

VILLAGE OF DOLTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 28, 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 8:12 p.m. immediately following a Public Hearing to consider the Appropriation/Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2014-15, which was published and posted for 8 p.m.

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

Also present: Village Attorney John Murphey, Village Administrator Stan Urban, Fire Chief Terence Hughes, Acting Supt. of Public Works Matthew Stacey, and Finance Director Tanjnique Miller.

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. ORDINANCE NO. 14-017
ADOPTING AN APPROPRIATION AND BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE 2014-15 FISCAL YEAR

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 14-017 AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Henryard. Discussion followed.

Trustee Hunt asked Administrator Urban to explain why the budget was in the negative. Mr. Urban said that the initial proposed budget showed a \$200,000 surplus, but several adjustments became necessary. The budget showed incorrectly revenue from the 2014A Bond for payment to Homewood Disposal, and also from police and fire pensions. Mr. Urban said that he expected future amendments to the budget. In particular, he believes that the budget is conservative in projecting debt recovery revenues. He noted the \$14,000 expended for collection of the \$2.5 million in outstanding water bills and fines, and the replacement of RedSpeed with SafeSpeed for red light camera enforcement. The village would have received \$85,000 additional revenue if it had SafeSpeed last year.

In response to Trustee Hunt's request for suggestions on what expenditure items to cut, Mr. Urban said it was not necessary to cut at this time. An appropriation ordinance does not need to balance. In response to Trustee Hunt's question, Village Attorney Murphey confirmed that the ordinance does not need to balance but that state law requires passage of an appropriation ordinance within the first quarter of the fiscal year. In response to Trustee Smith's question, Mr. Murphey said that if the board does not pass the ordinance in the first quarter, taxpayers may file objections. Trustee Smith asked about allocation of Motor Fuel Tax funds to various line items. Mr. Urban explained that the budget may allocate MFT Funds for a portion of the Public Works superintendent, finance director, village administrator salaries, as well as for infrastructure, maintenance and salt purchases.

At Mayor Roger's request, Mr. Urban read aloud his proposed staffing changes set forth in his memo presented to the Finance Committee of the Whole after its meeting of May 24, 2014.

Mr. Urban noted that while most of the changes to salaried positions adopted by the Finance Committee were based on his recommendations, the Committee had not accepted all of his recommendations. Further, he had not recommended the reduction of the fire chief's salary by \$10,000 or replacement of the full-time position of administrative assistant to the mayor with two part-time positions as voted by the Committee.

Further discussion followed on the reduction of the fire chief's salary and the status of negotiations with the firefighters union.

Discussion followed on the proposed reduction of the administrative services supervisor's salary to \$40,000, replacement of the full-time position of administrative assistant to the mayor with two part-time positions, and replacement of the full-time inspector positions with contract positions.

Trustee Bendell noted that the budget incorrectly allocated overtime to the deputy police chief, and asked about payment by District 205 for the salary of the police officer assigned to Thornridge High School. Trustee Bendell expressed her objection to inclusion of salaries for two videographers of board meetings, when neither coverage is currently being shown on Channel 4, and the allocation of \$3,000 per elected official for training, for a total training budget of \$35,000.

Roll Call

AYES: 3 Trustees Brown, Hunt, Henyard
NAYS: 3 Trustees Bendell, Pierson, Smith
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

There being a tie vote, Mayor Rogers cast his vote: NAY. Motion failed.

2. APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER POLICY
Pulled from the Agenda at the request of Administrator Urban.
3. PUBLIC WORKS: PART-TIME LABORER TO FULL-TIME.

Discussion preceded the motion. The Board questioned Acting Supt. Public Works Matt Stacey. Trustee Hunt objected to any hiring without a budget.

MOTION TO TABLE by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Brown.

Roll Call

AYES: 4 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Smith
NAYS: 2 Trustee Bendell, Pierson.
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
Motion passed.

4. POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRE: PART-TIME (1) OFFICER

Administrator Urban reported that the board had already approved hiring of 4 part-time positions.

MOTION TO TABLE by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Henyard.

Roll Call

AYES: 4 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Smith
NAYS: 2 Trustee Bendell, Pierson
ABSENT: 0
Motion passed.

5. FIRE DEPARTMENT HIRE: PART-TIME (2)

MOTION TO TABLE by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Henyard.

Roll Call

AYES: 4 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Smith

NAYS: 2 Trustee Bendell, Pierson

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Jessie Monroe, 14841 Chicago Rd., said that she missed the July 4th parade and fireworks and looked forward to next year's fireworks as budgeted. She expressed her criticism of Public Works' repair and replacement of the sidewalk in front of her home and of the curb in front of CVS,

Georgia Williams, 15235 Grant St., asked why the village would not mail her water bill to her post office address instead of to her residence as she had requested, as the post office regularly misdelivers her mail. As a result, she does not get her water bill and is being charged late penalties. Trustee Bendell responded that the charges had been removed and that she had accompanied the resident to the post office to correct the problem. The resident maintained that an additional \$8 charge remained.

Ms. Hamilton, 14845 Chicago Rd., two-year resident, said that she has had water back up in her house from the sewer. One public works person told her the sewer was backed up in the street. Another told her it was not. The village fined her cousin who was trying to fix the problem \$500 because he was not a licensed plumber.

Mayor Rogers responded that licensing is necessary to protect people from scams. He directed Superintendent Stacey to check the problem again.

Dan Lee, resident, asked about the \$500,000 in expenditures for legal services, and why the Board needs two attorneys. He asked if these expenses were being looked at by the board. Resident further commented that it would be more cost effective to close the Melanie Fitness Center.

Trustee Hunt responded that trustees hired the legislative counsel when the village attorney declined to represent them. Attorney Murphey challenged Trustee's Hunt statement. Discussion followed between Mayor Rogers and Trustee Hunt.

Arthur Harris, resident, said that the Board is an embarrassment to the village. He objected to the proposed termination of the full-time position of assistant to the mayor

George Jordan, resident, thanked Public Works for draining the alley behind his home, although it took them five times to fix the problem. He noted that he has the same problem with water back up as his neighbor. He thanked Chief Hughes for taking the time for providing CPR training to the Dolton Bears.

Resident commented that respect for each other as board members is being lost, and that if the village does not provide extra services, people think the Board doesn't care. He said that Dolton is close to being like Harvey with the congregating and board-ups.

Mayor Rogers disputed the resident's comment, and invited him to ride with him for a week.

Carol Lloyd, 154th & Diekman Court, asked if the village would be cutting the overgrown weeds on the property behind her house. She criticized the disrespect shown by board members to the mayor and to each other, and said that they should stop being self-serving. If the mayor wants something, members are against it, including those who ran for election with him. She further questioned the decision to not grant a liquor license to the convenience store.


Chief Franklin reminded residents that August 5th is "National Night Out" with activities from 6-10 p.m. at the village waterfall.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Bendell 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: 6 Trustees Bendell, Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Pierson, Smith
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
Motion passed.

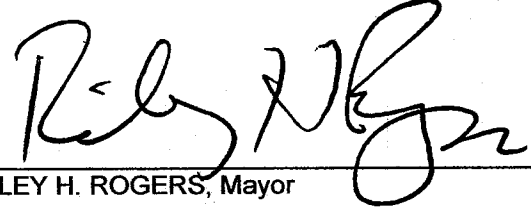
The meeting was adjourned at 12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 2nd day of September, 2014.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor