



VILLAGE OF DOLTON

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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Village Hall

14122 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

6:30 pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – at 6:55 pm by Mayor Henyard. Present (6) Trustees Norwood, S. Brown, T. Brown, House, Holmes & Belcher. A quorum was established.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Henyard
3. Prayer – Trustee T. Brown
4. Public Comment – General - None
5. General Announcements –
Trustee T. Brown – I would like to announce that the date for Tea w/ the Trustees is Saturday January 13, 2024, 9:30 am at the Lester Long Building.
Trustee Norwood – The tentative date for the annual skating party is Friday, February 2, 2024, 6:30 – 9:00pm.
Trustee S. Brown – Read into record upcoming events and services for Thornton Township.
Trustee Belcher – Over the holiday we lost former Trustee Jefferson. Please keep his family in prayer.
6. Mayor's Report – See Mayor's Office
A. Mayor's Veto (ATTACHED)

Read into record by the Village Attorney.

7. Executive Session
 - A. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) – discussion regarding pending or probable or imminent litigation
 - B. Approval of Items Discussed in Executive Session – Mayor Henyard and Attorney Del Galdo

Motion by Trustee Holmes, Second by Trustee S. Brown. Ayes (3) Trustees S. Brown, Holmes & Belcher. Nays (3) Trustees Norwood, T. Brown and House. Tie broken by Mayor Henyard. Motion passed.

Motion to go back into regular session by Trustee Holmes, Second by Trustee T. Brown. Ayes (6) Trustees Norwood, S. Brown, T. Brown House, Holmes & Belcher. Motion passed.



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Motion to give settlement authority to the attorney's as discussed in closed session. Motion by Trustee Holmes. Second by Trustee Belcher. Ayes (6) Trustees Norwood, S. Brown, T. Brown, House, Holmes & Belcher. Motion passed.

8. Village Clerk's Report – **No Report**

9. Village Administrator's Report - **See Village Administrator's Office**

10. Engineer's Report – **See Village Engineer's Office**

11. Department Reports

Police – **Deputy Chief Lacy**

Fire – **Chief McCain**

Public Works – **Stacey Carrel**

Water – **Juanita Darden**

Housing/Building Permits – **William Moore**

Code Enforcement – **Kim Alston**

12. Corporate Bills

A. Electronic Warrant Lists

Motion by Trustee S. Brown, Second by Trustee Holmes.

Motion to make a superseding motion amending and removing the following items by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Belcher. Ayes (4) Trustees Norwood, T. Brown, House & Belcher. Nays (2) Trustees S. Brown & Holmes. Motion passed.

- **Aurelio's Pizza**
- **Best Western Plus**
- **Chicago Midway Airport**
- **Cooper's Hawk**
- **Dollar Tree**
- **Food 4 Less**
- **Irie Jerk Hut**
- **Italian Fiesta**
- **JJ Fish & Chicken**
- **Johnny T's Bistro & Blues**
- **Kurts BBQ**
- **Potbelly's Sandwich Shop**
- **Ruby's Soul Food**
- **Sofia's Tamale's & Corn**
- **Tasty Crab**



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B. AP Warrant Lists

Motion to pay the bills as read into record by Trustee S. Brown. Second by Trustee Holmes.

Motion to make a superseding motion amending and removing the following items by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Belcher. Ayes (4) Trustees Norwood, T. Brown, House & Belcher. Nays (2) Trustees S. Brown & Holmes. Motion passed.

- Existing Concrete
- Five Star
- Johns Pro Tree Services
- KNM Ventures
- Lopez Lawn Maintenance
- Raul & Sons
- 2 Jays Sheet Metal Works

13. Old Business

None

14. New Business

- A. Motion to Terminate Contract of Odelson, Sterk, Murphey, Frazier & McGrath, Ltd as Legislative Counsel – **Mayor Henyard**

Motion By Trustee Holmes. Second by Trustee S. Brown. Ayes (2) Trustees S. Brown and Holmes. Nays (4) Trustees Norwood, T. Brown, House & Belcher. Motion failed.

- B. Approval of the 2023-2024 Annual Appropriation Ordinance/Budget – **Mayor Henyard/Finance Director Miller**

Motion by Trustee House with amendments. Second by Trustee by Trustee Belcher. Ayes (4) Trustees Norwood, T. Brown, House & Belcher. Nays (2) Trustees S. Brown & Holmes. Motion passed. (SEE ATTACHED Amendments)

- C. Motion to Accept and Approve the 2023 Property Tax Levy (Collected in 2024) in Accordance with the Truth in Taxation Law of Illinois – **Mayor Henyard/Finance Director Miller**

Motion by Trustee Holmes. Second by Trustee S. Brown.

Motion to make a superseding motion to approve the ordinance at the level that was issued last year, \$11,134,799.00 by Trustee House.

Motion by Trustee House to approve the estimate at the same rate of the operating levy as last year. Second by Trustee Belcher. Ayes (4) Trustees Norwood, T. Brown, House & Belcher. Nays (2) Trustees S. Brown & Holmes. Motion passed.



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15. Adjournment – at 10.09 pm by Mayor Henyard.

Motion by Trustee S, Brown. Second by Trustee Belcher. Ayes (6) Trustees Norwood, S. Brown, T. Brown, House, Holmes & Belcher. Motion passed.

Approved by the Board of Trustees this day, February 22, 2024.

Motioned by, Trustee Belcher, seconded by Trustee House

Ayes (4) Trustees: Norwood, House, Belcher, T. Brown

Village Clerk, Alison Key: *Alison Key*

VETO MESSAGE RELATED TO DECEMBER 5, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING

On December 5, 2023, the Board of Trustees held a special meeting at the Dolton Park District, in possible violation of the Open Meetings Act. At that meeting, the Trustees approved the following item:

New Business

- B. Motion to Accept and Approve the Preliminary Estimate of the 2023 Property Tax Levy (Collected in 2024) in Accordance with the Truth in Taxation Law in Illinois- Henyard**

Today, January 2, 2024, I hereby deliver my veto for the above item and further veto any alleged tax levy purported to have been approved by the Village Trustees at the December 5, 2023 special meeting.

On December 4, 2023, one day prior to the special board meeting, the regular Village Board meeting was held. Before the Trustees were asked to vote on the 2023 Preliminary Estimate of Levy, the Trustees walked out of the meeting, thereby depriving the Board of a Quorum and preventing any action from being taken. Then, on December 5, 2023, the Trustees held the above-mentioned special meeting. The agenda for the special meeting, which is attached to this veto message as Exhibit A, has the agenda item in question listed a "Motion to Accept and Approve the Preliminary Estimate of the 2023 Property Tax Levy (Collected in 2024) in Accordance with the Truth in Taxation Law in Illinois- Henyard." While I did place this item on the agenda for the Village's regular Board meeting, I did not place this item on the special meeting agenda.

Next, in accordance with state law, I called a special meeting to be held on December 26, 2023 to approve the tax levy for 2023 and to get the levy filed as required. Section 18-60 of the Property Tax Code provides that "Estimate of taxes to be levied. Not less than 20 days prior to the adoption of its aggregate levy, hereafter referred to as 'levy', the corporate authority of each taxing district shall determine the amounts of money, exclusive of any portion of that levy attributable to the cost of conducting an election required by the general election law, hereafter referred to as 'election costs', estimated to be necessary to be raised by taxation for that year upon the taxable property in its district." The Trustees refused to attend this meeting and stated that the levy was already approved. The meeting on December 26, 2023, did not happen.

When the Trustees met on December 5, 2023, the only item related to the levy on that agenda was the estimate of levy – they never actually approved a tax levy. The Trustees' failure to properly approve the levy, and refusal to attend the December 26, 2023 special meeting has placed the Village in a position where the levy has not been approved in a timely manner. Furthermore, the levy estimate approved by the Trustees does not allow for any levy increase, despite the increased costs of living and the increased cost of goods and services. Further, the estimate of levy "approved" by the Trustees does not take into account money needed to settle and pay certain labor agreements that are still pending negotiation. The Trustees are attempting to tie the hands of the Village as it related to labor-management relations, which may result in labor grievances, arbitrations, unfair labor practices, work shortages, and in some cases, strikes and/or possible

reductions in force. The Trustees' levy estimate completely lacks any foresight or forethought and reveals little to no understanding related to the operations of the Village and its departments. As such, I am vetoing the estimate of levy and any purported levy allegedly passed on December 5, 2023.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS (1)

REVENUE

Account		Amount
01-00-344.2	CDBG	\$ 200,000.00
01-00-391	Homewood Disposal	\$ (525,000.00)
TOTAL REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS		\$ (325,000.00)

EXPENSES

01-12-420	Salaries - Administration	\$ (110,000.00)
01-12-421	Salaries - Human Resources	\$ (50,000.00)
01-12-422	Grant Writer	\$ (55,000.00)
01-12-123	Salaries - Customer Service	\$ (62,000.00)
01-12-424	Salaries - Youth Program	\$ (25,000.00)
01-12-554	Printing	\$ (10,000.00)
01-12-581	General Liability	\$ (270,000.00)
01-12-592	Speial Events/Activities	\$ (115,000.00)
01-12-460	Settment	\$ (300,000.00)
01-12-710	Maint supplies - building	\$ (155,000.00)
01-15-421	Salaries Regular	\$ 25,000.00
01-15-549	Other Contractual Services	\$ 500.00
01-15-563	Training	\$ 2,000.00
01-15-830	Purchase New Equipment	\$ 3,000.00
01-21-421	Salaries	\$ (1,100,000.00)
01-21-422	Maint supplies	\$ (300,000.00)
01-21-426	Salaries Overtime	\$ (900,000.00)
01-21-428	Maint Vehicles	\$ (5,000.00)
01-21-598	Other Misc Expenses	\$ (15,000.00)
01-22-427	Salaries ESDA	\$ (130,000.00)
01-22-426	Salaries Clerical	\$ (27,500.00)
01-22-428	Salaries Overtime	\$ (400,000.00)
01-22-453	Fica Taxes	\$ (25,000.00)
01-22-611	Maint Building	\$ (40,000.00)
01-25-421	Salaries	\$ (25,000.00)
01-41-421	Salaries Regular	\$ (300,000.00)
01-41-520	Maint. Sidewalks	\$ (250,000.00)
01-41-557	Other Pro Services	\$ (250,000.00)
01-41-598	Other Misc Services	\$ (60,000.00)
01-41-629	Maint Supplies Other	\$ (50,000.00)
01-41-830	Purchase New Equipment	\$ (25,000.00)
01-42-421	Salaries - Regular	\$ (50,000.00)
01-42-611	Maintenance Service	\$ (80,000.00)
01-46-597	Other Contractual Services	\$ (26,000.00)
01-47-420	Salaries	\$ (5,000.00)
01-47-421	Salaries Regular	\$ (70,000.00)

BUDGET Amendments(2)

01-44-423	Salaries - Code Enforcement	\$ (50,000.00)
01-47-451	Medical Insurance Premium	\$ (25,000.00)
01-47-596	Board Up	\$ (5,000.00)
01-47-597	Other Contractual Services	\$ (7,000.00)
01-12-996	Operating Transfers	\$ (100,000.00)
01-21-710	Lease Payments	\$ (220,000.00)
01-12-512	Maint	\$ (35,000.00)
01-41-557	Hauling	\$ (25,000.00)
01-41-652	Operating Supplies	\$ (25,000.00)

add new line	Grant Expenses	\$ 6,800,000.00
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GRAND TOTAL		\$ 1,053,000.00
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BUDGET AMENDMENTS (3)

Info

same as FY23

reduce bonds amount requested

reduced to balance budget

reduced to balance budget

reduced to balance budget

reduced to balance budget

reduced to balance budget

reduced to balance budget

more consistent with FY23 actuals

increase to more realistic number

reduced to balance budget

more consistent with FY23 actuals

consistent with FY23 approved budget

reduced to balance budget

realistic totals

realistic totals

reduced to balance budget

reduced to balance budget

reduced to balance budget

reduced to balance budget

reduced to balance budget

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reduced to balance budget

reduced to balance budget

consistent with FY23 approved budget

reduced to balance budget

reduced to balance budget

reduced to balance budget

more consistent with FY23 actuals

more consistent with FY23 actuals

reduced to balance budget

reduced to balance budget

reduced to balance budget

duplicate expense included in 01-46-549

reduced to balance budget

reduced to balance budget

BUDGET Amendments (4)

more consistent with FY23 actuals

reduced to balance budget

more consistent with FY23 actuals

reduced to balance budget

more consistent with FY23 actuals

reduced to balance budget

reduced to balance budget

reduced to balance budget

reduced to balance budget

expenses to offset unbudgeted grant expenses connected to

line 01-00-344