



VILLAGE OF DOLTON

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Alison Key.....Village Clerk

TRUSTEES

Kiana L. Belcher Stanley Brown Tammie Brown
Andrew Holmes Brittney Norwood Edward Steave

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
DOLTON PARK DISTRICT
14700 EVERS
TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2025
6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – at 6:30 pm by Mayor Jason House. Present (5): Trustees Kiana Belcher, Stanley Brown, Tammie Brown, Brittney Norwood & Ed Steave. Absent (1) Trustee Andrew Holmes. Also Present (2): Clerk Alison Key & Attorney Burt Odelson. A quorum was established.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Jason House

3. PRAYER – Former Trustee Valeria Stubbs

4. CITIZENS ADDRESS

5. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Tammie Brown – The expungement that was held last weekend was very successful. We had 25 people that showed up and three petitions filed. We are looking to do another expungement later this year. Thank you to the attorney's that participated and the people that showed up to help make that day successful.

Trustee Ed Steave – Tea w/ Dolton for July will be my MS Walk. I'm inviting everyone to come out July 12, 2025 at 9:30pm at the Lester Long fieldhouse.

Trustee Brittney Norwood – I would like to thank Chicago Sky basketball team for providing us with annual tickets. Thank you to all of the Dolton residents that participate every year. The Housing Committee meeting will be held Monday, July 14, 2025 at 6:30 pm at Village Hall. We're also going to have a Youth Day, Friday, July 11, 2025. We will have a mental health segment and a job fair. Wednesday, July 9, 2025, 6:30 pm we'll have a Resource event. We'll be collaborating with Neighborhood Housing Services and Abundant Living Church. Thank you to Pastor Freshmen for allowing us to use his church.

6. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion by Trustee Kiana Belcher to go into Executive Session for the purpose of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. Second by Trustee Brittney Norwood



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at 6:54 pm. Ayes (5) Trustees Kiana Belcher, Stan Brown, Tammie Brown, Brittney Norwood & Ed Steave. Absent (1) Trustee Andrew Holmes. Motion passed.

Motion to reconvene the Special meeting at 7:23 pm Ayes (5) Trustees Kiana Belcher, Stan Brown, Tammie Brown, Brittney Norwood & Ed Steave. Absent (1) Trustee Andrew Holmes. Motion passed.

- a. Discussion & Approval of the Purchase of 212 E. 141st Place, Dolton and 200 E. 141st Place, Dolton, IL – **Mayor Jason House**

Mayor Jason House and Clerk Alison Key are authorized to sign loan documents.

Mayor Jason House – I understand that there is a concern in particular about our financial condition that we’ve inherited. I do want to address the concerns about our streets, current infrastructure and back bills. We are fully committed and will be doing both. This does not derail from our intention and drive to repair the streets. We had to identify some vendors that are willing to partner with us. Streets will start to be repaved as quickly as the end of this week. When it comes to the maintenance of these properties; our policemen as well as public works have been governing that already. It’s a current cost that is in place and will be in place. These are costs that we will incur whether we own the property or not. We will continue to make sure everyone is safe. Every concern is just, it is right, we hear it and we are going to make sure that we’re doing it justice. I think this is a proud moment and a proud opportunity for our village. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. We can either seize this moment and move forward or we can let that moment go to an investor. There are numerous opportunities for historic zones. I would like for our community to get the benefits of this opportunity. We have to make sure that we have economic opportunities that will also add to our revenue while we’re working towards being streamlined and efficient. I genuinely thank those who expressed their concerns. Those concerns are valid and are heard and received. We will make sure that everyone is proud of this as we reach the conclusion.

Trustee Kiana Belcher – I do not think that the Village of Dolton is in the business of real estate. I do think that this is a once in a lifetime opportunity. In the long run I think that this will benefit our community. We have faith in our Mayor that making this decision will take this town on a pathway of making sure that this will financially help us in the long run. I am asking the citizens of Dolton to stand with us as we make this decision. I, Trustee Belcher, am in support.

Trustee Ed Steave – We hear the complaints. We are very well aware of the potholes and things that we have to overcome but this a once in a lifetime opportunity. There is constant traffic and busloads that are coming in and out of our town. This is the first American Pope and he’s from Dolton. The information that we received from our attorney’s regarding other pope’s homes around the world and the benefit of these historic sites, will be placed on the website for everyone to see.

Trustee Brittney Norwood – I heard the concerns today and I want the residents to know that our mission for the last four years has not changed and that’s to move this town forward. These are tough decisions to make but it comes with the duty to do what’s best for the people and our town. I am happy that we will be able to generate more money for the town.



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Trustee Tammie Brown – If you go to the area, you’ll see how people from different states and different parts of the world come just to see the pope’s house. We also understand that that property has to be maintained but if the people in the neighborhood see the things that were trying to do then it will encourage them to do more with their area also. If we do this the correct way, in the long run its going to pay for itself. We’re making hard decisions as a Trustee and a resident. This is to benefit all of us. We have a new start, let’s go in a positive direction and do positive things.

Trustee Stan Brown – I’m a man of God and I do believe in a God. Whether you are Catholic, Protestant, or whatever you may be, we serve the same God. It’s ok if we want to help out Catholics. This is an opportunity that has been given to us. Wait on the Lord and be in good courage, he’s here to strengthen our town. We don’t want to let this opportunity get away from us. You don’t make a bad decision if you don’t make a decision at all. Thank you for the support residents.

Motion by Trustee Ed Steave. Second by Trustee Brittney Norwood to approve the purchase of 212 E. 141st Place and 200 E. 141st Place and to enter into a \$375,000 loan with Beverly Bank & Trust as discussed in Executive Session. Ayes (5) Trustees Kiana Belcher, Stan Brown, Tammie Brown, Brittney Norwood & Ed Steave. Absent (1) Trustee Andrew Holmes. Motion passed.

b. Discussion & Approval of Ordinance 25-003 Approving a Letter of Intent with Tower Point for the Purchase of Easement Rights, Leases and Providing for Future Rents for the Cell Tower Located at 401 E. 144th Street, Village of Dolton, Cook County, IL – **Mayor Jason House**

c. Discussion & Approval of Ordinance 25-004 Approving a Letter of Intent with Tower Point for the Purchase of Easement Rights, Leases and Providing for Future Rents for the Cell Tower Located at 14440 S. Greenwood Rd., Village of Dolton, Cook County, IL – **Mayor Jason House**

Trustee Kiana Belcher – What we’re about to vote on is income and revenue that is going to come back into the Village. We’re about to make a decision that we’ll have income coming in forever because those towers can’t be moved. We are making credible financial decisions that will move this village back into a better shape than it’s been in.

Attorney Burt Odelson – I think it’s very notable that the two items that they are about to vote on will bring the village \$564,000 within the next 30 days for the sale of two easements. Then it will provide about \$1700 a month for the rental.

Motion to Approve Items B & C by Trustee Ed Steave. Second by Trustee Kiana Belcher. Trustees Kiana Belcher, Stan Brown, Tammie Brown, Brittney Norwood & Ed Steave. Absent (1) Trustee Andrew Holmes. Motion passed.

d. Discussion & Approval of Ordinance 25-005 Amending Ordinance No. 06-342, An Ordinance of the Village of Dolton Amending Title 3, Business and License Regulations, Chapter 3-4H, General Amusements of the 1988 Dolton Municipal Code. – **Mayor Jason House**

Item Tabled. No Action.

7. ADJOURNMENT - at 7:42 pm by Mayor Jason House



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Motion by Trustee Kiana Belcher. Second by Stan Brown. Ayes (5) Trustees Kiana Belcher, Stan Brown, Tammie Brown, Brittney Norwood & Ed Steave. Absent (1) Trustee Andrew Holmes. Motion passed.

Approved, by the Board of Trustees this day 7th of July.

Alison Key
Village Clerk, Alison Key

Ayes: (4) NORWOOD, S. BROWN, STEAVE, HOLMES
Nays:
Present:
Absent: (2) BELCHER, T. BROWN