

Regular Meeting Board of Trustees
Tuesday, January 3, 2017
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the New Village Hall at 6:47 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER** Prayer was led by Mr. Edward Crayton.

ROLL CALL The following Trustees were present: Stanley Brown, Valeria Stubbs, Robert E Pierson Jr, and Duane Muhammad. Trustee Tiffany Henyard and Robert E. Hunt, Jr. arrived during the Village Clerk's report.

Also, present: Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan, Village Administrator Stan Urban and department heads.

A quorum was present.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Village Clerk noted that she had revised the draft minutes of the December 5, 2016, Regular Board Meeting as requested by Trustee Henyard. The new language is underlined in the minutes before the trustees this evening. The Clerk asked for approval of the following meeting minutes either together or separately:

December 5, 2016 Regular Board Meeting;
December 27, 2016 Special Board Meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2016, REGULAR BOARD MEETING AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Muhammad. There being no discussion:

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Hunt.

Motion passed.

The Clerk asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2016, Special Board Meeting.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Stubbs. There being no discussion:

ROLL CALL

AYES: 3 Trustees Muhammad, Pierson and Stubbs
NAYS: 3 Trustees Brown, Henyard, and Hunt
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

There being a tie vote, Mayor Rogers cast his vote: AYE. Motion passed.

B. COMMUNICATIONS

The Village Clerk reminded residents that regular board meetings which would fall on a holiday in January and February will be on the Tuesday following the holiday. The Board of Trustees will next meet on Tuesday, January 17th, after the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on January 16th.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ronald E. Smith deferred his report to the Consent Agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police and Fire -Trustee Pierson

Chief Steven McCain reports that the Dolton Fire Department responded to 4,579 emergency incidents in 2016, surpassing last year's total by 342 responses. There were 3,351 emergency medical responses and 1,228 fire and motor vehicle responses.

Chief McCain expressed his thanks to all who participated in the Toy and Food Drive.

Chief McCain commended Lt. DuVall, Lt. Cole and Firefighter Cosgrove for their efforts assisting the Lynwood Fire Department in search and rescue efforts over several days in below 0 degree temperatures following a vehicle crash in a retention pond.

Chief McCain reminded residents that blood pressure screenings are offered to Dolton residents every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Fire Station No. 1.

Trustee Pierson commended Det. Hope and the Dolton Police Department for once again receiving an award for "National Night Out."

Public Works - Trustee Stubbs

Supt. Matthew Stacey reports the following activity for December: 10 "B-Box", 4 sewer basins, 9 water main breaks, 11 street light repairs; and 7 street light fixtures replaced.

Cook County Sheriff SWAP workers were cleaning streets and assisted with a clean-up detail at Fire Station No. 2. The sheriff's workers also completed the demolition and clean-up of the old Mr. Ricky's. Yard waste pick-up has stopped for the winter and will resume on April 1, 2017. The village's electronic recycling program has come to an end. Residents are asked not to bring any electronics to the former drop-off area.

Youth—Trustee Stubbs

Trustee Stubbs thanked the Mayor, Fire Chief, and residents who volunteered or donated to the toy/food giveaway.

Trustee Muhammad announced that there will be a youth career development and employment program funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services in honor of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 16, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Chuck's Haven in Dolton.

Trustee Muhammad announced that the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the National Electrical Contractors Association are offering free classes to prepare for the Electrical Union's Apprentice Test this month at West Side Technical Institute in Chicago.

Economic Development -Trustee Brown

Trustee Brown announced that the lighting had been installed at the new Aperion parking lot at 143rd and Blackstone.

Trustee Brown also announced that the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the National Electrical Contractors Association are offering free classes to prepare for the Electrical Union's Apprentice Test this month at West Side Technical Institute in Chicago. He said that he knows the electrical training program works.

Trustee Brown announced that 150 coats and holiday food baskets were given to Dolton Youth as part of the recent warm coat program. Coats are still being given out. Residents may call 708-541-2778 for further information.

The following employers are hiring: U.S. Postal Service (www.usps.jobs), UPS (www.ups.jobs) and FedEx (www.fedex.jobs).

Housing - Trustee Henyard

Housing Director Denise Fields reports that the department processed 312 transactions in December for total revenue of \$52,640.00.

Trustee Henyard offered her assistance to residents struggling to modify their mortgages. She may be reached at 708-297-6859.

Human Resources/Department on Aging – Trustee Henyard

Trustee Henyard reminded residents that funds from last year's Cancer Walks are available for assistance in paying for their medications. Residents who have received utility shut-off notices may also apply for up to \$200 in assistance from the village.

Finance—Trustee Hunt

Trustee Hunt reported that for the first time in this administration, the village missed a bond payment. It was short \$850,000 in November. Trustee Hunt said that he believes Mayor Rogers and staff deliberately hid the situation from the trustees, noting that there was a Finance Committee meeting in November, and that the trustees received finance reports in December and the issue was not brought up. The village also failed to timely repay its \$2.7 million loan from MB Financial Bank. Trustee Hunt added that the village has increased spending by \$1 million dollars for salaries, parties, drones and trips to D.C.

In response, Mayor Rogers said that Trustee Hunt and other trustees had no objections to paying for a lawyer for the trustees when the village already had a lawyer, or to paying \$200,000 more in premium for a new insurance company they wanted. In response to Mayor Rogers' charge that Trustee Hunt has only started holding Finance Committee minutes since he is running for re-election, Trustee Hunt noted that it was only this year that he resumed the committee chairmanship and that he has brought in

advisers to the committee meetings at no cost to help the village with its credit. Trustee Hunt said that a lawyer and a fire truck the village did not need did not cost \$850,000. Mayor Rogers noted that the village made a partial bond payment. At Mayor Rogers' request, Chief McCain confirmed that presently the fire department was down two engines. Trustee Hunt did not answer Mayor Rogers' question as to what would have happened if the village did not have the new truck. Mayor Rogers said that Trustee Hunt has not done anything since he has been in office but poke at his administration.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Village Administrator Urban wished everyone a happy new year.

CORPORATE BILLS

MOTION TO APPROVE corporate payments in the amount of \$399,087.38, Gross Payroll in the amount of \$418,643.12; Melanie Fitness Center payments in the amount of \$13,870.28, and Gross Payroll in the amount of \$3,413.25, for total corporate payments of \$835,014.03.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Pierson. There being no discussion:

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

In response to Trustee Brown's question, Administrator Urban confirmed that the amount of the bond payment was short \$849,000. Finance Director Redmond confirmed that the village did make a payment of approximately \$1.7 million out of the \$2.6 million owed by December 1st.

CONSENT AGENDA

Administrator Urban presented the following Items:

- A. Resolution No. 17-R-001
For Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code (MFT Funds) from May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014
- B. Resolution No 17-R-002
For Maintenance of Streets and Highway by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code (MFT Funds) from May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015
- C. Resolution No 17-R-003
For Maintenance of Streets and Highway by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code (MFT Funds) from May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016
- D. Resolution No 17-R-004
For Maintenance of Streets and Highway by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code (MFT Funds) from May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2016

Administrator Urban explained that the MFT audits have not been completed for over 12 years. Staff has been working with Robinson Engineering to clear up the most recent years. Passage of these resolutions will allow the village to receive MFT funds from Springfield, which will allow the village to demonstrate that it is able to spend the money

on appropriate items such as road repairs, salt, fixing water main breaks and anything else related to roads. Engineer Ronald Smith also explained that this is basically a housekeeping item. Expenditure of MFT funds must be approved by the state for MFT-eligible items.

In response to Trustee Muhammad's question, Ms. Redmond confirmed that the auditors expect the general audit for FY16 to be completed by the end of January.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A, B, C, AND D.

Motion by Trustee Brown. Second by Trustee Pierson.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Solicitation Ordinance

Administrator Urban explained that the ordinance regulating commercial solicitation in the village was discussed at a previous meeting. The Village Attorney had said that the ordinance provides for registration and regulation of solicitors but could be updated. Mr. Urban had forwarded the board Chief Collins' recommendation for changes to the board earlier that day. Collins reviewed his recommended changes to Sections 3-9-2 through 3-9-6 addressing registration verification of registration, identification badges restrictions and prohibitions (adding fines) with the mayor and trustees. There was consensus to amend Section 3-9-4E to limit the validity of the identification badge to 7 days instead of 30 days, and to increase the badge fee (3-9-4B) to \$15.00 including the badge pouch.

MOTION TO AMEND Title 3, Chapter 9 as recommended by Chief Collins and as set forth above.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

Chief Collins read proposed guidelines for nonprofit tag day soliciting. Attorney Murphey advised that the board that it was not necessary to formally adopt the guidelines. It was the consensus of the board to implement the guidelines and procedures recommended by Chief Collins. The Village Clerk clarified that the guidelines would bar last minute requests from organizations to solicit.

B. Renewal of Worker's Compensation Insurance

Administrator Urban introduced Mr. Cliff Taylor, the village's workers compensation broker, to outline the new policy and explain the increase in the yearly premium from \$390,434 to \$538,780. Mr. Taylor noted that premiums in Illinois are the seventh highest in the county. Premiums are determined by salary amounts and claims history. In response to Trustee Hunt's question, Mr. Taylor said that his marketing team submitted to wholesalers but received no response. The insurer is the same as for the last three years. In response to Mayor Rogers' question, Mr. Taylor said that he did not have access to the village's workers' compensation history when he submitted his firm for consideration by the board. He said that he, Mr. Urban, and Human Resources Director Angela Blacher have already set up a meeting to target possible cost savings measures by department. Mr. Urban noted that because the village is in a pool with other municipalities, the village is protected if other members of the municipalities have lesser claims. Mr. Taylor agreed, but noted that when the municipalities have increased claims, all members' costs increase.

C. Ordinance No. 17-001
Amending 6-5-4-7 of the Dolton Village Code to Allow for the Posting of Additional Handicap-Only Sign (15421 Drexel, 14931 Grant)

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE No. 17-001.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Brown.

In response to Trustee Hunt's question, the Village Clerk said that she had provided Mr. Urban a list of all approved handicap signs in the village. She said that to her knowledge, permission had been repealed for only one address since the village code was last updated in 1988. Mr. Urban confirmed that the water meter readers are physically checking the locations.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

C. Review of FY2016-2017 Village Budget

Administrator Urban said that at the Special Board Meeting on December 27th, it was suggested that review of the budget be placed on this meeting's agenda and requested documents were included in the board members' meeting packets.

Trustee Pierson said that he was concerned upon hearing the news of missing the bond payment and other issues. He recommended amending the budget or at least having a clearer understanding of where the village's finances stand. Mayor Rogers clarified that the village made a partial payment. One reason is that this year the village had to issue retroactive pay for union contracts. Finance Director Yvonne Redmond clarified that the retro payout was approximately \$517,000 to fire department employees, but all union contracts will be up for renewal next year. Trustee Hunt noted that the retro pay was in the budget. There was a consensus of the board to dedicate the next meeting to discussion of the current budget.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers announced that there was a reunion dinner at the Dorchester for the 50/20 summer youth workers on December 20th. The Rain Ready Steering Committee meets every third Thursday of the month to address flooding problems in the village. The ribbon-cutting ceremony for Taco Bell is tomorrow, January 4th, at 10 a.m.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Allan Armstrong, 148th & Kimbark, reported that three street lights are out in the vicinity of Lincoln & Kimbark. They present a safety concern. He has called Public Works twice in two weeks and did not receive a return phone call. He asked what was the expected time for the light to be repaired.

Mary Avent, resident, asked about the status of 142nd Street and asked how solicitors would know of the ordinance.

Det. Hope thanked Det. Price, and residents Kiana Belcher, Mrs. Crayton, Debra Butler and Minister White for their help in winning "National Night Out" for the fourth year. He displayed the plaque awarded to the village.

Mrs. Crayton, resident, said that "National Night Out" was phenomenal. She wished everyone a Happy New Year and invited residents to H.S. District 205 board meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

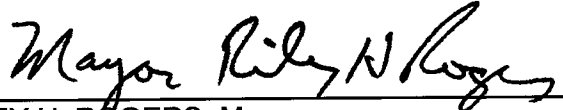
Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 6th day of February, 2017.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor