

VILLAGE OF DOLTON  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
May 18, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Riley H. Rogers, by telephone conference call, called the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Board of Trustees to order in the New Village Hall at 7:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Trustees were present: Stanley Brown, Tiffany Henyard, Duane Muhammad, Robert E. Pierson, Jr., and Valeria Stubbs. Trustee Robert E. Hunt, Jr. was absent.

Also present: Village Administrator Stan Urban and department heads.

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER

Prayer led by Pastor William H. Fleshman of Abundant Living Christian Center.

Mayor Rogers requested a motion to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem to chair the rest of the evening's meeting.

MOTION TO APPOINT Trustee Stubbs as Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Brown.

Mayor Rogers asked if newly-elected Trustee Stubbs was prepared to accept. Trustee Stubbs indicated that she would accept if appointed. There being no further discussion:

Roll Call:

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Hunt

Motion Passed.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Henyard reminded residents that at its last meeting the Board of Trustees passed an ordinance waiving building permit fees for homeowners until June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Henyard announced that her second annual Dolton cancer walk will be from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, June 20, 2015, starting at the water fall and ending at the Dorchester. For more information, Trustee Henyard may be contacted at (773) 297-6859.

Trustee Muhammad announced that the village would be employing young people ages 18-21 for the summer at \$10 per hour through a grant by the Bethel Community Facility. The contact telephone number is (708) 758-5585. The information will also be posted on the village website and channel 4.

Trustee Pierson announced that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency will conduct two (2) public sessions on the request by Land & Lakes for a new air permit for its Dolton facility. The sessions will be on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, from 2-4 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. at the new village hall.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### A. Extension of Dorchester Management Contract

Village Administrator Stan Urban advised the board that while due diligence on the proposed sale of the Dorchester was ongoing, he recommended a four-month extension of the current management contract, with a 30-day cancellation notice. Mr. Urban updated the board on the current status of the proposed sale.

### B. Class 8 Property Tax Incentive: 340 W. Sibley Blvd. (car wash)

Administrator Urban advised the board that the purchaser of the property is requesting a resolution by the board requesting Cook County to grant a Class 8 property tax incentive. As the property has been vacant less than 24 months, a resolution stating special circumstances will be required. Property taxes for 2014 will be approximately \$15,600. Based on the purchase price of \$115,000 for the property and after capital improvements estimated at approximately \$300,000, future property taxes should be similar to current taxes.

### C. Executive Search: Police Chief

Administrator Urban introduced Daniel S. McDevitt of REM Management Services, Lansing, Illinois, to outline REM's proposal, with options A-C, to assist in the executive search process. The cost of the options ranges from \$12,000 down to \$4,500 depending on the services optioned. Mr. McDevitt answered questions from the board and also from audience members.

Administrator Urban summarized the following proposals for a suggested vote on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### D. Disposal of Surplus Vehicles

### E. Fingerprinting Fees

### F. Paperless Board Packets

### G. Roof Repairs—Melanie Fitness Center

### H. Roof Repairs—Police and Fire Departments (At Administrator Urban's request, this item was pulled from the agenda.)

### I. Personnel Policy Manual

### J. Fly-Dumping

Trustee Muhammad proposed that the current ordinance prohibiting dumping be amended to increase fines and also provide for a \$500 reward to those who report violations that result in a conviction.

There being no objections to the items proposed, they will be on the June 1<sup>st</sup> agenda for a vote.

## CITIZENS ADDRESS

Dan Lee, resident, commended the proposed strengthening of the dumping ordinance, but asked that the village combine it with further enforcement of littering. He also urged the village to buy new street signs.

Sharon Morrison, 146<sup>th</sup> and Dorchester, resident since 1991, commented on the lack of accountability of renters in the village. She also questioned why the tree in front of her house was cut down by the village. She said that she had emailed to the village online address and received no response.

Resident inquired about the progress of grass cutting and removal of debris along 158<sup>th</sup> St. The "mini-mansion" at 158<sup>th</sup> and Greenwood has been cut but portions of the fence are falling off. Resident also reported that vehicles at local businesses, such as Menard's and Fairway's, are illegally parking in handicap spaces.

Georgia Williams, resident, asked about the time-frame on repairing the whirlpool at the Melanie Fitness Center. Administrator Urban said that state inspectors had given a "green light" to hire a plumber. Resident further reported that the steam room is not hot.

Mrs. Crayton, resident, asked how long Acting Dep. Chief Moore had been a member of the Dolton P.D. The answer was 16 years. She further said that all trustees should be copied on online emails to the village. Also, District 205 is offering swimming lessons beginning in June for \$50 for two-week daily sessions. She suggested that Melanie Fitness Center also offer swimming lessons to young people.

Pastor William Fleshman suggested that the village enlist all local churches to contribute to cleaning up litter. He also suggested a partnership between church members and Melanie Fitness Center by offering church members a discount. He further questioned the recent departures of the police chief and deputy police chief.

Pastor Donald Luster commented that the fees quoted on hiring an outside search firm for police were nominal. The job description should include sensitivity training. He urged the board to raise fees on dumping so that it is a deterrent.

Cheryl Hill, resident, asked that the trustees be available for and respect resident feedback.

Dixmoor Trustee Michael Smith commended the board on efforts to come together and extended his support to work with the village on its clean-up days(s).

#### ADJOURNMENT

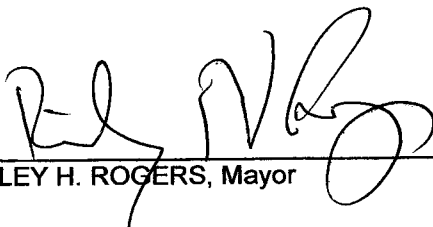
There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Pierson to adjourn the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole, second by Trustee Henyard, Mayor Pro Tem Stubbs asked for a roll call to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 1st day of June, 2015.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor