

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 4, 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 6:36 p.m.

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

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

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER

Prayer was led by Trustee Pierson.

PRESENTATION OF FLAG (followed Approval of the Minutes)

Mr. Afeez Dairo, resident, addressed the board and presented an American Flag to Mayor Rogers. The flag was flown in honor of Mayor Rogers on September 11, 2015, by Mr. Dairo and his fellow soldiers deployed to Kuwait.

VILLAGE CLERK
REPORT

- A. Approval of the Minutes: September 8, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
October 5, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
October 19, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
November 2, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
November 16, 2015 Regular Board Meeting

Trustees Henyard and Brown proposed the following changes:

November 2, 2015 Minutes

On the Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 15-048 Amending Fire Prevention Code, Trustee Henyard voted Present not Abstain.

October 5, 2015 Minutes

Under Adjournment, additional language underlined:

"At 8:05 p.m. the village clerk announced that Trustees Muhammad, Stubbs and Pierson were no longer present, and finding no quorum, the village clerk adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m."

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES of the September 8, October 5, October 19, November 2, and November 16, 2015 Regular Board Meetings as amended.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Brown.

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

Approval of 2016 Schedule of Meetings: Trustee Henyard asked that the one meeting scheduled for July be changed to July 11th instead of July 4th.

MOTION TO APPROVE 2016 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS as amended.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Stubbs. There being no further discussion:

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

- B. Communications: The Village Clerk announced that the next regular board meeting will be on Tuesday, January 19th, instead of Monday, January 18th, which is Martin Luther King Day.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ron Smith summarized his written report announcing an Assistance to Firefighters Grant and outlining the current status of installation and relocation of bus shelters in the village by PACE.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police and Fire—Trustee Pierson

Chief McCain reports that during December the fire department responded to 372 emergency incidents, of which 268 were emergency medical services (EMS), 81 were fire-related, and 23 were vehicle accidents. The department conducted 21 commercial/business fire inspections. Chief McCain expressed his thanks to all who contributed to the department's food and toy drive on December 21st.

Chief Collins reports that during December the police department responded to 1807 calls for service, and the following field activity was recorded: 317 traffic, 272 parking violation, 34 criminal arrests, and 4 warrants.

Public Works—Trustee Pierson and Trustee Stubbs

Superintendent Matt Stacey reports that public works responded to 235 requests for service in December. Trustee Pierson reminded residents that "brown bag" pickup of yard waste has ended for the year, and that neither the village nor Homewood Disposal may accept electronics for disposal. Trustee Pierson added that the last time he checked, Best Buy was accepting televisions with up to 32 inch screens.

Housing—Trustee Stubbs

Housing Director Denise Fields reports that the housing department processed 207 transactions in October for total receipts of \$22,535.00.

Dorchester Center—Trustee Stubbs

No report.

**Melanie Fitness Center—Trustee Muhammad
Youth—Trustee Muhammad
Finance —Trustee Muhammad**

In Trustee Muhammad's absence, there were no reports.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator Stan Urban noted that as of December he has been with the village for two years, and expressed his thanks to the board.

CORPORATE BILLS

MOTION TO APPROVE corporate payments in the amount of \$824,100.10 and gross payroll of \$398,504.03, Melanie Fitness Center payments in the amount of \$9,698.29 and gross payroll of \$4,117.56, for total corporate payments of \$1,236,419.98.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

Trustees Hunt and Brown questioned Administrator Urban re overtime payments to a part-time employee. Mr. Urban acknowledged his decision to pay the employee for immediate work needed, and reminded the board that since he began his position he has asked for a job description defining his authority.

Trustee Hunt asked why the December bills in the amount of \$1.6 million dollars had been paid by an apparent email vote but not placed on the meeting's agenda for formal approval. Discussion followed.

Roll Call
AYES: 3 Trustees Brown, Pierson, Stubbs
NAYS: 2 Trustee Henyard, Hunt
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: Trustee Muhammad
Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA None.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. ORDINANCE NO. 16-001
Authorization of Handicap Parking Signs
14819 Wabash, 13838 Park, 14236 Kenwood, 15500 Minerva

MOTION TO APPROVE Ordinance No. 16-001.

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

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Muhammad

Motion passed.

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

Administrator Urban announced that the petitioner requested an extension of time.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Henyard announced local job opportunities. She recommended residents who are facing mortgage difficulties to contact 708-297-6859 for help.

Trustee Henyard asked Mayor Rogers whether the water billing errors had been corrected. She said that the mayor should be more transparent in what he is doing. Trustee Henyard and Mayor Rogers disagreed over how the mayor should handle tree cutting in the village. Trustee Henyard announced that there would be a hearing on the recall of board members at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 6th, at the New Village Hall.

Trustee Hunt announced that he requested that the double payment to the village attorney for \$25,000 be refunded.

Trustee Brown announced that the Illinois High School Association was hiring referees (IHSA.org). He warned residents about various scams taking advantage of seniors. South Suburban PADS offers free and overnight emergency shelter through April. Telephone number 708-754-4357. The LIHEAP program offers utility bill assistance through Thornton Township. Trustee Brown met with Walt's; holiday food baskets remain available through January.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers addressed recent events for the holidays. "Coffee with the Mayor" is this coming Saturday from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Dorchester. Mayor Rogers acknowledged the village's error in water billings to District 3 residents and outlined efforts to immediately resolve the problem. He acknowledged that efforts both to recall three trustees and also to recall him failed for lack of the required signatures. He addressed accusations in a flyer he said was distributed to residents by Trustee Hunt.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Dan Lee, resident, expressed his disappointment that the board has not made any progress coming together. He recalled that Trustee Henyard had voted against channel four and the newspaper. (Trustee Henyard said she had not.) He reminded Trustee Hunt that he had voted against hiring full-time snow plow drivers.

Resident asked about the error in water billing. He expressed his shock about what goes on at the board meetings. He said it looks bad when trustees walk out of the meeting. The trustees must work with the mayor.

James Parker, 147th and Clark, resident since 1991, reported that the company repairing the curbs leaves mounds of gravel behind. Also, there is a light on a wooden pole at 148th and Clark that has been out since he has been in Dolton. He and neighbors have called ComEd and ComEd is not responsive.

Sharon Morrissette, resident, 1300 block of E. 146th Street, expressed her disappointment with the animosity shown by members of the board to each other. She said that if it continues no one will attend these meetings and none of the current members will be sitting on the board. Resident further asked about the ownership of a vacant house at 14544 Dorchester.

Resident expressed disappointment at the behavior of the board this evening. Resident acknowledged that Mayor Rogers has worked very hard to do what's best for the village, noting improvements on 156th Street several blocks over from Cottage Grove. Resident also asked about additional lighting at the park at 158th Street and Ingleside. Resident thanked Elizabeth Scott for her assistance with a matter.

Michael Smith, Dixmoor Trustee, warned that the board should always ratify email votes at the next board meeting. He said that he and other south suburban trustees are organizing their own association.

Arlecta Baldwin, Walomahk Management, thanked Supt. Stacey for staying on top of the recent water main break at Dorchester Townhomes, and keeping her informed of the progress of the repair.

Resident asked that the board reconsider the stop sign on Greenwood Avenue at California Ave.

Linda Walker, 30-year resident, asked about the item regarding additional liquor licenses which was pulled from the meeting agenda.

Trustees Pierson and Stubbs apologized for getting up to leave. Trustee Stubbs said she could not tolerate the blatant disrespect to the mayor. Trustee Pierson said that when the meeting gets out of control there is very little to be done. He moved hoping it would get the meeting back under control. Mayor Rogers said that the other trustees were being guided by outside interests. Trustee Hunt said that he was offended by the mayor's comment and that it was not true. Mayor Rogers noted that the email on the flyer Trustee Hunt was distributing to residents had an email contact that was not Trustee Hunts.

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: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Pierson, Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Muhammad

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