

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 17, 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 6:34 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 Administrator Stan Urban and department heads (Deputy Chief Ernest Mobley for Chief Robert M. Collins, who was absent). 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 Mr. Edward Crayton.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Muhammad announced that he and Trustee Pierson had partnered with Adonis Quality Life Initiative to offer free meals this summer to Dolton children, beginning in June.

Trustee Henyard announced there will be a meeting of the trustees' senior committee on April 18th at 4 p.m. She invited residents for their input to increase applications to the village's senior assistance program. Trustee Henyard also commended Mr. Early Walker of W&W Towing for W&W's prom help project.

Trustee Brown announced that Abundant Life Christian Center is holding a musical fundraiser on April 23rd. Thorton Township Lawn Care Service is accepting applications for grass cutting from residents 60 years old and older.

Village Clerk Duggan announced that the newly elected officials will be sworn in at the next regular board meeting on May 1st, which will be held at the Dorchester.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Status of Ordinance No. 17-003: Adopting a Village Transparency Policy

In response to Trustee Muhammad's inquiry, Village Clerk Duggan said that posting of the information on the village website as required by the ordinance was moving forward as staff time permitted. Clerk Duggan said she was unable to commit to a completion deadline because of the many variables affecting her time and staff time as she had explained at the March 20th board meeting when the ordinance was proposed. Trustee Muhammad said he would continue to place the ordinance on the agenda for status report.

Trustee Hunt suggested that in the meantime there could be links to the other web locations where information such as the board packets and salaries may be found.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance No. 17-007
Building Permit Fee Holiday for Owner-Occupied Residential Property

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 17-007.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Brown.

Trustee Henyard suggested April 20th through June 20th for the free permit holiday. Mayor Rogers noted that the village has lost an average of \$50,000 a year since the holiday's inception. Trustee Muhammad said that he was not aware of any lost revenues and that information should have been provided to the board beforehand. Mayor Rogers said that when he became aware that the holiday extended to contractors, he asked for the numbers. Trustee Henyard said that she was not aware that contractors were eligible, but noted that many homeowners are not able to make major repairs on their own and their contractors should be eligible. Trustee Hunt said the program is akin to the 50/20 summer youth employment program, which also costs the village money. He said that the board will have to deal with it in the budget.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- B. Ordinance No. 17-008
Amending Section 3-24 of the Dolton Village Code, "Vacant Buildings; Owner Required to Act; Enforcement Authority"

In response to Trustee Muhammad's request for an overview of what the ordinance provides, Village Attorney Murphey explained that it amends the existing vacant property registration ordinance to increase the annual fee from \$50 to \$200. In response to Trustee Henyard's question, Housing Department Director Denise Fields explained that while the village has had only banks or companies register, the ordinance applies to all owners of vacant properties.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 17-008.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Pierson.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- C. Ordinance No. 17-009
Amending Section 6-5-4-7 of the Dolton Village Code to Allow for the Posting of Additional Handicap-Only Signs (14823 Dobson, 14809 Michigan, 626 Margaret, 14709 Wabash, 14751 Oak)

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 17-009.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

(Mayor Rogers said he wanted to step out of the order of business to commend Detective Darryl Hope, who was given an award by the State's Attorney's Victim/Witness Program.)

- D. Approval of Executive (Closed) Session Meeting Minutes

In response to Trustee Muhammad's question, Attorney Murphey explained that the board is required to review the minutes in closed session to determine if they should be approved and also if they should be released to the public. The vote to approve and release would be in open session. In response to Trustee Hunt's question, Clerk Duggan confirmed her previous announcements that the minutes are from May 20, 2013 to date. Trustee Muhammad said that he had come in to read the minutes and that it took him approximately one hour. He said that he would not approve the minutes because they had been heavily edited and the discussions in closed session should be made available to the public almost verbatim.

In response to Mayor Rogers' question, Clerk Duggan confirmed that Trustees Muhammad, Pierson, and Stubbs had read the minutes and Trustees Brown, Henyard, and Hunt had not.

Mayor Rogers asked for a motion to enter closed session. There being none, the mayor asked for a motion to approve the executive session minutes.

MOTION TO APPROVE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES FROM MAY 20, 2013 TO DATE.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 2 Trustees Pierson, Stubbs

NAYS: 4 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion failed.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Pat Byrd, resident, asked why Trustee Muhammad was bringing forward the transparency ordinance when it had been proposed by Trustee Pierson. Trustee Muhammad said it was a joint project with Trustee Pierson. Resident asked why not put a constructive date for completion.

Cheryl Hill, resident, reported debris behind the house at 14305 Grant. She thanked Mr. Urban, Ms. Fields, and Ms. Johnson for responding back when she reached out. Resident said that she is against multiple tickets for the same offense.

Dan Lee, resident, asked Deputy Chief Mobley if the village was enforcing the littering ordinance and running stop signs as that would bring in needed revenues. Deputy Chief Mobley replied that the police department had issued 50 stop sign tickets last weekend. Resident also suggested classifying permit fees by the jobs. Mr. Lee announced that he would leave information on the Urban League Job Training Program on the board room table.

Stanford Culp, resident, asked for an explanation of agenda items during the meeting. He reported that Sibley Blvd. on Friday through Sunday is a virtual drag race.

Resident since 1994 complained of grass cutting tickets, and no response when she called to report the garbage next door two times in the past week.

Resident, 146th Street, said that the properties at the corner of 146th and Kenwood and 14544 Dorchester need to be cleaned up. Resident said she cleans up Kasten. Resident complained of the litter at 142nd and the expressway and said that many littering tickets could be issued there. Resident also reported garbage at the vacant property at 1318 E. 146th Street.

Brittney Norwood, of the Dolton Chamber of Commerce, announced that the chamber is sponsoring a membership meeting from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26th, at the US Bank Penthouse.

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 8:10 p.m.


MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 1st day of May, 2017.


RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor