



VILLAGE OF DOLTON

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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Village Hall
14122 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.
Monday, March 6, 2023
6:30 pm

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – at 6:43 pm by Mayor Henyard. Present (6) Trustees Brown, House, Norwood, Steave, Holmes & Belcher. A quorum is established.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Mayor Henyard
3. **Prayer** – William Moore
4. **General Announcements** –
 Trustee Brown - Read a statement into record.
 Trustee Steave - Read a statement into record.
 Trustee Holmes – The Village is ran by the people and its taxpayers but were following the leadership and the guidance of the Mayor. Thank you to those who put their prayers and their votes out so I can sit on this seat another 4 years.
5. **Village Clerk's Report**
 - A. **Approval of Minutes**
 - i. **February 6, 2023 Regular Board Meeting**
 - ii. **February 27, 2023 Special Board Meeting**

Clerk Key – I'm looking at the agenda and I'm missing one set of Minutes that I put in February 6, 2023 Special Board meeting. I am asking the approval of the Board of Trustees for Minutes for the following Minutes February 6, 2023 Special board meeting, February 6, 2023 Regular board meeting and February 27, 2023 Special board meeting.

Mayor Henyard – So you're asking for the 2 sets that's on the agenda?

Clerk Key – What happened to the first one?

Mayor Henyard – You can only approve the items that's on the agenda.

Clerk Key – I submitted 3 so I'm wondering why all 3 aren't on here.

Mayor Henyard – I would not know that.

Mayor Henyard - Just so everyone knows when the Clerk do the Minutes they is supposed to write word for word what it is you guys discuss and talk about. You cannot say refer to the tape. Where is the



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tape? There's no tape. So you have to write it word for word and the Clerk has not been doing that so I hope Board of Trustees you are reading that because on there it says refer to the digital tape and she supposed to write it word for word just like MaryKay did in the past. She wrote it word for word what we discussed in our board meetings. So, that's just some advice.

Clerk Key – No Mayor, Minutes are summarized. We do not write word for word.

Mayor Henyard – Clerk so people can get it right, you have a Deputy Clerk and we pay that Deputy Clerk utilize the resources that you're given and make sure the people have what is stated at the board meetings. I would appreciate that. So the people not just voting on anything cus if you write it word for word.

Clerk Key – The meetings are on YouTube.

Mayor Henyard – Hold on Clerk, you write word for word what you say but you don't write word for word what I say or what any of the Trustees say but no one's reading that but I did catch that so I'm putting it on record and that's for the record and that's word for word what I'm stating that you're doing so you get paid to basically do the Minutes so does your Deputy Clerk but you guys are not doing it. You referring people to a tape. You supposed to write up the Minutes then give them to the board for approval. So I just wanna put it on the record.

Clerk Key – I'm also going to put on record that you can look on YouTube for more details and we are only required to summarize the Minutes.

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

B. Communications

No Report

6. **Village Administrator's Report** – We have a few grants coming up that our Village Engineer will discuss. We wanted to let everyone that we had a Special meeting where we approved the Homewood Disposal Bond that was on February 27. Just in case you missed the information you can request that information from my office.
7. **Village Engineer's Report** – We do have a bid opening for a Water Main replacement project. That's scheduled for March 27 at 12 noon. Cook County is providing \$350,000 to replace a Water main in the Village. Phase 2 of the Sidewalk and Alley Reconstruction project that will start in April as soon as the plants open up and the current weather stays constant above 45 degrees. There are 2 grant applications that we will be submitting for CDBG and Invested Cook. Those grants are due Friday March 17. The Village was also a recipient of \$50,000 to do a water service inventory throughout the Village. The Village will also be repaving streets this year. We did receive \$200,000 worth of funding from CDBG to replace/resurface various roadways throughout the Village. We expect to go out to bid for these projects this month.
8. **Committee Reports**
Police – Trustee Holmes – The Chief talked about the wonderful work that the officers are doing but I have to give kudos to the community is doing, the residents is doing because without your input, it helps. You know where one is lacking at in that information that you giving to those officers and they



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turning that information over to the states attorney's office that they worked and got from you without hearing your name and your information, it helps. It's that extra boost, that makes that arrest and make it stick. Give kudos to the residents because you are the eyes and ears of this community. Also continue to call in with these lights that are out. Give Public Works a call so we can get the responsible parties in there.

Melanie Fitness Center – Trustee Brown – The only report I have is a deficit for the fitness center which is -\$82,000. It is no longer a fitness center so it is the new Dolton Police station. That would definitely be Trustee Holmes.

Mayor Henyard – For the record, it is not a Police station right now so it's not a deficit from the Police station were turning it into the second location for the Police department so we're working on that now.

Public Works – Trustee Steave – I want to give kudos to Stacey Carrel it's been a pleasure working with you since you've been here. always been honest with me, straight with me and helped me out where you could so I really appreciate that. I see that Public Works is growing, the only concern I know they do have is about the contract. It's been a pleasure working with the Public Works team, the worker's over there for years.

Fire – Trustee Belcher – I did receive a report from Chief McCain. They've been working on the fire hydrants making sure that they're working. I know people have been complaining/saying that they haven't been tested. So he has been sending out a weekly report of the fire hydrants that they have been testing. If you feel that your fire hydrant needs testing, please see me or him to make sure that your address is on the list.

Youth – Trustee Norwood – We're having a youth committee meeting on April 12 6:30 pm. We will update everyone regarding our Youth Summer program. We've had some youth that were hired by Harold's in Dolton. We hope to bring more jobs this upcoming summer. As you know we have been having an annual movie night for the last 2 years. With the weather breaking we will have movie night and sports day. We will update everyone on April 12.

Finance – Trustee House – This evening no finance report was sent via email. I see our Finance director is not present today. I would imagine a Finance report will be forthcoming. Having said that, there are a couple of emails I will be sending for the Administrator as well as the Finance director just checking the status of outstanding audits as well as some payments to City of Chicago. I will send that via e-mail so that we do not delay this meeting. I am pleased to report that last week the Board of Trustees was successful, collectively. The Board of Trustees, the Mayor and everybody reduced the Homewood's saving bond by \$400,000 which is a reduction of debt to the taxpayers of the Village of Dolton.

9. Departments 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



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A. Electronic Warrant List

Motion to pay all items that have a proper receipt by Trustee House, Second by Trustee Steave. Ayes (6) Trustees House, Brown, Norwood, Steave, Holmes & Belcher. Motion passed.

B. AP Warrant List

- Affordable Party Planners
- Apostolic Independent Contractors
- Country Lane Gazebos
- Del Galdo Law Group
- Fioretti Campbell Law LLC
- Five Star
- JKCS
- JMA Architects
- Johnny Jefferson Invoice #91622-2
- KNM Ventures
- Quik Rink
- Raul & Sons
- Whiteco Pool Solutions

Motion to approve the bills with the exceptions noted by Trustee House, Second By Trustee Steave. Ayes (5) Trustees Brown, House, Norwood, Steave, Belcher. Sustained (1) Trustee Holmes. Motion passed.

11. Old Business

- A. Payment of Outstanding Invoices Due and Owing Fioretti & Campbell for legal services.**
B. Retention of Fioretti & Campbell in Wilson v. Village, et. Al. to Appear and Vacate the Default against the Village of Dolton

Motion to do a consent agenda for A and B by Trustee Holmes, Second by Trustee Steave. Ayes (6) Trustees Brown, House, Norwood, Steave, Holmes & Belcher. Motion passed.

Trustee Belcher – For Old Business A, the outstanding invoices due to Fioretti & Campbell. On September 6, a \$18,000 check had already been issued to Fioretti & Campbell. I believe some of it was for the Alexis Wilson case but also in this you're asking us to pay for invoices that included the recall. You sat here several, several times stating that we've cost the Village so much money but you utilized Fioretti & Campbell for the recall. So if we're not paying Oldeson & Sterk or anyone else for the recall then why should we continue to pay him for the recall? And since DelGaldo was appointed as our prosecuting attorney why has he surrendered not to take on this case?



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Mayor Henyard – For the record, he has nothing to do with the recall. This is strictly for the Alexis Wilson case.

Trustee Belcher – I’m very clear on that.

Mayor Henyard – Since you wanna put it out there. We’re asking for payment strictly for that.

Trustee Belcher – He was paid on September 6.

Mayor Henyard – Trustee, we’re asking for payment on the Alexis Wilson case. It has nothing to do with a recall or anything else.

Trustee Belcher – The invoices we received stated the recall information. If he was paid in September for the work he did for the Alexis Wilson case, why would we be paying him additional funds for the recall?

Mayor Henyard – I just explained it.

Trustee Belcher – You didn’t explain anything.

Mayor Henyard – Well you know what, you got the answer. So if you’re gonna pay, pay. I gave you a answer this strictly for what I stated. Either you’re gonna agree and pay or you’re not simple as that.

Trustee Belcher – I’m not in agreement with paying the outstanding invoices.

Mayor Henyard – Ok, so you’re not gonna pay them. Are you going to retain them for this Alexis Wilson case? Are you in agreement with that?

Trustee Belcher – I’m in agreement with that but I’m not going to pay outstanding invoices.

Trustee House – This is the FOIA case on Alexis Wilson, am I correct?

Attorney DelGaldo – No, Alexis Wilson is a different case. There’s a FOIA case, you’re correct that is Wilson. That was the subject of last meeting’s discussion with the Mayor. What the Mayor, is referring to is the Alexis Wilson case. Fioretti withdrew on all matters, he was defending the Village on.

Motion to approve Old Business A & B by Trustee Holmes, Second by Trustee House.

Ayes (1) Trustee Holmes, Nays (4) Trustees Brown, House, Norwood & Steave, Sustained (1) Trustee Belcher. Motion failed.

12. New Business

- A. Discussion to Approve Payment of Outstanding Invoices Due and Owing Ancel Glink, P.C. and Del Galdo Law Group L.L.C. for legal services – **Mayor Henyard**

Motion by Trustee Holmes, Second by Trustee Belcher. Ayes (1) Trustee Holmes Nays (5) Trustees Brown, House, Norwood, Steave, Belcher. Motion Failed.

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

Motion by Trustee Holmes, No Second. Motion failed.

- C. Approval of First Amendment to Settlement Agreement between Village of Dolton, BP Capital, Inc. Accurate Adjusters & Fire Restoration Services, Inc., Zaslow Property Management, LLC and JT Group LLC

Motion by Trustee Holmes, Second Trustee Belcher for discussion.



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Motion to go into Executive Session after Citizen's Address by Trustee Belcher, Second by Trustee House. Ayes (6) Trustees Brown, House, Norwood, Steave, Holmes & Belcher. Motion passed.

Motion for BP Capital, Manjee v. Village of Dolton & Richardson v. Village of Dolton. (Manjee v. Village of Dolton & Richardson v. Village of Dolton are for discussion only.) Motion by Trustee Steave, Second by Trustee Ayes (6) Trustees Brown, House, Norwood, Steave, Holmes & Belcher. Motion passed.

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

14. Public Comment – General

Motion to come out of Executive Session by Trustee Steave, Second by Trustee Belcher. Ayes (6) Trustees Brown, House, Norwood, Steave, Holmes & Belcher. Motion passed.

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

15. Adjournment – at 10:03 pm by Mayor Henyard.

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

Alison Key, Village Clerk

Approved, by the board of Trustees this day,

17th of *August*

Ayes: 6

Nays:

Absent:

Present: Trustees Norwood, S. Brown, T. Brown, House & Belcher