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VILLAGE OF DOLTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 5, 2015

CALL TO ORDER In the absence of Mayor Riley H. Rogers, Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the New Village Hall at 6:40 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 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 Brown.

The village clerk asked for a motion to appoint a mayor pro tem to chair the evening's meeting.

MOTION TO APPOINT Trustee Muhammad as mayor pro tem.

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.

VILLAGE CLERK
REPORT

A. Approval of the Minutes: None.

B. Communications

The Village Hall and offices, excepting police and fire, will be closed on Monday, October 12th, in observance of Columbus Day.

Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago, Inc. is presenting a free fall homeowners check-up including a comprehensive review of mortgage status on Saturday, October 10th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at South Suburban College. Information is available on the table.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ron Smith updated the board on the status of the installation of the PACE bus shelters. There are currently six bus shelters which are being changed to ad shelters. Shelters to be located on Sibley Blvd. and Chicago Road require a permit from IDOT as they are on the state right-of-way. The village is working with PACE to relocate some of the shelters. PACE expects to have them in by the end of the year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police and Fire—Trustee Pierson

Chief McCain reports that the Dolton Fire Department responded to 353 emergencies in September, of which 279 were emergency medical services (EMS), 6 were fire-related and 8 were car accidents. The fire department's open house for Fire Prevention Month is Saturday, October 10th, beginning at 10 a.m.

Chief Collins reports that the Dolton Police Department responded to 1,790 complaints and requests for service from September 7th through October 8th.

Public Works—Trustee Pierson and Trustee Stubbs

Superintendent Matt Stacy reports that public works responded to 177 calls for service in September.

Housing—Trustee Stubbs

Housing Director Denise Fields reports that the housing department processed 374 transactions in September for total receipts of \$39,963.75.

Dorchester Center—Trustee Stubbs

No report.

Melanie Fitness Center—Trustee Muhammad

Melanie Fitness Center is on track to have its grand reopening.

Youth—Trustee Muhammad

The village is reactivating the youth commission and will be refurbishing the building at 140th and Lincoln Avenue.

Finance —Trustee Muhammad

The auditors anticipate completion of the fiscal year 2014 audit by year's end. Books are current and reconciliations have been processed through August. The finance department has completed the books for the first quarter and the first month of the second quarter of fiscal year 2016. Expenses should not exceed 33 percent.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator Stan Urban reported that new software and hardware is being installed in the water department which will now communicate with the finance department, and eventually the building and permit and housing departments. The process should be completed within three to five months.

Item A from New Business, Ordinance No. 15-041 (Tax Levy) is pulled from the agenda.

Mr. Urban just returned from the National Convention for Managers and Administrators, where he met with a grant writing company which writes for everything. They specialize in underprivileged communities. There were also several presentations on policing, focusing on getting away from the "warrior" aspect.

Next month Mr. Urban and several board members will attend the annual conference of the National League of Cities in Nashville, Tennessee.

CORPORATE BILLS

MOTION TO APPROVE corporate payments in the amount of \$901,625.21 and gross payroll of \$341,783.27.

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

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

MOTION TO APPROVE payments for the Melanie Fitness Center in the amount of \$24,948.38 and gross payroll of \$5,952.21.

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.

MOTION TO APPROVE payments for the Dorchester Center in the amount of \$43,705.30 and gross payroll of \$82,115.71.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

Administrator Urban summarized the following items:

- A. Resolution No. 15 R-012
Authorizing and Approving the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Subrecipient Agreement

- B. Ordinance No. 15-039
Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$2,800,00 Tax Anticipation Warrants
- C. Ordinance No. 15-040
Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Property
Dorchester Senior Center
- D. Approval of Interim Management Agreement for Dorchester Senior Center
- E. Award of Contract: Water Meter Replacement
- F. Approval of Scarification and Resurfacing of Certain Roadways

MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda Items A, C-F.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

Trustee Hunt asked that Item B be pulled from the Consent Agenda and be moved to New Business. There being no objection, the mayor pro tem directed that the item be placed on the agenda under New Business.

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Appointment of Police Chief

MOTION TO APPOINT Robert M. Collins, Jr. Chief of the Dolton Police Department.

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

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

The oath of office had been administered to Chief Collins at the September 8, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

(Ordinance No. 15-041

Levying Taxes for General and Corporate Purposes for the 2015 Tax Year Beginning May 1, 2015 and Ending April 30, 2016 was pulled from the agenda.)

- A. Ordinance No. 15-039
Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$2,800,00 Tax Anticipation Warrants

MOTION TO APPROVE Ordinance No. 15-039.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

Trustee Hunt said that he could not vote to approve without a projected cash flow showing why the village would need to borrow. The interest of \$65,000 to be charged could be used for other purposes. Administrator Urban explained that the purpose of the loan is to provide reserves in the case of emergency and also to begin to rebuild the village's bond credit rating. Trustee Hunt said that there are other options to rebuild credit. Mr. Urban said he was open to suggestions. Trustee Pierson said that a lot of work had gone into the process, and questioned what would happen in the event of an emergency without the funds available. Trustee Hunt said that these are funds the village will be receiving anyway from tax revenues, without \$65,000 in interest. Mr. Urban noted that the \$65,000 could come from the one percent rebate the village receives by paying for water through American Express. Trustee Stubbs said that the village needs reserves and it needs credit to function. Trustee Brown said it sounded like borrowing just to borrow. Trustee Muhammad noted that at not more than four percent over three years the interest rate was not "apocalyptic."

MOTION TO TABLE by Trustee Pierson. Administrator Urban asked that the motion not be table and requested an up or down vote. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Trustee Henyard asked why the \$85,000 from the sale of the lot at 142nd and Blackstone was not being set aside for reserves. Mr. Urban said it went to the general fund to pay bills. Trustee Henyard asked why some incoming dollars are not being placed in a reserve fund. Mr. Urban said the village does not have the money. There being no further discussion:

Roll Call

AYES: 3 Trustees Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

NAYS: 3 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion failed.

MAYOR'S REPORT None.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Brown reported that the NAACP Chicago of the far south side and suburbs is hosting a scholarship gala on Saturday, November 14th, and Glenwood Oaks. Thornton Township will be accepting applications for the 2015 Christmas food baskets on October 6th through October 8th at Thornton Township Hall. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is accepting applications. For more information residents may contact the toll-free hotline at (800) 571-CEDA.

Trustee Hunt announced that he was glad that the proposed 5 percent property tax increase is not going forward at this time. The village board has not increased the tax levy in the last two years because Dolton residents' taxes are too high.

Trustee Henyard announced that Congresswoman Robin Kelly is sponsoring her third annual hiring event on October 16th at South Suburban College from 9 a.m. to noon.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Karen Hicks, village employee, expressed her thanks to the chief of police for coming up to Lincoln School and greeting children and parents at dismissal. Students are beginning to pick up trash around the service station across the street from the school. Ms. Hicks asked for volunteers to help fix up a resident's home.

Derrick Simmons said that he works with the Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County (CEDA) to help south suburban residents with job interviewing and preparing resumes online. He said he will leave cards and flyers on the village hall table.

Brenda Howard, 148th and Grant, thanked Elizabeth Scott for her assistance in helping clear the trees and bushes in the alley.

Ada Swanson, thanked Elizabeth Scott for her assistance, and thanked Trustee Stubbs for her offer of help.

Resident, Dante Street, thanked Elizabeth Scott for her help regarding two abandoned houses on Dante.

Mrs. Crayton, resident, extended an invitation to the Thornridge High School induction ceremony on October 15th. She reported that ABC news will be doing a flyover at Thornridge at 5 a.m. on Friday.

Resident, 155th and Dobson, thanked Elizabeth Scott for her help in replacing the street light on her block. More police patrols are needed there.

George Jordan, resident, said that the residents do not need any increase in their property taxes.

Arlecta Baldwin, Dorchester Townhomes, warned residents that cars are being broken into using remote entry.

Mayor Pro Tem Muhammad announced that Coffee with the Mayor is this Saturday, October 5th, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A LAWSUIT.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Henyard.

Attorney Murphey asked whether the litigation was pending or imminent. Trustee Hunt said that he did not understand. Attorney Murphey explained that pending meant a lawsuit had already been filed and that imminent meant a lawsuit was likely. Imminent litigation must be named. Trustee Henyard said she wanted to discuss the Burge lawsuit. Trustees Henyard and Hunt said they also wanted to discuss the illegal recall resolution. The village clerk asked for a restatement of the motion to include whether the litigation was pending or imminent.

Trustee Hunt restated his motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Burge lawsuit and the illegal recall resolution.

The village attorney confirmed that the Burge litigation was pending and advised a roll call vote.

Roll Call

AYES: 3 Trustees Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

NAYS: 3 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion failed.

Trustee Henyard asked the village attorney how to get to closed session. She said that the board has not gone into closed session since the new board came in. She asked when the board would know about any lawsuits. Attorney Murphey answered that entering into closed session is by a majority vote just as with any other motion. He suggested that she telephone him and ask. Trustee Henyard said that they had.

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 Muhammad, Mayor Pro Tem Muhammad asked for a roll call to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Roll Call

AYES: 3 Trustees Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

NAYS: 3 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt

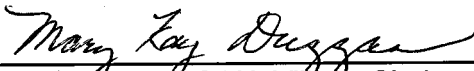
ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion failed.

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.

Respectfully submitted,



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED as AMENDED by the Board of Trustees this 4th day of January, 2016.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor