

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 1, 2014

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CALL TO ORDER Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the Harper Municipal Building Board Room at 7:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL The following Trustees were present: Cathern L. Bendell, Stanley Brown, Tiffany Henyard, Robert E. Hunt, Jr., Robert E. Pierson, Jr., and Sabrina G. Smith.

Also present: Village Attorney John B. Murphey and Village Engineer Ronald E. Smith. Village Administrator Stan Urban and department heads, excepting for police, were present. Legislative Counsel James M. Vasselli entered during the meeting.

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER

Led by Trustee Pierson.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A. Approval of the Minutes

The Village Clerk asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 3, 2014, and of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of November 17, 2014, as presented, unless a trustee wished to make corrections or changes to the minutes separately.

MOTION TO APPROVE Minutes of November 3rd and November 17th, 2014.

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

Roll Call

AYES: 6 Trustees Bendell, Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Pierson, Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

B. Communications: None

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ronald Smith summarized his written report presented to the Board, noting that paving of 142nd Street from Indiana Ave. east to I-94 continues with completion anticipated the week of December 15th. Demolition of the Dusties property on Sibley Blvd. has been completed. The IEPA low interest loan-project plan will be submitted to the IEPA the week of December 1st.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police and Fire—Trustee Pierson

Fire Chief Terence Hughes reports that the Dolton Fire Department received and responded to 330 calls in the month of November, as follows: 243 EMS, 55 fire-related, 14 MVA (auto accidents) and 18 CO calls. The department is 391 calls ahead of this time last year. Residents are reminded to be careful with holiday decorations and to not overload electrical sockets. Water should be kept in the stand of a real Christmas tree so it does not dry out. Today, December 1st, is the 56th anniversary of the tragic fire at Our Lady of Angels School in Chicago. Following the fire, many of the safety codes since used in schools were implemented.

Police Chief John Franklin reports that the Dolton Police Department received and responded to 756 complaints and requests for service from November 17 through December 1, 2014.

Public Works—Trustee Bendell

Acting Superintendent Matthew Stacey reports that the Department of Public Works received and responded to 308 requests for service in the month of November. Residents are asked to place their garbage and bulk items out no sooner than the evening before pick-up. Residents are asked to call if they see a water main break.

Housing—Trustee Henyard

Trustee Henyard announced that there will be another Housing session on Saturday, December 6th beginning at 10 a.m. in the Village Board Room. The session will address public works requirements and permits.

Acting Housing Director Denise Fields reports a total of 249 transactions and inspections in November with revenues of \$16,020.00. A total of 104 building permits were issued in November with revenues of \$16,451.00. Community Liaison Officer Brian Thigpen reports that village code enforcement officers issued 135 tickets in November and investigated 21 complaints made to the Housing Department.

Dorchester Center/Melanie Fitness Center—Trustee Smith

No report.

Youth—Trustee Brown

Trustee Brown announced that New Life Celebration Center is sponsoring security training at its location at 14200 Dante in Dolton. Those interested may call (708) 849-3635. The South Suburbs Officials Association is offering IHSA Level I & II softball certification at Crete-Monee High School on Sunday, February 8, 2015. On-line clinic registration is suggested at *il.ssoa.com*. There is a \$10 fee for non-members. Information and registration forms are also available on the table in the Village Board Room.

Thornton Township's annual Tree Lighting will take place at 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 6, 2014, at Thornton Township, 333 E. 162nd Street in South Holland. Thornton Township is also offering dinners from 12-4 p.m. on Saturday, December 13th, at South Suburban College.

Finance —Trustee Hunt

Trustee Hunt reported that the 2013 audit has not yet been completed and completion of the 2013 audit was expected by the end of the year. The Finance Committee of the Whole will meet in January to amend the current year's budget.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Urban noted that December 2, 2014, marks his one-year anniversary as Village Administrator, and expressed his thanks to the mayor, trustees, and community for their support.

CORPORATE BILLS

Finance Director Miller asked for a motion to approve payment of the Corporate Bills in the amount of \$542,053.21 and Gross Payroll in the amount of \$325,808.12, Melanie Fitness Center Bills in the amount of \$1,184.85 and Gross Payroll of \$6,788.83, for total Corporate Payments of \$875,835.01

MOTION TO APPROVE Corporate and Melanie Fitness Center Bills in the amount of \$1,490,533.45.

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

Roll Call
AYES: 6 Trustees Bendell, Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Pierson, Smith
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
Motion passed.

Ms. Miller asked for a motion to approve payment of the Dorchester Bills in the amount of \$33,584.62 with Gross Payroll in the amount of \$50,337.72, for total Dorchester Payments of \$83,922.34.

MOTION TO APPROVE the Dorchester Senior Center/Melanie Fitness Center Bills in the amount of \$83,922.34.

Motion by Trustee Smith. Second by Trustee Bendell. There being no discussion:

Roll Call
AYES: 6 Trustees Bendell, Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Pierson, Smith
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers deferred his report until completion of business.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 14-0016
To Include Taxable Allowances as Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Earnings
- B. Ordinance No. 14-030
Authorizing an Addendum to Mutual-Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Agreement
- C. Ordinance No. 14-031
For the Establishment of an Enterprise Zone Subject to the Enterprise Zone Act of the State of Illinois
- D. Contract to Sell 718 Engle Property
- E. Contract Extension with Awakened Alternatives Services for Management of the Dorchester Senior Center
- F. Schedule of Board Meetings 2015

Item A was pulled from the Consent Agenda at Trustee Bendell's request. Item E was pulled from the Consent Agenda at Trustee Hunt's request.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS B, C, D, and F OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

Roll Call
AYES: 6 Trustees Bendell, Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Pierson, Smith
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
Motion passed.

- A. Resolution No. 14-0016
To Include Taxable Allowances as Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Earnings

~~At the Village Attorney's direction to open discussion,~~ Trustee Bendell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 14-0016. Second by Trustee Pierson.

~~Trustee Bendell objected to spending an additional \$9,000 to \$13,000 a year to cover additional retirement contributions for the elected officials. Trustee Pierson and Mayor Rogers agreed. Trustee Hunt then asked Trustee Bendell why she had moved to approve the item. In response to Mayor Rogers' question, Administrator Urban said that the item was placed on the agenda after his discussion with Trustee Hunt. afte making a motion to approve it.~~

Roll Call

AYES: 0

NAYS: 6 Trustees Bendell, Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Pierson, Smith

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion failed.

- E. Contract Extension with Awakened Alternatives Services for Management of the Dorchester Senior Center

Motion to Approve by Trustee Smith. Second by Trustee Pierson.

Trustee Smith noted that the matter had been discussed at the November 17th Meeting of the Committee of the Whole. Trustee Hunt responded that after reviewing the proposed written agreement, he is proposing a reduction in the amount of supplies and equipment without board approval from \$5,000 to \$2,500, and to require board approval of all new hires as the village is paying 100% of employee salaries. Ms. Genevieve Thomas of Awakened Alternatives was recognized. Ms. Thomas said that she would agree to the purchasing reduction to \$2,500, but would not agree to new hires requiring board approval. Ms. Thomas noted that a number of the health care positions were critical and would need to be filled immediately if vacancies occurred. She agreed to seek board approval for creation of any new positions. Trustee Henyard noted that the village was paying for salaries. Further discussion followed.

Attorney Murphey proposed amending Section to provide that "The creation of any new positions and the purchase of supplies and equipment at a cost of greater than \$2,500 shall require the approval of the Village Board of Trustees."

MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH AWAKENED ALTERNATIIVES SERVICES AS AMENDED. Motion by Trustee Smith. Second by Trustee Pierson.

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 1 Trustee Henyard

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Presentation by 911 Dispatch and Ambulance Providers

At Mayor Rogers' request, Administrator Urban explained that there has been discussion in the past about extending the village's contract with Bud's Ambulance and also bringing 911 service in-house. The 911 dispatch center equipment is old and "ready to blow up." Two companies, Bud's Ambulance and Kurtz EMS, responded to the village's Request for Proposals. Their representatives were invited to speak to the Board this evening.

Mr. Urban introduced Thomas J. Vana, President and C.E.O of Kurtz EMS.

Mr. Vana outlined the options contained in the Kurtz EMS proposal:

- 1) Complete Operations of the Village of Dolton 911 Dispatch Center, including either a complete build-out and staffing of the 911 dispatch center at the new village hall, at a cost of \$565,076 annually or \$47,090 monthly, not including lease-back of all equipment. The cost to the village for a one-year lease back at 7% of the price of the equipment is estimated to be approximately \$64,308 per month. The second option is to move the facility to the new dispatch center being built by the Village of Calumet Park, at a cost of \$612,726 annually or \$51,061 monthly.
- 2) Proposal for Ambulance Services directly by Kurtz, to include fully staffed ambulances 24 hours per day positioned within the Village of Dolton and dedicated solely to the village unless mutual aid is requested through the MABAS system. The projected annual cost less collections of two 24/hour ambulances is \$182,955.10, and the project annual cost less collections of two 24/hour ambulances plus one 12/hour ambulance is \$482,650.

In response to Trustee Hunt's question, Mr. Vana said that while the village's current cost of ambulance service may be \$195,000, Kurtz' projections include dispatch at significantly less than the current cost. Administrator Urban noted that he had received an unsolicited telephone call from Calumet Park, and was informed that the price to join its dispatch operation is negotiable.

Mr. Urban introduced Mr. John Daley, President, and Mr. Tom Wappell, Vice-President, of Daley's Medical Transport, d/b/a Bud's Ambulance.

Mr. Daley provided an overview of the company's history and commitment to the Village of Dolton, and of the company's proposals.

- 1) Complete build-out of the 911 dispatch center and the new village hall, with all staffing needed to operate the facility 24/hours, 7/days per week, at a projected cost of \$58,400 per month with a 5-year commitment by the village, with financing of the equipment purchase by Daleys over a minimum of 5 years. This arrangement creates an opportunity for the village to receive ESTB revenue of an estimated \$10,000 per month.
- 2) Moving the dispatch center to its facility at 1234 Sibley Blvd. in Dolton, with staffing as above, at a projected monthly cost of \$49,600 with a 5-year commitment.
- 3) Retain current services to the village at \$14,860 per month or \$178,320 annually, with a savings of \$9,168 annually.

Mr. Vana, Mr. Daley, and Mr. Wappel answered questions regarding pricing and services.

B. Renewal of Insurance Broker of Record for Property, Casualty, and Workers Compensation.

Administrator Urban introduced Ms. Samantha Galle, Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Dominic Volini, Principal and Co-CEO, and Ms. Anna Kuta, Account Executive, of Wolf Point Advisors, Ltd., the village's current insurance broker of record. to present its commercial insurance proposal for 2015.

In response to Trustee Bendell's inquiry as to why the proposal was not delivered before that afternoon, Ms. Galle explained that Wolf Point did not get all of the information it needed from the village. Ms. Kuta added that Wolf Point required a signed renewal application to proceed. In response to Trustee Hunt's inquiry as to why no other broker was present, Mr. Urban explained that he was asked by certain trustees to invite Wolf Point. Two other brokers had previously submitted proposals in response to the village's RFP. Discussion followed.

MOTION TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF WOLF POINT ADVISORS, LTD, AS BROKER OF RECORD for property, casualty and worker's compensation insurance.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. There was no second.

MOTION TO TABLE by Trustee Smith. Second by Trustee Pierson.

Trustee Smith withdrew her second to the motion to table.

MOTION TO TABLE by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Bendell.

Roll Call

AYES: 3 Trustees Bendell, Pierson, Smith

NAYS: 3 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

There being a tie vote, Mayor Rogers cast his vote: AYE. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance No. 14-032

Levying Taxes in the Village of Dolton FY May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014.

Administrator Urban explained that two proposed ordinances were presented. One is to increase the village's property tax levy to 4.9 percent. This would cost the average homeowner an additional \$75 per year in property taxes. Mr. Urban noted that only 74% of the businesses and homeowners in Dolton paid their property taxes last year. As an example only, if the village levied \$10 million, it lost \$2.6 million in collections. One payroll for the village is approximately \$304,000. The second proposed ordinance would maintain the tax levy at its current rate. Mr. Urban recommended adoption of the 4.9% increase.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 14-032 TO INCREASE THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY BY 4.9%.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Bendell.

Trustee Bendell stated that she's in favor of the increase. Trustee Henyard stated that she is against increasing taxes for the residents. She does not believe the community can take that. She added that half of the community is in foreclosure. If the Board raises taxes, it will tax itself out of its tax base. Trustee Bendell noted that the proposed increase would cost her \$68 per year. Trustee Hunt noted that the proposed increase is approximately \$8 per month. Police, fire and public works will be receiving raises and the village collected less money this year than last year. The village is climbing up hill. He noted that an additional \$300,000 could put more police and fire out there.

Roll Call

AYES: 1 Trustee Hunt

NAYS: 5 Trustees Bendell**, Brown, Henyard, Pierson, Smith

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion failed.

**Trustee initially passed their vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 14-032 TO MAINTAIN THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY AT ITS CURRENT RATE.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Henyard.

Roll Call

AYES: 6 Trustee Bendell, Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Pierson, Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

(Deferred by Mayor Rogers until the completion of business.)

Mayor Rogers reported that the demolition of the former Dusties building has been completed, and that potential developers have looked at the property. A Circle K gas station is also coming to the village.

Mayors noted the passing on December 5th of Shawn Sims, manager of Giovannis, caterer to the Dorchester Center, and asked for a moment of silence. He proposed a resolution honoring Mr. Sims at the next regular meeting.

CITIZENS ADDRESS: Mayor Rogers requested citizens to limit their address to 3 minutes.

Felita Crayton, resident, stated that she it made her proud to see the recent demolition of the Dusties property and the opening of Checkers on Sibley Blvd. She expressed appreciation for the installation of the stop sign on Greenwood Ave. at California Ave., as well as the recent coat and turkey drives. Twelve turkeys were donated to CHARTERS Youth Commission, enabling it to fee 150 homeless person. She further expressed her appreciation to the Police and Fire Departments, and Trustee Pierson, for their assistance in distributing the commission's food basket applications. The Thornridge High School Band concert is at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 7th at Thornridge. Finally, Mrs. Crayton urged members of the Board of Trustees to try to get along. Trustee Henyard stated that the business community raised the funds for the coat and turkey drive.

Arthur Harris, resident, told the mayor he is doing a good job.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Roll Call

AYES: 6 Trustees Bendell, Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Pierson, Smith

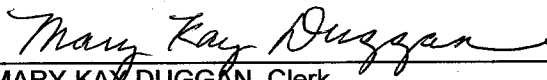
NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

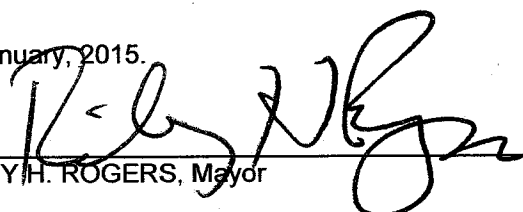
ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.


MARY KAY DUGGAN, Clerk

APPROVED as AMENDED by the Board of Trustees this 5th day of January, 2015.


RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor