

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
February 16, 2016

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, Duane Muhammad and Valeria Stubbs. Trustees Robert E. Hunt, Jr. and Robert E. Pierson, Jr. were absent.

Also present: Department Heads. Village Administrator Stan Urban was absent.

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER Prayer was led by Bishop Lance Davis of New Zion Covenant.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alan D. Banks of the office of Congresswoman Robin L. Kelly spoke regarding the upcoming Housing Expo sponsored by the Congresswoman on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Early Childhood Learning Center at Dolton Park. The Housing Expo is to help individuals who may need assistance with their mortgages. Lenders and housing counselors will be present.

Sandra Wells, Neighborhood Housing Services and Dolton resident, said that NHS will also be present. NHS assists in buying, fixing, and keeping housing, but also provides mortgage counseling. Mr. Banks provided a check-list of documents needed for loan modification.

Trustee Muhammad introduced Bishop Lance Davis, who spoke in favor of the youth center proposed by Trustee Muhammad.

(Mayor Rogers recognized Trustees Brown, and Henyard, respectively, just prior to Citizens Address):

Trustee Brown announced that South Suburban PADS has beds available for shelter until April between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Illinois High School Association is hiring individuals 17 years of age and older as officials. The Christian Business Development Center is sponsoring hiring of field maintenance technicians. Trustee Brown has information for those who are interested. Union Pacific Railroad is recruiting veterans for positions. More information is available at [UnionPacific.org](http://UnionPacific.org) or [IllinoisJobLink.com](http://IllinoisJobLink.com). The Plumbers Joint Appreciation Committee of Local 130 UA is accepting apprenticeship applications, as is the electricians' union. Those interested may contact Trustee Brown at 708-541-2778 for more information.

Trustee Henyard announced that the following employers are hiring: Postmates and MB Financial Bank, Calumet City; CVS, Riverdale; MetroSouth Medical Center, Blue Island; and Burlington Store, Lansing. She reminded residents of the upcoming housing expo sponsored by Congresswoman Kelly. Trustee Henyard also announced that residents who have lost their homes to foreclosure may find out if they are due any money back at [cookcountyclerkofcourt.org](http://cookcountyclerkofcourt.org). The account holds over \$23 million in unclaimed surplus funds.

Trustee Henyard said that her cancer walk would return this year. Those interested may contact her at 708-297-6859.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### A. Presentation: FY2014 Annual Financial Report

Matt Baron of Lauterbach & Amen provided an overview of the annual financial report and management letter for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2014. Stephanie Blanco of Kasperek & Co. said that they have been working with the auditors to remove the qualifiers from the audit opinion by FY16. There were no questions from the board.

### B. Financial Policies/Procedures

There was no discussion.

### C. Presentation: Alan D. Banks, Office of Congresswoman Robin L. Kelly (Made during General Announcements)

### D. Penalties for Sale of Single Cigarettes

Mayor Rogers said that the village has received complaints from business owners and residents about the sale of single cigarettes. He proposed a \$2,500 fine for a first offense, \$5,000 for the second offense, and a \$5,000 fine with suspension/revocation of the business license for the third offense. The fines mirror county fines. The police department may enforce the ordinance.

There was a consensus of all trustees present to move forward with the ordinance.

### E. Moratorium on Non-Retail Sales Tax Generating Businesses

Mayor Rogers said that there a number of businesses moving into town that do not pay sales taxes. He proposed a 120-day moratorium that may be extended by further ordinance. Trustee Henyard said that the board should include the business community before putting the ordinance in place. In response to Trustee Brown's question, Mr. Kenny Williams of Silk 'N Classy Barber College spoke of his experience with a similar ordinance in Country Club Hills. Mayor Rogers said that the ordinance does not affect current businesses. Further, there is no services tax. Many of the service businesses rent and do not pay property taxes. Trustee Henyard said that renters pay their share of the taxes through their rent.

Trustee Brown said he is not in favor of the ordinance at this time. Trustee Stubbs agreed provided that that was a 120-day limit on the moratorium. Trustee Muhammad said he was in favor of the ordinance. Trustee Henyard said that she was not in favor of the ordinance.

### F. Unauthorized Water Meter Connection

Mayor Rogers said that there have been a number of instances of by-passing the village's water meters and connecting directly to the water supply. The proposed ordinance provides for fines up to \$1,500 in addition to any criminal prosecution.

There was a consensus of all trustees present to move forward with the ordinance.

G. Airline Towing Contract

Police Chief Robert M. Collins informed the board that the village's contract with GTS Towing expired in 2015. The village is currently operating under a verbal agreement with Airline Towing. Airline Towing had also been storing the village's seized vehicles. Chief Collins recommended that the village enter into a written contract with Airline Towing. Chief Collins confirmed that the State Police recommended that the village contract with Airline.

Trustee Muhammad said he was in favor of the contract. Trustees Brown, Henyard and Stubbs said that they wanted a Request for Proposals (RFP) issued.

H. K-9 Unit (Chief Collins)

Chief Collins requested approval for purchase of a canine for the police department. The canine would assist in drug investigations and tracking. Discussion followed on the ongoing training included with the purchase.

There was a consensus of all trustees present to move forward with the purchase of a canine.

I. Impoundment of Vehicles

Chief Collins explained that the village does not have an administrative tow fee for vehicles impounded for specific violations. There is currently no way to recoup law enforcement time for processing. He proposed a \$500 fee. Discussion followed on the process for retrieval of vehicles and fees charged by the towing company.

There was a consensus of all trustees present to move forward with the administrative tow fee.

J. Liquidation of Fire Trucks (Chief McCain)

Chief Pete McCain proposed putting Fire Truck 1442 and Fire Engine 1446 out to bid. Truck 1442 is a 1981 model and has been out of service of nearly ten years. Engine 1446 is a 1992 model and has been out of service for nearly two years. The fire department currently has three engines and one tower ladder in addition to service vehicles.

There was a consensus of all trustees present to put the vehicles out to bid.

K. Proposal for Dolton Youth Center (Trustee Muhammad)

Trustee Muhammad noted that the mayor and trustees had each received a copy of his proposal to rehabilitate the former youth commission building on Lincoln Avenue into a youth center.

Trustee Muhammad introduced the following young residents who urged approval of the proposal: Ariel Bethel, Jamiah Glover, Elisa Nichols, and Shelby O'Ledge. Mr. and Mrs. Crayton of CHARTERS Youth Commission and Dolton residents, spoke in favor of the proposal. Lt. Michael "BX" Hill of the Chicago Fire Department, described a proposed program to teach martial arts at the center.

Trustee Muhammad then presented a short video showing the current condition of the proposed center building and described plans to renovate.

Trustee Henyard asked about the proposals obtained by Trustee Muhammad. She said she is in favor of a youth center, but suggested consideration of other real estate in the village such as the former Comcast building, and also calling upon college building programs such as the one offered at South Suburban College to do the rehabilitation work for college credit at no cost to the village. Discussion followed.

#### CITIZENS ADDRESS

Kenny Williams, owner of Silk 'N Classy Barber College, asked whether there are separate committee meetings before business comes to the board. Trustees have a responsibility to submit proposals to the mayor for board consideration, or if not, to meet with the mayor about them. He cautioned about accepting the lowest bid on the youth commission property rather than the lowest responsible bid.

Minister White, resident, urged the board to unify in coming up with a meeting agenda. She expressed her support for the proposed youth center and noted that she was one of those who had been instrumental in getting Mayor Shaw to donate the building for the youth commission. She further asked when the tree in front of her house would be cut down.

Mrs. Crayton, resident, said that every time there is talk about something needed for our youth there is a stumbling block. She urged that approval of Trustee Muhammad's proposal be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

Giles Travis, resident, asked whether agenda material may be distributed for the audience. He also asked about the proposed moratorium on service businesses, the Airline Towing proposal, and expenses for the proposed youth center not explained during the meeting.

Thelma Price expressed her thanks for cleaning up 14736 Chicago Road, and for the lights on Chicago Road. She said that her neighbors do not want to go to board meetings because of the disrespect.

Diane Lofton, resident, expressed her thanks to Trustee Pierson and Supt. Stacy for fixing the problem behind her house.

Karen Hicks, village employee, thanked Trustee Muhammad for working on behalf of the children.

Mayor Rogers said that "Coffee with the Mayor" was a great success. A number of candidates for the March 15<sup>th</sup> primary election came out including Congresswoman Kelly, who spoke of her upcoming Housing Expo. The Ardagh hiring event was also a success, with over 600 persons coming out, including candidates from the village of Dolton who are going on to the next hiring step. The US Marshals Office is hiring for a short period of time. Those interested may google US Marshals and look under careers.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

Roll Call

AYES: 4 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Muhammad, Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Hunt, Pierson

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

  
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MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

  
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RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor