

Regular Meeting Board of Trustees
Monday, February 6, 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 6:42 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 and Tiffany Henyard. Trustee Robert E. Hunt, Jr. arrived at 6:45 p.m.

Also, present: Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan, Village Attorney Judith N. Kolman, Village Engineer Ronald E. Smith, and Village Administrator Stan Urban and department heads.

A quorum was present.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Congresswoman Robin Kelly re Housing

(After Item C)

Mr. Alan Banks of Congresswoman Kelly's office announced the congresswoman's fourth annual housing expo on Saturday, March 4th, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lan-Oak Park District.

B. Academy for Learning School by Mr. Lamont Bibbie

Mr. Bibbie presented School Officer Theresa Garrett, Mayor Rogers and Police Chief Robert E. Collins, Jr with certificates of appreciation and a banner and bench for the police department.

Mayor Rogers deviated from the agenda to introduce representatives of the South Holland Police Department, who presented commendations for Officer Paul Ganier, Sgt. Lewis Lacey, Officer Joel McNeal, Officer Tim Williams, and Officer Ryan Perez for their assistance in foot pursuit and arrest last November of offenders in numerous armed robberies at local motels.

C. Safety Kleen

This item was pulled from the agenda.

D. Acceptance of First Responders Apparatus

Fire Chief Steven McCain announced that the Village of Orland Park has donated an ambulance to the Village of Dolton.

MOTION TO ACCEPT DONATION OF AMBULANCE.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

Fire Chief Steven McCain advised the board that the ambulance is outside of the village all for the trustees to inspect. It is a 2003 vehicle in excellent condition.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

E. Presentation to Police and Fire Departments

Mayor Rogers introduced Mr. Robert Berg of Tower Contracting, LLC, to discuss a proposed new police facility adjacent to the current village hall and a new fire facility adjacent to the Melanie Fitness Center. The proposed cost of the police facility is estimated at between \$6 and \$7 million and the cost of the fire facility is estimated at between \$5 and \$6 million. Mayor Rogers said that these facilities are much needed and that he had a discussion with Congresswoman Kelly about obtaining funding. Chief McCain said that the proposed location at Sibley Blvd. would increase fire response time. Mayor Rogers added that it would also approve response time to expressway calls.

Mayor Roberts introduced artist Mark Paul John, who presented his paintings to Chiefs Collins and McCain in tribute to first responders.

F. RainReady Presentation

Ms. Rebecca Raines announced that the Dolton RainReady steering committee was completing its recommendations for a flooding remediation plan for the village. The plan will be instrumental in obtaining Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to implement its recommendations. The maximum amount of funding available this year is \$400,000. Village Engineer Ron Smith announced that the mandatory CDBG workshop is February 21st and the grant application will be due by late March.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Village Clerk asked for approval of the following meeting minutes either together or separately:

January 3, 2017 Regular Board Meeting;
January 17, 2017 Special Board Meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF January 3, 2017 and January 17, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

B. COMMUNICATIONS

The Village Clerk announced that she has received a draft update of the village code from the publisher. The last time the village code was updated was in 1988. The draft is to be followed by an attorney letter from the publisher outlining what is outdated and recommended changes.

The next village board meeting will be on Tuesday, February 21st, instead of on Monday, due to the village hall be closed in observance of Presidents Day.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ronald E. Smith summarized his written report on two grant funding opportunities: The ComEd Green Region Program and the ComEd & MMC Powering Safe Communities grant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police and Fire -Trustee Pierson

Chief Steven McCain reports that the number of emergency responses by the Dolton Fire Department has increased substantially in the last five years, from 3,661 emergencies in 2011 to 4,579 in 2016. Chief McCain outlined the numerous programs and initiatives the fire department sponsored in 2016 which will continue in 2017.

Chief Robert Collins reports that in 2016 the Dolton Police Department responded to 24,279 calls for service with 923 arrests, 2,046 traffic citations, and 4,441 written reports. In January, 2017, there were 138 traffic violations, 208 parking violations, 43 criminal arrests, 2 warrants, 3 aggravated assaults and battery, 0 murders, 11 robberies, 35 burglaries, 13 motor vehicle thefts, 49 regular thefts.

Police K9 Rony has made a nearly full recovery after being shot in the performance of duty several months ago. While on a traffic stop with his handler on January 28th, Rony detected cocaine in the vehicle, resulting in seizure of the narcotics, \$3,800 in cash, and the vehicle. Over the past 30 days Rony has been responsible for the detection of numerous illegal substances and over \$6,000 in cash. Chief Collins reminds residents to download the Dolton Police mobile app to stay connected with the department.

Public Works - Trustee Stubbs

Supt. Matthew Stacey reports that Cook County SWAP workers were out in the village in January. Public Works performed the following in January: 21 b-box, 3 sewer basins, 3 water main breaks, and 25 street light repairs. Two street lights were installed. Public Works has begun replacing street signs, filling pot holes and cleaning up debris. All plow trucks are ready for the next snow fall. Trustee Stubbs expressed her thanks for the assistance provided by the Cook County Sheriff's Office.

Youth—Trustee Stubbs

This past Saturday, Fathers and Blessings, the park district, and local schools met to partner together to sponsor activities for local children.

Housing - Trustee Henyard

Trustee Henyard reports that the Housing Department processed 422 transactions in January with total revenue of \$54,000.

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.

Economic Development -Trustee Brown

Trustee Brown announced two potential businesses for Dolton, a coffee shop and a chicken and waffle restaurant. Aperion's Dolton Rehabilitation Center has employment opportunities. The Thornton Township senior lawn care service is accepting applications for youth workers.

Finance—Trustee Hunt

Trustee Robert Hunt announced that the audit for fiscal year 2016 will be presented at the next regular board meeting. The draft provides an unqualified opinion right now that shows village records are clean. It also shows that the village lost \$3 million compared to being up \$2.6 million two years ago.

At Mayor Rogers' request, Chief of Staff Elizabeth Scott announced that the village is sponsoring another hiring event, this time for manufacturing and logistics jobs at the Dorchester on February 21st from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Village Administrator Stan Urban said that he has forwarded a draft RainReady resolution to the village attorney to be presented at the next board meeting. The auditors will be at the February 21st board meeting for a formal presentation. There will also be an analysis of existing handicap parking signs prepared by the code enforcement officers.

CORPORATE BILLS

MOTION TO APPROVE corporate payments in the amount of \$1,165,030.53, Gross Payroll in the amount of \$408,907.01; Melanie Fitness Center payments in the amount of \$8,306.61, and Gross Payroll in the amount of \$2,497.88, for total corporate payments of \$1,584,742.03.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Pierson.

Trustee Henyard said that Mayor Rogers should not be paid at the first of the month but instead every two weeks as are the other elected officials. Mayor Rogers suggested that the mayor and trustees take a voluntary pay cut. Trustees Pierson and Stubbs agreed. Trustee Brown said he shares his salary and expense allowance with residents. In response to Trustee Pierson's question, Administrator Urban confirmed that there are sufficient funds to pay the bills and payroll.

ROLL CALL

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

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION TO TABLE ITEMS B, C, AND E OF OLD BUSINESS:

- B. Update Summer Youth 50 / 20 Program - Mayor Rogers
- C. Firefighters Apprenticeship Program - Mayor Rogers
- E. Update on Revitalization of Downtown Dolton - Mayor Rogers

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Brown.

There being no discussion:

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson, and Stubbs
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- A. Healthcare Update - Vista National

Administrator Urban introduced a representative from Vista National, the village's insurance broker for employee insurance benefits, to answer questions regarding its renewal proposal. Vista National negotiated a renewal rate with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois which will result in annual savings of \$80,262.97, and went out to market to obtain an offer from Lincoln Financial for dental and life insurance at an annual savings of \$29,135.

MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS BY VISTA NATIONAL.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

ROLL CALL

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

B-C. Items tabled by motion above.

D. Appointments to Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

Mayor Rogers asked for a motion to approve his appointments to the board.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DONNIE L. CONLEY AND HERMAN L. MOORE, SR. TO THE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Brown.

In response to Trustee Muhammad's question, Mayor Rogers confirmed that Commissioner Dallas Gordon, secretary of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, had been notified of the appointments. With this appointment, there will be no vacancies on the Commission and it will be able to meet.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

E. Item tabled by motion above.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance No. 17-002

Amending Sections 6-5-4-7 of the Village Code to Allow for the Posting of Additional Handicap-Only Signs (14435 Avalon and 14425 Dobson)

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 17-002.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

B. MOTION TO CHANGE PAYMENT OF MAYOR'S COMPENSATION FROM ONCE A MONTH TO TWICE A MONTH.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Attorney Kolman advised the Board of Trustees that because the item was not on the Agenda, no action could be taken at this meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Arlecta Baldwin, resident, extended her condolences to Mayor Rogers for the loss of his brother.

Barbara Johnson, resident, inquired about literature she had received listing Trustee Brown as Mayor of Dolton.

Resident also extended condolences to the mayor, and asked why the trustees did not want the residents to hear the update on the 50/20 Summer Youth Employment Program, and why the mayor's salary should be paid once a month.

Former Trustee Willie L. Lowe, Jr., addressed charges that the mayor wanted to raise taxes, pointing out that the mayor cannot raise taxes. He objected to efforts to try to take other powers from the mayor.

Trustee Henyard objected to allowing the resident to bring politics to the board meeting.

Resident asked if it was true that the mayor wanted to raise water rates, and referenced Administrator Urban's previous comment that it was his decision pay the employees rather than make the full bond payment when due. Resident asked what was being done to get out of the red.

Mayor Rogers said that he was not looking to raise residential water rates. The Board has been looking at raising commercial water rates.

Kathy Dixon, Dolton Park District, announced upcoming park district events and programs: Grade School Basketball and Cheerleader program; Daddy-Daughter Dance; New Recreational Center ribbon-cutting ceremony, annual community business brunch; and a community garden.

Pat Harris, resident, expressed her appreciation to Trustee Muhammad for his display of respect for Mayor Rogers, and accused Trustees Henyard, Hunt, and Brown of harassment.

Trustee Henyard objected to allowing the resident to bring politics to the board meeting.

Artez Rainey, resident asked about job opportunities for Dolton residents on village construction projects.

Citizen praised Trustee Henyard for her hard work as trustee, and asked Mayor Rogers when he become a super hero who lost his powers.

Kevin Boens, resident and candidate for trustee, asked Trustee Hunt about his responsibilities as Finance Chair. Trustee Hunt said he had only resumed the chairmanship for two months when the bond issue arose. He said that he was insulted he was not informed beforehand.

Trustee Stubbs said that Trustee Hunt was Finance Director at Thornton Township when it spent \$106,000 on advertising.

Tracy Brown, 20-year resident, asked Trustee Hunt about his statements that the mayor had raised his salary to \$134,000 a year. Trustee Hunt responded that the budget for the mayor's office has increased from \$80,000 three years ago to \$500,000. Resident suggested that the board consider a temporary pay cut.

Mrs. Crayton, resident, reported that three lights were out at the Melanie Fitness Center. She requested clarification of the budget for the residents.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Henyard, 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: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Pierson

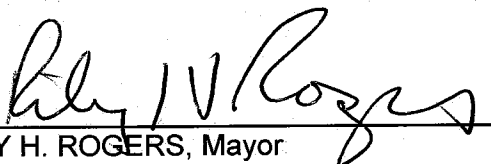
Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

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



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor