

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 2, 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 7:43 p.m.

ROLL CALL The following Trustees were present: Cathern L. Bendell, Stanley Brown, Robert E. Pierson, Jr., Trustee Robert E. Hunt, Jr. and Sabrina G. Smith. Trustee Tiffany Henyard was absent.

Also present: Village Attorney John B. Murphey and Village Engineer Ronald Smith. Steven Avalos for Legislative Counsel was present. Legislative Counsel James M. Vasselli arrived during the meeting. Village Administrator Stan Urban and all department heads were also present

A quorum was present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER**

Led by Mr. Herman Moore, resident.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A. Approval of the Minutes
Regular Board Meeting of May 5, 2014

The village clerk asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

MOTION TO APPROVE the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 5, 2014.

Motion by Trustee Bendell. Second by Trustee Pierson.

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Henyard

Motion passed.

B. Communications

Request by CHARTERS Youth Commission to place mulch around the maple trees along Greenwood Avenue.

Mayor Rogers informed Mrs. Crayton of CHARTERS that he had secured a donation of mulch.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ronald Smith summarized his written report before the Board:

The elevated water tower on Engle and Sibley Blvd. was inspected. A detailed analysis report will be forthcoming by the end of the month.

There are two grant opportunities for the police department: COPS Hiring Program (COPS CHP) and Community Policing and Development Program (COPS CPD). The latter grant does not require matching funds. The information has been provided to the chief and deputy chief. Chief Franklin said that the grants may permit the village to offer positions off of the full-time list. The Cottage Grove Resurfacing Project is a joint cost-sharing project between the villages of Dolton and South Holland (28% and 72%

respectively, of 20% of the total cost), and South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) federal grant funding, 80% of the total cost. Construction is targeted for completion by June 30th.

Trustee Henyard arrived at 7:53 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police and Fire—Trustee Pierson

Police Chief John Franklin reports that the Dolton Police Department received and responded to 910 complaints and requests for service during the period of May 19 through June 2, 2014. Trustee Pierson noted that he is working on the establishment of a Dolton Community Action Network, first proposed in 2011 by then Trustee Rogers, to get the residents involved in community policing.

Mayor Rogers (later) noted that Chief Franklin's report shows a recent increase in armed robberies/vehicle high-jacking and urged residents to be observant. He complimented police in capturing two attempted car-jacking/armed robbery suspects yesterday, with the assistance of the Calumet City Police Department canine unit.

Fire Chief Terence Hughes reports that the Dolton Fire Department received and responded to 360 calls between May 6 and June 6, 2014, up 301 calls from this time last year.

The Fire Department and H.S. District 205 are in partnership to sponsor their first Fire Camp between June 9 and July 18, 2014. This is the start of fire science classes being offered in the schools. Trustee Pierson introduced Mr. John Arrington of District 205, who spoke of the summer and upcoming classes. Slots for fire cadet summer camp remain open. Information and applications are available at the meeting and on the district's website. Mr. Arrington thanked Mayor Rogers and Chief Hughes for reaching out to start this program. Chief Hughes noted that the intention is to expand the summer program into the school curriculum and tie into South Suburban College as well.

Public Works—Trustee Bendell

Acting Superintendent Matthew Stacey reports that the Department of Public Works received and responded to 319 requests for service since the May 5th board meeting. Residents are again reminded to place their garbage cans out for pick-up only after 7 p.m. the night before. Loose trash is to be placed in the cans and not next to the cans. Residents may place bulk items out with their garbage cans, as well as tree branches if they are cut into 4 foot lengths and tied with string. Trustee Bendell reminded residents that basketball hoops are not to be placed near or in the street as children are endangered. She further reported that a resident called today to compliment public works for the work done in repairing a water main break at 142nd and Chicago Road.

Housing—Trustee Henyard

Acting Housing Director Denise Fields reports a total of 495 transactions and inspections in May with revenues of \$28,785.00.

Trustee Henyard reminded residents of Dolton's First Annual Clean Up Days Friday through Sunday, June 6th through June 8th. Trustee Henyard invites residents to do spring cleaning of their homes and yards and place unwanted items on their curbs for pick-up by Homewood Disposal on the regular garbage days. Residents will not be ticketed during community clean-up days.

Trustee Henyard requested that a Request for Proposal be issued for board-up companies.

Trustee Henyard noted that the village has posted positions for a part-time clerk, and two part-time public works laborers (who must have commercial drivers licenses).

Trustee Henyard is organizing her first annual Dolton Cancer Walk on Saturday, June 14th. Anyone who wishes to be a sponsor may contact Trustee Henyard at 708-297-6859.

Trustee Henyard (later) announced that the building permit free holiday ordinance approved by the Board earlier yielded 50 free resident permits, and recommended that the Board consider further promotional efforts next year.

Dorchester Center/Melanie Fitness Center—Trustee Smith

Trustee Smith reported Dorchester Senior Center deposits in May of \$53,897.36 and business deposits of \$6,200.00, totaling \$60,097.36. Melanie Fitness Center deposits were \$19,446.95.

Youth—Trustee Brown

Trustee Brown announced that the Retrofit One Program is offering jobs for skilled trade workers, non-construction staff, electricians, pipefitters and carpenters. There will be an intake session on June 6, 2014, at Olive-Harvey College. The Illinois Department of Corrections is also hiring corrections officers. Further information is available on its website.

The Greater Chicago Food Depository's Lunch Bus will bring healthy meals to children Monday through Friday from June 9 to August 27th, including delivering to Dolton Park from 10:35 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.

Clerk of the Circuit Court Dorothy Brown is sponsoring an expungement summit for juveniles on Saturday, June 7th, at Living Word Christian Center, 7600 Roosevelt Road in Forest Park.

Thornton Township's Days in the Park program visits Dolton Thursday, June 5th, at Dolton Park.

Finance —Trustee Hunt

Trustee Hunt reported that the Finance Committee of the Whole's first budget meeting was on Saturday, Memorial Day weekend, and was 6 hours long, and that it was a very productive meeting. A second meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 13th. The village is behind in completing its audits, but the 2012 audit is commencing, and hopefully the 2012 and the 2013 audits will be completed by the end of the year.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No report.

CORPORATE BILLS

Finance Director Miller asked for a motion to approve payment of the Corporate Bills in the amount of \$1,781,630.72 and Gross Payroll in the amount of \$543,494.27, for total Corporate Payments of \$2,325,124.99.

MOTION TO APPROVE Corporate Bills in the amount of \$2,325,124.99.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Bendell.

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 \$44,116.12 with Gross Payroll in the amount of \$41,876.62, Melanie Fitness Center Bills in the amount of \$8,332.30, with Gross Payroll of \$8,289.00, for total Dorchester and Melanie Payments of \$102,614.04.

MOTION TO APPROVE the Dorchester Senior Center/Melanie Fitness Center Bills in the amount of \$102,614.04.

Motion by Trustee Bendell. Second by Trustee Smith.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers congratulated the graduating classes of H.S. District 205.

The mayor has sponsored "end of school year" ice-cream days for all elementary schools with Dolton children, as announced at the last meeting.

On May 14th, the Dolton Public Works Department demolished the long-standing vacant garages at Sibley Blvd. and Beachview, which had become a haven for problems, and were unsafe and unsightly.

The mayor reminded everyone that Father's Day is June 17th, and that for those whose fathers are here, it would be nice to recognize them.

The next "Coffee with the Mayor" will be on Saturday, June 14th, with two guest speakers from Guardian Pest Control and the Cook County Mosquito Abatement District. The district will be treating the village two times per month during the summer.

Mayor Rogers acknowledged receipt of complaints for village hall operations and promised investigation and corrective action.

The mayor recognized the village clerk to announce that vehicle stickers for the new full year of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, are on sale at the village hall at \$40 per vehicle and \$5 for seniors 65 and over. There is a grace period for purchase through July 15th. Rates will be increased by 50% on July 15th.

OLD BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT with Azavar Audit Solutions, Inc.

MOTION TO APPROVE 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.

At Trustee Hunt's request, Mayor Rogers acknowledged the arrival of April L. Munday of DelGado Law Group, Legislative Counsel, at approximately 8 p.m.

**B. RESOLUTION NO. 14-0012
Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority.**

MOTION TO APPROVE by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Bendell. Discussion followed.

In response to trustee questions, Mr. Urban explained that SSLBDA is a collective economic development corporation for South Cook County, and that it would like to approve the village's membership at its next meeting. Appointment of a representative is made by the mayor subject to board approval. Village Attorney Murphey stated that it would be premature to vote on an appointment before SSLBDA accepts the village as a member.

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

C. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT with SafeSpeed, LLC, for Red Light Camera Enforcement.

Administrator Urban called the Board's attention to the Comparison and Analysis conducted by SafeSpeed showing that in the prior year the village would have realized revenue of \$87,571.69 over what it realized with RedSpeed.

MOTION TO APPROVE by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Bendell.

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

D. ORDINANCE NO. 14-013

Regarding Liability for Payment of Charges for Water in the Village of Dolton

MOTION TO APPROVE by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Brown.

Trustee Henyard explained that the ordinance would allow landlords to put water bills in tenants' names. There is a \$25 registration fee. The owner would remain ultimately responsible for payment if the tenant did not pay. Mayor Rogers expressed concern that the village did not have the technology or the personnel to implement the registration. Trustee Henyard disagreed.

Discussion followed on amending the ordinance to expressly provide for the \$25 registration fee. Village Attorney Murphey suggested insertion in Section 3.0, second paragraph of the proposed amendment, after the sentence requiring valid identification at the time of registration, the following sentence: "A security deposit of \$25.00 must be paid to the Village at this time."

MOTION TO AMEND to add language as recommended.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Smith.

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

Roll Call to Approve Ordinance as amended:

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

E. ORDINANCE NO. 13-014
Amending Title VI, Chapter 1, of the Dolton Village Code Relating to Motor Vehicle Licenses.

Trustee Bendell explained that the amendments provide for the purchase of one vehicle sticker per senior owner at the senior citizen rate. Also, any resident who purchases a sticker for the upcoming year who had not purchased a sticker for a vehicle in use the prior cycle would be required to purchase a sticker for the prior cycle as well.

Administrator Urban added that the village could merge its records with a list obtained from the Secretary of State. The village would generate a letter to notify residents if they have been in violation.

MOTION TO TABLE TO COMMITTEE. Motion by Trustee Smith. Second by Trustee Henyard.

Roll Call
AYES: 3 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Smith
NAYS: 3 Trustees Bendell, Hunt, Pierson
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

The vote on the motion being tied, Mayor Rogers cast his vote: NAY.

Motion to table failed.

MOTION TO APPROVE. Motion by Trustee Bendell. Second by Trustee Pierson.

Roll Call
AYES: 3 Trustees Bendell, Hunt, Pierson
NAYS: 3 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Smith
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

The motion being tied, Mayor Rogers cast his vote: AYE. Motion to approve passed.

F. ORDINANCE NO. 14-015
Amending Title IV, Chapter 7 of the Dolton Village Code to Establish Health Inspection Fees.

MOTION TO APPROVE. Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Henyard.
There being no discussion:

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

G. ORDINANCE NO. 14-016
Establishing an Administrative Fee in Connection with Traffic Court Violations

MOTION TO APPROVE. Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Bendell.

There being no discussion:

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

H. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH AFSCME FOR RETROACTIVE WAGE INCREASES.

Mr. Urban noted that this item had been tabled at the November 18, 2013, meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE. Motion by Trustee Bendell. Second by Trustee Pierson.

There being no discussion:

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

I. APPROVAL OF HIRE: CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (2)

Mr. Urban noted that the matter had been previously discussed at a Committee of the Whole and the consensus of the Board was to move forward with the hiring of two part-time code enforcement officers. Resumes of the recommended candidates are before the Board.

MOTION TO APPROVE Hiring of Two (2) Part-time Code Enforcement Officers at \$10/hr.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Bendell.

Discussion followed. Trustee Brown said he wants to hire Dolton residents. Mr. Urban explained that positions were offered to two Dolton residents, who turned them down because they found \$10/hour too low. A third resident who applied had no prior experience. Mr. Thigpen suggested hiring the third applicant as the positions are cost-neutral to the village.

MOTION TO AMEND to Approve Hiring of Three (3) Code Enforcement Officers as presented at \$10/hr.

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

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion to amend passed.

Roll Call on the Motion as amended:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

J. APPROVAL OF HIRE: POLICE OFFICERS PART-TIME

MOTION TO APPROVE HIRING of Four (4) Police Officers as presented Part-Time @ \$15/hr.
Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Bendell.

Deputy Chief Franklin proposed the hiring of three part-time whose resumes/applications were before the Board, subject to passing criminal background inspections. Trustee Brown again stated that he wants to hire Dolton residents. Chief Franklin replied that of those who applied, one Dolton resident was qualified. Discussion continued on hiring qualifications and the status of union negotiations.

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 1 Trustee Smith

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

K. APPROVAL OF PACE BUS SHELTER PROGRAM

MOTION TO APPROVE Advertising Transit Shelter Agreement by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Henyard.

Discussion followed the motion. Engineer Smith noted that the ten current shelters in the village would be replaced. The new shelters would have solar lighting and provide for advertising on a revenue-sharing basis. Trustee Bendell inquired about the location of the shelters so that they would be accessible throughout the village.

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

L. DORCHESTER MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH GEG SERVICES, LLC.

This item was on the agenda as for discussion only. Trustee Smith introduced Karen Gause, who would serve as property manager. The Board had already received the resumes of Ms. Gause and her associates. In addition, GEG was negotiating with Genevieve Thomas of Awakened Alternative Enterprises, who was also present, for SLF (Supportive Living Facility) care management.

Ms. Gause noted that she is a 5-year Dolton resident. Mayor Rogers noted similarities to the current management contract, and asked if there was a marketing plan. Ms. Gause stated that GEG projects to reduce costs and is not asking for as much money as in the current management contract. Trustee Smith noted that the proposed contract is for a one-year period, during which she expects the village will see some growth in the number of residents. Ms. Gause added that GEG would be providing a marketing plan within 30 days of coming in. Mayor Rogers asked for a copy of GEG's business plan, and suggested that the village do a Request for Proposal. Trustee Hunt responded that with the current contract as extended set to expire, the village had no choice but to move forward with the proposal.

Trustee Smith introduced Ms. Thomas, who outlined her experience and credentials. Discussion followed on the subcontract proposed between GEG and Awakened Alternatives. Trustee Henyard asked that the Board set a date certain to approve the new management agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. TERMINATION OF PART-TIME CLERK
- B. TERMINATION OF PART-TIME PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Mr. Urban asked that the Board go into Executive Session following Citizens Address to discuss the terminations.

CITIZENS ADDRESS: Mayor Rogers asked citizens to limit their comments to three minutes.

Dorchester resident expressed her appreciation for Tom Lekavich, stating that he is really good at what he does.

Dorchester resident stated that a marketing plan for the Dorchester is of utmost importance. She said that the village has a gold mine with the Dorchester. She also asked where is the documentation of complaints and problems.

Garrett Ghezzi, life-time resident, said that information he obtained by a Freedom of Information Act request shows that the village is subsidizing the Dorchester by \$40,000 per month. He also challenged Trustee Smith's comment that there are outstanding bonds on the Dorchester, as the information given him says there are no bonds.

Mrs. Crayton, Dolton resident, stated that everyone who lives in the village has hardships, and asked the if each of the Board members' stipends were taken away, what would they do? She added that the previous arrangement with Food for Less was not favorable to the village. Mrs. Crayton expressed her support for the Dolton Fire Department cadet program with H.S. Dist. 205 this summer, and thanked Trustee Brown for attending CHARTERS "Fathers in the Park" Barbeque, where 50 families attended with their fathers.

EXECUTIVE
(CLOSED) SESSION

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purpose of discussing the discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Bendell.

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

The Board of Trustees recessed to enter Executive Session at 10:20 p.m.

MOTION TO ENTER REGULAR SESSION by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Bendell.

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

The Board of Trustees returned to regular session at 11:28 p.m.

MOTION TO TERMINATE Part-Time Clerk and Part-Time Plumbing Inspector as presented.

Motion by Trustee Bendell. Second by Trustee Pierson.

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

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.

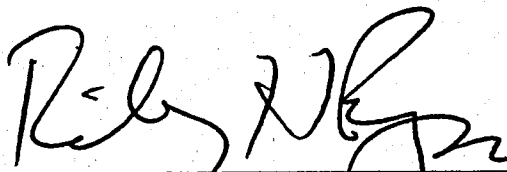
The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 7th day of July, 2014.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor