

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
September 21, 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 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 Administrator Stan Urban and department heads.

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER

Trustee Hunt led prayer.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Village Clerk announced that on September 23<sup>rd</sup> the village and the South Suburban Housing Center, are sponsoring a homeowners' assistance workshop for homeowners who are in mortgage distress or are concerned about the future.

Trustee Pierson announced that the fire department is having its annual open house during fire prevention month on October 5<sup>th</sup> at fire house number 1.

Trustee Henyard announced that Congresswoman Kelly's annual hiring event will be on October 16<sup>th</sup> in the gymnasium at South Suburban College.

Trustee Brown announced that CEDA (Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County) has a water bill assistance program. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is offering assistance to homeless veterans or veterans at risk through Catholic Charities of Suburban Cook and Lake County. The NAACP Chicago-Far South Suburban Branch is hosting its annual freedom fund and scholarship gala on November 14<sup>th</sup> at Glenwood Oaks.

Mayor Rogers announced the passing of Mr. Arthur Harris, Dolton resident, who served on the Chicago Police Department for 44 years. Mr. Harris regularly attended village board meetings. The mayor also expressed condolences to the family of village employee Sylvia Frazier, whose brother recently passed. He asked that residents remember them in their prayers.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Debut of New Village of Dolton Web Page

Media Director Edward Steave demonstrated the changes to the village website at [vodolton.org](http://vodolton.org).

Discussion followed.

B. Local Motor Fuel Tax

Administrator Urban explained that the nine gas stations doing business in the village are paying different local motor fuel tax rates. In December, 2008, the Board of Trustees voted to increase the rate from one percent. In 2010 the rate was decreased to three percent. Owners have continued to pay at one percent.

Discussion followed. At Mr. Urban's request for direction from the board, Mayor Rogers directed that it be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

C. Vacant Property

Mr. Charles Johnson, Building Inspector, recommended a more stringent ordinance for registration and enforcement of maintenance of vacant properties than the current ordinance. Discussion followed. There was no consensus stated.

D. Scarification and Resurfacing of Village of Dolton Roadways

Administrator Urban described the proposed project as a "quick fix" and recommended M&J Asphalt Paving Co. for a cost of less than \$225,000 from funds received from Motor Fuel Tax revenues. Discussion followed. There was no consensus stated.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Betty Gipson, resident, thanked Inspector Johnson and Supt. Stacey for cleaning up the abandoned property behind her property, and reported that a number of vehicles belonging to the house next door to her were blocking neighbors driveways. She also expressed her thanks to the Cook County Sheriff's for pulling over vehicles violating speed limits.

Barbara Nelson, resident, inquired about the village's mulch pile at 141<sup>st</sup> and Park, as it is becoming a dumping ground/

Pamela Gibson, resident, asked about the street light in front of her house that fell down and was hauled away. ComEd told her it was the village's responsibility and the village told her it was ComEd's responsibility.

A.J. Burse asked about the status of the former youth commission and its former building.

DeMarcus Quigley, said that he called Public Works about water in his father's basement and was told that the problem was with the sump pump. His father does not have the funds to repair it. He asked about future job openings in public works.

Mrs. Crayton, resident, addressed her concerns re various issues presented to the board.

Diane Lofton, resident, expressed her appreciation for repairs on her street, but noted that repairs still need to be made on 147<sup>th</sup> Street west to Michigan Ave.

Cheryl Hill, resident, asked about jaywalking enforcement, and expressed her thanks for improving the situation at Lincoln School before and after school when children are leaving and parents are picking them up.

Karen Hicks, village employee, advised parents to be mindful of parking in front of schools. She says she has seen a big difference with a village presence at Lincoln School.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Roll Call

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


NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

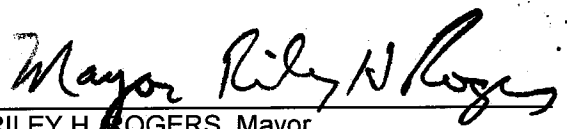
ABSENT:

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

  
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MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2016.

  
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RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor