

Village of Dolton
Regular Meeting Board of Trustees
Monday, March 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 6:43 p.m. prior to a public hearing duly noticed regarding a proposed zoning change at 6 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER**

Prayer was led by Janice Johnson, Director of Administrative Services.

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 Attorney John B. Murphey, Engineer Ronald E. Smith, and department heads.

A quorum was present.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Muhammad cited the recent primary election at which only 2,671 of 17,000 registered voters voted. He expressed his thanks to the voters, who have spoken. He further cited concerns over the future of the Melanie Center and urged the new administration to let Kasperek Co. do its job.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

- A. Approval of the Minutes
January 22, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

The village clerk asked for a motion to approve.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2019.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- B. **COMMUNICATIONS**

The general election for local elected officials is April 2nd. While the trustee candidates who were chosen in the Democratic Primary on February 26th are unopposed, candidates for other local districts such as school, park, and library are on the April 2nd ballot.

Trustee Henyard noted that the village clerk had not announced the referenda results: All three referenda questions passed re term limits for the mayor and village clerk, balanced budgeting, and increasing water rates

Village Clerk Duggan clarified that the first question proposed by the Board of Trustees imposing limits for the mayor and village clerk was binding, but the second and third questions proposed by the trustees were advisory only, meaning that the trustees are free to follow or disregard.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ron Smith outlined the application timeline for the 2019 Cook County Community Development Block Grant pursuant to his written report. He added that the county will do a "CMAP" street pavement analysis of the village at no cost.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Human Services

Trustee Muhammad read aloud the payment center report for February: Total water collections of \$536,858.36 and other collections of \$298,354.90.

Planning

Trustee Stubbs read aloud the housing department report for February, listing 401 transactions and total revenue collected of \$69,106.50.

The committee will meet this Thursday and again next month.

Departmental Operations

Trustee Stubbs read aloud the public works report, which identified nine water main breaks in February.

Police and Fire

Trustee Pierson reported fire department statistics for February, 2019. Chief Dyer said that he will be asking for three (3) additional firefighters. In response to the mayor's question, the chief answered that this measure should be able to save the village over \$1.5 million in overtime.

Trustee Pierson extended his congratulations to the trustees-elect and wished them good luck.

Finance

Trustee Muhammad expressed his concerns re revenue collected to date and costs for the Melanie Fitness Center, and increased overtime for the fire department. He reminded department heads to stay within budget. Kasperek Co. has advised that budget procedures need an overhaul. The Finance Committee will continue to meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m.

Special Events

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

CORPORATE BILLS

MOTION TO APPROVE CORPORATE PAYMENTS in the amount of \$713,368.56; Gross Payroll as of 02/15/19 in the amount of \$406,535.00, and Gross Payroll as of 03/01/19 in the amount of \$330,049.80; MELANIE FITNESS CENTER Payments in the amount of \$6,272.68; including Gross Payroll \$6,981.91 as of 02/15/19 and \$5,193.09 as of 03/01/19, for TOTAL CORPORATE PAYMENTS of \$1,468,401.04.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

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

This item was withdrawn by Trustee Pierson.

- 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. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

Trustee Henyard said that the proposed ordinance would prohibit water shut-offs on Fridays. Mayor Rogers pointed out that trustees have said that the village finances are in dire straights, and by the time water is shut-off payment is already three months overdue. Dolton has one of the lowest water rates and an aging infrastructure. Trustee Henyard responded that people make mistakes and fall on hard times. When they pay to have service restored, they should not have to wait up to three days. Mayor Rogers noted that residents can enter into payment plans. Trustee Henyard said that residents should have their service restored that day if they pay by noon. Mayor Rogers said that would incur additional overtime costs.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- C. Status of Hearing re Business Selling Illegal Cigarettes

In response to Trustee Muhammad's question, Village Attorney Murphey said that a 28-day hearing notice had been sent to the business.

D. Status of Melanie Fitness Center Repairs

Director of Administrative Services Janice Johnson confirmed that she had just received the proposed promissory note with corrected language. Trustee Muhammad asked Mayor Rogers if he will sign it. Mayor Rogers questioned whether Trustee Muhammad wants him to sign it after Trustee Muhammad's earlier comments on village losses. Trustee Muhammad asked again if the mayor will sign it. Mayor Rogers said that he had not seen it yet.

E. Status of Stop Sign Greenwood Rd. at Woodlawn Ave.

Public Works Supt. Matt Stacey said that he is waiting to hear back from IDOT regarding the closeness of the location to the 154th St. stop light. Mayor Rogers said that it is difficult to come out onto Greenwood from Woodlawn, but acknowledged that northbound traffic may affect the 154th St. intersection. Trustee Muhammad said that it is difficult to see to the left and right coming onto Greenwood.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 19 R-006

Authorizing the Village of Dolton Participation in the 2019 Program Year Cook County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Village Engineer Smith had outlined this item in his report.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 19 R-006.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

B. Hiring of Patrol Officer

Chief Collins explained that he was looking for a lateral hire who had already undergone training.

MOTION TO HIRE POLICE OFFICER PART TIME LATERAL HIRING.

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.

C. Signage for Red Light Cameras

Trustee Pierson deferred his item to the next meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers announced that the new board of trustees will be sworn in on May 6th and acknowledged the trustees-elect. Mayor Rogers said that he plans on an aggressive agenda moving forward:

50/20 Summer Youth Employment Program;
Dolton Sentinel newspaper;
Possible increase in user fees;
Re-open Fire Station No. 2;
Assess staffing re services; and
Amend budget.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

AJ Burse, resident, announced that scholarships are available at ILBCF.org (Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Foundation). He also asked about the status of the village's comprehensive plan.

Barbara Nelson, resident, asked about the trash behind the "Expo Lot."

Mayor Rogers replied that Public Works deposits mulch from tree grinding there but anything else is illegal dumping.

Detective Darryl Hope expressed his gratitude for the support he received after his injuries.

Resident at 15222 Chicago Rd. asked about potholes behind her apartment building.

Mayor Rogers responded that when weather permits that area and also on 153rd St. will be "cold-patched."

Minister Deborah White, resident, cited First Corinthians, 22:16, saying that Mayor Rogers had been deceptive in speaking about her, and challenged the mayor to bring forth accusers.

ADJOURNMENT

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

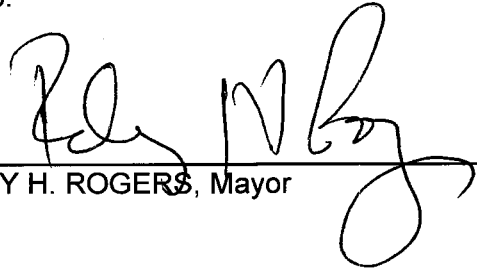
Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 15th day of April, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Riley H. Rogers", written over a horizontal line.

RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor