

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 21, 2017

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 Clerk Mary Kay Duggan, Village Attorney John B. Murphey, Village Administrator Stan Urban and department heads. Village Engineer Ronald E. Smith was absent.

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER

Prayer was led by Minister Deborah White.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Henyard offered her assistance to residents struggling to modify their mortgages. She may be reached at 708-297-6859. Residents who have received utility shut-off notices may also apply for up to \$200 in assistance from the village.

Chief of Staff Elizabeth Scott announced that the village is sponsoring a manufacturing and logistics hiring event on February 21, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dorchester. Unemployment rates for the Village of Dolton in the last three years have decreased from 15% to 8 %.

Mayor Rogers read aloud letters from the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority and the Calumet Enterprise Zone supporting efforts by the Village of Dolton to develop specified economy opportunities.

PRESENTATIONS

MOTION TO TABLE AGENDA ITEMS A-H:

- A. Ongoing Criminal Investigations – Mayor Rogers
- B. Police Commendation – Mayor Rogers
- C. Swearing-in of Fire and Police Commissioners – Village Clerk Duggan
- D. Police Body Cam – Mayor Rogers
- E. Bicycle Registration – Mayor Rogers
- F. Police Bike Patrol – Mayor Rogers
- G. Cook County Sheriff Presentation - Sheriff Dart's Office - Mayor Rogers
- H. Domestic Violence Presentation - Mayor Rogers

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Pierson with the exception of Item C.

On the motion to table Items A, B, D, E, F, G, H:

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 1 Trustee Stubbs

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

C. Swearing-in of Fire and Police Commissioners

Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan administered the oaths of office to Mr. Herman L. Moore, Sr. and Mr. Donnie L. Conley.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION TO TABLE AGENDA ITEMS B, C, D, E, and G:

- B. Village of Dolton Water Quality Update - Mayor Rogers
- C. 50/20 Summer Youth Employment Program Update - Mayor Rogers
- D. Downtown Revitalization - Mayor Rogers
- E. Mayor's Payroll Schedule - Trustee Henyard
- G. Update on Second K-9 Unit

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Pierson.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 1 Trustee Stubbs

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

A. Presentation of the 2015 /2016 Audit - Lauterbach & Amen, LLP

Administrator Stan Urban introduced Mr. Matt Beran of Lauterbach & Amen to review the Annual Financial Report and Management Letter for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2016. Mr. Beran reported that the audit was unqualified and then addressed questions by the Board of Trustees.

B-E Items tabled by motion above.

F. Financial Questions - Trustee Muhammad

Administrator Urban and Finance Director Yvonne Redmond responded to questions raised by Trustee Muhammad regarding the police and fire pension funds, motor fuel tax funds, TIF (Tax Increment Financing) funds, and this fiscal year's budget.

G. Item tabled by motion above.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Former Trustee Willie L. Lowe, Jr. asked Trustee Hunt about his involvement with a trip paid for by Thornton Township to South Carolina that cost \$126,000 and a \$200,000 tax increase, in his capacity as Finance Director at Thornton Township.

Trustee Hunt objected to the resident's comments. Trustee Henyard objected to allowing the resident to bring politics to the board meeting and said that residents should speak only to items on the agenda.

Cheryl Hill, resident, reported that windows at 612 E. 1st 42nd St. should be boarded up, and the back door at 14229 Chicago Road is kicked in. Resident said that the discord on the Board has to stop and that the board is accountable to the residents.

Kevin Boens, candidate for trustee, expressed his forgiveness to those who stole his campaign signs, and said that it is apparent that certain members of the board have their personal agendas.

Minister Deborah White, resident, read aloud her letter to the Board of Trustees protesting "lies" spread by trustees she had voted and worked for. Resident further objected to the tabling of the agenda items.

Resident challenged a ticket issued by the police department.

Demetrious Walker, Fathers and Blessings, spoke of his organization's youth employment mentoring and training program. He added that the lack of togetherness on the board makes the members look bad.

Tracy Brown, resident, asked for a show of hands by members of the board who believe in honesty. Resident further asked Trustee Brown how the mayor gets a raise. Trustee Brown did not reply. Trustee Stubbs answered that a raise is given by the Board of Trustees. Resident asked Trustee Hunt about an apparent discrepancy between information emailed to her by Trustee Hunt showing that the mayor earns \$61,000 per year and Trustee Hunt's claim that the mayor receives \$134,000. Trustee Hunt said that it was not appropriate for him to answer questions during Citizens Address. Resident asked that whoever becomes mayor promote more jobs and businesses and beautify the community. Resident expressed her appreciation for channel 4.

Mayor Rogers pointed out that the village brought 275 jobs to the community with its hiring events in the last three years and reported that the upcoming hiring event will have 110 manufacturing jobs available.

Mrs. Crayton, resident, said that the mayor did not bring the job fairs to the village by himself, and credited the trustees as well. Mayor Rogers credited his staff, specifically Elizabeth Scott, for putting the fairs together. Resident asked follow-up questions regarding the audit presentation.

Resident asked if it was true that CVS is closing its store in Dolton. The mayor said, yes, it is one of 400 stores CVS is closing nationwide.

Garrett Ghezzi, resident and retired CVS pharmacist, said that when CVS opened in Dolton it received tax breaks which run out May 1st. The CVS corporation has lost two national insurance plans which has cut its profits.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

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, Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

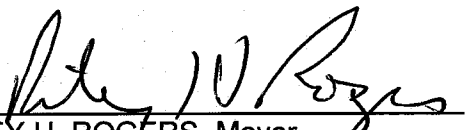
ABSENT: 0 Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

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



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor