

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 4, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the Dorchester Ballroom, 1515 E. 154th St., Dolton, at 7:52 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, Village Engineer Ronald E. Smith, Village Administrator Stan Urban and department heads. Legislative Counsel James M. Vasselli was absent.

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER

Prayer was led by Rev. Charles M. Straight of Faith United Methodist Church

PRESENTATION

Detective Hope of the Dolton Police Department presented the plaque awarded to the Village of Dolton by the National Association of Town Watch for the village's participation in National Night Out 2014.

Police Chief John C. Franklin read a letter by Reece Arroyave of MARR Chicago Pizza, Inc., Domino's Pizza franchisee, commending Detectives Hope and Coleman for their services in making an arrest following the shooting of a Domino's delivery employee on October 25, 2014.

VILLAGE CLERK
REPORT

A. Approval of the Minutes:

The Village Clerk noted one correction to the minutes of the April 20, 2014 Meeting of the Committee of the Whole, after speaking with Trustee Henyard. The Village Clerk asked for a motion to approve all three minutes presented, unless there were further corrections to be addressed.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES of the April 6, 2015 Regular Board Meeting, the April 20, 2015 Regular Board Meeting, and the April 20, 2015 Meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Bendell.

MOTION TO AMEND MOTION to approve the minutes separately.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Brown.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES of the April 6, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Hunt. There being no discussion:

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES of the April 20, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.
Motion by Trustee Bendell. Second by Trustee Smith. There being no discussion:

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES of the April 20, 2015 Meeting of the Committee
of the Whole as corrected.
Motion by Trustee Smith. Second by Trustee Bendell. There being no discussion:

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

B. Communications None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ronald E. Smith announced that the deadline for application to the FY2015 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program is June 19, 2015. Awards are limited to \$125,000 per officer position with a 25 percent cash match required.

Mr. Smith will forward the Pace bus shelter replacement/installation schedule when received from PACE.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police and Fire—Trustee Pierson

Chief John Franklin reports that the police department responded to 744 calls for service from April 2nd through May 4th.

Chief Terence Hughes reports that the fire department responded to 345 calls in the month of April. The Fire Department is also asking for approval for Boot Days to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Friday June 19th, July 17th, and August 14th.

Public Works—Trustee Bendell

Acting Supt. Matt Stacey reports that Public Works received and responded to 212 requests for service. The chipper truck is out and will be following the garbage routes. The public is reminded to put garbage out no earlier than the night before pick-up. Homewood Disposal has begun picking up leaf bags as of the first week of April.

Trustee Bendell reminded residents that portable basketball hoops are not permitted in the street and must be at least 20 feet from the street.

Housing—Trustee Henyard

Acting Director Denise Fields reports a total of 802 Housing Department activities for the month of April, 2015, including 38 "as is" sales, 14 quit-claims, 15 judicial sales, 367 rental licenses and 261 rental inspections, with reported revenue of \$64,230.

Code Enforcement issued a total of 111 tickets and 26 warnings, and received 16 complaints between March 26th and May 2nd.

Trustee Henyard announced that Food for Less and Wendy's in Dolton are hiring.

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

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.

Dorchester Center/Melanie Fitness Center—Trustee Smith

Trustee Smith announced that she had no Dorchester report other than that the Dorchester has been sold.

Trustee Smith reminded residents that South Suburban College's annual job fair is May 19th. Applicants should come dressed for job interviews.

Youth—Trustee Brown

The Dolton Riverdale Little League season for boys and girls starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 16th at 14846 Lincoln Avenue in Dolton. For registration information, residents should telephone (773) 354-6305. The Dolton Stars men's/ young men's 16-inch softball team will be playing in University Park as well as Dolton Park. New Life Training Center is offering job training in carpet and floor care. Those interested should telephone (773) 785-0050 for more information. Flyers on community assistance in finding jobs are also on the table.

Finance —Trustee Hunt

Trustee Hunt announced that the second round of due diligence in the sale of the Dorchester has begun. The village made an \$800,000 bond payment today. The village has closed on the sale of the lots at 142nd and Blackstone for approximately \$100,000. The village's fiscal year began on May 1st. Trustee Hunt anticipates that a proposed budget will be ready by late May or early June.

Mayor Rogers clarified that while there is a proposed buyer for the Dorchester, it has not yet been sold.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Urban confirmed that the sale price for the Dorchester has been set, but the village is required to provide thousands of pages of records dating back more than 20 years as part of due diligence. The buyer wants to know what it is buying for \$3.2 million. Mr. Urban acknowledged the assistance of staff in providing the needed information.

A draft updated personnel policy will be on the Committee of the Whole agenda for May 18th.

The Housing Department is in need of a part-time administrative assistant at \$10 per hour.

CORPORATE BILLS

Finance Director Miller asked for a motion to approve payment of the Corporate Bills in the amount of \$2,306,606.49 and Gross Payroll in the amount of \$300,308.48, Melanie Fitness Center Bills in the amount of \$7,532.26 and Gross Payroll of \$7,357.33, for total Corporate Payments of \$2,621,804.56.

MOTION TO APPROVE Corporate and Melanie Fitness Center Bills in the amount of \$2,621,804.56.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Smith.

Trustee Henyard inquired whether the payment to Ivanhoe Plumbing indicates that the village is no longer using Calumet Plumbing. The village continues to use Calumet Plumbing depending on the project.

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 \$43,145.02 with Gross Payroll in the amount of \$51,287.58, for total Dorchester Payments of \$94,432.60.

MOTION TO APPROVE the Dorchester Senior Center/Melanie Fitness Center Bills in the amount of \$94,432.60.

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.

OLD BUSINESS None.

RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION OF SERVICE

Mayor Rogers noted that Trustee Cathern L. Bendell and Trustee Sabrina G. Smith had completed their terms as trustees, and invited each to address the Board and members of the audience.

Trustee Bendell thanked everyone for coming out, and for staying and working in the community. She said she has enjoyed being a trustee for four years and plans to still be out there in the community.

Trustee Smith gave her thanks to God for the person He has allowed her to become with the opportunity to fight for the people of the village. She will continue to do so and hopes the community will work together to grow Dolton.

Mayor Rogers presented Trustee Bendell and Trustee Smith with crystal plaques "in recognition and appreciation of your dedicated service to the Village of Dolton" on behalf of the mayor, the village clerk, and Board of Trustees.

SWEARING IN OF NEW TRUSTEES

Illinois First Appellate Court Justice Nathaniel R. Howse, Jr., administered the oath of office for trustee separately to Robert E. Pierson, Jr., Valeria Stubbs, and Duane Muhammad. The newly sworn-in trustees took their seats on the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

A. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

1. Appointment of Terence Hughes as Emergency Management Director

There was a four-minute video presentation narrated by Mayor Rogers on the need for a village emergency evacuation plan and emergency management director. Following the presentation, the mayor asked if there were comments or questions from the board. Upon Trustee Hunt's inquiry, the mayor said that the salary for the director would be \$90,000 per year. Administrator Urban noted that the job description he had distributed to members of the board was created with the assistance of several state officials and local emergency management directors. Mr. Urban said that the need for every community to have an evacuation plan has been recognized since 9-11. He noted that there presently is no evacuation plan for the Dorchester. Trustee Henyard asked why the Board would not wait until the upcoming budget process to consider the addition of the new position. Mayor Rogers said that the mayor

should have some latitude in making these decisions and referred to the video. Trustee Henyard pointed out that new matters are to come first to the Committee of the Whole to consider. Trustee Hunt expressed his concern that with this evening's appointments, the village would be without an assistant fire chief. He asked if the emergency management director could also assist the fire chief. Mayor Rogers answered that the demands of the position would be full-time.

MOTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF TERENCE HUGHES AS EMERGENCY SERVICES MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR/FIRE MARSHAL.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

Roll Call

AYES: 4 Trustees Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

NAYS: 2 Trustees Brown, Henyard

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

2. Appointment of Steven McCain as Fire Chief

MOTION TO APPOINT by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Pierson.

In response to Trustee Henyard's question, Mayor Rogers confirmed that the fire chief's salary would be \$90,000 per year.

Roll Call

AYES: 6 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

Illinois First Appellate Court Justice Nathaniel R. Howse, Jr., administered the oath of office separately to Terence Hughes as Emergency Management Director/Fire Marshal and Steven McCain as Fire Chief.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS B-N JOINTLY.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

Trustee Hunt said that he wanted to vote on Item B, the IMRF resolution, and Item I, the resolution on hiring police officers and firefighters, separately. Discussion followed on recent testing of applicants and creation of new hiring lists as a result. Attorney Murphey advised that the proposed resolution does not eliminate hiring from the lists, but addresses immediate need for trained personnel. Trustee Hunt said immediate need could be addressed by hiring part-time. In response to Trustee Hunt's question, Chief Franklin confirmed that 85 applicants had taken the recent written exam. Trustee Brown said that the mayor was selling fear to residents. Mayor Rogers responded that the board has been taking six months to approve hires. Trustee Hunt asked if hires and fires will come before the board for approval. Mayor Rogers said that he cannot guarantee that.

Trustee Henyard asked how many liquor licenses would be increased by Item F. Attorney Murphey noted that the ordinance previously passed by the board automatically terminates a license when the license holder leaves. The proposed ordinance would not increase the number of licenses but would facilitate their transfer and eliminate business uncertainty.

Trustee Hunt said that the proposed ordinance for Item L authorizing the village to borrow from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) was a template. The Board did not have the completed ordinance before it. Engineer Smith and Administrator Urban replied that the proposed ordinance had been provided by IEPA.

Trustee Henyard objected to Item H, terminating the services of Kenneth Wright as videographer, and noted that Mr. Wright was a Dolton resident. Mayor Rogers responded that he decided to go in a different direction.

On the MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS B-N:

- B. RESOLUTION No. 15 R-004
To Include Taxable Allowances as Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Earnings.
- C. ORDINANCE No. 15-009
Repealing Resolution No. 13 R-0018: *Appointing Del Galdo Law Group, LLC as Legislative Counsel for the Board of Trustees*
- D. ORDINANCE No. 15-010
Repealing Ordinance No. 13-028: *Adopting a Policy Regarding the Establishment of the Agenda for Meetings*
- E. ORDINANCE No. 15-011
Amending Section 1-4-5(R) or the Dolton Village Code
Employment
- F. ORDINANCE No. 15-012
Amending Section 3-3-7(A) of the Dolton Village Code
Liquor Licenses
- G. ORDINANCE No. 15-013
Repealing Ordinance No. 13-015: *To Permit the Operation of Food Trucks*
- H. Ordinance No. 15-014
Repealing Resolution 13 R-0015: *Authorizing the Amendment of an Agreement for Certain Consultant Services (Kenneth R. Wright)*
- I. Ordinance No. 15-015
Amending Title 2, Chapter 7 of the Dolton Village Code to Provide an Alternate Procedure for Hiring Fully-
Qualified Police Officers and Firefighters
- J. Ordinance No. 15-016
Repealing Ordinance No. 15-004: *Access to the Village's Public Facilities by Village Officials*
- K. Ordinance No. 15-017
Repealing Ordinance No. 13-27: *Regarding the Use of the Media Center in the Village of Dolton*
- L. Ordinance No. 15-018
Authorizing Loan Agreement (Public Works Water Meter Replacement)
- M. Termination of any and all Agreements Between the Village of Dolton and
Charious McLaurin
- N. Insurance Broker of Record:
 - 1. Termination of any and all Agreements Between the Village of Dolton and Wolf Point Advisors, Ltd., as
the Broker of Record for the Village of Dolton.
 - 2. Appointment of the Owens Group as Broker of Record

On Items B-N:

Roll Call

AYES: Trustees **Hunt*****, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs,
NAYS: Brown, Henyard
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

*****Trustee Hunt** voted no on Items B, I, and L.

There being a 3-3 vote tie on Agenda Items B, I and L, Mayor Rogers cast his vote: AYE. Items B, I, and L passed 4-3 votes.

Agenda Items, C, D, E, F, G, H, K, M, and N passed 4-2 votes.

O. Discussion of Ordinance 12-560 Contracts and Purchases

Trustee Hunt said that he asked this item be placed on the agenda because he believes the village should follow the current ordinance and possibly add to it. He said that the ordinance's bidding requirement should not be avoided by cutting up contracts over time. Mayor Rogers responded that Trustee Hunt did not want to go out to bid on the insurance broker of record. Administrator Urban noted that a majority of the trustees questioned his authority to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) at that time.

No action was taken.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers acknowledged the recent ribbon cutting at Checkers. Sixty percent of Checker's employees live in Dolton.

ComEd is adding 67-70 new lights in the village and will also provide the village with its updated list of residents needing medical support.

The South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association and the Regional Black Caucus of Mayors warn that Gov. Rauner is attempting to take away \$1.2 million dollars in tax revenue from communities.

Comcast will be installing fiber optics at the new village hall so that the media center can operate there. Channel 4 is up as of this week. The mayor is working on the return of the village newsletter. The village is also negotiating with AT&T to bring channel for to U-verse subscribers.

There will be a Coffee with the Mayor this Saturday, May 10th, at the Dorchester, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and to be followed by a Mother's Day Breakfast at 9:30. Those wishing to attend the Mother's Day breakfast should RSVP as soon as possible.

There is a senior movie day every third Thursday of the month from 1-4 at the Nzure Entertainment Center across the street from the new village hall. Attendees will be able to select movies for the following months.

The fire department will bring ice cream to every school within the village during the last two weeks of the school year. Last year 3,500 students were served.

Code Enforcement is out and has been issuing 100-125 tickets per week. Their efforts are not geared toward revenue but rather toward compliance.

The new police and public works vehicles purchased with bond funds have arrived.

Last year 311 houses were sold within the village.

The police and fire departments took part in a recent emergency training sponsored by CSX Railroad. The railroads have funds to sponsor other projects. Mayor Rogers is in discussion for help in locating a new fire station in the "valley" section of the village, which is often cut off by railroad traffic.

New Community Church, formerly Lorimer Church, is celebrating its 125th anniversary.

Mayor Rogers recently attended the federally-sponsored Jefferson Awards presentation at Thornridge High School.

Mayor Rogers noted that the ballroom at the Dorchester, and its other banquet facilities, are available for rental and asked residents to support the facility when they have special events.

CITIZENS ADDRESS:

Kevin Griffin, 14842 Evers, congratulated the new trustees and told the mayor he was doing a good job. Resident believes that having an emergency management director is a good thing. Resident said he remembers that when the mayor ran for election some of the trustees opposing him now ran on his ticket.

Mr. Crayton, board member, High School District 205, thanked the outgoing trustees for their service and welcomed the new trustees. He thanked the mayor for attending the Jefferson Awards for public service. Mayor Rogers presented awards to 50 top students.

Mrs. Crayton, resident, asked residents to support the Thornridge High School Band car wash on the Saturday before Mother's Day. Mrs. Crayton also congratulated the mayor and the new trustees, and urged the community to work together to move Dolton forward.

Dan Lee, resident, congratulated the new trustees. He said there has been enough foot-dragging by trustees opposing the mayor. He criticized board members who wish to rely on part-time hiring at \$10 per hour, noting that truck drivers are in demand. He said he still has not heard coherent answers as to why the trustees hired the insurance broker without an RFP.

Diane Lofton, resident, congratulated the new trustees. Resident has 33 years of railway experience and knows how important railroad safety is.

Arthur Harris, resident, said that in two years the "last three" trustees should be replaced as they will never help the mayor.

Beverly Muhammad, 14434 University, congratulated the board. She asked for assistance with grass cutting at 14430 University, which is abandoned.

Minister White, congratulated the new trustees, and urged the board to come together in unity, to leave personal agendas outside, and have no more meetings to 10:30 or midnight. She thanked the mayor for presenting the video on railway safety.

Tom Shepard of the South East Environmental Task Force complimented the mayor for his prudence and forethought in addressing train safety. He announced that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency will be holding public sessions on the request by Land & Lakes for a new air permit. The sessions will be on Thursday, May 28th, from 2-4 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. at the new village hall. He noted that even though the landfill closed in 2012, it is still there and its owners remain in denial about the smell.

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

Roll Call

AYES: 6

Trustees Brown, Henryard, Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

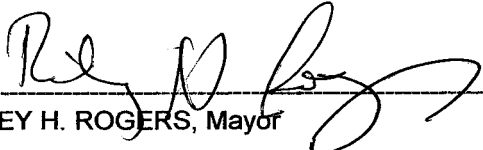
The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

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



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor