

VILLAGE OF DOLTON  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
September 8, 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 6:46 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 Pierson.

SWEARNG IN OF POLICE CHIEF

Deferred to Mayor's Report.

VILLAGE CLERK  
REPORT

A. Approval of the Minutes

The Village Clerk asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE Minutes of the August 3, 2015 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Brown.

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

B. Communications: Dolton Bears Football and Cheerleading Organization Request for Tag Days

MOTION TO APPROVE Request by Dolton Bears Football and Cheerleading Organization to tag in the Village of Dolton on September 19-20, September 26-27, and October 2-3, 2015.

Motion by Trustee Brown. Second by Trustee Henyard.

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ron Smith summarized his written report:

The Village Engineer will be attending the mandatory 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Capital Improvement Subrecipient Agreement Workshop on October 15, 2015. A resolution to authorize execution of the CDBG agreement will be presented at the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunities (DCEO) is offering matching grants for FY2016 for cost-effective energy-efficiency measures. Funding is pending approval of the State of Illinois budget.

The interest rate for Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) low interest loans will drop effective October 1, 2015. This will save the village \$8,640 per year for a total of \$172,800 over the 20-year repayment of the water meter replacement project loan.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Police and Fire—Trustee Pierson**

Chief Pete McCain reports that the Dolton Fire Department responded to 350 emergency incidents, of which 266 were emergency medical services (EMS), 75 were fire-related, and 9 were vehicle accidents. The fire department has responded to 2,747 emergencies this year through August 31<sup>st</sup>. The fire department's open house for fire prevention month will be October 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Asst. Chief Michael Moore reports that the Dolton Police Department responded to 2,267 complaints and requests for service from August 3<sup>rd</sup> through September 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Public Works—Trustee Pierson and Trustee Stubbs**

Superintendent Matt Stacey reports that public works responded to 231 requests for service in August.

### **Housing—Trustee Stubbs**

Housing Director Denise Fields reports that the Housing Department processed 234 transactions for total receipts of \$22,940.14. The South Suburban Housing Center will present a Homeowners Assistance Workshop at the Dolton Village Hall on September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7 to 9 p.m.

### **Dorchester Center—Trustee Stubbs**

No report.

### **Melanie Fitness Center—Trustee Muhammad**

The Melanie Fitness Center enrolled 239 new members between June 1<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>. All equipment and upholstery has been repaired in the weight room. The current project is to restore the men and women's whirlpools.

**Youth—Trustee Muhammad**

No report.

**Finance —Trustee Muhammad**

The fiscal year 2014 audit is still active. For the first three months of this fiscal year, the village is on track to stay within budget. Overall the general, 911, water, sewer and Melanie Fitness funds are currently operating with a surplus of about \$300,000. The village has received approximately one third of the initial distributions of property tax receipts.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Consent Agenda Item F Approval of Water Meter Replacement Contract has been pulled from the Agenda at the recommendation of the Village Engineer.

Village Administrator Urban introduced Barbara McDonald-Foster, who is in training to be the new manager of the village payment center, and Yvonne Redmond, who is the new finance director.

**CORPORATE BILLS**

MOTION TO APPROVE corporate payments in the amount of \$960,256.55, and gross payroll of \$357,345.17; Melanie Fitness Center payments in the amount of \$40,259.56 and gross payroll of \$5,886.21, for total corporate payments of \$1,363,747.10.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Pierson. 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 \$37,806.06 with gross payroll of \$53,534.81, for total Dorchester payments of \$91,340.87.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Pierson. 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-010  
Approving the Environmental Indemnity Agreement Between the Village of Dolton and Dolton Lots, LLC

- B. Resolution No. 15 R-011  
Supporting a Proposed Class 8 Classification (Dolton Animal Hospital)
- C. Ordinance No. 15-034  
Amending Section 1-6-5 of the Dolton Village Code to Establish 6:30 p.m. as the Starting Time for Regular Village Board Meeting
- D. Ordinance No. 15-035  
Correcting the Zoning Map of the Village of Dolton to Reflect the Appropriate Classification of Certain Property (14449 Van Buren)
- E. Ordinance No. 15-036  
Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 3 "Liquor Control" of Title 3 of the Dolton Village Code
- F. Approval of Water Meter Replacement Contract (Pulled from the Agenda)
- G. Approval of Asset Purchase Agreement: Dorchester Senior Center

MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda Items A-E and G.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Stubbs

Trustee Henyard asked to take Item E from the Consent Agenda. Amendment accepted.

Trustee Brown asked why the zoning map (Item D) was being corrected for one house only. Attorney Murphey explained that this was an emergency situation and that further corrections would be made in the future. Mayor Rogers noted that the zoning threatened the sale of the property.

On the MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda Items A-D and G.

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- A. (Item E from the Consent Agenda:)

Ordinance No. 15-036

Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 3 "Liquor Control" of Title 3 of the Dolton Village Code

MOTION TO TABLE Ordinance No. 15-036 to the next board meeting.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- B. Ordinance No. 15-037  
Amending Section 4-6-5 of the Dolton Village Code to Increase the Fine for Littering Violations

MOTION TO APPROVE Ordinance No. 15-037.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

Discussion followed on the proposed fine of \$750. Trustee Pierson said residents are tired of the littering. He surveyed surrounding communities and fines range from \$500 to \$750. In response to Trustee Brown's questions as to whether kids throwing gum wrappers or a piece of chicken would net a \$750 fine, Trustee Pierson said that the fine would be \$750 for any infraction. Mayor Rogers noted that the police department would use common sense. Trustee Pierson and Stubbs pointed out that warning signs would be posted throughout the village. Trustee Hunt said it does not matter how high the fine is when other more serious incidents are not being enforced. Littering is not a priority. Trustee Henyard said she did not agree with the \$750 fine because people cannot afford it. The village should try enforcing the current ordinance first. Mayor Rogers observed that much of the littering on Sibley Blvd. is from non-residents driving through.

Roll Call

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

NAYS: 1 Trustee Henyard

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- C. Ordinance No. 15-038  
Adoption of Building Codes

MOTION TO TABLE Ordinance No. 15-038.

Motion by Trustee Brown. Second by Trustee Henyard.

Roll Call

AYES: 3 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt

NAYS: 3 Trustees Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

There being a tie, Mayor Rogers cast his vote: NAY.  
Motion failed.

MOTION TO APPROVE Ordinance No. 15-038.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

Trustee Hunt said that a written ordinance had not been presented to and was not before the board. Building Inspector Charles Johnson explained that the proposed ordinance would adopt the 2012 current codes. Discussion followed on specific provisions and why there was no draft ordinance presented.

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

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation by RAW Dreams, LLC  
Representing the Village of Dolton for Public Relations

Ms. Rashida Ali Walsh summarized her proposal.

## TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Brown reported that the NAACP Chicago far south suburban branch, of which he is a board member, is sponsoring a college prep at Thornton Township Hall on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. The Thornton Township Senior Transportation program offers curb to curb service. The township's lawn care service is available to eligible individuals ages 60 and over. The program is hiring ages 18-28, and may do something for winter as well. CEDA has a water bill assistance program. Information is available at 800-571-2332 or [www.cedaorg.net](http://www.cedaorg.net).

Trustee Henyard announced that the Chicago Heights Sister Festivals are taking place this coming Saturday and Sunday at Bloom Township High School. Kelly Services of South Holland is hiring. The village is hiring for public works and village hall. The Thornton Township assessor is sponsoring a property tax reduction seminar at the Dolton Park District on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers introduced incoming Police Chief Robert M. Collins, who thanked the mayor and board for the opportunity. He said he is not interested in excuses but in results. He has served as commander and police chief for the Village of Bellwood, and before that he was in the U.S. Marine Corps for 10 years, serving in the ground combat unit.

The village clerk administered the oath of office to Police Chief Collins.

Mayor Rogers announced that the police union has challenged the proposed installation of a Cook County Sheriff substation at the old village hall and for the hiring of additional truck weight officers. He read a copy of the union's letter aloud. Mayor Rogers said the village will fight the grievance.

Mayor Rogers asked that residents keep in their prayers the family of Trustee Brown, whose father has passed, and long-time resident Arthur Harris, a retired Chicago Police officer, who has been very ill.

The village will be using its motor fuel tax funds to resurface some of the worst streets before winter.

Mayor Rogers acknowledged the crossing guards present in the audience and introduced Karen Hicks, who has been assigned as liaison to village crossing guards.

The restructuring of the water department and other village departments recently announced in a letter to residents is complete.

Mayor Rogers introduced Elizabeth Scott as his new chief of staff. She will be representing the mayor when he is not available.

Mayor Rogers introduced Commander Hope from the detective division. There had been a number of robberies and attempted robberies of landscapers and rehabbers in Dolton and neighboring communities. One was murdered in South Holland. The offenders, with Dolton's assistance, have been apprehended. Mayor Rogers acknowledged the work done in conjunction with the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force. The board has given authority to hire six new police officers.

#### CITIZENS ADDRESS

Resident asked that the village enforce the littering ordinance and all ordinances and to publish in the newspaper that dogs may not be let out unattended. Resident inquired about a nuisance law. There are people hanging out day and night in front of the resident's house.

Loretta Lee, president of VIP Insurance Agency and vocalist and producer, announced that she is having a production at Thornridge High School and encouraged seniors to attend.

Resident asked whether the building at 148<sup>th</sup> and Chicago Road is going to be torn down. Resident asked if the new quarry in Thornton Township to prevent water overflow will include Dolton.

Valerie, crossing guard at 142<sup>nd</sup> and Lincoln, said that assistance is needed to prevent double-parking at the school.

Jeff DeVries, Dolton Police Officer congratulated the new police chief. He challenged the mayor's earlier comments regarding the officers' request for overtime for truck weight enforcement.

Resident and crossing guard at Lincoln and Park Aves., said that everyone is getting raises but no one is looking at the crossing guards. She asked who would be giving out the tickets for littering.

Resident encouraged others to discourage littering by just picking it up.

Resident reported an incident of 20 or 3 kids running down the street yelling and swearing and dropping garbage.

Mrs. Crayton, resident, announced that the parent advisory meeting will take place at Thornridge High School at 6:30 p.m. on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0


Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

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

  
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RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor