

Village of Dolton
Regular Meeting Board of Trustees
Monday, March 18, 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 6:41 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER

Prayer was led by Fire Deputy Chief Don Rush.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION

Angi Graham, Fire Recovery USA, summarized her company's services in recovering costs for fire department services.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Muhammad announced that applications for speed bumps are on the village website at vodolton.org/Departments.

Trustee House announced that residents and businesses are invited to the Dolton of Chamber Commerce meeting on March 20th from 12-1:30 p.m. at the Village Cafe.

Police Chief Collins clarified that applications for speed bumps will be reviewed and evaluated by need.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

- A. Approval of the Minutes
February 4, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

The village clerk asked for a motion to approve.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2019.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Denton, House, Muhammad, Pierson and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Henyard

Motion passed.

- B. COMMUNICATIONS None

ENGINEER'S REPORT None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Human Services

No report.

Planning

No report.

Departmental Operations

No report.

Police and Fire

Trustee Pierson encourage residents to attend the police department's next "Project Connect" meeting at 7:30 p.m. on March 28th at the village hall.

Finance

Trustee Muhammad read aloud his letter to village finance partners re the current state of village finances, and recommendations.

Special Events

No report.

CORPORATE BILLS None.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Promotion to Lieutenant Dolton Fire Department – Steven "Pete" McCain

The village clerk administered the oath of office at the beginning of the board meeting after the pledge of allegiance.

B. EMS and Fire Recovery Revenue

Lt. McCain followed-up on the presentation of Ms. Graham of Fire Recovery USA: The village may recover up to \$1.2 million per year in fees with its own ambulance service. Mayor Rogers asked if the village was being asked to "put the cart before the horse," noting that the ambulance donated to the village is not ready and additional personnel would be required. Lt. McCain responded that the department is asking for a consensus to move forward with Fire Recovery to move forward on village-owned EMS services. Mayors Rogers said that he needs to see a proposed contract. Village Attorney Murphey advised that the contract with Daley's Ambulance is exclusive, but added that it appears the board is in favor of moving forward with the proposal.

C. Hiring of Three (3) Firefighters from the Current Eligibility List

At the request of Trustee Pierson, this item was pulled from the agenda.

D. Approval of Wage Rollover Agreement for 2019-2020 with FOP Labor Council

Village Attorney Murphey summarized the agreement provisions. There being no discussion:

MOTION TO APPROVE WAGE ROLLOVER AGREEMENT.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee House.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Denton, House, Muhammad, Pierson and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Henyard

Motion passed.

E. Ordinance No. 19-002

Amending Section 3-10-9 of the Dolton Village Code with Respect to Violations and Penalties, Tobacco Sales Licenses

Trustee Pierson said that he proposed the ordinance changes to stop gas stations from selling "loosies" and out-of-state cigarettes. Village Attorney Murphy pointed out that the proposal calls for a hearing at a board meeting, which contradicts his recommendation. He requested the item be deferred to the next meeting.

MOTION TO TABLE ORDINANCE NO. 19-002 TO NEXT MEETING.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 1 Trustee Pierson

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Henyard

Motion passed.

F. Mayoral Veto

Ordinance No. 19-003 Amending Water Shut-Offs

Mayor Rogers read aloud his written veto message:

"I hereby veto Ordinance No. 19-003, "An Ordinance Amending Section 7-6-7-2A of the Village of Dolton Village Code To Prohibit Water Shut-Offs on Friday."

Customers who are subject to shut-off have been delinquent for several months. There is no reasonable basis to limit shut-offs on Friday. The effect of this Ordinance will be to deprive our water fund of needed revenues. More importantly, it will punish our citizens who pay their water bills on time, because they will be forced to subsidize some delinquent customers. We need to continue with efforts to increase water revenue, and reducing collection efforts will not help.

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

- G. Ordinance No. 19-004
Amending the Dolton Village Code by Adding the Following Section 10-6-4 "Beauty Supply Stores Prohibited"

At the request of Trustee Henyard, this item was pulled from the agenda.

- H. Ordinance No. 19-005
Authorizing the Placement of Special Signage at Certain Intersections

Trustee Pierson recommended the adoption of certain size warning signs where red light cameras are active.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 19-005.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee House.

Mayor Rogers advised residents that in coming to a stop, the vehicle should cease any movement to avoid liability.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Denton, House, Muhammad, Pierson and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Henyard

Motion passed.

- I. Ordinance No. 19-006
Amending Section 3-3-7 of the Dolton Village Code to Add a Class D Liquor License (Everett's Restaurant, 15360 Chicago Rd.)

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 19-006.

Motion by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Denton.

Trustee House said that initially he was not in favor of the proposal, but explained that the purpose is to add a few gaming machines. Raul Castaneda of Everett's explained that he does not want a liquor license, but that state law requires a liquor license to have gaming machines. He will serve beer and wine only at \$12 a glass. Gaming access will be limited to those ages 21 and over. He noted his contributions to the Dolton community, including staying open as a warming center and feeding the homeless during frigid days this past winter.

Mayor Rogers added that the board has to look at the revenue the village is missing out on, and urged members to look at the Illinois website to see what other municipalities are receiving.

There being no further discussion:

ROLL CALL

AYES: 1 Trustee House

NAYS: 4 Trustees Denton, Muhammad, Pierson, and Stubbs

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Henyard

Motion failed.

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

At Trustee Stubbs' request, Mr. Nick Petrowski on behalf of the trustees' Legislative Counsel, summarized the amendment's provisions. BP Capital agrees to pay back the village the \$30,000 it had been paid to allow the "Invest in Dolton" program to go forward.

Trustee Stubbs confirmed at Mayor Rogers' request that these properties are pursuant to the "Invest in Dolton" program for six acquired properties. BP Capital has acquired 38 additional Dolton properties to date.

MOTION TO TABLE ORDINANCE NO. 19-007.

Motion by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Denton.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 2 Trustees House, Denton
NAYS: 3 Trustees Muhammad, Stubbs, Pierson
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Trustee Henyard
Motion failed.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 19-007.

Motion by Trustee Stubbs. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 3 Trustees Muhammad, Pierson and Stubbs
NAYS: 1 Trustee House
ABSTAIN: 1 Trustee Denton
ABSENT: 1 Trustee Henyard
Motion passed.

- K. Approval of Insurance Broker/Consultant Agreement with InsureSource LLC

Trustee Stubbs introduced Mr. Cliff Taylor of InsureSource.

Mayor Rogers said that this is another example of certain trustees taking care of their own, noting that the agreement provides for \$100,000 payment by the village to InsureSource if the village terminates the contract before March of 2021.

Trustee House said that Mr. Taylor has done a solid job but it is too early to renew.

MOTION TO APPROVE INSURANCE BROKER/CONSULTANT AGREEMENT.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Denton, Muhammad, Pierson and Stubbs
NAYS: 1 Trustee House
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Trustee Henyard
Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers introduced the trustees-elect who will be sworn in on May 6th

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Andrew Holmes, trustee-elect, said that there should be an investigation into the agreement(s) with BP Capital.

Kevin Boens, resident, objected to the impositions of penalties for termination of contracts.

Raul Castenada, owner of *Everett's*, protested the trustees' rejection of Ord. No. 19-006, adding that he had video and audio of meetings with certain trustees. He further intends to sue based on the racially-charged comment he heard this evening.

Jonah Robinson of JR's, invited businesses and residents to the Dolton Chamber of Commerce meeting at Village Café from 12-1:20 p.m. on March 20th. Fee \$10.

Stan Brown, resident, announced that Thornton Township's ZAP program is hiring youths ages 16-25. Applicants may apply online.

Georgia Williams, resident, reminded the trustees of the man who had reported to the trustees that he had lost \$80k to BP Capital.

Barbara Morris, resident, asked if there was a plan to hire more meter readers. At estimated water bills of 10 units per quarter, the village will never catch up. The mayor needs to set a policy for payment plans.

Sandra Wells, resident, and Neighborhood Homes Services representative, encouraged residents to pursue the "Save Your Illinois Home." She said that Residents have made it clear they don't want BP.

AJ Burse, resident, announced a community job fair sponsored by Cook County Commissioner Stanley Moore on April 16th.

Felita Crayton, resident, invited residents to the H.S. District 205 Second Annual Community Engagement. She further asked about the two different BP programs.

Ed Steave, resident and trustee-elect, objected to the trustees' approval of the BP program, because BP has sponsored two separate programs: Invest in Dolton and BP Capital acquisition.

Diane Lofton, resident, questioned the exclusivity of the BP agreement. She added that Riverdale has expanded gaming. She further announced that "Concerned Citizens of Dolton" are moving forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purpose of discussing discipline of certain employees and pending litigation.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 1 Trustee Pierson

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0 Trustee Pierson

Motion passed.

The Board of Trustees entered into executive session at 9:52 p.m. and returned at 10:12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Stubbs, 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 10:13 p.m.

MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

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

RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor