

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 18, 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., Robert E. Pierson, Jr., and Sabrina G. Smith.

Also present: Village Engineer Ronald Smith, Village Administrator Stan Urban, and Department Heads.

Absent: Village Attorney John Murphey and Legislative Counsel James Vasselli. In the absence of the Village Clerk, Deputy Clerk Denise Fields was present.

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE PRAYER

Led by Pastor Fleshman

OLD BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC WORKS: MOVE PART-TIME EMPLOYEES (3) TO FULL-TIME

Motion by Trustee Bendell. Second by Trustee Pierson. Discussion followed.

In response to Mayor Rogers' inquiry, Acting Superintendent Matthew Stacey explained that the current union contract requires a minimum of 14 full-time employees; there are currently 12 full-time and 3 part-time.

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

B. POLICE DEPARTMENT: HIRE PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS (2)

C. CODE ENFORCEMENT: HIRE PART-TIME OFFICER (1)

D. HIRE PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS B, C, AND D ABOVE.

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

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

Trustee Henyard asked why a Dolton resident was not being recommended for the Code Enforcement position. Administrator Urban explained the posting process and outlined the qualifications for the position. In answer to Mayor Rogers' question, Mr. Urban explained that the individual recommended is the most qualified of the applicants. The procedure is to recommend qualified Dolton residents, somewhat qualified Dolton residents, and then most qualified. Trustee Brown asked that the position be reposted for two weeks. Mayor Rogers noted that the position had been posted for 35-40 days. Mayor Rogers noted that the candidate speaks Spanish and would be able to assist with Spanish speaking residents. Trustee Henyard again asked that Item C be postponed for two weeks.

Trustee Hunt and Trustee Bendell withdrew their respective motion and second to approve.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS B AND D ABOVE AND TABLE ITEM C UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second Trustee Pierson.

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

E. LIQUOR LICENSE 130 E. SIBLEY BLVD. (EMPORIUM)

MOTION TO APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR PROPOSED EMPORIUM CONVENIENCE STORE.

Motion by Trustee Bendell. Second by Trustee Pierson.

MOTION TO TABLE ITEM E. Motion by Trustee Brown. Second by Trustee Henyard. Discussion on procedure to allow residents to speak to the item followed.

Trustee Brown and Henyard withdrew their respective motion and second to table.

Mayor Rogers asked residents who wished to speak on the item to come forward.

Diane Lofton, resident, reminded the Board that a resident leaving near the proposed location, she has addressed the Board before. She said that she had been against the store moving in, but now she realizes that village needs the revenue and supports the proposal. It will bring more business to the strip mall, and bring new life to the Village of Dolton. She said that she is tired of the Board turning down businesses that want to open because the mayor is in favor of them.

Pastor William Fleshman, 14709 Clark Street, Pastor of the church at 14540 Lincoln Avenue, also in Dolton. He, resident Andre Price, 14912 Edbrooke, Ed Hill and Wanda Brown, 14922 Michigan, Helen Van, 14932 Edbrooke, met with Mr. Zayyad. He said that he originally was against it. After meeting with Mr. Zayyad, they challenged him to allow the residents the right and authority after one year of operation to revoke his liquor license if they believed he was not doing the right things for the community. Mr. Zayyad agreed. The residents want something drawn up granting them that authority and requiring quarterly meetings by Mr. Zayyad with the community. Mr. Zayyad, who was also present, further agreed that the store's sign would read "Emporium Deli & Liquors."

Mayor Rogers recommend approval this evening with a contingency that a written agreement be put in place within three days.

Trustee Smith asked Mr. Zayyad to confirm his development of the northwest corner of Sibley Blvd. and Indiana Ave. Pastor Fleshman and Mayor Rogers agreed that although Mr. Zayyad had plans for the property, that project should be separated from the proposal.

Pastor Fleshman also thanked Trustee Brown for knocking on his doors and other residents' doors to get their input and meet at the proposed location.

Resident was recognized to ask why there cannot be more businesses coming to Dolton beside liquor establishments. Mayor Rogers said that won't happened until the community can be changed and branded so that people don't see it as a place they don't want to move to and businesses don't want to move to. He further noted that the convenience store will be similar to a 711. Mayor Rogers asked if the community would rather have a vacant and blighted location.

Trustee Pierson said that he asked reached out to invite several stores but they are not yet willing to come.

Trustee Bendell objected to the Board relinquishing its duty as trustees by by-passing the ordinances and process in place. She said that there are reasons why laws and structures are set up. She asked if the Board was willing to have a group over every business that comes in.

Further discussion followed on whether the matter should be tabled until a written agreement may be drafted by the village attorney or legislative counsel.

On request of the Board, Administrator Urban polled the Board to determine if there was a consensus to approve the license contingent on agreement to the stipulations proposed by Pastor Fleshman. Discussion followed. Mayor Rogers again recognized Pastor Fleshman, who asked that the matter not be tabled.

MOTION TO APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR PROPOSED EMPORIUMCONVENIENCE STORE AT 130 E. SIBLEY BLVD., CONTINGENT ON A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITHIN 48 HOURS BY OWNER AND RESIDENTS.

Motion by Trustee Bendell. Second by Trustee Pierson.

Discussion followed. In response to Trustee Henyard's question, Mr. Zayyad confirmed that he presently owns four stores located in Glenwood, Hazel Crest, Thornton and Chicago Heights.

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS None

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Trustee Henyard made an announcement about The Taste of Thornton Township on August 23, 2018. She gave information on the location and what to expect from the event, and indicated that flyers were available.

Mayor Rogers made an announcement about the Village Hall being closed on August 22, 2014, due to ComEd refitting power lines in the village hall.

At Mayor Rogers' request, Chief Franklin explained that there will be a segment on the Channel 2 news in which a Dolton Police Officer was alleged to have taken unauthorized control of a citizen's fire arm. The incident preceded Chief Franklin's tenure. The gun was never submitted to the village. The Cook County Sheriff Department conducted an investigation to look for the gun.

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 Pierson, Mayor Rogers asked for a roll call to adjourn.

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

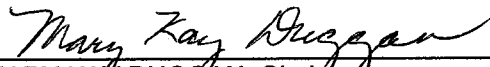
ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

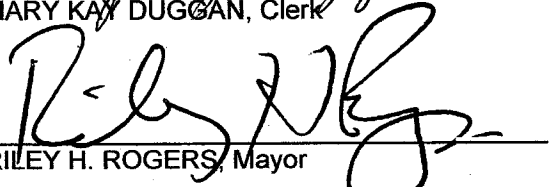
The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 2nd day of October.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor