

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 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 6:39 p.m.

ROLL CALL The following trustees were present: Stanley H. Brown, Tiffany Henyard, Robert E. Hunt, Jr., 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 Muhammad

VILLAGE CLERK

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Village Clerk asked for approval of the following meeting minutes:

March 7, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
March 21, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
March 21, 2016 Meeting of the Committee of the Whole

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES of March 7, 2016 Regular Board Meeting, March 21, 2016 Regular Board Meeting, and March 21, 2016 Meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

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.

B. COMMUNICATIONS None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ron Smith deferred his report on approval of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application to New Business

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police and Fire—Trustee Pierson

Three towing agencies have responded to the village's Request for Proposals (RFPs). The proposals will be opened at 11 a.m. tomorrow, April 5th, at the new village hall.

The police department has increased patrols around Thornridge High School during dismissal time, in response to reports of juvenile mischief.

On March 16th officers conducted a training drill with faculty and staff at the Academy for Learning on active shooters and active threats.

The village has experienced numerous traffic crashes at various locations and intersections on Sibley Blvd. Red light cameras have been installed at three locations on Sibley.

The next Community Policing Meeting will be at the Dolton Police Department at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 28th. The recent kick-off meeting had a large crowd and went very well. The upcoming meeting will be an interactive session with residents.

Chief Pete McCain reports that the fire department responded to 346 emergency incidents in March. Chief McCain acknowledged Firefighters David Alvarado, Brandon Williams, and Wesley Sewell for their efforts along with crews from the Burnham and Calumet City fire departments to save an unconscious homeowner who was removed from a fire at his Burnham home.

Public Works—Trustee Pierson

Supt. Matt Stacey reports that the public works department responded to 250 requests for service in March. Residents are reminded that garbage is to be placed out no earlier than the night before pickup. Bulk items may also be placed next to the bins. Homewood Disposal resumed picking up yard waste on April 1st. Residents are asked to report any missing street signs or street lights out to public works at 708-201-3280 between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The second "Clean Sweep" event is Saturday, April 23rd. Residents are asked to participate in a day of removing litter from the village. Volunteers will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the new village hall.

Signs are now posted throughout the village advising that the fine for littering is now \$750.00.

Housing—Trustee Stubbs

This past Saturday, April 2nd, over 80 village landlords attended a meeting at the village hall. Among the items discussed were rental inspections, property maintenance, code enforcement and crime.

There were 34 homes sold this past month in the village, of which 9 were to owner-occupiers. Trustee Stubbs said she had stressed to landlords that no one wants to live next door to a dilapidated property. If owners do not maintain their properties they will be ticketed.

The village is sponsoring an electronic recycling program starting May 21st and through October. Village residents with identification (only) may drop off any items with a cord at fire department no. 1.

The village has sent out a Request for Proposals for lawn care. Responses are due back April 13th.

Trustee Stubbs thanked all of the women who came out for the Heart of a Woman program on March 26th at the Dorchester.

Melanie Fitness Center—Trustee Muhammad

The Melanie Fitness Center is celebrating its 15th anniversary with a Members Appreciation Day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 14th. The center's new hours are from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Finance—Trustee Muhammad

Department heads will present their proposed budgets for FY17 to the Board of Trustees the third week of April.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Henyard announced job opportunities with the following employers: Gordon Food Service in Lansing, Ross in Calumet City, Wal-Mart in Country Club Hills, and MB Bank in South Holland. Administrator Stan Urban confirmed that the village is currently interviewing for a water department manager. The Washington Heights Work Force Center offers job training. It is located at 10325 Halsted Street in Chicago. The telephone number is 773-928-5272. Trustee Henyard invited Dallas Gordon of the work force center up to the podium to speak about the center's programs.

Trustee Henyard's Cancer Walk will be from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, June 11th. Volunteers or those who wish to participate may contact Trustee Henyard at 708-297-6859. The free building permit holiday for owner-occupied homes is in effect beginning April 1st and continues through May 30th. Clerk of the Circuit Court Dorothy Brown is offering an expungement seminar on June 4th at Thornton Township High School. Dorothy Brown also offers a mortgage foreclosure surplus search at her website: www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org. Residents may also call 312-603-4585.

Trustee Henyard suggested budgeting for assistance to seniors, and for assistance regarding property taxes and home loan modifications.

Trustee Brown announced "Team Turn-Up 2016" a youth empowerment event for students grades 6-12 and their families on April 16th at Crete-Monee High School. For further information contact Kimberly Rowe of sponsor Delta Sigma Sorority at 708-966-9043.

The Thornton Township ZAP grass-cutting program for eligible seniors age 60 and older is resuming. Residents may call 708-596-6040x4016 for more information.

Dolton-Riverdale Little League enrollment opens in May. Residents may contact Rick Alexander at 773-354-6305 for more information.

Local 134 Electricians Union continues to offer apprenticeship programs. Residents may contact Trustee Brown at 708-541-2778

There will be father/son 16-inch softball tournament at Dolton Park beginning May 22nd.

The Illinois High School Association is hiring officials. More information may be found at IHSA.org.

The Village Clerk thanked those trustees who have provided her the information announced at meetings and asked again that trustees do so.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator Stan Urban asked for an executive session before the meeting is adjourned to discuss acquisition of real property and an update regarding certain personnel in the fire department.

CORPORATE BILLS

MOTION TO APPROVE corporate payments in the amount of \$708,218.17, gross payroll of \$375,418.78, Melanie Fitness Center Bills of \$18,032.25 with gross payroll of \$7,189.19, for total corporate payments of \$1,108,858.39.

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.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Members of Emergency Telephone System Board

Mayor Rogers announced that he was appointing resident Dallas Gordon to the Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB).

MOTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT of Dallas Gordon to the Emergency Telephone System Board.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

Trustee Hunt said that he had no objection to the selection of Mr. Gordon, who does a good job on the Fire & Police Commission, but all residents should have been given the opportunity to apply for the position. Trustee Henyard agreed and said that she had attempted to contact Mayor Rogers regarding her recommendation of resident Ted Norwood. Trustee Brown recommended retired firefighter Glen Dyton. Mayor Rogers said that Trustee Henyard had not contacted him, but that he had heard from a number of residents. After discussion with the police chief and the fire chief, he selected Mr. Gordon.

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.

B. Appointment of Vice-President of the Board of Trustees.

Mayor Rogers said that he was pulling this item from the agenda.

C. Consent to Preparation of Ordinance Establishing a Moratorium on Video Gaming Terminals.

Trustee Pierson said that he has heard objections by residents to more gaming terminals in the village. He provided the board with the state's list of video gaming operators in Dolton for February, 2016. He said he is bringing the issue forward for discussion before working with the attorney on an ordinance. Trustee Hunt asked if it was correct that the village allows anyone with a liquor license to have gaming. Administrator Urban said that state law allows anyone who has a current license to serve (not just sell) alcohol to have gaming. The state does not notify the village and there is nothing in state law requiring village permission. The village passed an ordinance setting video gaming license fees but the village does not grant the license. Trustee Hunt asked Mayor Rogers for his input. Mayor Rogers reiterated that the state approves gaming. Trustee Brown asked why Mackeys at Sibley Blvd. and Cottage Grove was not on the list and about Rinky's II on Chicago Road. Mayor Rogers said that Mackeys is not open. Rinky's was temporarily closed last month. Mr. Urban referred board members to the list on the state's website. Trustee Pierson said that he would like the board to come up with an acceptable number for gaming terminals. Trustee Hunt asked about limiting liquor stores. Trustee Pierson suggested Trustee Hunt bring that issue before the board. Trustee Stubbs recommended the board wait until it could obtain a current and accurate number of licenses from the state. Trustee Henyard said that she is in favor of cutting the number of licenses in half. Mayor Rogers noted that the average of last month's gaming revenue to the village projects to yearly revenue of \$120,000. Some of the business would not stay in business without gaming. Mayor Rogers also noted that not all of those with gaming terminals are gaming places, such as the bowling alley, the soccer facility, and the fishing club. The village will probably see a reduction in gaming terminals since the board had recently doubled fees from \$500 to \$1,000 per terminal, one of the highest rates in the south suburbs. With the current 46 machines, the village would see an increase in revenue from \$23,000 to \$46,000. Mayor Rogers pointed out that Dotty's grossed \$838,000 in one month, suggesting that not all residents object. The village has to figure out ways to bring in revenue as the state takes it away. Trustee Henyard said that no all money is good money. Mayor Rogers said he did not recall Trustee Henyard bringing forward any proposals to bring revenue. Trustee Henyard said that was not true. Trustee Pierson reiterated that his intention is to prevent an increase in gaming, not to put anyone currently in business out of business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 16 R-002

Authorizing Execution of the Application for the 2016 Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Program Year

Village Engineer Ron Smith explained that the village will be applying for \$400,000 in grant funds, the maximum amount allowed, with \$20,000 in motor fuel tax (MFT) as matching funds, for street resurfacing. At Mayor Rogers' request, Mr. Smith confirmed that eight streets are to be resurfaced. Edbrooke, Michigan, and Wabash Avenues are scheduled to be resurfaced from the funds received last year.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION No. 16-002.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Brown.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers introduced Ashahed Triche, the mayor's executive assistant, to make the following announcements:

Congresswoman Robin Kelly is sponsoring a Youth Job and Resource Expo on Saturday, April 16th, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Thornton Township High School.

There will be a "Pitch, Hit and Run" competition for boys and girls and Dolton/Riverdale Park, 13850 Lincoln Ave., on Saturday, April 30th. Parents and guardians may register their children at Burger King on Sibley Blvd.

Coffee with the Mayor is Saturday, April 9th, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Dorchester.

A bulk items pick-up day is being planned

Administrator Urban confirmed that the village is working with the Cook County Sheriff to bring "SWAP" workers to the village two times per week every week.

Napoleon Harris and Mayor Rogers are sponsoring a "Youth Empowerment Project" for 50 youths who would work 20 hours per week this summer.

Mayor Rogers contacted IDOT regarding removal of litter on expressway ramps.

Mayor Rogers extended his condolences to resident Louise Copeland on the passing of her grandson, and to resident Wayne Adams on the loss of his wife, Grace Adams. Mr. and Mrs. Adams were married for 72 years. Mayor Rogers also extended his condolences to the family of Cary Brown, public works employee, on the loss of Cary's son.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Resident thanked the public works department for coming out to turn off the water so that her family could replace a leaking valve.

Barbara Johnson, 157th and East End Ave., reported that the landscaping business nearby continues to burn refuse. The workers park their cars and trucks on the street over Sunday and residents have no place to park. She also reported that black sheeting is coming down from the vacant house at the corner of 158th Street.

Frances Woods, resident, said that she lives directly across from the landscaping business and cannot open her windows without smoke coming into her house.

John Brown, resident, said that board members should discuss matters among themselves before presenting them at board meetings.

Resident asked about access to all village ordinances, and inquired about the status of a department on aging.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purpose of discussing discipline of specific fire department and public works personnel.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. 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 at 8:43 p.m.

The Board of Trustees returned from Executive Session at 9:18 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL

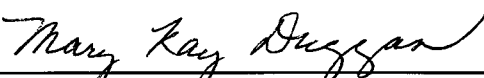
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NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 2nd day of May, 2016.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor