

Village of Dolton
Regular Meeting Board of Trustees
Monday, April 1, 2019

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the New Village Hall at 6:38 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER Prayer was led by Fire Chief Brandon Dyer.

ROLL CALL The following Trustees were present: Deborah Denton, Jason House, Duane Muhammad, and Valeria Stubbs. Trustee Tiffany Henyard was present by speaker phone (pursuant to ordinance). Trustee Robert E. Pierson, Jr. was absent.

Also, present: Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan, Village Attorney John B. Murphey, and department heads. Village Engineer Ron Smith was absent.

A quorum was present.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS None.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

- A. Approval of the Minutes
February 19, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

The village clerk advised that she had received an email from Trustee Muhammad re the order of comments under Old Business I-Melanie Fitness Center, and had changed the order accordingly. The village clerk asked for a motion to approve.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2019.

Motion by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Denton. There being no discussion:

ROLL CALL

AYES: 3 Trustees Denton, Henyard, and House

NAYS: 2 Trustees Muhammad and Stubbs

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Pierson

Motion passed.

- B. COMMUNICATIONS

The village clerk reminded residents of the April 2nd general election for candidates to the local taxing districts. The candidates for village trustee are unopposed, but there are contested elections for school, park, and library districts.

The Dolton Public Library District held an open house this past Saturday prior to its official reopening on Monday, April 8th.

ENGINEER'S REPORT Village Engineer Ron Smith had submitted his written monthly report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Human Services

Trustee Muhammad read aloud the payment center report for March, 2019, submitted by department manager Barbara Batton.

Planning

Trustee Stubbs read aloud the housing department report for March, 2019, submitted by Housing Director Denise Fields.

Departmental Operations

Trustee Stubbs read aloud the public works department report submitted by Supt. Matt Stacey.

Trustee Muhammad questioned why his water was cut off for nonpayment, when there were no other shut-offs on his block of 15300 or 15400 Minerva. Supt. Stacey replied that public works had a shut off list for 15400-15600 Minerva. Trustee Muhammad said that he had been advised by the water department that his property was not on the list.

Mayor Rogers noted that Trustee Muhammad had previously announced that he intentionally has not paid his water bill to determine village response.

Police and Fire

Fire Police Dyer submitted his written monthly report.

Finance

Trustee Muhammad deferred his report to corporate bills.

Special Events

Trustee Henyard announced that her Cancer Walk is on schedule for June. 708-297-6859.

CORPORATE BILLS

Trustee Muhammad motioned to approve the corporate bills. Second by Trustee House.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CORPORATE BILLS for Corporate Payroll in the amount of \$863,019.44, Manual Checks in the amount of \$12,500, Gross Payroll in the amount of \$315,399.96 and \$350,694.51; Melanie Fitness Center bills in the amount of \$28,681.01, Gross Payroll in the amount of \$5,423.35 and \$6,633.35, for total payments of \$1,582,351.82.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee House.

Trustee Muhammad referenced his email to Mayor Rogers re petroleum expenditures. Mayor Rogers said that there have been no indications of misuse. In response to the question on p. 6 of the warrant list, Mayor Rogers explained that this item was payment to a law firm for services related to former Police Chief Franklin.

There being no further discussion:

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee House.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Denton, House, Henyard. Muhammad, Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Pierson

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance No. 19-002
Amending Title 3, Chapter 10, of the Dolton Village Code, "Cigarette and Tobacco Dealers"

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 19-002

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

Discussion followed on the effective revocation date of businesses found liable on the third offense.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Denton, House, Henyard. Muhammad, Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Pierson

Motion passed.

- B. Override Mayoral Veto
Ordinance No. 19-003
Amending Water Shut-Offs 7-6-7-2A of the Dolton Village Code

Mayor Rogers read aloud the proposed ordinance. He said that residents are shut-off only after receiving notice, adding that the village does not have an extension to pay its bill to the City of Chicago. Trustee Henyard noted that the ordinance was passed by 6 votes. She added that payments due to Chicago had not been made, and that with offices being closed on Saturday, some residents did not have the opportunity to pay. Mayor Rogers responded that no other community does not shut off on weekends after prior written notice; residents have several weeks to pay after notice. Trustee Stubbs said that there were so many discrepancies and confusion over water bills. Mayor Rogers attributed some of the confusion to interference by the trustees in billing.

- C. Mayoral Veto
Resolution No. 19 R-007
Approving First Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement – BP Capital Corporation

Mayor Rogers read aloud his veto statement to the trustees:

"I hereby veto Resolution No. 19 R-007, "A Resolution Approving First Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement – BP Capital Corporation."

The Village should not be involved in any further matters with BP Capital. Invest in Dolton is a bad deal for the Village.

In addition, it is wrong for the outgoing Board to attempt to bind the incoming Board for some two years. Long term agreements need to be made by the Board which will be responsible for administering and funding any such matters.

"I respectfully request that the Village Board uphold my veto at the next regular Board meeting."

- D. Mayoral Veto
Approval of Insurance Broker/Consultant Agreement with InsureSource

Mayor Rogers read aloud his veto statement to the trustees:

"I hereby veto the action of the Board approving the "Agreement for Professional Services Insurance broker/Consultant Agreement (Cliff Taylor/InsureSource LLC)

This agreement obligates the Village to retain the brokerage services with this firm for another two years.

It is wrong for the outgoing Board to attempt to bind the incoming Board for some two years. Long term agreements need to be made by the Board which will be responsible for administering and funding any such matters.

I respectfully request that the Village Board uphold my veto at the next regular Board meeting."

- E. Approval of Block by Block Program

MOTION TO APPROVE.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

The village clerk asked the village attorney if the current agreement with BP Capital/Invest in Dolton was exclusive. Trustee Henyard objected to recognition of the clerk for comment. Discussion followed on the viability of having multiple programs.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Denton, Henyard. Muhammad, Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 1 Trustee House

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Pierson

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance No. 19-007
Authorizing and Providing for the Issue of its \$1,400,000

Trustee Muhammad said that this should be a decision of the incoming trustees.

MOTION TO TABLE ORDINANCE NO. 19-007.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 3 Trustees Denton, Muhammad, Stubbs

NAYS: 1 Trustee House

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Trustee Henyard, Pierson

Motion passed.

B. Termination of Employee ***-**-7473

Trustee Muhammad said that the board has asked for opportunity to advise and but the mayor has not consulted with the board. In response, Mayor Rogers said that no other municipality requires board advice and consent, but the trustees were fully advised of this situation.

MOTION TO TERMINATE EMPLOYEE.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee House.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 2 Trustees Muhammad, House

NAYS: 2 Trustees Stubbs, Denton

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Trustee Henyard, Pierson

There being a tie vote, Mayor Rogers cast his vote: AYE.

Motion passed.

C. Executive (Closed) Session Minutes

In response to Trustee Muhammad's question, the village clerk advised that the minutes were not ready but she would do her best to complete them for review. Village Attorney Murphey advised that the appropriate procedure is for board members to review the minutes and make a determination in executive session to approve/release each minutes.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Rogers reminded residents of the local general election tomorrow, April 2nd.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Investor asked about 14801 Langley, which has been vacant for the last 14 years.

Mayor Rogers responded that he is working with Sheriff Dart to resume demolition of abandoned houses.

Citizen asked about the flea market this upcoming season.

Mayor Rogers responded that currently the village is busy with licenses and permits but he expects the flea market to begin and end at the former times.

Mrs. Crayton, resident, asked about the bond payment to pay Homewood Disposal.

Ms. Timms, 158th and East End Ave., asked about the status of the current housing inspector and reported further burning at the former landscape center.

Stephanie Fletcher, resident, asked for Mayor Rogers' comments re the trustees' proposed housing programs.

Mayor Rogers in response noted trustees' comments that they have the votes without him. He added that the programs were rolled out too rapidly without research. The mayor has a role to play on which houses to giveaway without a \$ return to the village.

Mrs. Crayton, again, urged the village to correct its water billing systems before moving to monthly billing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee House, second by Trustee Denton, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Mayor Rogers asked for a roll call to adjourn.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Denton, House, Muhammad, and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Henyard and Pierson

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this _____ day of _____, 2019.

RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor