

Village of Dolton  
Special Meeting Board of Trustees  
Tuesday, August 27, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to notice duly posted, Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the New Village Hall at 5:38 pm.

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

Also present: John B. Murphey, Village Attorney, Ron Smith, Village Engineer, Village Administrator Elizabeth Scott, and Director of Administrative Services Janice Johnson as recording secretary, and department heads.

Absent: Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan. Janice Johnson, Director of Administrative Services, was recording secretary.

A quorum was present.

Mayor Rogers recognized Trustee Henyard to announce upcoming events Trustee Henyard is sponsoring:

Stop the Violence March at Food 4 Less September 22<sup>nd</sup>; and Candlelight Vigil at Food 4 Less August 29<sup>th</sup>.

CITIZENS  
ADDRESS

Limited to the Business of the Special Meeting

Derrick Jones, 12-year resident, said that this mayor has ridden the villages of thugs in his neighborhood. Gang members recently sprayed his fence with graffiti. The mayor acted shortly afterward to rid the neighborhood again.

Cheryl Hill, resident, complained about vehicle noise so loud to set off car alarms, reported a shooting of a young man on her block; he had a criminal record and is threatening the block.

*Acting Chief Mobley asked Ms. Hill to see him after the meeting. Mayor Rogers added that despite the officers' efforts the courts do not always follow through. Trustee Holmes added that signing a complaint is not enough and the resident must come to court.*

Pat Byrd, resident, urged residents to monitor the activities of their teenagers. She further urged residents to be proactive in knowing their neighbors and clearing properties to allow lighting.

*Mayor Rogers added that he is responding to calls for increased police response.*

Valeria Stubbs, resident and former trustee, asked if whether the \$2 million grant for police hiring is regular or a one-time thing.

*Mayor Rogers answered that for now the grant is one-time only.*

Felita Crayton, resident, asked about the budget surplus and/or deficit. She further commended the mayor and board for closing down the Marathon station on Sibley.

Diane Lofton, resident, urged residents to be vigilant on their blocks.

Resident, 146<sup>th</sup> & Dorchester, reported repeated calls to police re speeding and dumping by a young man on her block with no supervision because his mother worked.

Stephanie Fletcher, resident, 151<sup>st</sup> & Irving, complained that she has called numerous times re a down tree and overgrown weeds and bushes in her alley.

*Mayor Rogers said the issue would be addressed tomorrow, and noted the number of tickets issued and complaints received as a result for not maintaining alley property.*

*Mayor Rogers further addressed that recent shootings would not have happened without vehicle transport. The police must stop these cars through valid traffic stops.*

Resident asked how businesses are selected to come to Dolton and complained of the quality of businesses.

*Mayor Rogers responded at length, noting that previous boards have not encouraged incentives to desirable businesses and have created a hostile environment for incoming businesses. He added that the 20+ lawsuits against the village inherited by the administration impair moving forward.*

## OLD BUSINESS

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. Award of Bid for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) #1806-009 Street Resurfacing

Meadow Lane 152<sup>nd</sup> to 154<sup>th</sup>  
Dorchester Sibley to 154<sup>th</sup>; Dorchester 154<sup>th</sup> to 156<sup>th</sup>  
157<sup>th</sup> 40 feet north of cul-de-sac to East End  
158<sup>th</sup> Greenwood to MadisonV  
156<sup>th</sup> & Ellis

Village Engineer Ron Smith summarized his written report that pursuant to the published bidding process and bid opening, the village received two (2) bids in accordance with requirements as follows:

K-Five Construction \$394,394.00  
D Construction \$309,375.30.

Upon review, the village engineer recommended acceptance of the bid by D Construction.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT BID BY D CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$309,375.30**

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

### ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

B. Discussion of Need to Hire Additional Police Officers and Funding Options

Mayor Rogers said that he is requesting hiring a total of 20 police officers in the current crisis the village faces. The board had previously approved hiring of five full-time officers, which has not been completed. Mayor Rogers said he has reached out to the village's state representatives and also to Congresswoman Kelly, who put the village in contact with the Department of Justice for up to \$2 million in funding. Also, the Cook County Sheriff's police has provided intelligence and resources re identified trouble spots.

Mayor Rogers recognized Acting Chief Ernest Mobley who reported the departure of 15 officers since 2016. Two of the proposed replacement officers would be assigned to traffic, four to two tactical units, two truck enforcement, and the remaining to patrol increasing patrol from three to five per shift. These additional officers would be able to respond otherwise as needed until assisting agencies may arrive.

Chief Mobley further noted that five of the departing officers included command rank. The village hired a total of three officers from the five initially authorized. He noted that hiring in Illinois is very competitive and the village has lost hiring candidates. Two part-time officers have been hired and have started.

Chief Mobley emphasized that Dolton is a gateway community from Chicago, and is seeing an outpour of gang wars from the city. He noted that while currently the village is at five homicides this year to date, homicides have not exceeded totals at the same time in previous years.

Chief Mobley further emphasized these efforts are about changing the culture of those who come through Dolton.

Mayor Rogers recognized Trustee Holmes, who reiterated that the community will put a stop to this with assistance from the police department, and urged residents to attend the next community policing meeting on August 24th. Trustee Holmes commended residents who were not afraid to come out and report what they have seen.

Chief Mobley expressed his thanks to Cook County Sheriff and the Illinois State Police. He summarized an update on the police-involved shooting. Two individuals are in custody.

Chief Mobley asked for prayers for the family of Marshia McGill Bowman, fatally shot while driving with her children on Sibley Blvd on August 21st. He is unable to report further at this time re the status of the investigation.

The chief asked residents to be mindful and vigilant of their surroundings and call police when in doubt. He commended the department's detective division for a reported 86% solved cases.

At Mayor Rogers' request, Lt. Michael Smith of the Cook County Sheriff's office outlined the additional police support the County Sheriff is offering on night patrols throughout the village.

Mayor Rogers added that the village will also continue to address designated hot spots.

**MOTION TO HIRE FIFTEEN (15) FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICERS (IN ADDITION TO FIVE (5) PREVIOUSLY APPROVED).**

Motion by Trustee Holmes. Second by Trustee House.

Discussion preceded and followed the Motion, continuing the discussion from Item B. above.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL

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

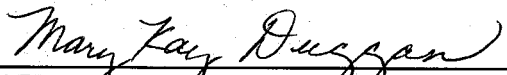
NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

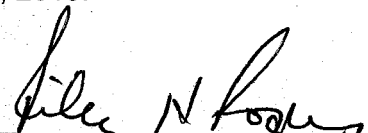
ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

  
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MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 7th day of October, 2019.

  
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RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor