

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 2, 2014

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 7:38 p.m.

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

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

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER

Led by Mrs. Felita Crayton.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A. Approval of the Minutes

The Village Clerk asked for a motion to approve the several minutes as presented unless a trustee wished to make corrections or changes to the minutes separately. She further asked that the minutes of the August 18, 2014, meetings be deferred.

MOTION TO AMEND the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 4, 2014, Item page 6, item C, IAFF Union Negotiations Update, to note that the Village Administrator has made attempts to contact the union to set a meeting for negotiations and that the union lawyer has not returned the calls.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Brown.

The Clerk advised the Board that she did not recall that discussion at the meeting. Discussion followed.

Roll Call

AYES: 3 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt

NAYS: 2 Trustees Bendell, Pierson

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Smith

Motion passed.

MOTION TO APPROVE the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of July 28, 2014, the Minutes of the Emergency Special Board Meeting of July 31, 2014, and the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 4, 2014 as amended.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Henyard.

Trustee Pierson noted that he was absent July 31st, and is abstaining from voting on the minutes of the July 31st meeting.

Roll Call
AYES: 5 Trustees Bendell, Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Pierson
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Trustee Smith
Motion passed.

B. Communications:

The Dolton Bears Youth Football and Cheerleading request permission to tag in the village to raise funds for team uniforms on the following dates: Saturday and Sunday, September 6th and 7th, 13th and 14th, 20th and 21st, and 27th and 28th.

MOTION TO GRANT PERMISSION AS REQUESTED.
Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Henyard.

Roll Call
AYES: 5 Trustees Bendell, Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Pierson
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Trustee Smith
Motion passed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ronald Smith summarized his written report presented to the Board, including the availability of fire department small equipment grant funds, and an inspection report of the village's elevated storage tank. Discussion followed on these items and the status of the new bus shelters.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police and Fire—Trustee Pierson

Fire Chief Terence Hughes reports that the Dolton Fire Department received and responded to 356 calls from August 4th to September 1st, up 431 from this time last year. The fire department has been training at 1002 California. Chief Hughes invites the trustees to observe or participate and experience the training in full gear. Those interested may stop in the fire department to be fitted for gear.

Police Chief John Franklin reports that the Dolton Police Department received and responded to 513 complaints and requests for service during the period of August 24th through September 1st.

Public Works—Trustee Bendell

Acting Superintendent Matthew Stacey reports that the Department of Public Works received and responded to 446 requests for service in the month of August. Residents are asked to place their garbage and bulk items out no sooner than the evening before pick-up. Tree branches cut in 4 foot lengths and tied will be picked up also. Residents are asked to report street lights out and water main breaks to Public Works and are asked to be sure of the correct location. Basketball hoops in the street are prohibited.

Housing—Trustee Henyard

Acting Housing Director Denise Fields reports a total of 461 transactions and inspections in August with revenues of \$31,590.

Trustee Henyard announced a Village of Dolton housing auction of the following properties: 14732 Clark Street, 14446 Park Street, and 430 E. 144th Street. Discussion followed on the showing date and auction rules proposed by Trustee Henyard. Trustee Hunt proposed placing the matter on the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting on September 15th.

Dorchester Center/Melanie Fitness Center—Trustee Smith

In Trustee Smith's absence, there was no report.

Youth—Trustee Brown

Trustee Brown congratulated Little League champions Jackie Robinson West, and Dolton Bears Football and Cheerleading for the Bears' win the previous week against New Lenox. Those interested in the Dolton Bears' many activities may learn more at www.doltonbears.com. Trustee Brown further announced that the Illinois High School Association is hiring referees.

Finance —Trustee Hunt

Trustee Hunt announced that the fiscal year 2012 village audit was progressing although the village may continue to need the services of John Kasperek Co. to correct errors in payroll and billing.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Urban clarified that the errors in payroll and billing referred to by Trustee Hunt date from the previous administration. He will be meeting with Cevaal Group this Wednesday on its upcoming renewal date in December. Mr. Urban asked whether the Board wished to issue a Request for Proposal. Mayor Rogers recommended an RFP, noting that the premium had increased \$164,000 over last year, with increased deductibles from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Trustee Pierson also suggested an RFP. Trustee Hunt asked for more information of the premium increases. Further discussion followed.

Administrator Urban that he is attempting to resolve the claim by Iroquois Paving. In 2012, a bid was awarded to Iroquois not to exceed \$580,000. Iroquois claims it was instructed to pave 3 additional streets. The work was done and Iroquois is claiming an additional \$75,000 payment. Last year, this Board voted not to pay. Mr. Urban asked for direction in resolving the matter. Discussion followed. Trustees Hunt and Smith asked that the Village Attorney Murphey review and advise.

Trustee Bendell was feeling ill and left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

CORPORATE BILLS

Finance Director Miller asked for a motion to approve payment of the Corporate Bills in the amount of \$981,177.24 and Gross Payroll in the amount of \$361,543.57, Melanie Fitness Center Bills in the amount of \$13,132.07 and Gross Payroll of \$6,853.83, for total Corporate Payments of \$1,362,706.71.

MOTION TO APPROVE Corporate and Melanie Fitness Center Bills in the amount of \$1,362,706.71.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Pierson.

Trustee Hunt inquired about the payment to Arlo Kallemeyn for website hosting. Administrator Urban noted that the account number indicates that it is for the Melanie Center. Trustee Hunt asked for clarification on the total of \$994,309.31. Director Miller and Mr. Urban explained that it reflected the total for Corporate Bills and Melanie Bills, not including payroll. Discussion followed.

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

Ms. Miller asked for a motion to approve payment of the Dorchester Bills in the amount of \$19,278.05 with Gross Payroll in the amount of \$45,504.68, for total Dorchester Payments of \$64,782.73.

MOTION TO APPROVE the Dorchester Senior Center/Melanie Fitness Center Bills in the amount of \$64,782.73.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Brown.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers reported that safety issues remain regarding uneven sidewalks that have not been replaced, and downed trees infected by the ash borer virus.

In cooperation with Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart, the burned-out house at 14438 Shepard Drive has been demolished and the lot has been back-filled. The village has identified other houses with safety issues for demolition in cooperation with the Sheriff.

As a result of recent increases in armed violence in the village, the Mayor and Chief Franklin have reassigned officers for more street presence. The village continues to be aggressive in ticketing for loitering and littering.

Street lights have been repaired or replaced near schools and in vicinities of high crime activity.

OLD BUSINESS

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Village Administrator Urban advised the Board that Consent Agenda Items 1, 2, 3, and 4 are pulled from the Agenda. Trustee Hunt requested Kasperek Co.'s opinion and input on the items.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #5: ROOFING CONTRACT FOR POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief John Franklin outlined the departments' efforts to obtain bids as set forth in the synopsis before the Board. Both departments are experiencing severe leaking and resulting damage. Discussion preceded the motion on the terms of the respective bids and as to whether a Request for Proposals should be issued. Mayor Rogers urged the Board to take action this evening as the situation is becoming dangerous. Further discussion followed.

MOTION TO ACCEPT BID OF \$57,193.00 by Five Star Commercial Roofing for the fire and police departments.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Brown.

Trustee Pierson noted that the Board had not required an RFP for Cevaal Insurance.

AYES: 1 Trustee Pierson
NAYS: 3 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 Trustee Bendell, Smith
Motion failed.

Mayor Rogers ruled that a motion for an RFP must be placed on the agenda before voting.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #6: NEW HIRES PART-TIME CLERKS

Discussion preceded the motion on why Dolton residents are not being proposed for positions.

MOTION TO APPROVE HIRE OF HOUSING/BUILDING CLERKS (2) AND WATER DEPARTMENT CLERK (1).

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Henyard.

Trustee Hunt asked that Supt. Stacey provide the Board information in advance on why a particular candidate is being proposed. Mayor Rogers noted that there is a need for experienced people in Public Works and also the Water Department, which receive the most resident complaints. Trustee Pierson commented that the Board has to trust its department heads.

Roll Call

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

MOTION TO APPROVE HIRE OF PUBLIC WORKS CLERK (1).

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Trustee Brown requested that the item be considered at the September 6th Regular Meeting before the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

B. PERMIT FEES REGARDING PARK DISTRICT PROJECT

Mayor Rogers recognized the presence of Dolton Park District Executive Director Jerome Jones and President Cleo Jones on behalf the park district's request for waiver of permit fees in the amount of \$6,800 for construction of the district's Early Childhood Learning Center.

MOTION TO REDUCE DOLTON PARK DISTRICT BUILDING FEES BY HALF to 1% OF THE ENTIRE PROJECT.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Brown.

Discussion followed. Trustee Pierson recommended reduction of the fees to \$1,500. Trustee Brown recommended \$1,000. Mayor Rogers recommended waiving the fees in their entirety.

MOTION TO AMEND MOTION TO REDUCE FEES TO WAIVE FEES.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Brown.

Mayor Rogers recognized Cleo Jones, Dolton Park District President, who spoke of the importance of the park district and the village rendering mutual services, Executive Director Jerome Jones, who noted that he has been representing the park district and village on the Cal-Sag Trails Project, and Kendall Parrott, Grant Administrator for the park district, who pledged his cooperation to obtain additional dollars for park district and the village.

Roll Call

AYES: 4 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Pierson

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Bendell, Smith

Motion passed.

C. ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM RENEWAL

Administrator Urban noted that at a previous meeting of the Committee of the Whole, the Board had directed a search for current electricity supplier rates. ComEd's rates are currently the lowest for a 1-2 year period. Mr. Urban asked for direction to contact Integrys to notify residents as required under federal law that residents will no longer be supplied by Integrys. Discussion preceded the motion.

MOTION TO TERMINATE SERVICE BY INTEGRYS ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Brown.

Roll Call

AYES: 4 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Pierson

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Bendell, Smith

Motion passed.

D. SETTING SALE PRICE FOR VILLAGE-OWNED PROPERTY—MEDIA CENTER

Administrator Urban advised the Board as set forth in the synopsis before it, that the village has been approached by Mr. Issa Zayyad to purchase the Media Center for \$20,000.

MOTION TO TABLE TO THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2014.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Brown.

Roll Call

AYES: 3 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt

NAYS: 1 Trustee Pierson

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Bendell, Smith

Motion passed.

E. BUSINESS INSPECTION: FIRE DEPARTMENT FEES

MOTION TO TABLE TO THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2014.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Hunt.

Roll Call
AYES: 3 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt
NAYS: 1 Trustee Pierson
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 Trustees Bendell, Smith
Motion passed.

F. UPDATE IAFF (Firefighters) Union Negotiations

Village Attorney Murphey reported that the next scheduled meeting between the village and the union will take place on September 16th. No action was taken by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS None

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

Cheryl Hill, resident, noted that she had recently submitted petitions regarding the farmers' market on Sibley Blvd., and on the failure of the village to inspect a certain rental property. Finally, she asked the Board to be an asset and stop being a liability.

Craig Gagnon, 146th and Michigan, on behalf of his neighbors and himself, asked when the streets between 146th and 147th Streets would be repaved and noted he had attended a meeting in September of last year and had asked the same question. He had also commented on the poor conditions of the trees; now tree limbs in the parkways are falling, and the alley between Michigan and Wabash is almost impassable. He noted that the curbs near fire hydrants have not been painted and cars are being parked blocking the hydrants.

Mayor Rogers acknowledged the terrible condition of the streets on the west side. Grant funds the village had hoped to use to begin resurfacing have been delayed because of grant reporting problems under the prior administration. He noted that Public Works has 14 full-time laborers serving 23,000 residents. Mr. Gagnon replied that the trustees had the opportunity to hire one more part-time employee in Public Works. Trustee Hunt noted that he has pledged to hire Dolton residents, and he finds it hard to believe the village cannot find a Dolton resident to pick up the phone in Public Works. Mr. Gagnon pointed out that there is a certain amount of knowledge required to do that job well.

Mr. Gagnon concluded by repeating his recommendation last year that the Board pick-up copies of Roberts Rules of Order.

Mrs. Thames, resident, asked if the proposed demolitions included Dustie's. She said that there is gang graffiti on the overpass at 157th and East End, and that grass needs to be cut from 147th and Greenwood to the very end of Dolton, and in particular, "the mini-mansion" at the very end of the street.

Acting Housing Director Denise Fields noted that there is some confusion over responsibility for the property as it has been assessed as a South Holland property.

Georgia Williams, resident, said that her water bill from last month had still not been corrected. Mayor Rogers asked that she give him a copy of the bill.

Valeria Stubbs, resident, asked about the use of the sheriff's SWAP workers to assist with village maintenance. She said that Public Works needs experienced employees, even in answering the phone, because safety may be at issue. The same is true for possible damage to the roofs.

Gary Jones, said that his company of 10 workers and 3 trucks are available for subcontracting to clear alleys, paint curbs, etc. He expressed his thanks to Trustee Brown for referring him to Mr. Zayyad, who hired his company.

Felita Crayton, resident, said that the proposed roundabout at 154th and Greenwood, across from Thornridge High School, is a bad idea. Mayor Rogers responded that the project is intended to reduce speeding. Mrs. Crayton praised the proposed move from Village Hall to the MB Bank Building, and thanked Detectives Hope, Price, and the police and fire departments for bringing back "National Night Out" in August. She also noted that Charters Youth Commission has accepted the ALS bucket challenge, and challenged the trustees, administrator and department heads to accept as well. The first home game for the Thornridge Falcons is this coming Friday and all are invited.

Arthur Harris, resident, told Mayor Rogers he was doing a great job.

George Jordan, resident, expressed thanks on behalf of his neighbors and himself for correction of the sewer problems and sidewalk repairs on his street. He said that he is happy that the village works with the park district. He said that he takes it personally when there are comments about repeated mention of the Dolton Bears, as the Bears are the community's kids. Finally, he expressed hope that the mayor and Board will work together.

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

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

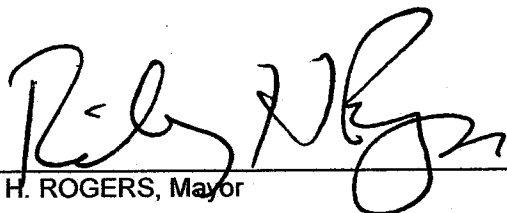
The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 6th day of October, 2014.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor