarized as follows: The finalized agreement with the FOP patrol officers union approved by the trustees on August 21st is being prepared for both sides to sign. A federal mediator requested by the FOP lieutenant and sergeant union has been agreed upon and mediation is scheduled to start September 8th. Village Attorney Murphey will handle negotiations with the firefighters union and Mayor Rogers is handling the negotiations with the AFSCME (public works).

H. Beautification of Dolton

Trustee Muhammad requested that village residents volunteer to clean up village streets by calling 708-888-0344. The volunteers will meet on a weekly basis. Trustee Pierson added that volunteers will also be called upon for additional beautification efforts.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Chief of Staff Elizabeth Scott reported on a union/trades day hiring event at Thornridge H.S. last week.

Communications Director A.M. Triche summarized the following village events:

Mayor Rogers' "Real Men Wear Pink" campaign to support the American Cancer Society. Camp Out at Shabbona Woods on October 7th.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Diane Lofton, resident, asked about the notice to board meeting attendees of a \$500 fine for interference with a public meeting. Resident also asked about what police officers do when under light duty.

Barbara Morris, resident, said that after the last board meeting, at which she spoke during Citizens Address, she was confronted by one of the trustees outside the building.

Sharanda Carmela, spoke of her desire to open a transitional shelter in the village for homeless women and children.

Bishop Lance Davis, New Zion Christian Center, noted that the church also has a shelter location for women, and questioned opposition to his request for a Class 1 certification for a reduction in property taxes. He also inquired about the status of Club One.

Renee Tolbert, 147th and Atlantic, reported that a tree in front of her house is pulling up the concrete. Also, drivers ignore the stop signs at 147th St. and Riverside/Parkside. She has seen cars traveling 50 m.p.h. and noted that there are day care centers located near there.

Cynthia Lacey, 147th and Atlantic, said that she has called the public works department three times about repairing the damage from a dig in front of her house.

Pastor Fleshman, Abundant Living Christian Center, announced that the church has purchased the property at Lincoln and California Aves. He announced the following upcoming events: "Pray Dolton" on September 15th, a hunger walk on September 16th, and a picnic on the church lot on September 23rd.

Demetrius Walker, Fathers and Blessings, spoke of FAB's initiative with South Suburban College.

Resident reported a problem with parents driving their children to school and not looking for children who are walking to school. Dolton and Riverdale can work together to get stop signs.

Mrs. Crayton, resident, announced that the H.S. District 205 board will meet at Thornridge H.S. on the second Wednesday of the month through December. The finance committee meets at 6 p.m. and the full school board at 6:30 p.m. She also asked about the status of the sale of the Dorchester.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Pierson, second by Trustee Stubbs, to adjourn the Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Mayor pro tem Henyard asked for a roll call to adjourn.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

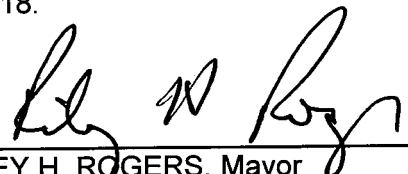
Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

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



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor