

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 3, 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 7:36 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 and Village Engineer Ronald E. Smith. 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 Trustee Brown.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A. Approval of the Minutes

The Village Clerk asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 6, 2014 and of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of October 20, 2014, as presented, unless a trustee wished to make corrections or changes to the minutes separately.

MOTION TO APPROVE Minutes of October 6, 2014 and October 20, 2014.

Motion by Trustee Smith. Second by Trustee Pierson.

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

B. Communications: None

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ronald Smith summarized his written report presented to the Board, noting that the new PACE bus shelters will be installed by the end of the year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police and Fire—Trustee Pierson

Fire Chief Terence Hughes reports that the Dolton Fire Department received and responded to 293 calls from October 6 to November 3, 2014, up 362 calls from this time last year. The fire department plans to expand next year its open house held this year on October 25th.

Police Chief John Franklin reports that the Dolton Police Department received and responded to 867 complaints and requests for service from October 20 through November 3, 2014.

Public Works—Trustee Bendell

Acting Superintendent Matthew Stacey reports that the Department of Public Works received and responded to 308 requests for service in the month of October. Residents are asked to place their garbage and bulk items out no sooner than the evening before pick-up. Trustee Bendell further asked that residents be mindful of children playing as it becomes darker outside.

Housing—Trustee Henyard

Acting Housing Director Denise Fields reports a total of 374 transactions and inspections in October with revenues of \$25,850.00.

At Trustee Henyard's request, Chief Franklin explained the police department's efforts in cooperation with Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart to check vacant homes in the village after the recent discovery of women's bodies in abandoned homes in Gary, Indiana.

Trustee Henyard announced that the Housing Committee meeting scheduled for November 1st was rescheduled to Saturday, November 8th, and that the village's ownership of the media center and the former Dusties property on Sibley Blvd. has been verified.

Dorchester Center/Melanie Fitness Center—Trustee Smith

Trustee Smith announced the annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Dorchester residents and family and friends at 12 p.m. on Saturday, November 22nd, at \$12 per person. Those interested may call 708-841-5560.

Youth—Trustee Brown

Trustee Brown congratulated the Dolton Bears cheerleaders for their recent 2nd place finish and the junior varsity players for their 3rd place victory. The Illinois High School Association continues to hire referees. Trustee Brown also announced that two young men referred to AFSCME Local 134 had been hired.

Finance —Trustee Hunt

Trustee Hunt announced that the 2012 audit had been completed and completion of the 2013 audit was expected by the end of the year. Trustee Hunt acknowledged that the village continues to struggle, and is facing a \$2.8 million bond payment this fall.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT None.

CORPORATE BILLS

Finance Director Miller asked for a motion to approve payment of the Corporate Bills in the amount of \$1,140,762.73 and Gross Payroll in the amount \$330,678.10, Melanie Fitness Center Bills in the amount of \$12,030.04 and Gross Payroll of \$7,062.58, for total Corporate Payments of \$1,490,533.45.

MOTION TO APPROVE Corporate and Melanie Fitness Center Bills in the amount of \$1,490,533.45.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Brown.

Trustee Bendell asked why the village was continuing to pay for Mr. Kenneth Wright to videotape the meeting when the access channel 4 was no longer available. Mayor Rogers recognized the Village Clerk to inform the Board that Mr. Wright had provided her with copies of meetings since requested by the Board. Discussion followed on the postings of the meetings on the village website and/or YouTube.

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 \$41,181.02 with Gross Payroll in the amount of \$52,810.68, for total Dorchester Payments of \$93,991.70.

MOTION TO APPROVE the Dorchester Senior Center/Melanie Fitness Center Bills in the amount of \$ 93,991.70

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.

MAYOR'S REPORT

(Mayor Rogers deferred his report until completion of business.)

Mayor Rogers reported that Governor Pat Quinn and other elected officials had attended the "Coffee with the Mayor" on Saturday, October 11th. Gov. Quinn expressed his appreciation to Mayor Rogers and especially conveyed his thanks to the Thornridge High School Band which greeted the governor on his arrival. Mayor Rogers expressed his thanks to Principal Walton and the Thornridge Band.

The ribbon cutting ceremony commemorating the donation of the MB Bank building on Chicago Road to the village to be the new Village Hall took place four days later on October 15th. Mayor Rogers expressed his thanks to MB Bank for its donation of \$10,000 to support the cost of the move. The move-in date is dependent on upgrade and installation of telephone lines and IT.

The Dolton Park District is sponsoring a fundraiser for the Steven R. Agee II Scholarship Fund in memory of Steven, who was a gunshot victim while attending Northern Illinois University. The event is Friday, November 7th.

The next "Coffee with the Mayor" is Saturday, November 8th, at the Dorchester, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. A representative from ComEd will speak. Thornton Township High School District 205 Superintendent Dr. McJunkins will also speak.

Also on November 8th, Thornton Township is sponsoring an Energy Fair at Thornton Township Hall beginning at 10 a.m.

Mayor Rogers urged Dolton residents to vote on Tuesday, November 4th

The Dolton Park District is sponsoring a Veterans Day luncheon on Monday, November 10th.

There will be a free children's coat and turkey give-away on Sunday, November 23rd at the Dorchester, made possible by donations from Dolton businesses.

There will be a Job Fair on Thursday, November 6th, sponsored by the Southland Regional Mayoral Black Caucus and the Illinois Department of Employment Security beginning at Roesner Park in Markham.

The Village Hall will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, in honor of Veterans Day, and for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday, November 27-28th.

CONSENT AGENDA

At Trustee Bendell's request, Item A, proposed Ordinance No. 14-026 was pulled from the Consent Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS B-H OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- B. FOP CLERKS CONTRACT
- C. CITY OF CHICAGO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
- D. SALE OF 716 ENGLE PROPERTY
- E. SAFESPEED:
 - 1. RESOLUTION NO. 14 R-0015
To Indemnify the State of Illinois for Photo Enforcement Equipment Attached to IDOT Facilities.
 - 2. ORDINANCE NO. 14-027
Implementing an Automated Traffic Law
- F. POSTING OF A HANDICAP ONLY SIGN
 - 1. ORDINANCE NO. 14-028 14827 Oak St.
 - 2. ORDINANCE NO. 14-029 14228 Kenwood Ave.
- G. DEMOLITION OF 1323 SIBLEY BLVD. (DUSTIES)
- H. \$2.8 MILLION TAX ANTICIPATION WARRANT

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS B-H.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. 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.

- A. ORDINANCE NO. 14-026
TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSING AND REGULATION OF DAY CARE HOMES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF DOLTON.

Discussion preceded a motion. Trustee Bendell pointed out that the proposed ordinance provides for a licensing period of January 1 through December 31, while all other village licenses are issued for May 1 through April 30. She suggested amending the ordinance to conform to the current licensing period. Discussion followed regarding timely notification to day care operators of the change. Administrator Urban suggested that staggering licenses would improve the cash flow to the village. He said that staff would send a letter to current day care operators notifying them of the new ordinance by November 15.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 14-026.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Henyard

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF CONTRACT TO MANAGE THE DORCHESTER Awakened Management Alternatives Management Services.

MOTION TO APPROVE EXTENSION OF CONTRACT with Awakened Management Alternatives Management Services, Inc. on a month to month basis.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Smith.

Trustee Henyard stated her opposition to continuing the contract because the company is not reporting increased revenues. Discussion followed.

Roll Call

AYES: 5 Trustees Bendell, Brown, Hunt, Pierson, Smith

NAYS: 1 Trustee Henyard

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- B. SALE OF 130-132 E. Sibley Blvd. (Media Center)

At the request of Administrator Urban, after discussion, the item was pulled from the agenda to a date uncertain.

- C. EXPENDITURES OF 2014A BOND (\$1.4 million)

Administrator Urban recommended purchase of a fire engine truck by installment with a suggested \$100,000 down payment.

Discussion preceded a motion. Mayor Rogers recommended that allowance be made for a down payment not to exceed \$120,000. Trustee Henyard recommended investigating whether there may be a used fire engine available for sale by another municipality. Chief Hughes noted that safety standards require old engines to be retired. Mayor Rogers responded that used engines are costly to refurbish and that the village's oldest engine dates to 1992. He said that the village needs an engine it can rely on.

Trustee Hunt proposed the inclusion of a purchase of 911 switches, which will generate return revenue to the village and pay for itself. Administrator Urban explained that the village receives a percentage of state revenue from hard line telephone calls, but not cell phone calls. Mr. Urban estimated that the village is losing \$100,000 to \$150,000 each year. Three needed switches would be installed for not more than \$150,000.

MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES AS SUBMITTED and ATTACHED WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: Elimination of \$440,000 from the purchase price for a new fire engine truck, allocation of \$120,000 for a down payment on the purchase of a new fire engine truck, for total allowed expenditures in the amount of \$1,084,322.31

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Pierson. There being no further discussion:

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE OF \$150,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF 3 911 NEW GENERATION SWITCHES.

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

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

Administrator Urban advised the Board that staff will proceed to inventory current equipment for Board authorization for sale.

NEW BUSINESS None

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

Ms. Mauri Thomas and Ms. Velena Miller addressed the Board regarding their possible interest in opening a Learn Charter School in the south suburbs.

Richard Pickens, resident, urged the Board not to sell Melanie Fitness Center but instead invest in it. He expressed his appreciation for the hot tub and urged its repair.

Deputy Chief Abraham Martinez announced that he had represented the Dolton Police Department and the Village of Dolton in the recent Sears Tower Climb and the Chicago Marathon. Applause followed.

At Mayor Rogers' request, Police Chief Franklin reported that there had been an arrest of a 15 year-old Dolton resident in the recent shooting in Dolton of a Domino's delivery employee. A second suspect has been identified and efforts are ongoing to identify and locate a third suspect. Mayor Rogers expressed his appreciation and said that recent realignments of positions in the police department are paying off.

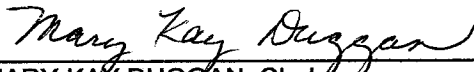
In response to a question from a member of the audience regarding 300 W. Sibley Blvd., Mayor Rogers answered that because the village does not own the property, the village has no information on its future development.

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 Smith, 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.

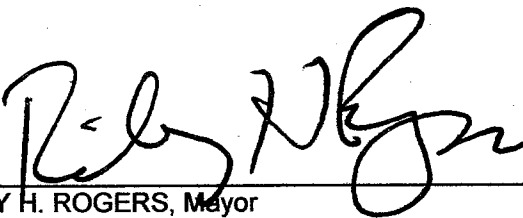
The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 1st day of December, 2014.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor