



VILLAGE OF DOLTON

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**Village of Dolton
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Committee of the Whole
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom – Livestream on YouTube
Monday, November 15, 2021 @ 6:30pm**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order of Regular Meeting
Meeting called to order at 6:32pm
2. Roll call and Establishment of Quorum
(6) Trustees present, a quorum was established
Trustee Steave, Norwood, Belcher, House, Brown, Holmes (Trustee Holmes left at 8:55pm)
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Henyard
4. Prayer – William Moore
5. General Announcement

Trustee Steave announce Tea with the Trustees every second Saturday of the month located at Dolton Park District @ 9:00am. This event has been a great success with a great turnout and resident concerns are being heard and addressed.

Trustee Belcher thanked everyone to pick-up food at the food giveaway. The next one will be December 30, 2021. The lodge is also giving away 100 turkeys on Saturday at 1:00pm.

Trustee Norwood announce an upcoming skating party at Lynwood Skating Rink on December 17, 2021 from 5:30 -8:30pm.

Trustee Holmes mentioned residents should continue to contact public works when their lights are out.

6. Order of Business
 - A. Presentation was given by Al Kindle, regarding the new Fair Transit Program sponsored by Metra and the free economic development services available for Dolton residents.
 - B. Presentation from Jesse Elam, Cook County Dept. of Transportation regarding an inter-governmental to create \$300,000 design and construction for the water main location. and \$43 million upgrade for the railroad tracks.
 - C. Jesse Elam also reported on creating an overpass at 138th Cottage Grove which could cost a total of \$16 million dollars.



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- D. CEDA Program will pay up to \$1,500 for delinquent water bills for low-income housing. Payments would go directly to the village.
- E. Send photos for the sidewalk repair program. Code Enforcement staff has been taking the lead on this project. Pictures need to be sent in by December 31, 2021.
- F. The policy for calculation and billing of estimate water bills. 75% of the meters in the village are non-digital meters. Village only has 4 meter readers so when cards are left, residents are not sending them back. Proposing a standard estimated bill based on last actual bill.
- G. Kendall Parrott presented the opportunity for the village to apply for funding under the CMAP Program. He is also looking for funding for the historical museum & landmark at the old village hall.
- H. Ron Smith, Village Engineer announced the 144th MLK Drive to Indiana project is on the active list to start in 2022. The agreement will need to be signed by the village. This presentation is only informational. The project will receive \$400,000 in funding and will include just an overlay on the street and some curbs and sidewalks to make ADA compliant.
- I. Resolution authorizing official execution of the sub recipient agreement for the 2021 CDBG capital improvement agreement in the amount of \$220,000. The village was awarded the \$220,000 and need a resolution to be approve and development to begin spring of 2022. Motion to move forward: Ayes (6) Trustee Steave, Norwood, Belcher, Holmes, Brown, House.
- J. Resolution to move forward on the sidewalk replacement program using \$200,000 MFT funds. Staff is taking pictures of sidewalks that need to be replaced or repaired. Trustee Brown wanted know if locations had been identified yet? Mayor: No. Trustee Steave wanted know if we were over budget in MFT funds and Cris replied there was excess cash from previous year, so cash is available. Trustee House had questions on this topic and need to do some follow-up to make sure we are not overspending. Mayor mentioned there were remaining funds from the parking lot resurfacing. Trustee Brown wanted know if funds were used for public works as well. Trustee Norwood wanted know how much funds are remaining? Cris: as of September there was over \$3k (some of these funds are rebuild Illinois funds) and the village received 4 distributions of \$254,000. As of 9/30 only \$223,000 of the \$1.3k has been spent. Trustee Brown wanted know how much was spent on salt and Cris stated he need to look it up. Trustee Belcher wanted to know if Civic Systems had been update because it showed negative \$1.2k. Cris state October had not been posted and he cleared everything up. Vote to move forward: Ayes (6) Trustee Steave, Norwood, Belcher, Holmes, Brown, House.
- K. Barnacle Vehicle Immobilization Device - A presentation was given by Brandon Knox which propose leasing equipment similar to a car boot but would go on the windshield of the vehicle. The cost to lease each devise would be \$250 per month plus company would get \$55 from each car that immobilized. Owners would have to pay by credit card and a \$200 deposit would be held on owner's card until they returned the equipment. The vehicle would be put on by police officers. Trustee Norwood wanted to know the devise would work in the winter when it snowed? It wouldn't be installed when it snowed. Trustee Belcher wanted to know if we would be charged \$250 per month whether we used it or not? The answer was yes. Funds would come from the \$8k outstanding from back tickets which the village could possibly collect \$6k. Trustee Holmes think this is a great program but the amnesty program should happen first. Trustee House and Steave agreed and would like to bring this item to committee to get residents opinion. Motion to move



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forward failed. Ayes (1) Trustee Holmes Nays (5) Trustee Steave, Norwood, Belcher, Brown, House.

- L. Amnesty Program for uncollected fines for parking tickets – This would be a 30day program for uncollected parking tickets. Chief Collins reported there were 2200 people living in the village of Dolton who owe the majority of the tickets and \$6k is collectable. Motion to move forward Ayes (6) Trustee Steave, Norwood, Belcher, Holmes, Brown, House.
- M. MLK Street painting of curbs and removal of signs- Trustee Belcher request that the signs should be removed and the curbs were painted without an ordinance in place. She met with Atty. Vasselli and Chief Collins in reference to the item. Cars are not parking within 30 ft. of the curb nor is there fire hydrant on that side of the street. Yet, there are tickets being written referencing a hydrant. She also asked several times to share her screen but it was denied. Mayor stated the curbs were painted before and it was just repainted. Trustee Belcher was told tickets would stop but they haven't. Mayor stated if you are parked within 30ft you will get ticketed. If not, you won't. Trustee Belcher stated she will proceed with legal actions.
- N. Discussion to separate warrant list and payroll so they can be reviewed before being approved. Trustee Belcher stated that payroll shouldn't be approved after it was processed but before so board can review it. Mayor suggest the board speak with Cris and Janice. Trustee Steave mentioned two weeks' prior an ordinance was passed so they could talk to staff. Spending is out of control. Trustee House would like to get payroll reports in advance. Cris explained the process for payroll and they worked out the details on how they can be reviewed. Trustee Norwood concern was how are they approving it after the fact. She feels they should have access sooner. Mayor agreed for them to get the report before approval.
- O. Discussion regarding receiving invoices for credit card with electronic statement list before voting. Trustee Belcher requested that invoices should attached to credit card until Civic System is completely updated. Cris stated yes, but mentioned they could be viewed on view point where you can search under each vendor. Trustee Belcher stated it only states how much is charged on the statement but not the details. Cris will look into this.
- P. Reconsideration of background check policy effective date retroactive to May 7, 2021. Trustee House stated that background checks should go back to May 7th because a lot of people are concerned and that something may have fallen through the cracks. Trustee Steave agreed. Mayor Henyard stated she doesn't believe in going backwards. Trustee House stated if a mistake was made, there is an opportunity to fix it. This is not about an individual it's about doing things correct and not sweep it under rug. Mayor agreed to move forward and background checks will be done. Motion to move forward. Ayes (5) Trustee Steave, Norwood, Belcher, Brown, House. Absent (1) Trustee Holmes.
- Q. Discussion regarding South Suburban Land Bank (SSLB) Liz Castaneda conducted presentation. Trustee Steave asked if when SSLB was here before was it for commercial property only? Liz was not sure because files were not transferred. Trustee Brown wanted to know who would be responsible for maintenance of property and Liz stated Dolton would be until the property was transferred over. Mayor: when you sell the property where does funds go? Liz: SSLB keep the funds. Mayor: so we give you our land, you sell and the village doesn't make anything? Liz: yes, there are some exceptions. Mayor: who gets charges to make sure there are no mechanical liens? Liz: code enforcement would do preliminary research up front and the land bank would do a more detailed research. Mayor: we need to bring in revenue. There was a no-cash bid on the table. We



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can co-exist with both the land bank and block by block. Trustee Steave requested that a discussion regarding shared revenue take place with the land bank and be tailored towards what the village wants. Trustee House feel multiple programs can co-exist but the land bank is a good option. It doesn't cost the village any money can they could set the direction of the program and they would not turn over all of the property. Mayor asked if this would be in the Hosing meeting and Trustee Norwood stated yes in January. Motion to move forward. Ayes (5) Trustee Steave, Norwood, Belcher, Brown, House Absent (1) Trustee Holmes.

- R. Proposed FY23 Budget Schedule. VA Dorothy Brown stated the village needed to get ahead of the budget schedule so it can be approved by April 30, 2022. Call for budget request mid-January; presentations February 11-25, 2022 with explanation for adjustments; Adjustments made by March 11, 2022 and Mayor present to board; Board review by March 25, 2022; Continued discussion and final approval by April 7, 2022 in time to post public notice. Motion to move forward.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:10PM.

Alison Key, Village Clerk

Approved by: The Board of Trustees this day: 7th day of February, 2022

Tiffany A. Henyard, Mayor