

**VILLAGE OF DOLTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
Friday, December 5, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the Harper Municipal Building Board Room at 9:05 a.m.

Mayor Rogers announced that the meeting was convened upon the call for special meeting signed by Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, and Smith.

The purpose of the meeting as noticed is the renewal of the broker of record/brokerage of insurance with Wolf Point Advisors, Ltd., for property, casualty, and workers compensation.

**ROLL CALL** The following Trustees were present: Stanley "Stan" Brown, Robert E. Hunt, Jr., Robert E. Pierson, Jr., and Sabrina G. Smith. Trustees Cathern L. Bendell and Tiffany Henyard were absent. Trustee Henyard entered the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Also present: John Donahue on behalf of the Village Attorney, Legislative Counsel James M. Vasselli, and Village Administrator Stan Urban.

A quorum was present.

**PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE/  
PRAYER**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

1. **RENEWAL OF BROKER OF RECORD/BROKERAGE OF INSURANCE WITH WOLF POINT ADVISORS, LTD. FOR PROPERTY, CASUALTY, AND WORKERS COMPENSATION.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE RENEWAL WITH WOLF POINT ADVISORS.**

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Brown. Discussion followed the motion:

Trustee Pierson objected to calling a special meeting to "shove this matter down our throats" for a vote when no Request for Proposal had been issued. He said that here was still time to consider at the December 15<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole as the Board had voted at the last meeting.

Mayor Rogers recognized Mr. Mike Mackie of Mesirow Financial, which had submitted an RFP, to make a presentation. Trustee Hunt objected that the presentation was not on the agenda. He pointed out that the only matter on the agenda was to approve Wolf Point. Legislative Counsel Vasselli urged a motion to close debate.

Mayor Rogers asked Mr. Mackie to continue. Mr. Mackie noted that Mesirow Financial had served as the village's broker of record from 2007 until last year, during which time it had saved the village money, reduced self-insured retentions, increase limits, and secure a safety grant. Mesirow proposes an immediate savings of \$60,000. Mesirow represents over 100 municipalities for property and casualty at a flat rate. It does not do workers compensation. Mr. Mackie referred the Board to its proposal. He introduced Mr. George Kula, Mr. Patrick Sheahan, and Ms. Faith Anderson of his team.

Mayor Rogers announced that he had questions for Wolf Point and asked the representatives to step forward. Present were Ms. Samantha Galle, Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Dominic Volini, Principal and Co-CEO, and Ms. Anna Kuta, Account Executive, of Wolf Point.

In response to his questions, Wolf Point representatives replied that its firm currently services no municipal entities other than Dolton. Wolf Point is currently paid by a 10 to 15% commission. At the present level of service to the village, it would not be interested in converting to a flat fee structure of approximately \$30,000 to \$50,000 at this time, but is open to discussion for the future.

Mr. Mackie noted that under Wolf Point, its premiums, retentions and deductibles had increased, while losses had declined.

Trustee Brown said that the deductibles had increased upon appointment by Mayor Rogers of the Owens Group to replace Mesirow. Discussion followed on replacement of Mesirow by the Owens Group.

Mayor Rogers stated again that there was no emergency requiring the Board to take action that day. Trustee Brown responded that the Board is being proactive.

In response to Mayor Rogers' question as to why premiums had not decreased with losses, Ms. Galle responded that premiums are not going to decrease in one year. Ms. Galle also said that Wolf Point had not been able to provide renewal coverage information to the Board because of its difficulty in obtaining necessary information from Administrator Urban.

Mr. Urban objected to Ms. Galle's assertion and said that he had been responsive when asked, despite other equally pressing matters requiring his attention and often his immediate attention. Janice Johnson of the village's finance department has also been responsive to Wolf Point. Mr. Urban asked about the proposed \$13,000 dividend set forth in Wolf Point's proposal. Mr. Volini responded that the dividend is in the form of a grant for gifts or cash.

Mr. Urban addressed the Board, noting that every Request for Proposal he has drafted and issued has saved the village money, yet he was chastised by some trustees for issuing an RFP for insurance. He referred to a letter signed by Trustee Stan Brown to CCMSI, the village's third party administrator for insurance, directing all further legal work for the village to the Delgado Law Group. Mayor Rogers read aloud the letter signed by Trustee Brown. Mayor Rogers noted that the letter identifies the Delgado Law Group as "the General Counsel for the Village of Dolton." Mayor Rogers distributed copies of the letter to the Board and members of the audience. Mr. Vasselli of the Delgado Law Group was recognized to defend the characterization of his firm as general counsel. Mr. Vasselli pointed out that the letter does not identify the firm as the village attorney. At Mayor Rogers' request, Village Attorney Donahue advised that "general counsel" was comparable in meaning to "corporate counsel," which in the case of a municipality, is the village attorney.

Mr. Volini suggested the letter was in response to the mayor's support of plaintiffs in a lawsuit against the village. Ms. Galle said that she had been informed by Ace, the village's insurance adjuster, that the mayor's support would likely cost the village favorable insurance terms. Mayor Rogers denied that he had taken any action to support the plaintiffs and cited his deposition in the matter as confirmation. Attorney Donahue warned the Wolf Point representatives that they had breached client confidentiality in discussing the lawsuit. Their comments at the meeting were inappropriate.

Trustee Pierson repeated his earlier objections to the special meeting and also stated his objection to calling a special meeting at a time when most residents could not be present.

#### ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE:

##### Roll Call

AYES: 4 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Smith

NAYS: 1 Trustee Pierson

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Bendell

Motion passed.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Valeria Stubbs, resident, stated that after this meeting, she was embarrassed to say she lives in the village. She noted that at the last regular meeting the Board had voted to table the issue and continue discussion at the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting when residents could be present. The Board should get residents' opinions on how it spends taxpayer dollars. Further, with the other company present working with over 100 municipalities, it can offer the village a better deal. The Board also has time to seek out other companies. She said she wished the Board would stop fighting for the good of all of us.

Mayor Rogers responded that the meeting today shows that the Board is not interested in saving money. Trustee Hunt objected, saying that was not true. Mayor Rogers said Trustee Hunt was out of order. Trustee Hunt continued to object. Mayor Rogers asked for a police officer to escort Trustee Hunt from the meeting. Upon arrival by the officer, citizens address had continued.

Ohyler Russell, resident, inquired about a late notice for vehicle sticker she received although she had purchased her sticker. Mayor Rogers referred the matter to Mr. Urban for follow-up. Resident further stated that she will attend board meetings in the future because she finds the conduct unacceptable. She said the mayor's position needs to be respected.

Mary Avent, resident, stated that she also received a late notice and she had also purchased a sticker. She said she had taken care of the matter, but did not appreciate the misuse of her time. She further said that she was appalled that only minutes after Ms. Stubbs explained how embarrassing the meeting was, bickering started again. She hopes and prays that in the new year it stops.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Roll Call

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Pierson, Smith

NAYS: 0

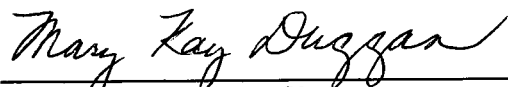
ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Bendell

Motion passed.

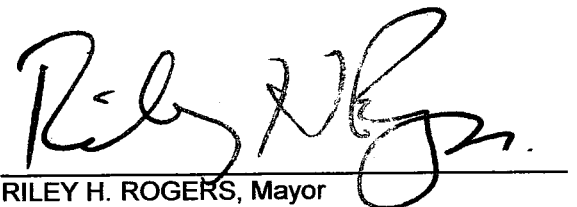
The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2015.

  
RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor