

VILLAGE OF DOLTON  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
July 6, 2015

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the New Village Hall at 6:46 p.m.

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

Also present: Village Engineer Ronald E. Smith, Village Administrator Stan Urban and department heads. Village Attorney John B. Murphey was absent.

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/  
PRAYER

At the Public Hearing on the proposed Appropriation and Budget Ordinance held prior to the Regular Board Meeting.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A. Approval of the Minutes:

The Village Clerk asked for motion(s) to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 1, 2015, and the Minutes of the Meetings of the Committee of the Whole on June 15, 2015 and June 23, 2015.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES of the Regular Board Meeting of June 1, 2015, and the Minutes of the Meetings of the Committee of the Whole on June 15, 2015 and June 23, 2015.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Stubbs. There being no discussion:

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

B. Communications None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ronald E. Smith summarized his written report to the Board of Trustees:

Sibley Blvd. Street Resurfacing: Completion is scheduled for the end of August. Most paving operations are being performed at night.

Melanie Fitness Center Spa Permit: Cost estimates have been solicited from nine local Illinois Department of Health (IDPH) pre-approved contractors.

Meter Replacement Project: The project has been advertised and a public session for bid applicants will be held at 11 a.m. on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Bids are due to the Village Clerk by 1 p.m. Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be opened and read at the board evening that evening.

PACE is still in the process of installing new bus shelters and relocating existing shelters where they are needed.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Rogers announced the new committee chairs:

Housing—Trustee Stubbs  
Public Works—Trustee Pierson and Trustee Stubbs  
Dorchester—Trustee Stubbs  
Melanie Fitness Center—Trustee Muhammad  
Finance Committee—Trustee Muhammad  
Police and Fire—Trustee Pierson

There will be additional committee chairs announced at the next meeting.

Trustees Henyard and Hunt asked that the meeting agenda going forward include opportunity for every trustee to give a report. Discussion followed.

### **Police and Fire—Trustee Pierson**

Acting Dep. Chief Michael Moore reports that the Dolton Police Department responded to 1,303 calls for service from June 15<sup>th</sup> through July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Steven McCain reports that the Dolton Fire Department responded to 336 emergency incidents in June. The fire department projects to respond to 4,100 emergency incidents this year. The department is committed to assisting residents with block parties and responding to requests for public education. As part of its fire safety initiative program, the fire department will hold a raffle for a smoke detector in September at the board meeting. The department will also be sponsoring prevention education programs for seniors and juniors beginning in September, and will be offering health screenings on the first and third Tuesdays.

Trustee Pierson thanked those who volunteered and donated supplies for the “Clean Sweep” village clean-up project on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Every household will be notified of the next event. Trustee Pierson noted that the cleaned areas quickly filled with litter and will be working with code enforcement to enforce the penalties for littering. Trustee Pierson extended his apology in scheduling the event in conflict with other events that day.

### **Public Works—Trustee Stubbs**

Acting Supt. Matt Stacey reports that Public Works received and responded to requests for service in the month of June, including 25 water meters installed, 28 loader pick-ups, 59 JULIE locates, 14 sewer complaints and 6 sewer repaired, 5 street lights replaced and 23 street lights repaired, and 2 water main breaks repaired.

The chipper truck is out and will be following the garbage routes. Branches cut in four-foot sections and tied will also be picked up. The public is reminded to put garbage out no earlier than the night before pick-up. Bulk items may be placed with the garbage for pick-up. Residents are asked to report non-working street lights and their location to the Public Works Department.

### **Housing—Trustee Stubbs**

Acting Director Denise Fields reports a total of 286 Housing Department activities for the month of June, 2015, among them including 55 sale inspections, 26 “as is” sales, 11 escrow release inspections, 6 quit-claims, 9 judicial transfers, 39 rental licenses and 77 rental inspections, and 8 vacant property permits, and revenue of \$29,395.00.

Trustee Henyard noted that 9 residents in April, 27 in May, and 58 in June took advantage of the Building Permit Holiday. She reported that her Cancer Walk on June 20<sup>th</sup> raised \$700 for cancer research. Trustee Henyard commented that maybe in the future the board will work together in planning events.

### **Dorchester Center—Trustee Stubbs**

Long-time resident Dorchester resident Walter Dixon passed on July 1, 2015. The Dorchester presently has 41 residents.

### **Youth—Trustee Brown**

Trustee Brown expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to have served as committee chairman.

The Father/Son Softball League will play this Sunday at Dolton Park at 5, 6, and 7 p.m.

A mobile produce truck will distribute fresh fruit and vegetables to suburban Cook County residents who do not exceed set income limits on July 30<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Abundant Living Christian Center, 14540 Lincoln Ave.

The Illinois Department of Employment Security is sponsoring an Apprenticeship Information/Registration Session from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7500 S. Pulaski Rd. in Chicago.

Information regarding the above programs is available on the board room table.

Det. Sandra Baptiste of the Harvey P.D. is asking for participation by local representatives in a benefit fashion show on August 29<sup>th</sup> for Engaging Youth Positives. She may be contacted at (708) 331-3030.

### **Finance —Trustee Muhammad**

Finance Director Tanjnique Miller reports that the FY15 audit process has begun. The auditors will be in the field beginning July 27<sup>th</sup>. The finance department is also working with the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) on its audit.

Trustee Hunt motioned that the mayor's appointment of himself as police chief be placed on the next meeting agenda. Trustee Henyard seconded. Mayor Rogers ruled the motion out of order. There was further discussion between Trustee Hunt and Mayor Rogers. On point of order by Trustees Pierson and Muhammad, Mayor Rogers recognized Trustee Muhammad for his report.

### **Melanie Fitness Center—Trustee Muhammad**

The Melanie Center continues its membership drive. All Melanie employees are CPR certified.

Trustee Muhammad introduced Ms. Fiona Wysingle of Bloom Mentoring Youth Program, who announced an "Empowering Men and Women" event for ages 6-17 at Dolton Park on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Urban reported that closing on the sale of the Dorchester Senior Center is anticipated to be sometime in August.

The proposed sale of the village-owned lots at 142<sup>nd</sup> and Blackstone to Aperion Care is pending environmental audits by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The IEPA estimates clean-up costs at \$143,000. The original sales price was \$100,000. However, Aperion Care is willing to pay \$65,000 and assume responsibility for the lots clean-up.

Mr. Urban will be on medical leave after July 16<sup>th</sup> and anticipates returning in approximately two weeks. In the meantime he will communicate with staff from home

Mr. Urban thanked Stephanie Blanco of Kasperek & Co. and staff for their hard work on the proposed FY16 budget. He acknowledged that the budget is not the best but is better than it was a year ago and much better than it was two years ago. Revenue from taxes is estimated to be up by 12 percent.

Mr. Urban met with retired state police officers regarding the establishment of a truck weight enforcement division. The average overweight truck stopped yields \$8-10,000 in fines.

Mr. Urban has located a contractor who will repair the Melanie Fitness Center heaters at a savings of a few thousand dollars.

The roofs on both the police and fire department were repaired by in-house maintenance. Previous estimates by outside contractors had been approximately \$70,000.

#### CORPORATE BILLS

Finance Director Miller asked for a motion to approve payment of the Corporate Bills in the amount of \$1,026,058.54 and Gross Payroll in the amount of \$331,861.90, Melanie Fitness Center Bills in the amount of \$8,512.44 and Gross Payroll of \$5,745.96, for total Corporate Payments of \$1,372,178.84.

MOTION TO APPROVE Corporate and Melanie Fitness Center Bills in the amount of \$1,372,178.84.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Muhammad. There being no discussion:

Roll Call  
AYES: 6 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs  
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 \$37,297.91 and Gross Payroll of \$51,275.93 for total payments of \$88,573.84.

MOTION TO APPROVE the Dorchester Senior Center Bills in the amount of \$88,573.84.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Pierson. There being no discussion:

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

#### CONSENT AGENDA Administrator Urban read aloud the following agenda items:

- A. Resolution No. 15 R-006  
A Resolution to Include Compensation Paid Under an Internal Revenue Code Section 125 Plan as IMRF Earnings
- B. Resolution No. 15 R-007  
Authorizing Submittal of Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Justice for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistant Grant (JAG) Program FY 2014 Local Solicitation, Acceptance of JAG Grant Award, and Ratification of Execution of Memorandum of Understanding
- C. Resolution No. 15 R-008  
To Appoint a Local Government Director to the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority
- D. Ordinance No. 15-023  
To Regulate Electronic Product Promotions Sweepstakes

- E. Ordinance No. 15-024  
Amending Section 3-1A-2 of the Dolton Village Code Relating to Video Terminal Gambling License Fees
- F. Ordinance No. 15-025  
Amending Title 13, Chapter 1, Section 5 of the Village Code  
(Administrative Adjudication and Enforcement of Code Violations)
- G. Ordinance No. 15-026  
Amending Section 3-10A-6 of the Dolton Village Code to Increase the Penalties for Sale of Cigarettes to Minors
- H. Ordinance No. 15-027  
Amending Section 3-6-6 of the Dolton Village Code to Regulate the Distribution of Catalytic Converters
- I. Ordinance No. 15-028  
Amending Section 6-5-4-7 of the Dolton Village Code to Allow for the Posting of Additional Handicap Only Signs (14803 Evers, 14229 Kenwood, 14721 Kenwood, 14905 Irving, 14504 University, and 14437 Woodlawn)

In response to Trustee Brown's question on Item C, Mr. Urban explained that the Board of Trustees had previously approved becoming part of the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority, but had not appointed a representative to its board of directors. Approximately 90 percent are mayors.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A-I.**

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

Regarding Consent Agenda Item A, Trustee Hunt urged the Board to stop its practice of including IRC Section 125 compensation as IMRF earnings. He said this would be a significant savings potential for the village. Mayor Rogers noted that the proposed ordinance is to become compliant with IMRF requirements. Trustee Hunt further noted regarding Item C that the Mayor is trying to wear many hats. Mayor Rogers responded that it is the job of the mayor to do so. Trustee Hunt announced that he would be voting no on Items A and C.

**MOTION TO AMEND MOTION TO APPROVE BY DELETING ITEM C.**

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Hunt.

Roll Call  
 AYES: 3 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt  
 NAYS: 3 Trustees Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs  
 ABSTAIN: 0  
 ABSENT: 0

The vote being tied, Mayor Rogers cast his vote: NAY. Motion failed.

**ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE:**

Roll Call  
 AYES: 6 Trustees Brown, Henyard\*, Hunt\*\*, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs  
 NAYS: 0  
 ABSTAIN: 0  
 ABSENT: 0

\*Trustee Henyard announced her NAY vote on Item C.

\*\*Trustee Hunt announced his NAY vote on Items A and C.

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance No. 15-029  
Adopting an Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the 2015-16 Fiscal Year

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE No. 15-029. Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

Trustee Hunt said that the village had better plan for the \$3.6 million for the sale of the Dorchester which the budget includes as projected revenue. Mayor Rogers noted that the village could have sold the Dorchester for \$7 million if the Board of Trustees had approved it. Mr. Urban noted that currently the Dorchester is operating at a \$75-85 million loss. The expected Tax Anticipation Warrant will bring in another \$2.8 million. The budget also includes projected hiring of 6 police officers, 5 firefighters, and 4 Public Works laborers at \$1.1 million. Trustee Henyard said there should be another budget meeting. Mr. Urban pointed out that Ms. Miller had emailed the trustees asking if they wanted to meet at 5 p.m. today. She received no response. The only budget items the Board had not previously discussed are for Public Works and the Melanie Center.

Roll Call  
AYES: 3 Trustees Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs  
NAYS: 3 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 0

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

- B. Adoption of Employee Policy & Procedure Manual

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

Trustee Stubbs said that she believed that the paid holiday schedule including Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve was too extensive. Trustee Hunt asked about Section 3.6 on residency. Mr. Urban noted that there were two different possible interpretations: The mile limit may be calculated "as the crow flies" or by actual drive. Trustee Hunt said he wants to pass the policy but also see the village follow it. Mayor Rogers noted that he also wants to give Dolton residents hiring priority, but the trustees wanted to keep postings at part-time and minimum wage. There were no responses by Dolton residents to postings for a part-time labor with a Commercial Driver's License (CDL).

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

NEW BUSINESS None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers addressed the recent violence in the community, and noted that no community is immune from crime. Interim Deputy Chief Moore has been with the Dolton Police Department for 16 years and is managing day-to-day operations. The police chief's job is an administrative job. Mayor Rogers pointed out that he has served in supervisory capacities in the past and is a former state police officer. He acknowledged that certain positions within the police department have not been held accountable and that will change. The village will accept applications for the advertised position of police chief through July 15<sup>th</sup>. There have been four homicides in the past three and one-half months, and the surrounding communities have also experienced recent homicides. The majority of the violence in the village has involved targeted individuals who recently moved back to the community. The police department is in the process of trying to

remove them from the community. Mayor Rogers has met with Sheriff Dart, who has at times supplied up to 30 patrol vehicles.

Mayor Rogers welcomed Charles Johnson as the village's new building inspector. Mr. Johnson served as building inspector for Lansing for 13 years. He is working with Mr. Thigpen to implement changes in property maintenance enforcement procedures and bring the various building codes up to date. Mr. Johnson said he planned to offer a "kinder, gentler" building department which communicates with residents instead of just writing tickets.

"Coffee with the Mayor" is this coming Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Dorchester.

#### CITIZENS ADDRESS

Juanita Hester, resident, complained of potholes and standing water in her alley at 153<sup>rd</sup> and Grant St. For the past 20 years there have been no major repairs, only patch-ups. Resident also inquired if grass at vacant homes is being cut.

Kenneth Williams, Silk & Classy Barber College Shop, announced that the shop would once again be offering free back to school haircuts to boys 5-17 on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 5 p.m. The shop is located at 804 E. Sibley Blvd. The shop is also offering free food and school supplies. Also, High School District 205 is offering a food sanitation certification class at the Dorchester this Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, at a discounted cost of \$50.

Arlecta Baldwin, Dorchester Townhomes, thanked Denise and Mr. Thigpen in Housing for their work in capturing a dog running loose on the property and thanked Mr. Thigpen for addressing a safety hazard presented by kids playing basketball in the street. She also asked that dumping along the fence on Dante be addressed. She asked about handicap signs in front of houses with driveways and questioned why there would be an ordinance prohibiting fencing around the townhome property. There has been dumping on the townhome property.

Rose Van Witzenberg, resident, noted Engle St. also needs to be repaved that that weeds were overgrown along the factories on Engle St., as well as a house on Engle and two houses on Park St. There is a street sign for Arthur without letters. Resident and her neighbor said that there are cats living in the empty house on Park, as well as opossum, and that the grass growing into the alley is covering a drain cover.

Ron Jackson, resident, said he has been asking that the seven dead trees on 155<sup>th</sup> Place be cut down for two years and has received no response. He said that public works left a broken curb and ruts on his grass after a water main repair, but he received a ticket for high grass this year when his landscaper was delayed. Mayor Rogers noted that the village has been cutting down trees starting last year in high crime areas and where there are ash borer beetle infestations. Public Works will return to repair the broken concrete and landscape.

Deborah McFarland, resident, noted that the backyard of the vacant house at 14319 Irving needs to be cleared. She said that three years ago she was robbed by men coming from the yard.

Pat Byrd, resident, reported that the street light at 146<sup>th</sup> and Dorchester has been out for three weeks. She has been calling Public Works every other day. Drivers are blowing through the street sign there. She thanked Trustee Pierson for the beautification sign.

Mrs. Crayton, resident, thanked the trustees for the clean-up and hopes there will be others every two to three months. She also thanked everyone for supporting the Fathers in the Park event. She is working with Trustee Muhammad to give away back packs at the Health Fair to be held on August 15<sup>th</sup> and Dolton Park. Early registration for Thorn ridge High School is July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. She urged residents to take advantage of the upcoming food sanitation class on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Jerry Jones, Dolton Bears, announced that its basketball players would be playing a tournament in Baltimore and Ocean City Maryland, July 20-26th, and would also visit the White House. The Bears have raised \$6,500 but need \$9,300. Of the 47 kids participating, 34 are Dolton residents. He thanked Trustee Brown for his ongoing support and for helping on tag day. The Bears played at Harlan High School last week and represented the Village of Dolton. Mr. Jones thanked Trustee Henyard for her Cancer Walk.

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

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

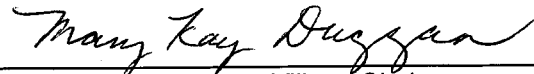
ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

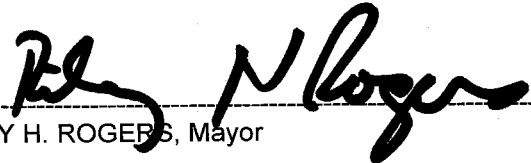
The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2015.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor