

Village of Dolton
Regular Meeting Board of Trustees
Monday, February 19, 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 6:43 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER** Prayer was led by Elder Crayton

ROLL CALL The following Trustees were present: Deborah M. Denton, Tiffany Henyard, Duane Muhammad, Robert E. Pierson, Jr., and Valeria Stubbs. Trustee Jason House arrived at 6:46 p.m.

Also present: Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan and Public Works Supt. Matt Stacey. Village Attorney John B. Murphey and Village Engineer Ron Smith were absent.

A quorum was present.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Muhammad thanked resident Sandra Wells and her committee for a professionally run trustee candidates forum.

Trustee Muhammad announced that resident applications for street speed bumps are posted on the village website and available at the village clerk's office.

Trustee Pierson announced that the police department was accepting applications for part-time officers. He urged residents to attend the next "Project Connect" meeting at the village hall on Thursday, February 28th, at 7:30 p.m. The trustees' police and fire committee will meet at the village on February 12th.

Trustee Stubbs also thanked the candidates' forum organizers. The next meeting of the Planning Committee is Thursday, February 28th, at 5:30 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The village clerk reported that the minutes of the January 22, 2019 Regular Board Meeting were not yet completed.

B. COMMUNICATIONS

Pursuant to published notice required by statute, there will be a public hearing re a proposed change to the village zoning code prohibiting future beauty supply businesses in the Village of Dolton, on Monday, March 4, 2019, at 6 pm.

ENGINEER'S REPORT No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Human Services

No report.

Planning

No report.

Departmental Operations

No report.

Police and Fire

Trustee Pierson read his report during General Announcements.

Finance

Trustee Muhammad announced that there will be a finance committee meeting on Wednesday, February 27th at 5 pm.

Special Events

Trustee Henyard announced that she anticipates her annual cancer walk for June. Trustee Henyard's village telephone number is 708-297-6859.

CORPORATE BILLS

Trustee Muhammad announced that the warrant lists would be presented at the March 4th board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance No. 19-002
Amending Illegal Cigarettes Section 3-10-9 of the Dolton Village Code

Withdrawn by Trustee Pierson to the next regular board meeting.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 19-003. Motion by Trustee Henyard.

The village clerk advised that there was no ordinance before the board to vote on. Discussion followed between Trustee Henyard and Mayor Rogers, who asked Trustee Henyard to reconsider her proposal. He said that most residents receive the notices that are sent after they are already delinquent three months. Trustee Henyard said that once residents pay their water bills they should not have to wait up to three days for water to be turned on. Mayor Rogers raised employee overtime concerns. Trustee Henyard responded that her proposal has the support of the board.

The ordinance will be on the next regular board meeting agenda for a vote.

- C. Resolution No. 19 R-004
Renaming Chicago Road as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 19 R-004.

Motion by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Henyard.

In response to Trustee Muhammad's question about costs, Mayor Rogers said that public works estimates 12 signs at approximately \$90 each.

Trustee Muhammad suggested that it would have been appropriate to honor the village's first black mayor.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- D. Resolution No. 19 R-005
Designating Parkside Avenue as "Hon. Wayne Adams Way"

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 19 R-005.

Motion by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Pierson.

Mayor Rogers explained again that Parkside runs only between 146th and 147th streets in the village. Signs would cost about \$43 each for approximately four signs.

Trustee Stubbs said upon receiving Mr. Adams' history from his daughter, she is in favor of the designation.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- E. Update on Hearing re Business Selling Illegal Cigarettes

In response to questions by Trustees Muhammad and Pierson, Mayor Rogers said that he had not yet set a date for a hearing to consider revocation of the business license. He said that he expects that he will decide in the next 30 days whether or not to appoint a hearing officer.

- F. Update on Melanie Fitness Center

In response to Trustee Muhammad's question as to why the mayor had not signed off on the contractor's estimate of pool repairs, Mayor Rogers said that pool repairs could have been done several months ago by the in-house maintenance engineer for \$6,000 in costs but the board of trustees eliminated his position mid-project. At Mayor Rogers' request, Director of Administrative Services Janice Johnson joined the meeting to confirm the contractor's invoice at approximately \$47,000. Ms. Johnson also confirmed that language in the contractor's promissory note needed to be changed.

Trustee Muhammad responded that maintenance engineer Scott was not certified to perform the work. Mayor Rogers replied that when Trustee Muhammad had oversight of the center, he had no problem with Scott doing work. Mayor Rogers added that the county inspector was a former village employee who had been released from village employment. He added that certain trustees urge accepting an offer to sell the center for \$350,000 when it has been appraised at \$750,000.

G. Update on "Invest in Dolton"

Trustee Muhammad reported that 14 homes have been released and 6 properties are pending to be released, and cited Judge Condon's commendation of the effort, and the judge's order requiring the village administration to sign off on the transfers.

Village Clerk Duggan said that Judge Condon approved the transfers of properties to the village, but he was not the judge who approved the settlement of the lawsuit filed by Trustees Denton, Muhammad, Pierson, and Stubbs against the mayor, village clerk, and housing director to enforce the BP Capital Agreement.

Trustee Muhammad said that each sale will return \$5,000 after the village raffle (minus \$5,000 each in attorney's fees).

Trustee Henyard announced that the contract with BP Capital is exclusive which prevents other efforts to rehabilitate properties.

Mayor Rogers noted that some of the properties acquired by BP were owned by village residents.

Mayor Rogers added that the village is made a fool trying to pay its bills while giving properties away.

Trustee Stubbs objected to Mayor Rogers' description of the properties acquired by BP Capital as "cream of the crop" and described one property at 149th and Michigan as deplorable.

H. Approval of Block by Block Program

MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSAL AS SUBMITTED.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee House.

Trustee Stubbs advised that the item had been sent to committee at the last board meeting and had not yet been referred by the committee to the board agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Hiring of Three (3) Crossing Guards

Trustee Pierson confirmed Deputy Chief Ernest Mobley's request for four (4) crossing guards, currently needed due to an unexpected resignation. Salary is at \$21,300, under budget.

MOTION TO HIRE FOUR (4) CROSSING GUARDS.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers announced that East-West University in Chicago is offering full scholarships to Dolton residents. For further information, residents should contact the mayor's office at 708-201-3269.

Mayor Rogers reminded residents that there is a primary election on February 26th. Voters should check their polling places as some locations have changed.

In reference to the upcoming zoning hearing to consider prohibiting further beauty supply stores, Mayor Rogers noted that there are only four such businesses in Dolton. Those businesses generate sales tax. Mayor Rogers said that competition among business is good for businesses.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Sandra Wells, resident and of Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS), announced the "Save Your Illinois Homes" initiative. Information is available at the village hall. She also thanked the village trustee candidates who came out to the forum.

Resident asked about the mayor's proposal to bill water once a month and to hire more readers. *Mayor Rogers responded that he had regularly proposed hiring 7 part-time readers.* Resident further said that Sibley Blvd. businesses do not clean up or plow snow on the street. He has photos.

Andrew Holmes, resident and trustee candidate, challenged objections to the 1-800 number card he distributes to report crimes.

Ms. Watson, resident, reported that she had received a water bill of \$2,600 and did not get a straight answer from the village. *Mayor Rogers directed her complaint to Janice Johnson, Director of Administrative Services, for resolution.*

Pat Byrd, resident and village employee, said that current operations software needed to be upgraded before proposed billing changes can take place.

Edward Crayton, resident, asked about liability insurance for the Melanie Fitness Center, and expressed his confusion re BP Capital, and his regret that the board was still not talking to each other.

Jim Davros, resident, urged residents to get someone in who will help the mayor and do what's best for the village.

Kevin Boens, resident and trustee candidate, asked if BP Capital was paying anything for properties outstanding water bills. How would the village benefit? He questioned the conflict of interest by allowing BP Capital's attorney to represent the village in court.

Tammie Brown, resident and trustee candidate, urged identification of other sources of revenues to the village.

Mrs. Crayton, resident, expressed her opposition to the increase in a village tax levy and monthly billing.

Stan Brown, resident, former village trustee, and Dolton Park District Commissioner, objected to the "red card" distributed by trustee candidate Andrew Holmes.

Andrew Holmes, resident, trustee candidate, replied that his 1-800 distribution card is in cooperation with local law enforcement.

Ed Steave, resident and former village media center director, challenged the board to explain how much of the BP Capital agreement revenues go to the village. He said that there is a conflict of interest. He asked why can't the competing programs come together.

Jonah Robinson, JR's Chicken on Sibley Blvd., identified potential revenue sources from local businesses.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

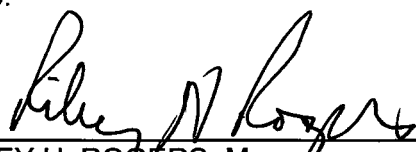
Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 1st day of April, 2019.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor