

Village of Dolton  
Regular Meeting Board of Trustees  
Monday, January 22, 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 6:48 p.m.

PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE/  
PRAYER

Prayer was led by Elder Crayton.

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 Engineer Ronald E. Smith, Police Chief Robert M. Collins, Jr., Fire Chief Brandon Dyer. and Public Works Supt. Matt Stacey. Deputy Clerk Denise Fields was present on behalf of the village clerk.

Absent: Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan and Village Attorney John B. Murphey.

A quorum was present.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Raul Castaneda, Everett's Restaurant  
For a liquor license to allow video gaming.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ron Smith summarized his written report re a grant opportunity: Metropolitan Mayors Caucus with ComEd Powering Safe Communities Grant Program (*Powering Safe Communities*); and an update on PACE Bus Ad Shelters at Chicago Rd. and Sibley Blvd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Human Services – Trustee Muhammad

Trustee Muhammad announced various employment opportunities listed on the village's website (vodolton.org).

Planning – Trustee Henyard

Trustee Henyard announced her "Block by Block" Program.

Departmental Operations – Trustee Stubbs

No report.

Police and Fire – Trustee Pierson

Trustee Pierson commented that a red card is being handed out with a number to call for an emergency. He said it should not be confused with calling 911.

Finance – Trustee Muhammad

Trustee Muhammad announced the Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 5 p.m.

Special Events – Trustee Henyard  
No report.

## OLD BUSINESS

MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH KASPEREK CO. AS PROPOSED.

Ms. Stephanie Blanco of Kasperek. Co. was present to provide an overview of the current proposal.

Trustee House expressed his appreciation to former Finance Director Yvonne Redmond for her assistance in this transition.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT AT \$11,500 PER MONTH FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH, and APRIL, 2019.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

### ROLL CALL

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

Nays : 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Motion passed.

### B. Update on Businesses Selling Illegal Cigarettes

In response to Trustee Muhammad's inquiry, Mayor Rogers advised that a hearing date re the license for the business at issue had not been set. Trustee Muhammad said that this item will be placed on the next meeting agenda, as a date is needed for the hearing.

### C. Update on Speed Bump Program

Trustee Muhammad announced that the application for speed bumps was available and asked that the village clerk put the application on the website.

### D. Village Administrator Position

Trustee House recommended that the board determine a salary for the position before posting.

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. Refund to Mr. Cleo Jones

Trustee Pierson said that he felt that the water shut-off and subsequent fine for illegal turn-on to the residence of Park Board President Cleo Jones was wrong. Trustees Muhammad and Stubbs accompanied Mr. Jones to court, and they told Trustee Pierson that of the six people in court that day, only Mr. Jones was found liable. His fine was reduced from \$1,500 to \$250. Trustee Pierson said that he believed Mayor Rogers influenced the hearing officer. Trustee Pierson added that while he had placed a refund to Mr. Jones on the agenda, he was

withdrawing that request on the advice of the village attorney, who had sent a memo to the mayor and trustees advising against setting such a precedent.

Mayor Rogers read aloud the attorney's memo. Mayor Rogers noted Trustee Pierson's allegation against the hearing officer, and he said that Mr. Jones has the right to appeal to the Markham courthouse.

B. ADA Compliant Restroom at Village Hall

Trustee Pierson said that the village is in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements for accessible restrooms. Discussion followed re installing an elevator to the restrooms and obtaining proposals for an elevator/restroom.

C. Discussion of the Number of Beauty Supplies Stores in the Village of Dolton

Trustee Henyard listed the beauty supplies stores currently in business in the village and said that was sufficient. Trustee Muhammad referred to the village attorney's memo to the mayor and trustees stating that a public hearing would be required before the zoning ordinance could be changed. Mayor Rogers questioned the potential loss of sales tax. There was a consensus of the trustees to move forward with the public hearing.

D. Ordinance Permitting Elected Officials to Enter onto Village Property

Trustee Henyard reported that she has been denied access to the water department. She said that as elected officials the trustees should have total access. Mayor Rogers said that employees have reported to him that trustees are interfering with serving customers. Trustees Pierson and Stubbs questioned the mayor's assertion. Mayor Rogers said that he would clarify the employees' understanding.

E. Request for Proposals (RFP) for Cleaning/Detailing Village-Owned Vehicles

In response to Trustee Henyard's question, Chief Collins and Mayor Rogers confirmed that the current arrangement without a contract was cost effective. Chief Collins said that the police department had reviewed all local car washes and that there is no car wash in Dolton that provides the automatic services the department requires. Trustee House said that he prefers to defer to the judgement of department heads in matters directly affecting them, but would agree to an RFP. There was a consensus of all trustees to move forward with an RFP.

F. Reading of Residential and Commercial Water Bills and Inactive Bills

Trustee Stubbs that that she had obtained lists of delinquent water bills in the village from the water department, adding that she regularly visits with the water department personnel to find out what is happening so that she can bring it to her committee.

Trustee Stubbs announced a Departmental Operations Committee meeting to address water readings on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 5 p.m.

Discussion followed on a business that owes the village more than \$20,000 in water bills. Supt. Stacey confirmed that he met with Trustee Stubbs and advised that public works is unable to access the gated property and would have to get permission from another property owner to access the water main.

Mayor Rogers said that he had discussed the matter with Calumet City Plumbing and was advised that service on that portion of the main would be discontinued while the work is being done. Discussion followed on why service for some is discontinued and service for others is not.

G. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request

Trustee Stubbs criticized the village clerk for taking eight (8) days to comply with her Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request filed on December 27<sup>th</sup>.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Sabrina Smith, resident and former trustee, urged the board to cap the number of liquor stores and gaming places.

*(Trustee Henyard noted that there is a limit on current liquor licenses.)*

Cleo Jones, resident and Dolton Park District President, asked who appoints the adjudicator at ticket hearings.

*(Trustee Stubbs said the mayor appoints the adjudicator.)*

Cheryl Hill, resident, objected to notation on her estimated reading card re excessive billing.

Alfred "AJ" Burse, resident, asked about Jen-Care coming to Dolton; plans for the youth center, and how residents may help this board to move forward.

Sandra Wells, asked about the status of the illegal cigarette sales court date.

Chief Collins explained the ticket process. DPD has nothing to do with the hearing revocation process.

Felita Crayton, resident, urged everyone to expect each other.

Edward Crayton, resident, asked what is the village plan short and long term?

Ed Steave, resident and trustee candidate, said that the village looks terrible to the world.

Beth McBride, resident, said that she is reaching out to her friends to prayer for her and the Village of Dolton.

ADJOURNMENT

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

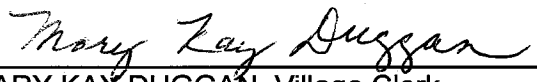
NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

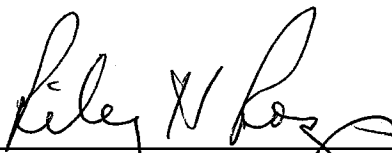
ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

  
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MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

  
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RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor