

VILLAGE OF DOLTON  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
December 15, 2014

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Committee of the Whole 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 Administrator Stan Urban and Department Heads.

Absent: Village Attorney John Murphey and Legislative Counsel James M. Vasselli.

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER

Led by Trustee Brown

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Henyard announced that she will be sponsoring her second annual cancer walk in 2015.

Trustee Brown announced that South Suburban College is sponsoring one-time tuition waivers for college district residents age 25 year and older.

Mayor Rogers asked for a consensus to rename the Crystal Ballroom at the Dorchester Center in memory of Mr. Shawn Sims, manager of Giovanni's, caterer for the Dorchester. There was a consensus of five trustees; Trustees Henyard, Trustee Brown, Trustee Hunt, Trustee Smith and Trustee Pierson. Mayor Roger asked Trustee Bendell for her vote. Trustee Bendell declined to vote. Trustee Bendell noted that former Mayor Ronnie Lewis had also recently passed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. CHANGE OF PAYROLL COMPANIES

Administrator Urban recommended replacing the village's current payroll vendor with Paychex, Inc. The company had been brought in to fix existing payroll problems while also working with Identatronics, the village's time clock vendor and with LOCIS, the accounting software. The current payroll company's software does not integrate with LOCIS. The proposed vendor would be able to integrate its system with the village's hand-stamp time clock across all departments. There have been problems with the current vendor overpaying employees. Under Paychex' current promotional discount, the village would pay an estimated \$9,115 for 2015. It presently pays \$13,500 per year. Mr. Urban proposed placing the item on the agenda for the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. A representative from Paychex was present to answer any questions.

Trustees Henyard and Smith expressed concern that the current vendor was not invited to be present. Mr. Urban noted again that there have been problems with the current vendor. Trustee Hunt asked about the Paychex promotional rate and its length. The rate quoted was for three years, with three months free payroll the first year. Without the discount rate, its charge would be \$12,178 per year.

There was a consensus to place the matter on the January 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting agenda.

**B. CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF 911 DISPATCH AND AMBULANCE SERVICE**

(Representatives from Kurtz EMS and Bud's Ambulance had presented their proposals at the December 1, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.)

Trustee Pierson asked Chief Franklin and Chief Hughes for their thoughts.

Police Chief Franklin said that he had no preference on the provider selection.

Fire Chief Hughes noted that any issues the village may have had with Bud's have been straightened out. He also noted that Bud's has been in Dolton for 40 years. Chief Hughes said that while the representatives from Kurtz are "great guys," he knows what to expect from Bud's. With a new provider there would be a learning process. Chief Hughes acknowledged that the new dispatch center in Calumet Park is a beautiful facility, and the costs between the two proposals are close. However, it is a "no brainer" to keep Bud's.

Trustee Smith added that no one had talked to Bud's about service concerns. Bud's has shown that it is willing to work with the village and the village should be willing to work with Bud's.

There was a consensus to place the matter on the January 5<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**C. SET PRICE TO SELL THE DORCHESTER**

Administrator Urban reported that Trustee Smith asked that this item be pulled from the agenda. Trustee Smith pointed out that she was the committee chair and the item had been placed on the agenda without her being consulted. Mr. Urban noted that the Dorchester is costing the village close to \$2,000 or approximately \$80,000 per month in losses. Trustee Hunt suggested entering into executive session to set a sales price.

MOTION TO TABLE by Trustee Smith. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Mayor Rogers said that the matter should first be addressed by the trustees' Dorchester committee. Trustee Bendell asked the Board to recall how long it has been working on this matter both in committee and for board meetings.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION after Citizens Address to set a sales price for the Dorchester Center.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Henyard.

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 1 Trustee Smith

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Mrs. Crayton, resident, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and expressed her thanks to the police and fire departments for their assistance in collecting applications for food baskets to be distributed by CHARTERS Youth Commission, Inc. Resident also thanked the mayor for recognizing Shawn Sims.

Barbara Parker, resident, suggested that the next housing department workshop should include a session to explain the village's property requirements for homeowners. She further suggested that the village pursue a Mariano's or Golden Corral to replace the former Dusties property.

Resident "in spirit" and member of the line dancers at the Dorchester thanked Mayor Rogers for considering renaming the Dorchester Crystal Ballroom for Shawn Sims.

The Board of Trustees entered into Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. and returned to regular business at 9:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Henyard to adjourn the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole, second by Trustee Bendell, 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 9:08 p.m.

  
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MARY KAY DUGGAN, Clerk

APPROVED and AMENDED by the Board of Trustees this 5th day of January, 2015

  
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RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor