

Regular Meeting Board of Trustees  
Monday, May 7, 2018

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 Police Chief Robert M. Collins, Jr.

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Tiffany Henyard, Jason House, Duane Muhammad, Robert E. Pierson, Jr., and Valeria Stubbs. Trustee Deborah Denton was absent.

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

A quorum was present.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

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

Dolton Elite Basketball has applied for permission for tag days on May 12-13 and May 19, 2018. There was a consensus of all trustees present to approve.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES to discuss email correspondence sent to Mayor Rogers today re lack of village media coverage for trustees' projects.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Denton

Trustee Muhammad said that he had emailed media and communications staff to post notices of the upcoming HBO show to be featured on village media, as well as materials for "Invest in Dolton" and asked what the hold-up was. Mayor Rogers responded that he was reviewing the materials.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ron Smith summarized his written report, outlining possible grant opportunities for the village re RTA Transit and water systems infrastructure.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Human Services – Trustee Muhammad

Trustee Muhammad deferred to the end of committee reports.

### Planning – Trustee Henyard

Housing Dept. Director Denise Fields reports that the Housing Dept. processed 1,587 transactions for total revenue for April of \$128,271.45.

### Departmental Operations – Trustee Stubbs

Supt. Matt Stacey reports Public Works services for April including 25 street lights repaired and 3 light poles replaced; 28 “b” boxes, 3 service leaks, and 8 sewer were repaired. Public Works shut off water for 187 delinquent properties and 4 emergency turn-offs. Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart’s SWAP workers were out on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and collected 47 bags of trash along village streets. Public Works removed a hazardous garage and cleaned up the property at 15300 Dante and 14324 Drexel. Public Works also serviced 22 village vehicles.

Trustee Muhammad read the Payment Center report of receipts in April: \$340,691.89 for water, \$180,118.96 for other, for a total of \$520,810.85.

Trustee Stubbs announced that a committee meeting would be held the third week of May re water.

Residents are reminded to put out their garbage no earlier than the evening before regular pick-up. Homewood Disposal will pick up branches cut in 4-foot lengths and tied together.

### Police and Fire -Trustee Pierson.

Chief Robert M. Collins, Jr. reports that Det. Darryl Hope is resting and recovering from being shot several times in an apparent robbery attempt outside his home two weeks ago. A GoFundMe page has been established for donations to cover Det. Hope’s expenses for treatment and recovery.

The Dolton Police Department responded to 2,072 calls for service in April. The police department’s Project Connect meetings with residents are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at various locations throughout the village.

Chief Brandon Dwyer reports that the Dolton Fire Department has responded to 89 fires and 89 motor vehicle accidents this year to date, as well as 1,086 emergency medical services calls. There have been 1,564 service calls to date.

### Finance – Trustee Muhammad

Finance Director Yvonne Redmond reports that as the fiscal year ending April 30, 2018, is complete, she will be meeting with auditors. Each department head has been asked to review budget to actual reports. As of April 30, the village has received \$4,205,413.32 in property tax collections, or 49% of the 55% the village expects to receive from the first installment tax bills.

### Special Events – Trustee Henyard

Trustee Henyard announced that her annual cancer walk will take place in June or July from the former Blass Fitness Center to Chicago Road. Volunteers are needed.

### Human Services (continued from above.)

Trustee Muhammad introduced Ms. Iesha Marshall of *BESITE: Believe Speaking into Existence*, re its fundraiser on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Dolton Park. Ms. Marshall reported that this is a new organization and it does not yet have a website. She may be reached at 773-606-2095.

Trustee Muhammad further introduced a video clip of the HBO program to be featured on village media. He may be reached at 773-606-2095.

#### CORPORATE BILLS

MOTION TO APPROVE Corporate Payments in the amount of \$1,109,837.02, Gross Payroll in the amount of \$332,438.32; Melanie Fitness Center payments in the amount of \$8,774.62, Gross Payroll in the amount of \$2,622.19; for total Corporate Payments in the amount of \$1,453,672.15.

#### ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Denton

Motion passed.

#### OLD BUSINESS.

- A. Override of Mayoral Veto  
Ordinance No. 18-002  
Amending Section 1-8-1 of the Dolton Village Code with Respect to the Hiring and Termination of Employees

Mayor Rogers read aloud Sections C and D of the proposed ordinance. He said that this is a further example of politics to eliminate the mayor's authority and responsibility.

MOTION TO OVERRIDE MAYORAL VETO OF ORDINANCE NO. 18-002. There being no further discussion:

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Pierson.

#### ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Henyard, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

NAYS: 1 Trustee House

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Denton

Motion Passed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance No. 18-005  
Establishing Fees in Connection with Certain Services Provided by the Dolton Fire Department.

Chief Dyer explained that this is an amendment to Ord. No. 13-005 re fees.

Mayor Rogers said that there had been reports of increasing day care fees. This ordinance does not and there is no ordinance to do so tonight.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 18-005.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Henyard, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

NAYS: 1 Trustee House

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Denton

Motion Passed.

B. Ordinance No. 18-006

Amending Section 6-5-4-7 of the Dolton Village Code to Allow for the Posting of Additional Handicap-Only Signs

(14420 Drexel, 14632 Michigan, 15420 Grant, 526 E. 144<sup>th</sup> Pl.)

Trustee Henyard asked about the implementation of numbered permits as previously approved by the trustees.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 18-006.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Denton

Motion Passed.

C. Approval of Water Distribution Leak Survey

Trustee House said that the village had solicited 3 vendors for estimated services and received one response from M.E. Simpson, Inc. for \$12,000.00.

There being no discussion:

MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSAL BY M.E. SIMPSON, INC. as submitted.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Denton

Motion Passed.

D. Approval of Agreement with Home Box Office, Inc.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Denton

Motion Passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Communications Director Ashahed Triche announced the following:

"Pray for Dolton" at Faith United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. on June 12<sup>th</sup>; and Mothers Day Breakfast at the Dorchester, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Home day care providers (2) asked about the status of the current village ordinance and trustees' discussion at the April meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

Resident reported a water bill of \$600+ when the normal bill is \$100+. Resident said that she had received estimated bills since 2015. She said that Public Works was supposed to come out and check.

AJ Burse, resident, asked about enforcement of vehicle and dog licenses and the upcoming fiscal year budget.

Resident, 14600 block of Maple Lane, inquired about street paving.

Cheryl Hill, resident, thanked trustee Muhammad for his flyer on youth. Resident reported speeding on Irving and dumping at the house across from Sharks. She noted that the water billing situation is horrible.

Resident reported a water bill of \$749 and said that there should not be repeated estimated bills. He urged residents to read their water meters.

Resident agreed with Mayor Rogers that there is a need to hire more water department employees. She noted that she had received with her vehicle license application an application for a dog license.

Stephanie Fletcher, resident, urged residents to start asking for debates for the upcoming trustees (3) election.

Barbara Morris, resident, urged additional hires for the water department and inquired about the dog license application sent to residents.

Barbara Parker, resident, asked about her written request to the mayor and trustees about residential permit parking.

*Mayor Rogers expressed concerns about the proposal and suggested the trustees' police and fire committee review.*

Felita Crayton, resident, requested that information for "Invest in Dolton" be posted on the village website. She further inquired about reports of recent shootings and asked if the resume for the recently hired water department supervisor would be available to the public.

Dan Lee, resident, expressed his thanks to Supt. Stacey and Public Works for filling in the pothole at 153<sup>rd</sup> and Dante, and his appreciation for the increased police visibility. Re the possible sale of the Melanie Fitness Center, he cautioned against falling for the low bid.

Cordell Fox, resident, inquired about a police matter.

Leon Railley, resident and partner in a home improvement company, inquired about opportunities in the village.

*Mayor Rogers referred resident to the trustees.*

Sandra Wells, resident and south suburban director of Neighborhood Housing Services, questioned the village's involvement with BP Capital and Attorney Bass, adding that the \$30,000 paid to Mr. Bass could pay a salary and that the village is paying for things we don't have to pay for. She further inquired on behalf of her neighbor who received \$4,600 water bill.

Edward Steave, village media director and new resident, said that he has posted a video on the village's website on how to read the water bill. He added that he and his wife recently purchased their first home, in Dolton, and gave a "shout-out" to Neighborhood Housing Services for its assistance to first-time home buyers.

Jessie Woods of Galinsky Realty Group introduced himself to residents.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

#### Roll Call

AYES: 5 Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0


ABSENT: 1 Denton

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

  
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MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 16th day of July, 2018.

  
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RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor