

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 20, 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 7:38 p.m.
- ROLL CALL** The following Trustees were present: Cathern L. Bendell, Stanley Brown, Tiffany Henyard, Robert E. Hunt, Jr., and Robert E. Pierson, Jr. Trustee Sabrina G. Smith was absent.
- Also present: Engineer Ronald E. Smith, Department heads. Village Attorney John B. Murphey, Legislative Counsel James M. Vasselli, and Village Administrator Stan Urban were absent.
- A quorum was present.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER** Prayer was led by Trustee Pierson.
- VILLAGE CLERK**
- A. Minutes: None.
 - B. Communications
- The Village Clerk reported that following the April 6th meeting, she had spoken with a representative of Just Because Mentoring Services (JBMS) regarding its request to tag in the village on Saturday, April 25th and the village's requirement for additional insurance coverage. Earlier in the day, the Clerk received an email from Ronnie Skinner, CEO of JBMS, asking to speak at a board meeting regarding his organization and the village's insurance requirement. The Clerk invited Mr. Skinner to this evening's meeting. As Mr. Skinner is not present, and the Clerk had received no confirmation regarding the additional insurance, she is not asking the board to take further action on the request.
- ENGINEER'S REPORT** Engineer Ronald E. Smith summarized his written report:
- Engineer Smith did follow-up on the installation status of the PACE bus shelters as he had said at the last board meeting. A list of the new shelters and relocations is included in the report.
- Also included in his report is comprehensive list of approved projects that may be applied for through the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Program.
- In response to Mayor Roger's question, Engineer Smith confirmed that none of the shelters will be wide open and all will be lighted. The first six shelters ordered last year will be hard-wired but at PACE expense. Moving forward, all shelters will have solar panel lighting.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- Police and Fire—Trustee Pierson**
- Police Chief John Franklin reports that the Dolton Police Department received and responded to 758 complaints and requests for service since the April 6th board meeting. There is no report for the fire department.
- Public Works—Trustee Bendell**
- Trustee Bendell said that there is no report, but reminded residents that they may not place portable basketball hoops in the street. They must be at least 20 feet from the street.

Housing—Trustee Henyard

Trustee Henyard that the following are hiring: Aldi's, McDonald's, and Family Dollar in South Holland, and Food for Less and Wendy's in Dolton.

Trustee Henyard reminded residents that there is a free building permit holiday from April 15th through June 15th.

MB Financial is sponsoring a Financial Literacy Workshop for first time home buyers from 6-10 p.m. on Thursday, April 23rd, at its 550 E. Sibley location. Seating is limited so those interested should contact Jacqueline Lockette, Banking Center Manager, at 708-201-2579.

The "My City" loan modification program is available to Cook County homeowners who are 90 days or more delinquent in their mortgage payments. Anyone interested should see Trustee Henyard.

Dorchester Center/Melanie Fitness Center—Trustee Smith

No report.

Youth—Trustee Brown

Republic Services are recruiting women drivers. For more information, go to RepublicServices.com/careers.

South Suburban College is holding its annual job fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19th, at the college's Fitness Center. For more information, go to southsuburbancollege.edu.

Nabisco is hiring for several positions. For more information, go online to Nabisco.

Finance —Trustee Hunt

Trustee Hunt reported that there are new contracts with public works and patrol officers, and there will be a new pay scale as of May 1st. It is anticipated that retro pay will be caught up by May 22nd. The finance department has been working hard to provide the due diligence reports for the proposed sale of the Dorchester. The village is working with the new auditor to set dates for the upcoming audit.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT None.

CORPORATE BILLS None.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Fourth of July Fireworks

Trustee Brown advised the board that the park district has decided not to have fireworks this year. Trustee Brown asked that the item be pulled.

B. Fourth of July Partnership with Dolton Park District for Police and Fire Department Expenses

Trustee Brown introduced Kathy Dixon, Program Coordinator for the Dolton Park District. Ms. Dixon read the park district's proposal for a family picnic-style, community-wide Fourth of July celebration. The park district is proposing a park district/village partnership as follows:

Option A: Youth/Teen Stage and Adult Entertainment Area
Total Proposed Budget: \$13,150.00
Request from Village: \$ 6,575.00

Option B: Youth/Teen Stage and Adult Entertainment Area
Total Proposed Budget: \$ 9,900.00
Request from Village: \$ 4,950.00

The proposal does not include the cost of police presence. Ms. Dixon reviewed the differences between the two options. Under Option B there would be no awards for the youth performers and there would not be a headliner but instead there would be local talent. She estimated that approximately 400 persons at minimum would attend.

Chief Franklin projected that at least 8-10 officers would be required. Ms. Dixon noted that park district staff will also be there for set-up and clean-up at an estimated \$9,000 paid for by the district. Ms. Dixon said that the park district is seeking sponsorships and those donations would be split with the village.

Ms. Dixon asked for an answer as soon as possible. Trustee Hunt asked for a complete budget proposal to be submitted to the village administrator. Chief Franklin said that he would meet with Ms. Dixon to provide police costs.

Ms. Dixon answered additional questions by the mayor and trustees. She said that there would be two separate areas for the adults and youth.

Mayor Rogers noted that the village had given the park district \$6,800 in building permit concessions last year.

Ms. Dixon replied that this proposal presents an opportunity for the village and park district to work together for the community as it has in the past. The marketing materials would list the village and park district jointly. Mayor Rogers observed that it would have been better for the working relationship if the mayor had been informed of the meetings between the park district and trustees. Ms. Dixon promised that it would not happen again.

Trustee Brown noted that Village Administrator Stan Urban had been present at the meetings. Mayor Rogers replied that Mr. Urban told him that he received a notice to show up at the park district for a meeting. Ms. Dixon pointed out that she did provide the mayor's office with copies of the meeting minutes. It was her understanding that the mayor was aware of the meetings.

Ms. Dixon thanked the mayor and board for its consideration of the park district's proposals, and that after she meets with Chief Franklin she will present a revised comprehensive budget as requested.

NEW BUSINESS

A. VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Trustee Brown spoke of the need to have a newsletter for the village and recommended that the board plan for a newsletter beginning at the upcoming budget meeting.

Trustee Pierson stated his surprise that Trustee Brown would bring forward this proposal when he had voted to eliminate funding for the Sentinel newspaper. Trustee Pierson expressed his support for bringing it back as soon as possible.

Trustee Henyard said that she voted to eliminate the newspaper because it had not been budgeted and she is all about budgeting and planning. She supports budgeting and planning for the newspaper.

Mayor Rogers commented on how things change after elections; that it was the board that had voted against his efforts to bring communication to the residents. He promised that there will be a lot of communication in the next two years. He cited the potential difficulty in marketing the Fourth of July event without channel 4 or the newspaper. He noted that not everyone is fortunate enough to have cable or the internet. The newspaper went out to 9,200 households. The village will find the money to put it out again.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers reminded residents that they may use the drive-through for payment of water bills, tickets, etc.

There will be a Mother's Day breakfast at the Dorchester on May 9th, from 9:30 to 1 p.m., following the "Coffee with the Mayor" from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Those who wish to attend the breakfast should RSVP to his office at 708-201-3270. Trustee-Elect Valeria Stubbs is coordinating the breakfast.

CITIZENS ADDRESS:

Mrs. Crayton, resident, expressed her thanks to the outgoing trustees. She also thanked the mayor for "Coffee with the Mayor" and for the Mother's Day breakfast. She is excited about the upcoming swearing in so that the village may move forward. She asked the board to work together going forward.

Mayor Rogers announced that swearing in of the newly elected trustees will be on May 4th, at the Dorchester Center, this meeting only, to accommodate anticipated attendance.

Bobby Stewart, resident, expressed his thanks for removal of trash along Greenwood Ave. between Sibley Blvd. and 154th Street. Mayor Rogers confirmed that the two sidewalk squares on Greenwood Ave. at 151st St. will be replaced. Resident noted that while Triangle Park is beautifully manicured, there are no trees in the park. There are no benches or picnic tables.

Commissioner Lester Long of the Dolton Park District said that when the district put in basketball courts in Triangle Park the neighborhood wanted them down. He said there may be a similar response to putting in benches but the district will put them in.

Resident noted that the ditches along Greenwood Ave. from 154th to the Toyota dealership are full of debris. Also, she called Cook County about the house at 1701 E. 158th Street, which is unfinished construction, and was told that Dolton is responsible. South Holland said it only delivers the mail. Mayor Rogers asked Director Fields to research the property. Resident further asked if code enforcement would visit businesses as well. Mayor Rogers said that he intends to put a regular inspection procedure in place.

Anne Mays, president of the Block Club for 148th-149th and Langley, reported three concerns: A neighbor has a problem with dogs coming into her yard. She called the police and nothing was done. Secondly, trash is being dumped in the alley between Langley and Evans.

Mayor Rogers said that he looking at a proposed ordinance for fly-dumping which would provide a stiff fine and confiscation of the vehicle. It would also include a reward provision.

Resident further noted that no action has been taken regarding the burned out garage at 14916 Langley. It is an eyesore. The property is bank-owned. Mayor Rogers said that he would have it down by the end of the week

Diane Lofton, 146th and Edbrooke Ave., reported that two potholes in front of her house are getting bigger. She also complained about the garbage being tossed in the streets. Many of the residents are renters and regularly park their cars blocking driveways. She also asked about the garbage at 142nd St. and the viaduct.

Ms. Sims, Pop Staples Drive, thanked Trustee Henyard for helping her out with problems with her house. She reported that there are kids hanging out at 148th and Ellis who do not live on the block. Mayor Rogers told her to call the police. Resident expressed her reluctance to do so.

Arthur Harris, resident, told the mayor he is doing a great job, and said he can't wait until May 4th. He further cautioned the mayor that there are still those who won't help him.

Cheryl Hill, resident, said the board should have respect for the residents and one another. Further, residents should not be afraid to call the police. She has seen the police chief out on two different occasions, which is refreshing. She said there should not be any loitering on Chicago Road now that the village hall is located there.

Resident expressed her love for the Dolton community. She then addressed two vehicle tickets she received which were thrown out when she went to court.

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

Roll Call
AYES: 5 Trustees Bendell, Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Pierson
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Trustee Smith
Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 4th day of May, 2015.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor