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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Village Hall

14122 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

6:30 pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – at 6:47 pm by Mayor Henyard. Present (6) Trustees Norwood, S. Brown, T. Brown, House, Holmes and Belcher. A quorum was established.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Henyard
3. Prayer – William Moore
4. Public Comment
5. General Announcements –
Trustee T. Brown- Thank you to Chief Collins, Officer Roddish, Public Works and Code Enforcement departments. We had an issue with drug problems and the vacant house being used with squatters on 14600 and 14700 Beachview. That house is now boarded up and everybody has been put out. The residents are happy.
Trustee Norwood – I would like to invite everyone out to this month's Tea w/ Trustees this Saturday September 9, 2023 at 9:00 am at the Lester Long Building. We will have two guest speakers, Judge Lloyd Brooks who is a part of the foreclosure courts and Judge Deidra Dyer who is a part of traffic courts. For any residents who missed their tax appeal period, there is a second chance and an alternative process that we'll have next month. I have been talking to our Thornton township Tax Assessor Cassandra Holbert so that we can host a seminar with details on the process. If you have any questions please email me at bnorwood@vodolton.org but I will share the information at the next meeting.
6. Village Clerk's Report
 - A. Approval of Minutes
 - i. August 7, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Henyard – For the record, you have to write the Minutes. You cannot say refer to Mayor's office, refer to cassette tape. The whole purpose of Minutes is, if something happens to a tape or anything like that you can find a written copy of Minutes and things that happen in the board meeting. So the way that you are doing Minutes is wrong and I need you to correct this. Especially for things that you say my office is responsible for. I don't know if the Board of Trustees is reading this but you should read it because all she keep saying is refer to Mayor's office or refer to tape and she cannot do not that. The Illinois Open Meetings Act requires that public bodies to keep written Minutes of all they Minutes and we don't have that. So I just wana make that clear before you guys approve that one, I would like



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her to go back and amend all the minutes that she wrote that on because she got several and I just want to bring that to everybody's attention.

Clerk Key – If there is a problem with the Minutes this is the first time I've heard that from you. If you feel like I'm leaving something out, you should mention it before we come to this meeting. You're saying that they've been wrong for quite some time, this is your first time mentioning it number one.

Number two, I want to make it very clear to you that I do not write word for word what you guys say.

You have a 5-hour meeting; you think I'm going to write word for word what each of you say?

Absolutely not. I summarize as best as I can of what you guys say, but there are long conversations. The law states that we summarize Minutes, we do not write word for word.

Mayor Henyard – For the record, Clerk Key and I hope it get in the Minutes because when I say for the record you don't put in there. I tell you all the time when you do something wrong but you don't want to take my advice when I tell you it's wrong. So I'm doing it here in a public meeting because I see this is where everybody wana come and air out all their dirty laundry and I want it to be in the Minutes that I'm telling you in the public that she's writing the Minutes wrong. I told her this several times and now I'm telling her again now here. If ya'll go look at the Minutes right now you'll see that she's not writing Minutes all she's saying is refer to tape. That is unacceptable and if a resident pull the Minutes you will see that you will not have no clarity as it relates to what happened in that meeting. So I'm saying again for the record, please correct the Minutes because I do not agree with how you guys are passing the Minutes and that for the record.

Clerk Key - When the Village Administrator, Engineer, Department heads, as well as you, give reports, you should give me a copy of it as you used to do. No one has given me a copy of their reports.

Everyone should give me a copy of their written report. Yet, I'm not receiving them. I will attach them to the Minutes if I receive them. They were doing it and then they stopped. I am not responsible for the administration of this village. If anyone would like a copy of any of the reports, I will attach a copy to the Minutes.

Trustee House – I do read over the Minutes as somebody that actually votes on the Minutes and I'm ok with the summary. I will agree with the suggestion that the departments send over a report. That would make it a lot easier for a point of reference. I do read over the minutes and I am ok with the summary. The summary is concise and straight to the point.

Trustee S. Brown – With all fairness, I would agree to amend the Minutes to get this squared away on whatever was said wrong or for whatever was written wrong.

Clerk Key – Could you tell me what was wrong?

Trustee S. Brown – I didn't say anything was wrong. This is what the Mayor saying because her voice is just like one of ours on the board. If we feel something was written that we didn't say in all fairness, lets amend it and the Mayor can get you to clarify whatever she said and we can pass the Minutes.

Trustee House – I'm still in favor of passing it however, if things are suggested as an amendment, then we can present the amended version at the next board meeting.

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

B. Communications

Last Thursday August 27, 2023 we had a resident who called the Clerk's office because he was having trouble submitting a FOIA request. As most of you know FOIA's come through my office. We had a



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link on the website where if you need to submit a FOIA you can get the application there. If you're not able to do it electronically, we will take written FOIA's. We will also except emails. After investigating why this resident was having a problem we noticed that the link was removed and replaced with a generic email address. I did not put that e-mail address there so I'm not sure who's doing the Clerk's work. They continue to take things out of my office. FOIA's are processed through my office my Deputy Clerk and I are certified FOIA officer's. I'm not aware of anybody else being certified in this village. I'm not sure why office wasn't contacted when this portal was removed. We were not informed of a new email address. This quite confusing to the residents. I need to understand why this was removed. Can you answer that? To the residents and anyone else that would like to submit a FOIA please email the Deputy Clerk amontgomery@voldolton.org and myself akey@voldolton.org.

7. Village Administrator's Report – **See Village Administrator for a copy of the report.**
8. Village Engineer's Report – **See Village Engineer for a copy of the report.**
9. 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 120/2(c)(11) – discussion regarding pending or probable or imminent litigation
 - C. Approval of Items Discussed in Executive Session – **Mayor Henyard and Attorney Del Galdo**

Motion to go into Executive Session by Trustee Holmes, Second by Trustee Belcher at 7:54 pm. Ayes (6) Trustees Norwood, S. Brown, T. Brown, House, Holmes and Belcher. Motion passed.

Motion to resume Regular Board meeting by Trustee Holmes, Second by Trustee House at 8:35 pm. Ayes (6) Trustees Norwood, S. Brown, T. Brown, House, Holmes and Belcher. Motion passed.

Motion by Trustee Holmes to authorize settlement offers in the cases of Burns and Downs v. the Village of Dolton as amounts as disclosed in closed session, Second by Trustee Belcher. Ayes (6) Trustees Norwood, S. Brown, T. Brown, House, Holmes and Belcher. Motion passed.
10. 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**
11. Corporate Bills
 - A. Electronic Warrant Lists



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Motion to pay Electronic Warrant lists by Trustee Holmes, Second by Trustee T. Brown. Ayes (5) Trustees Norwood, S. Brown, T. Brown, House and Holmes. Nays (1) Trustee Belcher. Motion passed.

B. AP Warrant Lists

Motion to pay the AP warrant lists by Trustee Holmes, Second by Trustee S. Brown. Ayes (2) Trustees S. Brown and Holmes. Nays (4) Trustees Norwood, T. Brown, House, and Belcher. Motion failed.

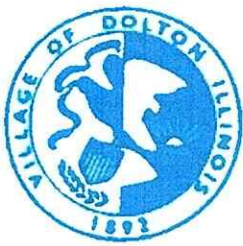
Motion by Trustee House to pay AP warrant lists with the following amendments, Second by Trustee Belcher. Ayes (4) Trustees Norwood, T. Brown, House, Belcher. Nays (2) Trustees S. Brown and Holmes. Motion passed.

- Discount Fence
- Existing Concrete LLC
- Five Star
- K-Five Construction Corp
- KNM Ventures Inc.
- Lopez Lawn Maintenance
- Prestige Maintenance SRVCS LLC
- Raul & Sons Landscaping
- S&S Upscale Lawn Service
- Starter Heating and Cooling
- Thank Me Later
- Welsch Ready Mix

Mayor Henyard – For the record Trustee House, you need to sign the checks and pay the bills.

Trustee House – There are bills out there that have been previously approved still not being paid. The Five Star invoice that we're talking about was approved for full payment. As the Mayor mentioned, we have the funds, she says we have the money. We have grants, we have all of this money. Please put that into one check, which is what the majority of the board voted on and pay it. I will gladly sign it if you put it on one check and pay it. I don't understand why its broken down into eight checks. Specifically, if you say we have all the money. My stance on these bills at this moment is to hold off on the bills that were mentioned so that we can catch up on the previous bills. Put it one check and it will be signed. Furthermore, as you mentioned, past due, in terms of Public Works, those people have been waiting four years to get their raise and everything else. Yet, you see fit to put all these other items on the warrant list and pay and overlook the same people that you claim are working very hard. I think that should be a priority. As those are paid I will gladly revisit this list. As I'm looking at the accounts, last year we had a deficit of \$2.5 million and this year, 3 months into the fiscal year, page 15 of the financials shows a \$2.6 million deficit.

Motion by Trustee S. Brown to pay the vendors that were removed from the previous motion, Second by Trustee Holmes. Ayes (2) Trustees S. Brown and Holmes. Nays (4) Trustees Norwood, T. Brown, House, and Belcher. Motion failed.



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12. Old Business

None

13. New Business

- A. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Executive of a Settlement Agreement in the Matter Styled as **Randell v Village of Dolton – Mayor Henyard and Attorney DelGaldo**
- B. Discussion and Approval of the Forging Resilient Communities Program – Cost Share Waiver and IGA Revision – **Mayor Henyard and Engineer Ron Smith**

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

- 14. **Adjournment –at 9:44 pm by the board. Motion by Trustee Belcher, Second by Trustee House. Ayes (4) Trustees Norwood, T. Brown, House and Belcher. Nays (2) Trustees S. Brown, Holmes. Motion passed.**

Alison Key, Village Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees this day, 6th day of November/2023

Ayes: (4) Trustees Norwood, Tammie Brown, Jason House, Kiana Belcher
Nay: (2) Trustees Stan Brown, Andrew Holmes