

Village of Dolton  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Monday, April 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 6:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/  
PRAYER Prayer was led by Trustee Stubbs.

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

A quorum was present.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Riley H. Rogers and Chief Robert M. Collins, Jr. accepted an award from representatives of the Canadian National Railroad Police. The Village of Dolton is one of twelve communities in Illinois to receive an Achievement of Excellence Award.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

March 6, 2017 Regular Board Meeting;  
March 20, 2017 Special Board Meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES of March 6, 2017 and March 20, 2017 Regular Board Meetings.

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. COMMUNICATIONS

The Village Clerk explained that she had received an application by Dolton Bears Football for tag days in addition to the request on the agenda by Dolton Elite Basketball. Dolton Bears' request for this coming weekend was submitted after the agenda had been posted.

MOTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION BY DOLTON BEARS FOOTBALL FOR TAG DAYS ON APRIL 8-9, 2017.

Motion by Trustee Brown. 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.

MOTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION BY DOLTON ELITE BASKETBALL FOR TAG DAYS ON APRIL 22-23, 2017.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. 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.

The Village Clerk announced that there remains after this evening one more meeting for approval of the Executive (Closed) Session Minutes by the current board of trustees. As she had previously announced, all executive session minutes from May, 2013 to date were completed and available for review by the trustees as of December, 2017, pursuant to the board's resolution the previous July.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Police and Fire -Trustee Pierson**

The trustees' Police and Fire Committee met on March 30<sup>th</sup> and discussed the following items: handicap parking, police body cams, "Clean Sweep Dolton" and officer enforcement of the littering ordinance, failures of 911 Dispatch.

Police Chief Robert M. Collins, Jr., announced the retirement of Officer Joe Renz who has served the village as a part-time officer for 26 years.

The police department will be participating in the Dolton Community Bike Ride on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

During March, 2017, the police department responded to 1,957 calls for service, and the following activity was recorded:

Field Activity—558 traffic and 616 parking/vehicle offenses, 70 criminal arrest and 7 warrants.  
Crimes Against Persons—5 aggravated assault/battery, 0 forcible rape, 1 murder, 3 robbery  
Crimes Against Property—5 burglary, 23 motor vehicle theft, 10 theft, 0 arson.

Chief Steven McCain reports that during the month of March the Dolton Fire Department responded 1,015 emergency incidents which included 844 emergency medical, 203 fire responses, and 58 vehicle accidents.

Among the responses were for fires at the 14300 block of Chicago Road, the 300 block of Riverside, and at the 200 block of E. 143<sup>rd</sup> Street; a vehicle into the Dunkin' Donuts building, and dive team assistance to the Homewood Fire Department to recover a vehicle in the water at 183d and Governors Highway.

### **Public Works - Trustee Stubbs**

Supt. Matthew Stacey reports that Cook County SWAP workers were out in the village in March picking up debris and cleaning curbs along the village's main streets. Public Works performed the following repairs in March: 57 b-box, 3 sewer basins, 2 water main breaks, 1 water service, and 12 street light repairs. Public Works cut and trimmed 16 trees and is working a map filling pot holes and cleaning up debris. The street sweeper has been out when weather conditions were good following the garbage routes. Public Works mechanics serviced 1 fire truck 3 police cars, 5 public works vehicles and 2 housing vehicles.

Residents are reminded to put out their garbage the night before pickup along with other debris. Homewood Disposal has begun picking up yard waste and tree branches cut in 4-foot sections and tied.

### **Youth—Trustee Stubbs**

Dolton Park District has published its calendar for upcoming youth programs and activities. Further information may be obtained by calling the park district at 708-841-2011.

Congresswoman Robin Kelly is sponsoring an upcoming Youth Resource Job Expo. Further information may be obtained by calling 708-339-0287.

### **Housing - Trustee Henyard**

Housing Director Denise Fields reports that the Housing Department processed 579 transactions in January with total revenue of \$60915.00. Annual rental licenses and inspections are due by April 30, 2017.

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

There will be a housing committee meeting this upcoming Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 4 p.m. at the village hall.

**Human Resources/Department on Aging – Trustee Henyard**

Senior residents who have received utility shut-off notices may be eligible for up to \$200 in assistance from the village’s senior assistance program. Proof of residency and income limits are required. The Abundant Living Cancer Fund provides assistance towards the cost of medications.

**Economic Development -Trustee Brown**

No report.

**Finance—Trustee Hunt**

The new fiscal year begins May 1<sup>st</sup>. Department heads have submitted their budget projections to the finance director for review.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Administrator Stan Urban announced that he and Supt. Stacey had received a letter from the Department of Water Management, City of Chicago, announcing that the city is increasing its water rates to all communities by \$0.07 per \$1,000.00 gallons as of this coming June.

**CORPORATE BILLS**

MOTION TO APPROVE corporate payments in the amount of \$1,392,014.83, Gross Payroll in the amount of \$392,103.35; Fitness Center payments in the amount of \$14,311.11, and Gross Payroll in the amount of \$2,560.13; for total corporate payments of \$1,800,989.42.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

In response to Trustee Pierson’s question, Administrator Urban confirmed that the TIF2 expenditure reflected the expenditure for the TIF designation/qualification report issued by Kane, McKenna (p. 4). Attorney Murphey explained that it was a temporary transfer that the new TIF will owe to TIF2.

In response to Trustee Muhammad’s questions, Mr. Urban confirmed that the payment to Azavar Solutions of \$73,387 was the final payment of over \$1.8 million paid over a 36-month schedule. The village continues to make payments as scheduled to Homewood Disposal and the City of Chicago. Secondly, the payment to Aladtec, Inc. of \$2,095 for employee scheduling was for fire department software.

In response to Trustee Pierson’s question regarding an item billed by the village attorney for *Henyard v. Village of Dolton*, Mr. Murphey said that the matter involves an appeal from a denial of attorneys fees.

**ROLL CALL**

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Reconsideration of Motion to Approve Extension of W&W Towing Contract

Mayor Rogers said that he vetoed the extension of the contract with W&W Towing because it changed the term of the contract from one year to four years. Trustee Stubbs said she had opposed the extension because she did not have the opportunity to read the contract extension before it was voted upon and because of the change to a four-year term. Mayor Rogers added that W&W still has no heavy-duty tow truck, and that the outgoing trustees should not have voted on a four-year extension.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF W&W TOWING CONTRACT  
Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Brown.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, and Pierson.

NAYS: 1 Trustee Stubbs

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

MOTION TO OVERRIDE MAYORAL VETO OF EXTENSION OF W&W TOWING CONTRACT.

Trustee Pierson said he has heard nothing negative about W&W's service, and noted that the owner is a minority contractor. He objected to the mayor's suggestion that any trustee had taken a "kickback" for the vote. Mayor Rogers said that the minority status of the owner is not the issue but rather it is an issue of liability. There have been incidents reported of reckless driving by W&W drivers getting to the scene. He reiterated that he saw no reason for the board to vote in March to extend a contract that did not expire until this May. He said that he believed that there had been improper contact by trustees with the owner. Trustee Pierson said that was not true.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 1 Trustee Stubbs

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

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

Trustee Muhammad said he was dissatisfied with staff progress in posting the records on the village website as required by the ordinance passed at the previous meeting on March 20th. Village Clerk Duggan reiterated her comments upon consideration of the ordinance at the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting that staff would not be able to comply with the ordinance's March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline because of its regular responsibilities. She has met with the media director, who has also met with the website's designer, and also with the finance director. She said she is looking to post current and ongoing financial records as required by the ordinance, and then go back as time permits to post records for the past five years as the ordinance also requires.

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance No. 17-004  
Amending Section 7-6-7-1 of the Dolton Village Code, "Water Rates Established" (non-residential)

Administrator Urban outlined the disparity between current charges for water and sewer use by non-residential users and charges by neighboring communities. Staff recommended an increase from the current rate of \$5.61 per unit to \$10.00 per unit (100 cubic feet). Trustee Henyard suggested an increase to a rate comparable to Riverdale's rate of \$6.32. Trustee Hunt said he was not in favor of doubling the rate. Mayor Rogers said that the village's efforts to bring in revenue are always behind other communities. Mr. Urban said that the village is paying more to the City of Chicago for water than it receives in revenues. Trustee Stubbs asked if the village does not increase these rates, where is the board going to raise revenue.

MOTION TO TABLE ORDINANCE NO. 17-004.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Henyard.

### ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- B. Ordinance No. 17-005  
Amending Section 6-1-4B of the Dolton Village Code, "Expiration of License" (vehicle)

Village Attorney Murphey explained that the amendment does not increase the penalty for late payments but simplifies the formula for increase for late payments. Trustee Hunt said he is opposed because residents would be paying double after 30 days instead of 45 days. Mayor Rogers criticized the board for its reluctance to identify revenue sources for the village. He pointed out that in 2012, the village issued 1,000 stickers when there were 19,000 vehicles registered in the village. Since the police started ticketing under his direction, the village has brought in a couple of million dollars more in vehicle sticker purchases.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 17-005.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

### ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Henyard, Muhammad, Pierson, and Stubbs

NAYS: 2 Trustees Brown, Hunt

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- C. Ordinance No. 17-006  
To Increase the Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax Rate from Five Percent to Six Percent

Administrator Urban explained that the tax would be imposed on telecommunications carriers. Trustee Hunt said he was opposed to increasing residents' cell phone bills.

#### MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 17-006.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

#### ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Henyard, Muhammad, Pierson, and Stubbs

NAYS: 2 Trustees Brown, Hunt

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers commended IBEW Local 134 for its electrician apprenticeship program, and Taco Bell for its outreach to hire Dolton residents. The first Dolton Community Bike Ride will be on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6 p.m. at Greenwood and Chicago Roads. The next "Coffee with the Mayor" is Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Dorchester.

Mayor Rogers expressed his thanks to Village Attorney John B. Murphey for his firm's \$500 donation to the 50/20 summer youth employment program.

#### CITIZENS ADDRESS

Sandra Wells, Neighborhood Housing Services, and Dolton resident, advised residents of the "Hardest Hit" mortgage foreclosure and flood assistance programs available.

Betty Gipson, Dolton resident, asked Trustee Muhammad why he would not have made the information required by the transparency ordinance available when he was media director for the village. Trustee Muhammad responded that the ordinance was just passed two weeks ago.

Diane Lofton, resident, asked why the board could not give the village clerk a decent amount of time to put the transparency information in place, and said that she did not see a problem with increasing the water rate for businesses.

Pat Byrd, resident, asked, if it is so important, why wasn't the transparency ordinance proposed before two weeks ago.

Vera Schaefer, resident, asked about the litter throughout the village, the stop sign on Woodlawn that cars disregard, and parking lot lights out at the Melanie Fitness Center.

Mrs. Crayton, resident, asked when the transfer of the Dorchester's supportive living state license will happen.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Stubbs, second by Trustee Pierson, 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

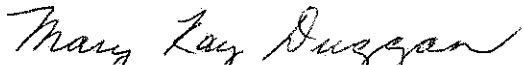
NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

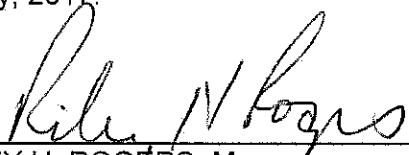
ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

  
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MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

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

  
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RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor