

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
June 23, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Board of Trustees to order in the New Village Hall at 4:22 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 Administrator Stan Urban and department heads.

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
PRAYER

Prayer was led by former Trustee Willie Lowe.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS None

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Committee Chairs

Mayor Rogers said that he would not be making appointments to the standing committees of the trustees this evening but would designate the new chairs by the July 6th meeting. The chairmanships of Trustees Henyard, Hunt and Brown have expired.

B. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem

Trustee Hunt said that appointment by Mayor Rogers of a mayor pro tem violated state statute by taking away power from the corporate authorities. Mayor Rogers disagreed. He said that the village's home rule powers allow it to enact ordinances that are more stringent than the state requires. Trustee Hunt said that the Village of Dolton has passed many illegal ordinances. In response to Mayor Rogers request for an example, Trustee Hunt identified lateral hiring. Trustee Brown said that he had read the state statutes and agreed with Trustee Hunt. Trustee Henyard asked Mayor Rogers why he was enforcing it now. She also asked why limit the appointment to just one person. She said that the selection of a mayor pro tem by the Board of Trustees had been working fine. Mayor Rogers replied that he could not bring it forward before when if he would say the sky is blue the Board would say it is black. Mayor Rogers noted that the ordinance authorizing the mayor to appoint a mayor pro tem (99-103) was enacted when the then mayor was also a state senator. Trustee Hunt said that the mayor will do what he wants to do; that he has appointed himself police chief, which is also illegal. Mayor Rogers said that he has not appointed himself police chief but noted that there are many towns where the mayor is the police chief. Trustee Hunt said that the ordinance was not legal because it was not signed by the mayor. Mayor Rogers recognized Village Clerk Duggan to explain that an unsigned ordinance is valid unless it is successfully vetoed by the mayor. Trustee Brown asked for a copy of Ordinance No. 98-365, which Ordinance No. 99-103 amends. Trustee Hunt said that these were serious issues that he would bring to the attention of the state's attorney.

C. 2015-2016 Budget

Village Administrator Urban announced that there would be a 10-day posting of final hearing of the budget, with July 6th being the target date. Administrator Urban noted that many of the budget line items, such as for

the Dorchester, remain fixed. Discussion followed on overtime expenses for police, fire, and public works. Mr. Urban asked for \$76,881 for the installation of water flow meters which the village had purchased for approximately \$600,000 in the early 2000's but had not installed. The meters would allow the village to monitor water delivery and charges by the City of Chicago. Mr. Urban said that he agrees that his earlier option of lay-offs to reduce expenses was not a viable option. Early retirement incentive programs for the various bargaining units could produce significant savings. Mr. Urban offered further options for increasing revenues: raising fire department fees, enforcement of code violation, raise fines for violations, restructure the police department clerks' schedule to work 9-5, and aggressive water billing.

Trustee Henyard suggested eliminating the sale of the Dorchester from revenue as the sale has not gone through yet. Mr. Urban continued to answer questions from the Mayor and Trustees regarding General Ledger expenses series 01-12, 01-13, 01-14, and 0-21. There was a consensus of the trustees to increase police department training (21-563) to \$50,000.

Fire Department Chief Steven McCain answered questions regarding his written Fire Department Budget Analysis.

Mr. Urban asked for authorization to proceed with the installation of the water flow meters. It was the consensus of the Trustees that he proceed.

CITIZENS ADDRESS None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Stubbs to adjourn the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole, second by Trustee Pierson, Mayor Rogers asked for a roll call to adjourn.


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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 6th day of July, 2015.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor