

VILLAGE OF DOLTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 21, 2016

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at the New Village Hall at 6:42 p.m.

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

Also present: Village Administrator Stan Urban and department heads. Mayor Rogers announced that Village Attorney John B. Murphey and Village Engineer Ronald E. Smith were en route.

A quorum was present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER**

Prayer was led by Trustee Stubbs.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Rogers commended residents Rosie Stoudamire and Pearl Simmons, whose reports of dumping in the village led to the issuance of citations against the offenders. Last year the village passed an ordinance providing for a \$500 reward for such reports leading to the identification of offenders. Mayor Rogers asked for a motion to approve payment of \$500 to the residents.

MOTION TO APPROVE \$500 REWARD FOR REPORT OF FLY-DUMPING.

Motion by Trustee Stubbs. Second by Trustee Pierson.

Trustee Muhammad said that the reward should have been presented privately. He said he is concerned that public presentations may discourage residents from reporting incidents and possibly jeopardize the safety of those who do report. Trustee Henyard agreed.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

INTRODUCTION

Administrator Stan Urban introduced Ms. Takeish Kerr, who is obtaining her master's degree in Public Administration from Northern Illinois University. Mr. Urban proposed offering Ms. Kerr an internship with the village. NIU would pay \$10 per hour and the village would contribute an additional \$7 per hour for 20 hours per week January-May, 2017. Ms. Kerr's family resides in Dolton. There was a consensus of all trustees to offer the internship to Ms. Kerr.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Henyard reminded residents that proceeds from the recent cancer walks are dedicated to providing assistance in paying for medications of residents fighting cancer. Also, the village has set aside \$50,000 for residents who are struggling to pay their water or other utility bills.

Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan announced that at present there is no board meeting scheduled for the second Monday of December. The next and last scheduled meeting is December 5th.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Promotions to Fire Engineer

Fire Chief Steven McCain requested the promotion of Firefighters Adam Farej, Mark Pappas, and Robert Triemstra to Fire Engineers. They are the next three candidates eligible for promotion from the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

MOTION TO APPROVE PROMOTION OF FIREFIGHTERS ADAM FAREJ, MARK PAPPAS, AND ROBERT TRIEMSTRA TO POSITIONS OF FIRE ENGINEER.

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.

The Village Clerk and Secretary Dallas Gordon of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners administered the oaths of office.

B. Emergency Telephone Systems Board (ETSB) Update

(Discussion of this item was deferred until after Item C.)

Chief McCain reported that he anticipates presenting an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Burnham by the December 5th meeting. The proposed agreement includes an annual maintenance fee of \$10,000 to Calumet City, which is the host server for the village's records management system and mobile system. Chief Robert Collins added that the cost to the village to acquire its own server would be approximately \$500,000. Chief McCain said that once the new joint 911 board is formed, it can begin collecting the 911 surcharge, which will be allocated toward the annual fee. The state deadline for merger is December 31st. Administrator Urban reminded the board that state law now requires a minimum service population of 25,000.

C. Donation of K-9 Dog by WW Towing to the Dolton Police Department.

Mr. Early Walker of WW Towing introduced trainer and dog for a brief demonstration of the dog's skills. Discussion followed on obtaining a full assessment of the dog by the state police before accepting the donation. The trainer confirmed that if the village should decide to accept without the assessment, the village could return the dog if it did not work out. Chief Collins noted that there are costs to the village associated with accepting the dog, including purchase and equipment of a vehicle. Those costs and the costs for medical care of police canine Rony following his injury can be paid out of asset forfeiture funds.

MOTION TO ACCEPT DONATION OF K-9 DOG SUBJECT TO WARRANTY BY DONOR TO ACCEPT RETURN OF DOG AND TO EXPENSES BEING PAID FROM ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Brown

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

D. Request for Proposals: Village Snow Removal

In response to Trustee Muhammad's question, Administrator Urban said that the village did not outsource snow removal last winter but the mayor did hire the year before under his emergency authority. Mr. Urban said that hiring outside vendors on a regular basis would likely violate the union contract. Discussion continued on the need to determine in what circumstances the village may hire outside vendors for snow removal without violating the contract.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Pat Byrd, resident, noted that she did not receive The Sentinel but did receive the township newspaper. She said that she did have the opportunity to speak with some of the trustees as to their reasoning in not voting for the village newspaper. She inquired about the newspaper's future.

Discussion among the board and with the resident followed.

Resident said that the disagreement over the newspaper is personal. Resident said she did not know about the turkey giveaway.

Resident said that attendees at board meetings should not have to wait until the end of the meeting for Citizens Address. He said that he wants to hear about things that matter such as tax bills and water billing. He urged the board not to wait to make a decision on snow removal. Resident reported that the stop sign on Blackstone at Aperion was down due to the construction. Resident also said that he does not see Dolton Police patrolling the streets, particularly during school hours.

Kenneth Williams thanked Mayor Rogers and Trustee Henyard for coming out to Silk 'N Classy's free hair cut event. He said that he sees the improvements in Dolton but that all gets pushed aside at meetings.

Resident, 1100 block of east 152nd Street, reported that his alley "looks like a ghetto." Resident also reported that the stop sign at 152nd and Woodlawn is down.

Trustee Henyard said that she had spoken to Supt. Stacey about the alley. Supt. Stacey said he would go out tomorrow.

Following Citizens Address, there was a short video of Mayor Rogers' turkey giveaway on November 19th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION for consideration of certain employees.

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 at 8:31 p.m.

The Board of Trustees returned from Executive Session at 9:55 p.m. Trustees Pierson and Hunt were absent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Stubbs, 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: 4 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Muhammad, Stubbs

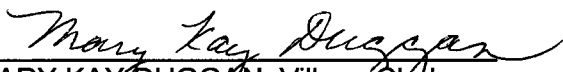
NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Hunt, Pierson

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.


MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 5th day of December, 2016.


RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor