



VILLAGE OF DOLTON

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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Village Hall

14122 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

Monday, August 7, 2023

6:30 pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – at 6:48 pm by Mayor Henyard. Present (5) Trustees Norwood, S. Brown, T. Brown, House. Absent (1) Trustee Belcher. A quorum was established.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Henyard
3. Prayer – William Moore
4. Public Comment
5. General Announcements –
Trustee T. Brown- Saturday, August 14, 2023, Tea with the Trustees will be held at the Lester Long fieldhouse which is 721 Engles at 9:30 am. This is a platform that allows residents to speak about their issues that are taking place at the Village of Dolton.
Trustee Norwood- I would like to thank the Urban Male Network. They are a free mentoring group that offers culinary, music production, boxing, basketball and gaming from Tuesdays – Thursdays from 1-5pm. Their location is 14240 Dante ave. I hosted our first Dolton Flea Market of the year. Thank you to all of the residents for the donations. We were able to raise half of our goal to provide 5 teens from our Dolton Youth Empowerment program with gift cards. We will host another one before the season is out. If you would like to donate, please call 708-968-4297. I will have a tax seminar soon to discuss taxes for any of the residents that would like to appeal. Dolton Bears football and cheerleading is held at Dolton Park Monday –Friday 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm until August 18, 2023.
Trustee S. Brown – We are losing students with Thornton Township HAP Program because kids are returning to school. If you know any individuals from the ages 16 and up that does not mind cutting grass for seniors, please contact myself at 708-596-6040 ext. 4001 ext. 4007 ext. 4008.
Trustee House - Would like to give kudos to the Dolton Park district and especially former Dolton Park District Commissioner Kevin A. Bowens for the recent event they did, Christmas in July. I understand each child received at least 5 gifts. It's great to have Christmas twice a year, I'm sure December will be even better. In addition to that I would also like to thank the Dolton residents that reach out with calls with questions or concerns. I hope the information that we're



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able to share related to budget, financials etc. are found beneficial. Please feel free to give me an email jhouse@vodafone.org or call/text 708-414-0719.

6. Village Clerk's Report

A. Approval of Minutes

- i. March 6, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Trustees House. Second by Trustee T. Brown. Ayes (5) Trustees Norwood, S. Brown, T. Brown, House and Holmes. Motion passed.

- ii. July 17, 2023 Special Board Meeting

Motion by Trustees House. Second by Trustee S. Brown. Ayes (5) Trustees Norwood, S. Brown, T. Brown, House and Holmes. Motion passed.

B. Communications

No communications.

7. Village Administrator's Report – No report.

8. Engineers Report – The village wide resurfacing street project will start August 14, 2023. There will be a sewer project that will be conducted by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation district for \$1 million. At the next board meeting there will be an intergovernmental agreement for you to pass and send back to MWRD for their approval. The village will be receiving about \$100,000 to do a water service inventory audit. This grant was applied for through the IEPA and will be received by the village.

9. Department Reports – See Department Heads.

Police – Chief Collins

Fire – Chief McCain

Public Works – Stacey Carrel

Water – Juanita Darden

Housing/Building Permits – William Moore

Code Enforcement – Kim Alston

10. Corporate Bills

A. Electronic Warrants

Motion by Trustee Holmes. Second by Trustee House. Ayes (5) Trustees Norwood, S. Brown, T. Brown, House and Holmes. Motion passed.

B. AP Warrant Lists



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Motion by Trustee Holmes. Second by Trustee S. Brown. Ayes (2) Trustees S. Brown and Holmes. Nays (3) Trustees Norwood, T. Brown and House. Motion failed.

- B. Motion for Approval of Ordinances 23- 010 Revising Certain Fees and Establishing a Fee Schedule for Specific Housing Matters, Building Permits, Inspections and Related Matters – **Mayor Henyard and Housing Director Moore**

Motion by Trustee Holmes. Second by Trustee S. Brown. Ayes (5) Trustees Norwood, S. Brown, T. Brown, House and Holmes. Motion passed.

- C. Motion for Approval of Ordinance 23- ____ Amending the Village of Dolton Code of Ordinances Related to Stop Sign Violation Fines – **Mayor Henyard**
Trustee House – Im not in favor of this one. I feel like \$300 is excessive. I think \$100 sends the message. \$300 is almost a car note. I understand the need for compliance but I don't want it to get to a certain point where is excessive and unaffordable.

Mayor Henyard – For the record, I think that you guys should do it because you have to make them stop some way somehow. It's already at \$100. If you go up and down Dolton, you will see people running stop signs. The police department is doing a good job with stopping them but some people are repeat offenders.

Trustee Norwood – Yes we do want to make it so that people are following the rules. I've been receiving a lot of calls and text from residents who are concerned and want to ensure that we are not frivolously spending as a village and then putting the cost of everything on the taxpayer's back.

Mayor Henyard – We are not doing that to our residents. Hopefully we are catching the people that are coming through our town. Our job is to clean up our town.

Motion by Trustee Holmes. Second by Trustee S. Brown. Ayes (2) Trustees S. Brown and Holmes. Nays (3) Trustees Norwood, T. Brown and House. Motion failed.

- D. Motion for Approval of Ordinance 23-011 Amending Section of Chapter 28, Title 3 of the Village Code Regarding Short-Term Rental Fines – **Mayor Henyard**

Motion by Trustee Holmes. Second by Trustee House. Ayes (5) Trustees Norwood, S. Brown, T. Brown, House and Holmes. Motion passed.

- E. Motion for Approval of Ordinance 23-009 Amending Section of Chapter 10, Title 4 of the Village Code Regarding Plants and Weeds – **Mayor Henyard**

Motion by Trustee Holmes. Second by Trustee S. Brown. Ayes (5) Trustees Norwood, S. Brown, T. Brown, House and Holmes. Motion passed.

- F. Motion for Approval of Resolution 23- ____ Authorizing and Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the American Federation of State. County and Municipal



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Trustee House – I want to make sure that if this list is approved, that we do have sufficient funds to issue the checks this week. I also want to make sure that, if approved, paying these bills will not lead to the village having to take out a bond in the future or a tax increase.

Mayor Henyard – We do have the money to pay the bills as we did with the last warrant. As it relates to the bond, we will need a bond to fix the infrastructure that blew up anyway for \$5 million. It got nothing to do with this.

Trustee House – My comment to that is, I think that we would like to make sure that we're living within our means. I think we can put in the budget without putting more debt on the residents or the village. I am not in favor of any bond payment. Additionally, I was advised last meeting that we did not have all of the money to make all of the payments.

Mayor Henyard – You were advised wrong. You, along with the Clerk did not sign to pay certain vendors. You can't dictate how we dish out funds.

Trustee House – The board's vote was to pay each vendor in full. One check, one payment. The board was not presented with any payment plans. The board was advised that we have the money, just as we are today. When we went to sign the checks, they were broken down into what amounted to a payment plan. Again, if we were told that we didn't have the money to pay the vendors in one check, the board would have potentially voted differently. If those vendors are presented to the board with one check, I will gladly sign the checks and those vendors can be paid in full. If a payment plan is needed, I would ask that it be presented to the board. The board is entitled to know if we don't have the funds to pay that.

Mayor Henyard – Again, for the record, if my finance department is telling me that we have the funds, then we have the funds. Your job is not to supersede any process that we have in place. And for the record, when the board votes to pay anybody it don't say nothing about one check. You've been signing checks all this time where people are being paid in portion.

Trustee Norwood – I wanted to make sure we had clarity. Prior to my vote you are saying that we do have all of the funds to pay the vendors, correct? We received an email last week stating that we didn't.

Mayor Henyard – We have the funds.

Trustee T. Brown – Yes, I did vote to pay the bills. The reason I voted that way is because we had a certain vendor that was threatening to sue. Write one check and let's move on with a clean slate.

Motion by Trustee Holmes. Second by Trustee House. Ayes (5) Trustees Norwood, S. Brown, T. Brown, House and Holmes. Motion passed.

11. Old Business

None

12. New Business

- A. Motion for Approval of Ordinance 23-___ Amending the Village of Dolton Code of Ordinances Related to Disabled Parking Fines – **Mayor Henyard**



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Employees AFL-CIO Council 31 and the Village of Dolton, County of Cook, State of Illinois

– ~~Mayor Henyard and Attorney DelGallo~~

Motion by Trustee Holmes. Second by Trustee House. Ayes (5) Trustees Norwood, S. Brown, T. Brown, House and Holmes. Motion passed.

13. Mayor's Report – See Mayor's Office

14. Adjournment – at 9:15 pm by Mayor Henyard.

Motion by Trustee Holmes. Second by Trustee Norwood. Ayes (5) Trustees Norwood, S. Brown, T. Brown, House and Holmes. Motion passed.

Alison Key, Village Clerk

Approved by the board of Trustees this day, 5th of September, 2023

AYES (4) Trustees: NORWOOD, T. BROWN, HOUSE, Belcher

NAYS (2) Trustees: S. BROWN, Holmes