



VILLAGE OF DOLTON

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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Village Hall

14122 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

6:30 pm

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – at 6:36 pm by Mayor Henyard. Present (6) Trustees Brown, House, Norwood, Steave, Holmes & Belcher. A quorum was established.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Mayor Henyard

3. **Prayer** – William Moore

4. **General Announcements** –

Trustee Steave – I would like to invite everyone out to Tea w/ the Trustees that's hosted every second Saturday of each month. It this Saturday January 14, 2023 at 9:30 am in the Lestor Long building.

Trustee Norwood – I would like to thank Dolton Park District for allowing us to host our first annual Toy Drive at their location. I would also like to thank the Trustees, Woods BBQ & Wilma's BBQ for sponsoring the event. Thank you to the residents that joined us at our 2nd annual skating trip. Dolton Park has a basketball league for youth ages 4-6 January 9-18. The fee is \$50 and uniforms are included.

5. **Village Clerk's Report**

A. Approval of Minutes

- December 5, 2022 Regular
- December 14, 2022 Special
- December 27, 2022 Special

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

B. Communications

As of today, there are 195 open/unanswered FOIA requests.

6. **Village Administrator's Report** – See the Village Administrator's office.

7. **Engineer's Report** – Absent



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8. Committee Reports

Police – Trustee Holmes – There has been progress with working with the store owners and the police regarding individuals hanging out around outside. Please look at your surroundings.

Melanie Fitness Center – Trustee Brown – As of today, we are in the negative -\$73,775.00. The fitness center will no longer be the fitness center. It is scheduled to be the new Dolton police department.

Public Works – Trustee Steave – I was blessed to be able to talk to some of the employees in PW. The biggest concern that I'm hearing is that they want the contract signed to renew their contract. I know that administration and lawyers that handle that but I just wanted to relay that to the administration.

Fire – Trustee Belcher – (Wasn't called to give a report)

Youth – Trustee Norwood – We are currently building our partnerships with our elementary and high schools. The Trustees and I just had a Fun Day at Franklin elementary school. We will continue our free book drive once the children return back to school.

Finance – Trustee House – Review of finances through the months of May – November the Village faces a fiscal year deficit of -\$4.5 million fiscal year to date. We will also be looking to hold a Finance Committee meeting in February.

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

10. Corporate Bills

A. Electronic Warrant List

Motion to pay this register less the items that do not have receipts by Trustee House, Second by Trustee Steave. Ayes (6) Trustees Brown, House, Norwood, Steave, Holmes and Belcher. Motion passed

B. AP Warrant List

Motion to approve the bills as read into record with the exceptions listed by Trustee House, Second by Trustee Steave. Ayes (5) Trustees Brown, House, Norwood, Steave and Belcher. Nays (1) Trustee Holmes. Motion passed.

- Affordable Party Planners LLC
- Apostolic Independent Contractors
- Chicago Gas Leak Repair LLC
- Countrylane Gazebos
- Crawford Door Sales of Lake Co
- Del Galdo Law Group



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- **Farley Williams**
- **Fioretti Campbell Law LLC**
- **Five Star**
- **Gasca Roofing**
- **JKCS**
- **JMA Architects**
- **Johnny Jefferson**
- **Karen (Dajae) Gordon**
- **KNM Ventures Inc.**
- **Kwikrink Synthetic Ice Inc.**
- **Larrell's 4 Season Lawn Care**
- **Linden Group**
- **Michael G. Airhart**
- **Multimedia Production**
- **Positive Minds LLC**
- **Raul & Sons Landscaping**
- **Rogers Roofing**
- **Santee Shannon**
- **Whiteco Pool Solutions**

Trustee Belcher – For the record, the Mayor is a complete liar. I am in support of the gas line.

11. Old Business

None

12. New Business

- A. Reading of Mayor's Veto Message related to December 14, 2022 Special Meeting and Mayoral Veto of the Items Approved at the December 14, 2022 Special Meeting:
 - a) Discussion Approval of Ordinance No. 22-____ for Establishing Procedures for the Use of Federal Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF)
 - b) Discussion and Approval of Ordinance No. 22-____ Amending the Dolton Village Code regarding Signature Requirements on Warrants
 - c) Discussion and Approval of Ordinance No. 22-____ Establishing a Village Credit Card Policy
 - d) Discussion and Approval of Resolution No. 22-____ Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority and the Village of Dolton for the Acquisition of Certain Properties through Abandonment Proceedings and Appointing Trustee Brittany Norwood as Local Government Director
 - e) Request to add the following invoices to warrant list in January 2023
 - i. Invoices for Kendall Parrott (July – September)
 - ii. Invoices for Sonny Black Productions (May – September)



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- iii. Invoices for Golden Grover (June – November)
- iv. Wood Catering (April – December)
- v. OSMFM Invoices #35403, 35404, 35405
- vi. Warren Muhammad Invoice #20190604
- vii. Invoices for Clerk Alison Key and Deputy Clerk Aris Montgomery (September and October)
- f) Request to Issue Payment on invoices that have already been approved
 - i. Warren Muhammad invoices 20190705 & 20190805 approved on August 8, 2022
 - ii. Law office of Odelson, Sterk, Murphy, Frazier and McGrath invoice numbers 33340, 33341, 33631, 33632, 33857, and 33858 approved on June 6, 2022
 - iii. Law office of Odelson, Sterk, Murphy, Frazier and McGrath invoice numbers 34379 and 34380 approved on August 8, 2022
- g) Discussion and Approval of Village of Dolton 2023 meeting and Holiday Schedule

A veto message related to December 14, 2022 Special meeting was read into record by Mayor Henyard (message attached).

Clerk Key – For the record, the Deputy Clerk and I attended training for the Clerk’s office to make this office function better and more efficiently. There are funds in the budget to cover every training that we attend. Every neighboring municipality, who are the same distance from downtown attend these conferences and get hotel accommodations for their entire team. It is a state conference that everyone in the State of Illinois who is an elected official attends and they all stay overnight. Why is Dolton being penalized when prior administration’s stayed downtown for years? It’s been a common practice that every municipality in the State of Illinois attend these conferences to update themselves on the state laws as they change. If no one attends, how do we stay current? My Deputy Clerk is new; I’m learning new Clerk functions. We’ve attended conferences all over, Bloomington, Elk Grove, we’ve attended conferences all over the State of Illinois. Why aren’t our bills being paid? Numerous bills are being paid for your group of people to travel all over the country. But yet, she and I to educate and to improve our office attend trainings and month after month our invoices are not being processed. Tell me what’s wrong with bringing new ideas, new laws, making sure this Village functions in the capacity that it should. Are you telling me that I shouldn’t do that? And, if you’re saying that, then I will not go but as long as the laws continue to change in the State of Illinois someone here needs to attend these trainings so that we can stay abreast of the changes in the state of Illinois. I’m not doing this because I’m going on vacation. I’m doing this because I want to improve the functions of the Clerk’s office and the Village. But yet, that is being blocked. My Deputy is barely being paid a salary and you’re going to block her invoices as well? She’s barely being paid but when she attends conferences you’re blocking her invoices. What expense account? She doesn’t have an expense account. She does an excellent job in the Clerk’s office, you want to know why? Because she attends these conferences and trainings. She brings things back to this village and does her job very well. You get results out of our office other than FOIA’s because we rely on other departments but anything else if you call our office you’re going to get results so why are you blocking that?

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



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14. Public Comment – General – See Media Center

15. Adjournment – at 8:33 pm by Mayor Henyard. Motion by Trustee Holmes, Second by Trustee Belcher. Ayes (6) Trustees Brown, House, Norwood, Steave, Holmes & Belcher. Motion passed.

Village Clerk, **Alison Key**

Approved by the board of Trustees this day, _____.

6th day of February