

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 19, 2016

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the New Village Hall at 6:42 p.m.

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

Also present: Village Administrator Stan Urban and department heads (Public Works Superintendent Stacey was absent).

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER

Prayer was led by Trustee Stubbs.

VILLAGE CLERK
REPORT

A. Communications:

The Dolton Elite Basketball Program requests permission to “tag” for contributions on Saturday and Sunday, January 23-24th and January 30-31st from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MOTION TO APPROVE TAG DAY REQUEST by Dolton Elite Basketball Program.
Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Brown.

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

CORPORATE BILLS

Village Administrator Urban asked for a motion to approve the corporate bills for December, 2015, in the amount of \$1,677,672.17. Mr. Urban also read a statement regarding overpayment to the village attorney and provided it to the village clerk to be included in the record:

“I want to set the record straight about the matter of the payments made to Mr. Murphey’s office. A couple of months ago, as a result of a clerical error made at the Village’s end, a duplicate payment was made to Mr. Murphey’s office. I repeat – this was a simple mistake made at our end.

When the overpayment was discovered, my staff worked with Mr. Murphey’s accounts payable employee to reconcile the overpayment. A complete reconciliation was made and as a result, Mr. Murphey’s firm gave the Village a credit against future billings. The problem has been resolved.

The notion that Mr. Murphey would intentionally overbill this Village is in a word, ridiculous. Having worked closely with him for over 2 years, and being aware of his outstanding reputation as a municipal attorney, I personally take offense to any charges that question his integrity."

Mr. Urban said that as of today, the credit by the village attorney has been used up and the village owes Mr. Murphy's firm \$4,000 for legal services. In response to Trustee Muhammad's question, Mr. Urban outlined the preventative steps to avoid such an error reoccurring. Trustee Brown said he was not comfortable with a credit instead of a refund. Mayor Rogers noted that the board had recently agreed to credit Food for Less for overpayment of sales taxes due to improper notice at the time. Trustee Brown said he had no knowledge of that.

Trustee Hunt said that he noted that he raised this issue at the last board minutes. He said he would like to see the overpayment refunded and that bills not be approved behind closed doors. Mayor Rogers responded that the administrator communicated to all trustees by email because there was no meeting in December. In response to Trustee Henyard's request that there be a board meeting to approve all bills, Mayor Rogers noted that the board had approved the meeting calendar.

MOTION TO APPROVE CORPORATE BILLS for December, 2015, in the amount of \$1,677.672.17.

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

There being a tie vote: Mayor Rogers cast his vote: AYE. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Economic Incentive Agreement with Ardagh Glass, Inc.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT with Ardagh Glass, Inc.
Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

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

Administrator Urban introduced representatives from Ardagh Glass to outline the company's commitment to remaining in the Village of Dolton. The company will be sending job openings to the mayor's office. Discussion followed.

- B. Petition by Ms. Carolyn Lawson to Increase the Number of Liquor Licenses.

Administrator Urban introduced Ms. Lawson and her husband, Mr. Larry Lawson, to speak regarding the application by Ms. Lawson and her partner, Dorothea Cates, to redevelop 300 W. Sibley Blvd. (the former Premier).

In response to questions by Trustees Hunt and Muhammad, Ms. Lawson said that she would submit a detailed written plan for redevelopment. Trustee Pierson said that residents in the area do not want another liquor establishment. Trustee Henyard said that she agrees that there are enough liquor establishments but that the community needs sit down restaurants with liquor licenses.

MOTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL LIQUOR LICENSE:
Motion by Trustee Brown. Second by Trustee Henyard.

Roll Call
AYES: 2 Trustees Brown and Henyard
NAYS: 4 Trustees Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
Motion failed.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Henyard announced hiring by the following local employers: Advanced Auto Parts, Wendy's, CVS Pharmacy, Food 4 Less, White Castle KFC, Menards, and Foot Locker. Trustee Henyard said that she has reached out to Congresswoman Kelly's office to obtain mortgage modification assistance for homeowners. Trustee Henyard may be contacted at 708-297-6859.

Trustee Brown announced that residents could apply for the SNAP Program (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) at Abundant Christian Living Center on January 26th, and announced that the IBWNCA Technician Institute is holding registration for its free electrician training program every Wednesday at 6201 W. 115th Street in Alsip. A contracting and preservation company is hiring a field maintenance technician. Telephone 708-914-4274 for more information. Union Pacific Railroad is looking to hire veterans for various positions. For more information, go to IllinoisJobLink.com.

Trustee Muhammad said that he had asked all trustees to send information for posting on the village website. The employment section of the website is the most viewed.

MAYOR'S REPORT None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION AND PERSONNEL ISSUES.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Pierson.

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

The Board of Trustees entered into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. and returned by a roll call vote at 8:58 p.m.

CITIZENS ADDRESS None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Henyard 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 Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

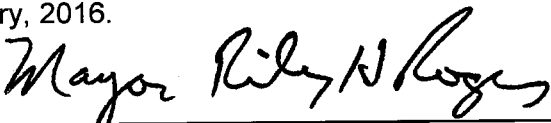
The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 1st day of February, 2016.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor