

Village of Dolton  
Regular Meeting Board of Trustees  
Monday, February 4, 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 6:45 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/  
PRAYER Prayer was led by Trustee Denton.

ROLL CALL The following Trustees were present: Deborah Denton, Tiffany Henyard, Jason House, Duane Muhammad, Robert E. Pierson, Jr., and Valeria Stubbs.

Also, present: Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan, Village Engineer Ronald E. Smith, Police Chief Robert M. Collins, Jr., Fire Chief Brandon Dyer, and Public Works Supt. Matt Stacey.

Village Attorney John B. Murphey arrived at 6:55 p.m.

A quorum was present.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Muhammad advised residents that the red card left in doorways to contact police does not substitute for calling 911.

Trustee Pierson urged residents to call 911 for emergencies and noted DPD chiefs' prior statements that reports to the police departments will remain anonymous.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A. Approval of the Minutes

January 7, 2019 Regular Board Meeting

The village clerk asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 7, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

Motion by Trustee Stubbs. Second by Trustee Pierson.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: 6 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

Nays : 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Motion passed.

B. Communications

The next village board meeting will be on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Village offices will be closed on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Presidents Day.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ron Smith

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) confirmed its grant to the Village of Dolton for \$250,000 for the "Cornell Avenue Green Initiative Project" prepared and submitted by Elizabeth Scott, then chief of staff to Mayor Rogers, in cooperation with Engineer Smith.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Human Services

Trustee Muhammad reported that he purposely did not pay his water bill to see the village response. He said he is working with Kasperek Co. to send a non-payment letter.

Planning

Trustee Henyard read aloud the housing department report for January.

Departmental Operations

Trustee Stubbs read aloud the public works report for January.

Police and Fire – Trustee Pierson

Trustee Pierson read aloud the police and fire department reports for January.

Trustee Henyard commented that the Melanie Fitness Center was supposed to serve as a warming center but was closed for two days last week.

Finance

Trustee Muhammad reported that the Finance Committee met on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Because of new department procedures, police overtime is down \$110,000 from last year. However, fire department overtime is up \$50,000 from last year. The village continues to operate at a \$2.5 million deficit.

At Mayor Rogers' request, Village Attorney Murphey explained that the administration inherited debt from prior years when bonds were issued to pay Homewood Disposal and to pay for the maintenance of the Dorchester.

CORPORATE BILLS

MOTION TO APPROVE CORPORATE PAYMENTS in the amount of \$585,237.69, and Gross Payroll in the amount of \$348,398.00; MELANIE FITNESS CENTER Payments in the amount of \$2,388.49 and gross payroll in the amount of \$1,600.50, for a total of \$937,624.68.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee House.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: 6 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs49

Nays : 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Block by Block Program

Trustee Henyard said that the board had approved the program in October (it had approved a request for proposal (RFP). Trustee Henyard asked for approval of the program outlined in the proposal before the board, noting that whatever may be wrong may be fixed in committee.

MOTION TO APPROVE ABANDONED HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee House.

MOTION TO TABLE.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Stubbs. There being no discussion:

ROLL CALL

Ayes: 3 Trustees Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

Nays : 3

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

There being a tie vote, Mayor Rogers cast his vote: AYE. Motion to table passed.

B. Update on Zoning Hearing re Proposal to Cap the Number of Beauty Supplies Stores in the Village of Dolton

In response to Trustee Henyard's question, Village Attorney Murphey confirmed that a public hearing is required before the board may consider amending its zoning ordinance. Statute requires publication of a notice of public hearing not more than 30 and not less than 15 days before the scheduled hearing. He suggested March 4<sup>th</sup>. There was a consensus to hold the public hearing just prior to the March 4<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting, at which the board would vote on the proposal.

C. Update on Hearing re Businesses Selling Illegal Cigarettes

In response to Trustee Muhammad's request for an update, Attorney Murphey asked if this was the same Marathon station as listed on the evening's agenda for a property tax break. Trustee Muhammad answered no.

Mr. Murphey said that he would let the board know the hearing date this week.

In response to Trustee Pierson's question why the delay, Mayor Rogers said that he has had other matters come before him with now no staff to assist, and he is considering appointing an independent hearing officer. Trustee Pierson noted that the business was cited last July. Trustee Muhammad added that staff has nothing to do with setting a hearing date.

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution No. 19 R-001  
Supporting a Proposed Class 8 Classification for Certain Property Within the Village of Dolton (1421 E. Sibley Blvd.) Marathon Station

Trustee Muhammad said he is withdrawing this item.

- B. Resolution No. 19 R-002  
Supporting a Proposed Class 8 Classification for Certain Property Within the Village of Dolton (733 E. 142<sup>nd</sup> St.) Clark Station Existing Building

Mr. Adams of Sandrick Law Firm appeared for the Clark Station. He explained that 19 R-002 would approve a petition for a property tax reduction for the purchase and reoccupation of the station and that 19 R-003 would approve a petition for a property tax reduction for new construction.

### MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 19 R-002

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Denton.

In response to Trustee Stubbs' question, Mr. Adams confirmed that the sale of the property was contingent upon approval of the property tax reduction. Trustee Pierson noted that the board had turned down other requests from existing businesses. Trustee Stubbs requested that the resolutions be voted on separately.

On the Motion to Approve Resolution No. 19 R-002:

### ROLL CALL

Ayes: 3 Trustees Henyard, House, Muhammad

Nays : 3 Trustees Denton, Pierson, Stubbs

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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

Mayor Rogers noted the recent loss suffered by the owner.

- C. Resolution No. 19 R-003  
Supporting a Proposed Class 8 Classification for Certain Property Within the Village of Dolton (733 E. 142<sup>nd</sup> St.) Clark Station New Construction

### MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 19 R-003.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Pierson.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: 6 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

Nays : 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Motion passed.

- D. Resolution No. 19 R-004  
Renaming Chicago Road as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
- E. Resolution No. 19 R-005  
Designating Parkside Avenue as "Hon. Wayne Adams Way"

MOTION TO TABLE BUSINESS ITEMS D AND E.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Stubbs. There being no discussion:

ROLL CALL

Ayes: 4 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

Nays : 2 Trustees Henyard, House

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Motion passed.

- F. Water Restoration Service by Public Works After Payment of Bill

In response to Trustee Henyard's question, the village clerk confirmed that village ordinance does not provide a timeframe for restoration of service after payment. It is policy.

Trustee Henyard noted that the City of Markham turns water on the same day if the bill is paid by noon, and she suggested the same for Dolton. Mayor Rogers asked if she had considered overtime costs, noting that there is already a proposal to send out a notice when a bill is not paid when due. Trustee Henyard said that residents who pay on Friday wait until Monday and 48 hours is too long. Mayor Rogers noted that the village had nine water breaks last month, and that public works is down from 26 workers to 16. Trustee House recommended obtaining feedback from Supt. Stacey and then set realistic expectations. Trustees Pierson and Muhammad said that they agreed with not cutting off water on Fridays. Trustee Stubbs noted that there are over 60 names on the current shut-off list, and residents have opportunities to make payment arrangements. She agrees with minimizing the wait window but noted the lack of manpower.

Trustee Henyard said she would be bringing an ordinance for a vote.

- G. Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Firefighters

Attorney Murphey explained that the agreement provides for 0% wage increase for 2017-18; 2 1/2% increase for 2018-19; and 2 1/2% for 2019-2020. He was hopeful that the (Fraternal Order of Police) FOP would agree to the same.

MOTION TO APPROVE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Muhammad. There being no further discussion:

ROLL CALL

Ayes: 6 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs49  
Nays : 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion passed.

H. Approval of Settlement Agreement *Norman v. Village of Dolton, et al.*

Attorney Murphey referenced his memo to the board regarding this pending litigation. The defendant sought \$100,000; the agreement provides for settlement at \$20,000.

MOTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Stubbs. There being no further discussion:

ROLL CALL

Ayes: 6 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs49  
Nays : 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers noted last week's terrible weather, with 9 water main breaks so far in 2019, which adds to village costs.

Mayor Rogers said that he knows how to get the village out of debt. The village could sell 200 of the vacant properties at \$20,000 instead of giving them away.

Mayor Rogers characterized the board's refusal to rename Chicago Road in honor of Dr. King and to rename the two blocks of Parkside Ave. in honor of Wayne Adams as political, and recounted Wayne and Grace Adams' service to the village.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

AJ Burse, resident, and trustee candidate, asked why the board tabled renaming the streets as proposed.

*Trustee Muhammad responded that the mayor had not discussed the proposals with the trustees. Trustee Stubbs responded that she was concerned about the costs of the street signs.*

Sandra Wells, resident, announced a forum for trustee candidates this coming Saturday by the "Concerned Citizens of Dolton."

Kevin Boens, resident and trustee candidate, asked Trustee Henyard to explain the difference between her proposal and the BP Capital program, which appears to present a conflict of interest by the trustees who voted for it.

*Trustee Henyard said that she had included the people and provided for homeowners in addition to investors.*

Stan Brown, resident, former trustee and trustee candidate, suggested a town hall meeting re the proposal for monthly water billing. He questioned the closing of the Melanie Fitness Center the past Wednesday and Thursday, and further commented on the door to door distribution of the "red cards" as misleading.

*Mayor Rogers responded that similar cards were passed out when Mr. Brown was a trustee candidate on Mayor Rogers' slate in 2013.)*

Mrs. Crayton, resident, asked about the various references to monies owed by the village.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Henyard, second by Trustee Stubbs, 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

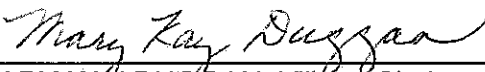
NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

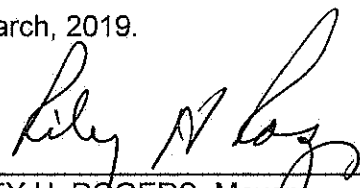
ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

  
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MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

  
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RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor