



# VILLAGE OF DOLTON

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## REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

DOLTON PARK DISTRICT  
14700 EVERS DOLTON, IL 60419  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024  
6:30 PM

## MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – at 7:02 pm by Mayor Henyard. Present: (4) Trustees Belcher, House, Norwood and T. Brown. Also Present: Clerk Key, Attorney McGrath & Attorney Lockett. Absent: Trustees S. Brown & Holmes. A quorum was present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Henyard
3. Prayer – Trustee T. Brown
4. Public Comment – General
5. General Announcements  
**Trustee T. Brown** – Tea w/ the Trustees is Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 9:30 am. Free record expungement, December 21, 2024 at 11am – 3pm at 4655 S. King Drive. You do not have to be a Dolton resident.  
**Trustee Norwood** – Sleigh Rides and Good Vibes holiday party hosted by Dolton Park District, December 21, 2024 12-3 pm at the Lester Long Building. Dolton's fourth annual skating night will be at Lynwood skating rink, more information is forthcoming.  
**Trustee Belcher** – Today our 5<sup>th</sup> District Commissioner, Monica Gordon, was sworn in as our new Cook County Clerk. Congratulations! She is a true woman that exemplifies what true leadership is.  
**Trustee House** – Thank you to Dolton Park District, President Cleo Jones, Commissioner Gail Towers, Commissioner Sandra Wells, Commissioner Kyle Rochelle and Commissioner Willis Harris. Their partnership allows us to have this space. Congratulations to Trustee Belcher! This Friday she will be honored by the Chicago Southland Black Chamber of Commerce as Trustee of the year 2024! The original budget as it was presented to us in draft form has \$2.8 million deficit. I was notified by the Administrator today that a balanced budget will be forthcoming to be presented to the Board and the Mayor. That budget will not be in its final format. That will be the first presentation to the board. From there we will review it and see how it got balanced and then it is presented to the public. We have to complete FY 2022 and 2023 audits. Both audits will be done in a back to back fashion, they cannot be done simultaneously. This will be a lengthy process. These are the initiatives that the board has been working on with the administration. I would like to thank the Village Administrator, the HR and the Finance department for their assistance with this process.
6. Village Clerk's Report
  - a. Approval of Minutes – November 6, 2024, Regular Board Meeting



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**Motion by Trustee Belcher. Second by Trustee Norwood. Ayes (4) Trustees Belcher, House, Norwood & T. Brown. Absent (2) Trustees S. Brown & Holmes. Motion passed.**

- b. Motion to Approve the Board of Trustees 2025 Schedule of Meetings & the Board of Trustees 2025 Holiday Schedule

**Motion to by Trustee Belcher. Second by Trustee T. Brown. Ayes (4) Trustees Belcher, House, Norwood & T. Brown. Absent (2) Trustees S. Brown & Holmes. Motion passed.**

7. Village Administrator's Report

8. Engineer's Report

9. Department's Report

Police Department  
Fire Department  
Public Works  
Water Department  
Housing/Permits  
Code Enforcement

10. Corporate Bills

- a. Electronic Warrant List  
b. AP Warrant List

**Motion by Trustee Belcher to Bundle Items A & B. Second by Trustee Norwood. Ayes (4) Trustees Belcher, House, Norwood & T. Brown. Absent (2) Trustees S. Brown & Holmes. Motion passed.**

**Motion to Approve Items A & B by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Belcher. Ayes (4) Trustees Belcher, House, Norwood & T. Brown. Absent (2) Trustees S. Brown & Holmes. Motion passed.**

11. Old Business – None

12. New Business

- a. Motion to Accept and Approve the 2024 Property Tax Levy (Collected in 2025) in Accordance with the Truth in Taxation Law of Illinois – **Trustee House**  
**Trustee House** – Every year we have to file our annual tax levy. The board has given direction to Attorney Vince Cainker, who is preparing the ordinance, that the levy remains at the same level it was last year. No increase on the property taxes. While the board continues to work on budget matters, we don't want an increase in taxes without having a proper conversation with the residents.





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- b. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 24-011 A Resolution Supporting A Proposed Class 8 Classification For Certain Property Within the Village of Dolton 1445 E. Sibley, Dolton, Pin No. 29-11-402-005 – **Trustee House**

**Trustee House** – There will be a new buyer for this property. This will be their first opportunity for a class 8. In an effort to attract new businesses to our community, I've always given them the benefit of the first class 8, in particular, for those who offer sales tax revenue, motor fuel tax revenue or other revenue streams for the village. When it comes to renewals, historically, I have declined because they've received a tax break for a little bit over a decade. In that time, we feel like the business should have been built up in a manner to sustain it.

**Mayor Henyard**- You guys want to give another tax break because it's a new owner?

**Trustee House** – In order to attract businesses or make it valuable for a company to sell their business, the taxes are going to play a big part in that and the owner is having some difficulty because of the same said tax.

**Trustee Norwood** – I'm in agreeance with Trustee House also. I would rather see a property get a chance than be vacant. We already have an issue with vacancies in the village. Our goal is to bring businesses to the community.

**Trustee Belcher** – Over the last three years that you've been here we've lost so many businesses. We received a letter today from John Kasperek today stating that we're down \$94,000 just in business licenses. We're trying to get businesses back in the community. You should've thought about that before you took those trips.

**Mayor Henyard** – I didn't take any trips from Dolton. As it relates to our budget, tell them to stop lying to you all. Won't you all do a FOIA and you all would see that I didn't take any trips from Dolton. Number 2, as it relates to everyone here, they sell between each other their businesses, so stop it with the games. The truth is they try to put all kinds of businesses through our city from strip joints to Bodegas to you name it, the board of Trustees is behind it all. We want a family friendly town.

**Motion to Approve by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Belcher. Ayes (4) Trustees Belcher, House, Norwood & T. Brown. Absent (2) Trustees S. Brown & Holmes. Motion passed.**

- c. Discussion On Settlement Offer for *300 W. Sibley v. Village of Dolton* – **Trustee House Discussed in Executive Session.**

**Motion by Trustee Belcher. Second by Trustee House. Ayes (4) Trustees Belcher, House, Norwood & T. Brown. Absent (2) Trustees S. Brown & Holmes. Motion passed.**

- d. Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement in the Amount of \$900,000 for *Wilson Estate v. Village of Dolton #2022-cv-03609* – **Attorney McGrath Discussed in Executive Session.**

**Motion by Trustee Belcher. Second by Trustee House. Ayes (4) Trustees Belcher, House, Norwood & T. Brown. Absent (2) Trustees S. Brown & Holmes. Motion passed.**



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- e. Approval of Second Amendment to Settle Agreement Between *Zaslow Property Management, LLC* v. *Village of Dolton – Attorney McGrath*  
**Discussed in Executive Session.**

**Motion by Trustee Belcher. Second by Trustee T. Brown. Ayes (4) Trustees Belcher, House, Norwood & T. Brown. Absent (2) Trustees S. Brown & Holmes. Motion passed.**

### 13. Executive Session

- a. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) – discussion regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees  
b. 5 ILCS 12/2 (c)(11) – discussion regarding pending or probable or imminent litigation

**Motion by Trustee House to go into Executive Session at 8:04 pm. Second by Trustee Belcher. Ayes (4) Trustees Belcher, House, Norwood & T. Brown. Absent (2) Trustees S. Brown & Holmes. Motion passed.**

**Motion to resume Regular scheduled meeting at 8:52 pm by Trustee House. Second by Trustee T. Brown. Ayes (4) Trustees Belcher, House, Norwood & T. Brown. Absent (2) Trustees S. Brown & Holmes. Motion passed.**

### 14. Possible Final Action On Items Discussed In Executive Session

**Items C, D & E were discussed in Executive Session. Final actions are recorded under each item.**

15. Mayor's Report – I want you to understand this. When you guys get up and make false statements with no facts, understand that you will be sued. I am coming for everyone that defamed my name, that got up here and lied on me or just said something to the mic that's not truthful. So understand that us as politicians have rights as well. The disrespect that you guys displayed at that mic is unbelievable. For you to be my elders and people we should look up to. I am the youth. We have an ordinance that states that you cannot disrupt the meeting but you all continue to do so. We had the largest food giveaway here in our village. It was sponsored by Thornton Township. If anybody did not sign up for the toy give away, make sure you sign up. We give up to 3-4 toys per kid. We have a food giveaway for Christmas. The tree lighting will be announced. I am vetoing several different items. We are vetoing the trip and payment that was given to Trustee Tammie Brown. I am vetoing the payment to the attorney, \$139,000.

### 16. Adjournment – at 8:58 pm by Mayor Henyard.

**Motion by Trustee Belcher. Second by Trustee T. Brown. Ayes (4) Trustees Belcher, House, Norwood & T. Brown. Absent (2) Trustees S. Brown & Holmes. Motion passed.**





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**Present: (5) Trustees Belcher, House, Norwood, S. Brown & T. Brown**  
**Absent: (2) Mayor Henyard & Trustee Holmes**  
**Ayes: (5) Trustees Belcher, House, Norwood, S. Brown & T. Brown**

  
Village Clerk, **Alison Key**

**Approved,** by the Board of Trustees this day, **January 3, 2025.**