

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 2, 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 6:40 p.m.

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

Also present: Village Attorney Judith N. Kolman, 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.

VILLAGE CLERK

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

April 4, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
April 16, 2016 Meeting of the Committee of the Whole

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES of April 4, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and April 16, 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 announced that the village would be applying for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) funds for upgrades to the Old Village Hall and summarized his written report updating progress of the installation of the PACE bus shelters in the village.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police and Fire—Trustee Pierson

Trustee Pierson announced that the second Community Policing meeting was last Thursday at the police department. The next meeting will be the last Thursday in May at 7 p.m. at the police department.

Chief Rob Collins reports that the new K-9 and handler will complete training this week and will graduate May 9th. The Gun Buy Back program will be May 14th at the police department from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Chief Pete McCain reports that the fire department along with Cairo One Health Services is hosting a health fair at Dolton Fire Station 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 18th. The Public Safety Vehicle Parade and Public Safety Expo will follow the June "Coffee with the Mayor."

Public Works—Trustee Pierson

Supt. Stacey reports that Cook County SWAP workers were working in the village in April picking up paper on the main roads and cutting grass on vacant lots. They also demolished a vacant home at 13844 Lincoln Ave. Public Works demolished two hazardous garages at vacant homes and removed 20 dead trees from parkways. The street sweeper will be on the streets the day after garbage pickup. Parts have been ordered for the traffic light at 154th and Greenwood Avenue. Repair is expected to be completed within the month.

Housing—Trustee Stubbs

Trustee Stubbs reiterated Trustee Pierson's earlier thanks to the approximately 200 volunteers who came out for the second "Clean Sweep" event.

Housing Director Denise Fields reports that the 2016-17 annual rental license year has ended. Landlords who have not paid their fees must do so immediately. The 2016-17 license period began May 1, 2016. All fees will double after April 30, 2016. A \$100 penalty will be assessed for non-compliance.

Melanie Fitness Center—Trustee Muhammad

The Melanie Fitness Center will celebrate its 15th anniversary with a Membership Appreciation Day on May 21st from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Finance—Trustee Muhammad

The village's auditors are in-house working on the FY15 audit. The board of trustees met for a budget meeting on April 21st and again on May 9th.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Henyard announced job opportunities with the following employers: Ingalls Health Services in Harvey and South Holland, Menards and Southwest Community Services in Homewood, Family Dollar in Harvey, and Good Burger in Calumet City. Public Works is hiring laborers.

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. Trustees Henyard and Brown with Trustee Smith of Dixmoor are sponsoring an expungement event on May 14th from 1-3 p.m. at New Zion Christian Center in Dolton.

Trustee Brown announced that the U.S. Postal Service is hiring at a beginning salary of \$21 per hour. Trustee Brown announced that information about apprenticeship opportunities with Plumbers Union Local 130 may be found at www.jac130.org. Information on electrician apprenticeships may be obtained by calling Trustee Brown 708-541-2778, and on field maintenance technicians at 708-914-4274. The Thornton Township ZAP grass-cutting program for eligible seniors age 60 and older is resuming. Residents may call 708-596-6040 x4016 for more information. The teen "Step Alive" competition will be June 26th at Riverdale Park. More information is available at telephone 708-849-9853. Trustee Brown announced that the red light cameras are back up in the village.

Trustee Hunt announced that the current fiscal year projects a significant loss. Trustee Hunt encouraged residents to attend the upcoming budget meeting.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No report.

CORPORATE BILLS

MOTION TO APPROVE corporate payments in the amount of \$956,038.85, gross payroll of \$385,855.38, Melanie Fitness Center Bills of \$28,875.65 with gross payroll of \$5,791.48, for total corporate payments of \$1,376,561.36.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

Trustee Hunt said that the mayor should not be paid monthly when all other elected officials and employees are paid bi-monthly. Trustee Hunt said he would like to make a motion to require that the mayor be paid bi-weekly. Trustee Henyard said she seconded. The village attorney advised that because there was a motion on the floor to pay the corporate bills, only a motion to amend to exclude approval of the mayor's salary from the corporate bills would be in order at this time. Trustee Hunt said he would vote to approve the corporate bills but that it was not right to pay the mayor differently. Trustee Henyard agreed and said that officials do not have the right to change the way they are paid during their terms.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance No. 16-012
Approving a Final Plat of Resubdivision (Taco Bell/1312 Sibley Blvd.)

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 16-012.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

Village Administrator Stan Urban explained that the village was approached by Taco Bell and the board was so informed. Once the property was deeded to the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority, the \$600,000 property tax bill on the property was eliminated. Mayor Rogers said that Taco Bell is paying \$435,000. The original offer was for \$600,000 for both parcels on the site. Trustee Henyard said she is not opposed to Taco Bell but that the village needs a sit-down restaurant.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- B. Ordinance No. 16-013
Amending Title 6 "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Chapter 9 "Towing and Impoundment of Hazardous, Unlawful and Abandoned Vehicles"

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 16-013.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Pierson.

Chief Collins explained that this ordinance and Ordinance No. 16-014 would impose an administrative tow fee of \$500 when vehicles are towed for various infractions. In response to Trustee Hunt's question, Chief Collins explained that there are already requirements for payment by vehicle owners for release of the tow. The administrative fee is to cover police time arranging and waiting for the tow.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- C. Ordinance No. 16-014
Amending Title 6 "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Chapter 11 "Immobilization, Towing and Impoundment of Vehicles for Three or More Vehicular Standing, Parking, Compliance, Automated Speed Enforcement or Automated Traffic Law Violations"

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 16-014.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

Trustee Hunt said he would be voting no because he is against towing vehicles for traffic violations. Chief Collins said that the ordinance allows the police to place boots on cars with three or more outstanding tickets to enable the village to collect the fines.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 1 Trustee Hunt.

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- D. Award of Towing Contract - Chief Collins

MOTION TO AWARD TOWING CONTRACT TO W&W TOWING.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Brown.

In response to Trustee Muhammad's question, Chief Collins confirmed that he was recommending Airline Towing but that a rotation of towing companies is also an option. In response to Trustee Henyard's question, Chief Collins said he recommends Airline because the village has been using Airline since the last towing contract expired and that there have no problems. Trustee Henyard asked if Chief Collins was aware that Airline's license had been revoked temporarily and that it was for sale. Chief Collins said no. In response to Trustee Muhammad's question, Chief Collins recommended Wes's Towing after Airline. Trustee Henyard said that W&W fulfilled all of the RFP requirements and Airline and Wes's did not. In response to Administrator Urban's comment that the RFP did not require that the business not be for sale, Trustee Henyard said that it should have. Mayor Rogers asked Trustee Henyard to provide the documentation regarding the license revocation. Trustee Henyard said that she would. Trustee Hunt noted that Chief Collins earlier memo to the board had recommended a rotation. Trustee Hunt added that because the estimated response time by Airline was 30 minutes and the other companies' estimated response time was estimated at 20 minutes, Airline should have been eliminated. Trustee Brown said he leaned toward W&W because it pledged to keep a tow truck in the village.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Stubbs
NAYS: 2 Trustees Muhammad, Pierson
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

E. Award of Lawn Care Services Contract

Administrator Urban explained that in response to the board's directive to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP), the RFP was mailed out to 50 contractors. Of those who responded, six contractors were in compliance. Housing Director Denise Fields and Public Works Supt. Matt Stacey recommend that the three lowest bidders be selected. Each would be assigned a section of the village.

MOTION TO ACCEPT PROPOSALS BY LARRELL LEE AND D&T FOR LAWN CARE SERVICES.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Brown.

Mr. Urban deferred to Ms. Fields regarding her request for three contractors. Ms. Fields said that she is recommending selecting three contractors because the village has over 900 vacant homes.

Trustee Pierson said that Fathers and Blessings did the best work last year but were more expensive. Trustees Muhammad and Stubbs agreed with Trustee Pierson to add Fathers and Blessings. Trustee Brown asked representatives from Fathers and Blessings who were present if they would be willing to lower their price. Trustee Henyard noted that otherwise the board would be cutting out a vendor who would charge less. Trustee Pierson suggested including the fourth contractor who proposed less than Fathers and Blessings. Trustee Henyard said that she did not want to cut into the chosen contractors' business. She asked that no other contractors be hired.

MOTION TO AMEND TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSALS BY LARRELL LEE at \$20, D&T LAWN CARE AT \$22, and FATHERS AND BLESSINGS at \$25 PER LAWN, FOR LAWN CARE SERVICES.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Brown. There being no further discussion:

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposal for Rezoning: Almar Plaza (15401 Cottage Grove Ave.)

Administrator Urban explained that Fathers and Blessings plans to enter into a lease for a thrift store and job skills training center. The latter does not conform with the current zoning for the location, which is retail sales only. Staff recommends the rezoning. Fathers and Blessings is also asking the village to contribute \$50,000 or donating a piece of property. Staff does not recommend the donation, as it would open the door to other nonprofits asking for similar donations.

Mr. Urban introduced Mr. Demetrious Walker of Fathers and Blessings, who explained FAB's developmental skills and training program. FAB is also looking to expand to a food pantry and computer training among other programs. FAB is not funded by any other entities and to date has been self-funded.

Trustee Hunt asked for more information on Fathers and Blessings. Mr. Walker summarized its history. Since 2014 it has been established in the City of Chicago and the south suburbs, and currently houses 10 individuals at 14728 Chicago Road in Dolton.

Discussion followed on the specific training to be offered and the populations to be trained. In response to Trustee Muhammad's question, Mr. Walker said that Fathers and Blessings would make the program happen without the \$50,000 donation and would find other sources of funding. He noted that as a nonprofit it is eligible for government funding which would bring those resources into the community. Trustee Henyard asked if Mr. Walker had spoken with the village regarding obtaining a village-owned property. She suggested the former Comcast building. Village Engineer Smith said that the structural integrity of that building has been compromised. At Trustee Henyard's request, Mr. Urban said he would provide a list of other village properties. Trustees Pierson and Stubbs said they agreed with the rezoning but not with the \$50,000 donation. In response to Trustee Brown's question, Mr. Urban confirmed that the thrift store is zoned correctly, but the training and thrift store would require special use zoning. Trustee Henyard said the zoning request should go to the zoning commission. Trustee Hunt said he is not sure the chosen location is the best. Trustee Henyard said the village cannot rezone without notice to neighboring property owners. Trustee Hunt said that an ordinance or resolution is needed to rezone.

MOTION TO TABLE REQUEST BY FATHERS AND BLESSINGS FOR REZONING.

Motion by Trustee Stubbs. Second by Trustee Henyard.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

A. Interview Potential Insurance Broker of Record

In response to Trustee Hunt's question, Administrator Urban said he recommended reconsideration of the broker of record each year. Representatives of the following brokers addressed the board of trustees and answered questions:

The Horton Group
Insure Source, LLC
Mesirow Insurance
Gallagher Insurance

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers introduced Ashahed Triche, the mayor's executive assistant, who made the following announcements:

Coffee with the Mayor is Saturday, May 7th, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Dorchester. Cook County Recorder of Deeds Karen Yarbrough is scheduled to make a presentation.

The village is sponsoring a flea market every Wednesday and Saturday and a farmers market every Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Chicago Road and Greenwood Avenue.

Mayor Rogers announced this morning that the village will be hiring 50 youths to work 20 hours this summer at \$10 per hour. There was a video presentation of the announcement.

The Mother's Day breakfast will take place on Saturday, May 7th, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Dorchester.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Karen Hicks, village employee, said that she came to ask about her recent demotion from Director of Community and School Services to clerk with the police department. She has received no explanation and has been asking for an explanation for a while.

Rev. Robert Cornelius of New Zion Church spoke in support of Karen Hicks. Bishop Lance Davis, who is out of town, is submitting a letter in support as well.

Annette Morrow, 149th and Evers Street, reported that the street had not been repaired since a water main break in February. The sewer has also dropped. It prevents wheelchair access by her young neighbor.

Bill Owens, Owens Group, asked for consideration to continue as insurance broker of record.

Mrs. Clayton, resident, expressed her thanks to the mayor for taking the kids off the streets.

Barbara Parker, resident, said she has received no response to the concerns she raised in the letter she distributed at the April 18th board meeting. She read the letter aloud. She said residents have a right to know how money is being spent.

Kenny Williams, Silk 'N Classy Barber Shop, expressed his support for Karen Hicks.

Johnny Savory expressed support for Karen Hicks.

Patricia Weisinger expressed support for Karen Hicks.

Resident reported the tree in his parkway is ripping up the sidewalk and foundation on the 148th Street and Kimbark Avenue. He now has flooding in his basement. Resident also said that he is an electrician and willing to help train the youth.

Gwen Nance, resident, expressed her support for Karen Hicks. Resident also reported a dead tree at 243 E. 142nd Street.

Gina of Wes's Towing, said that the village's request for proposal (RFP) required a heavy-duty truck. It was stated at the meeting that W&W Towing does not have a heavy duty truck. She asked for clarification.

Dixmoor Trustee Michael Smith spoke in support of W&W Towing. He also expressed his support for Karen Hicks.

Resident, Chicago, spoke in support of Karen Hicks. He also said that Citizens Address should take place before items are voted upon.

Resident spoke in favor of Karen Hicks.

Don Shaw, resident, asked why towing companies located in the village were not issued RFPs. He said that the board of trustees abdicated its responsibility in allowing it. The board needs to return to committee structure.

Early Walker, Owner, W&W Towing, clarified that the RFP stated that a heavy duty truck had to be available, not owned.

Trustee Maureen Forte of East Hazel Crest and board member of the Chicago Southland Convention and Tourism Bureau, spoke in support of Karen Hicks. She said that Ms. Hicks had completed the bureau's front-line ambassador training.

Resident spoke in support of Karen Hicks.

Mary Avent, 151st and Blackstone, asked if there was a reason that there was no garbage pick-up today, the scheduled pickup date.

Resident spoke in support of Karen Hicks.

Jim Piecul, owner of GTS Towing, said he would like to ask the trustees if any of them have personal relationships with the owner of W&W Towing.

Mayor Rogers responded to the questions raised by resident Barbara Parker regarding use of the village credit card.

Mayor Rogers said while it was not appropriate to discuss an employment issue at the meeting, because Ms. Hicks had chosen this platform, he would respond. Mayor Rogers said that Ms. Hicks was not demoted. Secondly, Ms. Hicks had lied to him that she had not received his text to meet. Thirdly, the vehicle assigned to Ms. Hicks was not to be used outside of the village, and Ms. Hicks had been advised not to pick up children and put the village at risk. Fourthly, Ms. Hicks asked to go back to the police department. Ms. Hicks responded that she was on village business when she was in Riverdale and Harvey. She said that she had previously reported that her cell phone reception is blocked downstairs at the village hall.

Resident asked for clarification of the requirement for a heavy duty towing truck. Resident also asked why trustees do not meet to discuss matters before voting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL

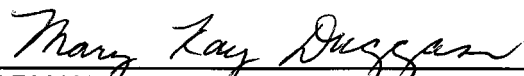
AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Pierson.

Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 6th day of June, 2016.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor