

VILLAGE OF DOLTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
October 17, 2016

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at the New Village Hall at 6:36 p.m.

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

Also, present: Village Administrator Stan Urban and department heads. Village Attorney John B. Murphey and Village Engineer Ronald E. Smith were absent.

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER

Prayer was led by Trustee Brown.

GENERAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Henyard announced that the Human Resources/Department of Aging Committee would meet Thursday, October 20th, at 4:30 p.m. at the New Village Hall.

Trustee Brown introduced a representative from the Boxing Fundamentals Program for children and adults at Dolton Park. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday November 1 through December 8, 2016, from 4-5 pm for children ages 4-17 and from 5-6 p.m. for those 18 years and older. Rates are \$45 for residents and \$50 for non-residents. Those interested may telephone 708-841-2111 for more information.

Trustee Hunt announced that there will be a Finance Committee meeting October 20th at 5:30 p.m. at the New Village Hall.

Trustee Duane Muhammad said that he continues to get calls about Melanie Fitness Center, and asked if there any plans to bring a manager in. He said he has gotten calls about there being no toilet paper and paper towels, that there are algae in the pools, and that the whirlpool is dirty. He said he was told by two trainers that even if no one shows up for the classes they still get paid, which makes no sense. He said that the rule has been if you have no persons in your class you should not get paid for a class. He asked Administrator Stan Urban for an update.

Administrator Urban said that it was stated at the last Monday board meeting that the pool had algae and black things floating in it. The State of Illinois did their inspection on the previous Friday and the Melanie Center passed 100 percent. Mr. Urban said that he did not know where the allegations came from. He said that toilet paper is an issue due to theft. The center is in the process of changing out the toilet paper holding rolls because right now it is too easy for people to go in and take them. Currently there are 200 rolls stored there. Mr. Urban deferred to Human Resources Director Angela Blacher regarding the status of management. He said that she has been interviewing. He said that he would ask Ms. Blacher to get back to Trustee Muhammad.

Trustee Muhammad said that it is insulting to suggest that residents are stealing without any proof. Mr. Urban acknowledged that it may also be a staff issue. Discussion continued on corrective measures to be taken.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Permit Fees and Fines for Clothing Collection Boxes

Administrator Urban said per discussion at the last board meeting, the attorney is working on the ordinance to be presented at the November meeting. The attorney needs to know the amount of fees and/or fines to be imposed.

In response to Mayor Rogers' question, Mr. Urban said for every town polled that has an ordinance, the fee was as low as \$50.00 per box and as high as \$1,000.00 per box. Mayor Rogers said that the information he had from the attorney was that the average was \$250.00 for permits and \$50.00 for renewals. He added that the village needs to do something because the boxes are popping up everywhere. He said that the village needs to set standards on where they are placed and to have them properly maintained and emptied on a regular basis.

Discussion followed on the appropriate fee to charge. Trustee Hunt suggested a separate fee for non-profit and for-profit operators, or allow only non-profit organizations to have boxes. Trustee Henyard agreed that the boxes should be for non-profit organizations and proposed that there be no more than three boxes allowed in the village. Trustee Brown agreed with limiting boxes to non-profit organizations. Trustee Muhammad suggested following what other municipalities similar to Dolton such as South Holland allow.

Mayor Rogers added that the ordinance should limit placement to a distance off the main streets.

B. Tree Trimming

Trustee Henyard said that she has been getting many complaints for tree trimming and branch pick up. She said that she has talked to Public Works Supt. Matthew Stacey and has asked every year for the list of trees to be trimmed.

She has reported to Public Works that trees need to be cut down at the following addresses:

14340 Dobson - email sent on 9/2/16;
14644 Shepard - email sent on 8/23/16;
14638 Shepard - email sent on 8/23/16;
15321 Oak - email sent on 10/25/15;

She said that none of these trees have been cut down.

14424 Dobson – Trustee Henyard said that there is an elderly lady in a wheelchair who stays on that block and can't make it to and from her car without falling on the sidewalk because it's cracked up.

Trustee Henyard said that she has also reported the following:

14229 Minerva dead tree - 2/28/16;
14418 Dobson - dead tree;
1105 142nd St. - pot hole still not filled.

Trustee Henyard added that another issue are tree branches hanging in the middle of the blocks that are blocking lights.

Trustee Hunt asked if there was a list of trees reported in need of trimming or cutting down, and if so, Public Works should relay status to the residents. Supt. Stacey said that there is a list, which he forgot to bring this evening. He said that he will get everyone a copy the next day. Supt. Stacey added that Public Works was down workers last year but since new employees were added recently they have been out showing the new employees how to use chainsaws safely.

Mayor Rogers said that there were many years when trees were not being cut down and that some jobs require professionals. Time and budget are also factors. He added that it should be considered that trees take up hundreds of gallons of water that would otherwise cause flooding. Mayor Rogers directed Supt. Stacey to provide all trustees with a list that includes a time range be cut down.

Trustee Brown said that with a list the trustee can act as liaisons with the residents.

Trustee Robert Hunt said he wanted to clarify that he did not decline payment to any tree company and has agreed to all the bills that have been presented.

Trustee Muhammad suggested publishing a list on the village website and cable channels of where and when Public Works will be in the area trimming trees. He said that the complaints he gets are largely about low hanging branches.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Kenny Williams, owner of Silk 'N Classy Barber College announced that there will be free haircuts for young men and free manicures for young ladies 5-17 years old from 12-3 p.m. on Sunday October, 23rd. The barber shop is located at 114 E. Sibley Blvd.

Cheryl Hill, resident, spoke about water tampering, a young man walking around with a paint gun, overhanging trees requiring trimming on Grant and Greenwood, and asked when the house on Ann and Grant Streets would be demolished. Resident added that after the work is completed, it should be cleaned up.

Willie Lowe, resident, said that he is disturbed over the mayor's power being taking away. He said that the board's recent limit to \$1,000 of expenditures the mayor may authorize is stupid. He said that 80 percent of the town's residents are black and the town needs a black mayor. Finally, he said that street light at 151st and Diekman is out.

Georgia Williams, resident, said that the whirlpool at the Melanie Fitness Center was dirty, and that there was no tissue. She expressed her thanks for Fannie and Olivia at Melanie but said it still needs more improvement.

Mrs. Crayton, resident, spoke of H.S. School District 205's cooperative outreach program with Chicago State University. Resident said that she has seen only one labeled collection box, and is in favor of permitting and restrictions. She expressed her thanks that the mesh fence around the Family Dollar parking lot is gone, and asked why the thrift store next to Walgreen's had closed.


Mayor Rogers announced that there will be a Cancer Survivors Support Breakfast to benefit the American Cancer Society at 9 a.m. on October 8th at the Dorchester. District 205 had a peace march on Saturday, October 15th, with all three high schools in the district participating. Taco Bell on Sibley Blvd. is expected to open on November 15th. Taco Bell is hosting a hiring event on October 18th at the Dorchester from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Dolton residents and at Thornridge High School for students only from 3 to 6 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

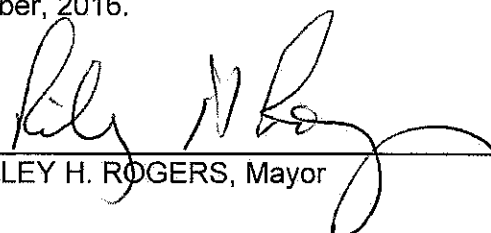
Roll Call
AYES: 4 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 Trustees Pierson, Stubbs
Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 7th day of November, 2016.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor