

Village of Dolton
Board of Trustees Meeting of the Committee of the Whole
Monday, June 17, 2019

CALL TO ORDER In the absence of Mayor Riley H. Rogers, Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan called the Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at the new village hall at 6:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL The following trustees were present: Tammie Brown, Deborah Denton, Tiffany Henyard, Andrew Holmes, Jason House, and Edward Steave.

Also, present: Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan. Village Attorney John B. Murphey and Village Engineer Ronald E. Smith were absent.

A quorum was present.

The Village Clerk asked for a motion to appoint a mayor pro tem to chair the meeting.

MOTION TO APPOINT TRUSTEE HOUSE AS MAYOR PRO TEM.

Motion by Trustee Steave. Second by Trustee Holmes. There being no discussion:

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Holmes, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

Trustee House assumed the mayor's chair.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER**

Prayer was led by Elder Crayton.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE - POLICE DEPARTMENT

The village clerk administered the oath of office for police sergeant to Det. Marlon Harris.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leslie Phemister of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Assn. (SSMMA) announced an award of more than \$19 million by the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Dolton Junction Interlocking Project to ease freight congestion in the area.

Trustee Henyard announced the "Taste for the Homeless" event at Dolton Park's main park on June 22nd.

The village clerk advised that Illinois Thunder Girls Basketball has requested two alternate dates in substitute of its initial request for a tag day. The village clerk suggested the requested date of July 6th, as the board had approved IHUSTLE Basketball's request for the upcoming weekend, and further requests are expected for later in the summer. There was a consensus of all trustees to approve the July 6th date.

Trustee House announced that he will be sponsoring a July 4th picnic from 12-3 p.m.

Trustee House further acknowledged the loss to the Rogers family upon the recent passing of the mayor's brother.

Trustee Holmes announced that there would be a drone technology demonstration at the Dolton Park District on Saturday, June 29th, from 11 am to 1 pm.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Resolution No. 19 R-010
"Authorizing the Reimbursement of Administrative Fees to the General Corporate Fund from the TIF #3 Indulux Fund which will Result in a Net Decrease of Funds Owed by the General Fund to TIF #3"

Trustee House explained that this item had been tabled from the last regular board meeting. It is reworded to more accurately reflect that this is a reimbursement to the village. There was a consensus of all of the trustees to move this item forward.

2. Ordinance No. 19-014
Amending Section 4-4-2 of the Dolton Village Code "Nuisances Defined": To Define as a Nuisance and to Prohibit Outdoor Automobile Repair in Certain Areas

Trustee House said that he is proposing this ordinance in response to resident complaints of non-licensed auto repair businesses operating out of homes. Trustee Denton asked if the prohibition would include auto repairs in residential driveways. Trustee Holmes expressed concern about infringing on private property rights.

The village clerk was recognized to advise that village ordinances provide for tickets for nuisances affecting the public, including driveways and parkways.

Trustee Holmes suggested that the board revisit. Trustee Steave agreed and suggested that alleys be included in the discussion.

The consensus of all trustees was to defer the item to committee.

3. Rescinding Ordinance No. 19-003 Prohibiting Water Shut-Offs on Friday

Trustee Steave explained that residents who are more than 6 months behind on their water bills receive a notice to pay within 20 days, and then receive a 10-day shut off notice. By then no payment has been made for 8 months.

Trustee Henyard responded that the water department has a "ton of issues" and the department needs to be fixed.

Trustee House acknowledged the challenges to the water department, and said that one additional day before a shut off should not make a difference.

Trustee Denton said that residents need water over the weekend.

Trustee Steave said again that this means that residents who do not pay their bill in January will not be subject to cut off until August. He said that he agreed with the mayor that the village must hire additional water meter readers. He later added that 6 months is "one heck of a grace period" especially since residents are made aware of payment plan options.

Trustee Henyard said that her issue is that if residents water is shut-off on Friday, they have to wait until Monday to get on the turn-on list.

Trustee Tammie Brown suggested trustees find out how many residents have taken advantage of the opportunity to enter into payment plans.

Trustee Henyard noted that the most recent water bills were sent out late.

Village Administrator Elizabeth Scott was recognized and answered that she and Janice Johnson, Director of Administrative Services, confirmed that the previous supervisor did not send out the water bills as scheduled.

Trustee Henyard presented a water bill from a resident for \$388,000,000.

The village clerk asked for and received confirmation by Trustee Henyard of that amount.

Trustee Brown asked that the proposal be tabled for further investigation. Trustees Holmes and Steave agreed. Trustees Denton, Henyard, and House said they were against restoring Friday shut-offs. The village clerk suggested the item be referred to the public works committee.

4. Update on Fire Station No. 2

Trustee Henyard said that she has received reports from residents that they cannot get insurance because they are not protected since fire station no. 2 has been closed.

Mayor pro tem House recognized Fire Chief Dyer, who reported that station no. 2 has been open as of June 1st.

Chief Dyer read an account of the remediation and repairs corrected at station no. 2.

Trustee Holmes commented that it is all about safety. He urged residents to visit station no. 2 and take a look.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Cheryl Hill, resident, addressed the "tree trash mountain" on 142nd St., and the dumping at the "house before the curve." The garage is also falling.

Mr. Crayton, resident, spoke in favor of keeping the water shut-off moratorium on Friday to "extend one more day of benevolence."

Brenda Thomas, 500 block Jefferson, complained about the undesirable smell, noise, and activities at the former Riverdale Body Shop. Resident also expressed her appreciation to the Dolton Fire Department for its assistance.

Trina Downs, resident, objected to the proposal to reinstate Friday water shut-offs, and urged residents to take another look at the water department.

Resident asked board members to identify the three most important issues facing the village, and also their accomplishments.

The village clerk was recognized to remind everyone that citizens' address is not a question and answer session. Board members who ask to respond and are recognized may do so; otherwise the board may address the questions asked as part of discussion of the agenda items.

Trustee Henyard was recognized to respond: She identified crime, the water department and corruption as the most important issues facing the village. In response to another resident's call-out on her most important accomplishments: She said she fights for the residents. She fights to lower the water bills and did not vote to raise taxes or fees.

Barbara Parker, resident, asked why residents are receiving an estimated water bill when they have outside meters?

Trustee House asked resident to speak with Ms. Johnson about her bill.

AJ Burse, resident, asked about the challenges in the water department.

Trustee House, responding, identified the lack of automatic meter readings for many households, quarterly billing, late billing, and employee failure requiring internal discipline measures.

Kevin Boens, resident, asked why the village would pursue shutoffs if there are problems with water department billing? He said that the issue is accountability.

Trustee House said that the issues would be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole meeting on June 17th.

Duane Muhammad, former trustee and resident, urged residents to visit www.warehouse.illinoiscomptroller.com to view the village's \$1.4m balance. He objected again to the village shutting off his water without notice.

Mrs. Crayton, resident, asked about the extension of the proposed auto repair prohibitions to driveways and alleys. In regard to water shut offs, she asked the board to remember that people have hardships.

Sandra Wells, resident, urged a new comprehensive plan not just for the water department but for the village. She said that she sent a shell of a plan and hasn't heard back.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Trustees Brown, Denton, Henyard, Holmes, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

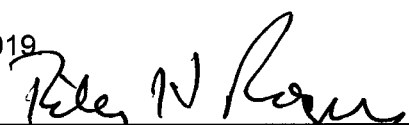
ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.


MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

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


RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor