

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 6, 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 6:37 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 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 Pastor Ceasar LeFlore of New Community Church.

PRESENTATION Dolton Fire Department

A. Unit Citation Awards

Chief Steven McCain presented unit citation awards recognizing exceptional efforts performed at the scene of a structure fire at FountainCrest Condominiums on August 2nd to the following: Five members of the Dolton Fire Department, five members of the South Holland Fire Department, three members of the Harvey Fire Department. The village also recognized MABAS Division 24 and Bud's Dispatch & Ambulance Service for their assistance.

B. Firefighter Years of Service Recognition

Chief McCain recognized Engineer Robert Kapusta and Engineer Raymond III for their years of service to the Village of Dolton.

Engineer Kapusta served the fire department from 1975 to May 30, 2016, including five years as the village's first full-time fire chief from 1992 to 1997.

Engineer III served the fire department from 1977 to July 26, 2016. Prior to his employment by the fire department, Engineer III was employed by the village's public works department beginning in 1970.

Engineer III expressed his appreciation upon receipt of the recognition. Lt. David DuVall accepted on behalf of Engineer Kapusta.

VILLAGE CLERK

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

August 1, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES above.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. 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.

B. COMMUNICATIONS

The Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus requests permission to solicit funds in the village for its learning disabilities program September 16th through September 18th. An insurance certificate is included with the request. It was the consensus of Trustees Brown, Henyard, Muhammad, Pierson, and Stubbs to grant the request.

Applications for a mail-in ballot for the November 8, 2016, presidential general election are available at the village hall. Residents are reminded that voter registration at the village hall, Thornton Township Hall, or county clerk offices remains open until October 11th. Early voting and grace period registration will begin October 24th at designated locations. Residents who will be 18 years old on November 8th may register to vote.

Mayor Rogers introduced Pastor LeFlore of New Community Church who requested donations to the church's Baton Rouge Relief Project for victims of the gulf coast flood. Cleaning supplies, mold remediation products, tools, non-perishable food, portable baby cribs, blow-up mattresses and folding camping chairs are requested. Collection is at the Melanie Fitness Center through September 15th.

Mayor Rogers introduced Village Crossing Guards Betty Pace and Valerie Royster who were wearing the new uniforms for crossing guards purchased by the village. Mayor Rogers also acknowledged Officer Sandy Garrett for her work with the crossing guards and the schools.

Mayor Rogers introduced Executive Assistant to the Mayor Ashahed Triche, who acknowledged crossing guard Betty Pace's 12 years of service to the village, and outlined Mayor Rogers' participation in various events in August. The latest episode of "Shop Dolton" features the Unique Resale Shop. Groundbreaking for the new Taco Bell was on August 29th. Residents may download the village's app or go to the village's website and FaceBook page for updates on coming events.

Mayor Rogers acknowledged Dolton resident Sandra Wells of Neighborhood Housing Services for her work with residents to save their homes through the Illinois Hardest Hit program.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ron Smith reported that the village was awarded \$220,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for FY2017. The FY16 CDBG resurfacing project is 90 percent completed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police and Fire—Trustee Pierson

Chief Robert M. Collins, Jr. reported on the improvement or additions made to the police department in his first year as police chief.

Chief Steven McCain reports that the fire department sponsored its first annual smoke detector giveaway in partnership with the Red Cross on August 13th at Fire Station #1. On that day 230 smoke detectors were distributed and 42 detectors were given out since. Residents who wish to obtain a free smoke detector may contact the fire department at (708) 201-3252.

The fire department's fire hydrant inspection initiative began today and is expected to take two months to complete. On September 21st the department will begin a monthly public safety meeting at Our Saviors and the Dorchester senior centers. Saturday, October 28th, is the second annual "Trick or Treat at the FD" from 3 to 5 p.m. The fire department has received 256 emergency calls this year over the number of calls received last year at this time.

Public Works—Trustee Pierson

Supt. Matt Stacey reports that Cook County Sheriff Work Alternative Program (SWAP) workers were in the village on August 1st picking up litter along Lincoln Ave., Chicago Rd., Greenwood Ave., and Sibley Blvd. SWAP workers also demolished a vacant home at 138th and Forest Avenue.

Trustee Pierson reminded residents that they may place items and branches tied in four-foot lengths out for pick-up with their regular garbage. Televisions will not be picked up but residents may bring them to the next electronic recycling event on Saturday, August 20th, at the old village hall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. He reported that there have been complaints about basketball playing in the streets, which is prohibited. Residents are not to barbecue in front of their homes.

Housing—Trustee Stubbs

Housing Director Denise Fields reported that 45 homes were sold in Dolton in August, with the highest sales price being \$145,000 and the lowest sale price \$9,150.00. The average sales price was \$45,758.80. Trustee Stubbs also reminded residents of the next electronics recycling event on Saturday, September 17th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. behind the old village hall. The last event will be October 15th.

Ms. Sandra Wells, director of Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) spoke later in the evening about several mortgage, flooding and home assistance improvements grants available to residents. Information on all programs is available at the village hall. Residents may also contact NHS at (708) 794-6660.

Melanie Fitness Center—Trustee Muhammad

Trustee Muhammad announced that he has had no cooperation from staff in preparing a report despite his numerous requests to staff and administration. Mayor Rogers said that Human Resources Director Angela Blacher had responded.

Youth—Trustee Muhammad

Trustee Muhammad asked Mr. Johnnie Jefferson, building contractor, to step forward. Mr. Jefferson said that with the electrical requirements required by the village building inspector, the total cost of completion of the renovation of the youth commission building is \$107,000. Trustee Muhammad added that public works is no longer cooperating with the project. Mayor Rogers noted that he had sent 8-10 public works employees to clean the outside of the youth commission building.

There is a free scholarship fair at Thornridge High School on September 21st from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on September 22nd at the Harvey Community Center from 4 to 7 p.m. sponsored by the Infinite Scholars Program.

Finance—Trustee Muhammad

Work on the FY16 audit will begin the week of September 12th.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Henyard announced that the following employers were hiring: Food for Less, White Castle, Wendy's and Taco Bell in Dolton. Public Works is also hiring. The Cook County Clerk is seeking election judges and equipment managers.

The Thornton Township Assessor is holding a tax appeal workshop September 14th at its Riverdale Center. Vendors are sought for GospelFest September 17th at Dolton Park. Vendors may contact Trustee Henyard at (708) 297-6859.

Trustee Henyard reported that the Cancer Walk was a huge success and collected \$650-\$700. Proceeds from the recent Cancer Walk have been set aside through Abundant Living Christian Center to assist with prescription and medical expenses of Dolton residents. Trustee Henyard is planning another Cancer Walk on October 15th during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Trustee Henyard may be contacted at 708-297-6859 and Trustee Brown may be contacted at 708-541-2778.

Trustee Brown announced that the Illinois High School Association is hiring officials. Amtrak, UPS, and the U.S. Post Office are seeking seasonal hires. The Greater Chicago Food Depository offers free meals to children and teens as part of its "Lunch Bus" program June 13th through August 19th at locations throughout the south suburbs including Abundant Living Christian Center in Dolton. Residents may telephone 773-247-3663 x4083 for more information. The Dolton Bears played their opening games last weekend defeating the Joliet teams. The Bears' homecoming is October 9th at Dolton Park. Dads and Sons 16 inch softball games continue every Sunday at Dolton Park. Games start at 5, 6, and 7 p.m. Trustee Brown congratulated Trustee Henyard for receiving a Young Entrepreneur Award from Clerk of the Circuit Court Dorothy Brown.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Urban reminded the elected officials that registration for the Illinois Municipal League annual conference is due. Mr. Urban thanked staff for his welcome back from surgery. He has returned to work on a limited basis as of last week.

CORPORATE BILLS

MOTION TO APPROVE corporate payments in the amount of \$2,171,083.39, gross payroll of \$390,765.55, Melanie Fitness Center Bills of \$16,354.11 with gross payroll of \$5,951.00, for total corporate payments of \$2,584,154.05.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Brown.

Trustee Muhammad asked about the status of the village's payment plan with the City of Chicago and of the pending sale of the Dorchester. Trustee Brown asked for a breakdown of the MB Credit Card in the amount of \$9,895.07. Administrator Urban said that he would provide specific answers the next day. Trustee Pierson noted that hiring new Public Works employees would reduce the bills for outsourcing Public Works functions.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance No. 15-036
Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 3, "Liquor Control", of Title 3 of the Dolton Village Code

Mayor Rogers directed that this item be pulled from the agenda.

- B. Renewal of Agreement with Praxair, Inc., to Operate, Maintain and Repair Pipeline

Administrator Urban explained that this was an extension of the right-of-way for transportation of nitrogen gas along its present pipeline route.

Motion by Trustee Brown. 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.

- C. Proposed Expenditures of the \$1,300,000 Bond

Administrator Urban recommended that \$1,000,000 of the bond funds be expended for street resurfacing, and \$300,000 be expended on police and fire department equipment.

Trustee Hunt asked Engineer Smith whether an analysis had been conducted of the streets that needed to be resurfaced, and asked about the cost to paint the village's water tower. Trustee Henyard said that she wanted to go over the selection of streets to be resurfaced.

In response to Trustee Pierson's question, Mr. Smith confirmed that he and Supt. Stacey had traveled every street in the village.

D. Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) Update

Chief McCain reported on the progress by Bud's Dispatch to consolidate with Village of Burnham Dispatch. The State of Illinois has imposed a deadline of September 30th for the consolidation. Mr. Urban explained that state law requires a municipality with less than a population of 25,000 to consolidate with another dispatch system. Tom Wappel of Bud's said that Bud's has already invested \$600,000 in equipment.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance No. 16-021
Amending Section 6-5-4-7 of the Village Code to Allow for the Posting of an Additional Handicap-Only Sign (14340 Dobson Ave.)

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Brown.

Trustee Hunt asked if there was a list of approved handicap signs. The village clerk said that because the signs are approved by ordinance, the new village code once consolidated would list all addresses. The clerk said that she could also make a list from the ordinances. There being no further discussion:

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

B. Approval of Audit Engagement Letter Lauterbach & Amen, LLP

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Pierson.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed

C. Presentation of New Hires – Ms. Blacher

MOTION TO DEFER ITEM TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

ROLL CALL

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

D. Memorandum of Understanding Re Academy for Learning and Peace Center

Chief Collins explained that the memorandum provided for a school resource officer at the centers located on 144th Street.

MOTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

ROLL CALL

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

E. Discussion of Proposed Employee Educational Reimbursement Policy

Administrator Urban answered questions from the board regarding the proposed policy. Discussion followed on whether applicants should be approved by the board. No action was taken.

F. Discussion of Proposed Community Grants Policy

Administrator Urban recommended a six member ad hoc committee consisting of three residents as voting members, two trustees as non-voting members, and one staff non-voting member. Discussion followed. No action was taken

G. Trustees Committee Appointments

Administrator Urban referenced the list of proposed trustee committees and chairs distributed to the full board. He noted that it is not necessary to designate the Village Administrator as chair of the trustees' committee on the Melanie Fitness Center. The Village Administrator oversees all village departments. Trustee Pierson said he received the list today, and withdrew his name from the trustees' youth committee because his work schedule does not allow him the time. Trustee Muhammad said that he had just received the list and read it aloud. Trustee Muhammad said that he would continue to serve the youth and Melanie Fitness Center even if the majority removes him from chairmanship over Melanie and the youth committee. Trustee Pierson asked that at least one member be added to each of the committees so they could function as true committees. Attorney Murphey noted that the village clerk reminded him that the resolution passed by the trustees called for three-member committees. Trustee Hunt objected to comments that the committees were formed without input. Mayor Rogers acknowledged that after the last trustee election, he gave the chairmanships to the winning trustees. The trustees have since voted to appoint their own chairs and asked for a motion to

approve. Discussion followed on replacing the administrator and Trustee Pierson on the Melanie and youth committees respectively. Trustee Stubbs offered to co-chair the youth committee with Trustee Muhammad. Mr. Murphey reminded the board that the definition of a committee is two or more persons to accomplish a specific task. Trustee Henyard noted that since 2015 there had been one chairperson for each committee, with no members appointed. Trustee Hunt said that he understood that the first person listed is the chair and the second person is the co-chair, not a committee member.

MOTION TO TABLE APPROVAL OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Pierson.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Adonnis Shaw, resident, said that the board was going about its committee appointments the wrong way as members are chosen first and the members elect the chairs. He asked about breaking a tie if a committee has only two members. He said that it was insane to appoint the administrator to chair a trustees' committee.

Willie Lowe, resident, said that the young man with him has reported drug dealing on his block of Oak St. and is not getting any help from the police department. Chief Collins said that there is an ongoing police investigation.

Ms. Nabors, day care center owner, expressed her appreciation to the mayor and the fire chief in meeting with her to resolve building permit issues to move her center, but the resolution came too late. She was evicted from her current location and will be taking her business out of Dolton.

Demetrious Walker, Fathers and Blessings, introduced Tammie Brown, Dolton resident and UPS employee, who announced a \$15,000 grant to Fathers and Blessings from the UPS Foundation. Mr. Walker asked to revisit the zoning concerns for the proposed use of the organization's store front.

Pearlie Lemons, resident, reported repeated flooding on the 1400 block of east 156th St.

Resident spoke in favor of the proposed employee tuition reimbursement and offered suggestions going forward.

Barbara Parker, resident, asked Administrator Urban if he was familiar with running the Melanie Fitness Center, and asked that the members be given somebody who knows what they are doing. She said that Melanie has been doing so well and members do not want to see it fall back.

Mrs. Crayton, resident, asked about the status of the Special Events Committee, and requested a copy of the minutes for the meeting when it was discussed. She further announced the upcoming Back-to-School Night and Homecoming at Thornridge High School.

Mary Avent, resident, said that residents have served on committees in the past.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss the hiring of certain personnel for Public Works.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Pierson.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed at 10:17 p.m.

The Board of Trustees returned from Executive Session at 11:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Pierson, second by Trustee Muhammad, 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, Pierson

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

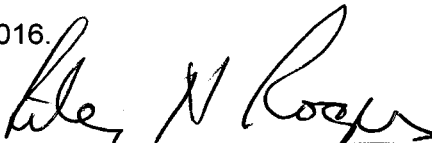
ABSENT: 1 Trustee Stubbs

Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 3rd day of October, 2016.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor