

Village of Dolton
Board of Trustees Meeting of the Committee of the Whole
Monday, October 21, 2019

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at the new village hall at 6:39 p.m.

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

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

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER

Prayer was led by Supt. Stacey

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee House announced that the trustees finance committee meeting had been rescheduled to October 30th at 5:30 p.m.

Trustee Steave announced that the MELANIE FITNESS CENTER POOL IS NOW OPEN.

Village Clerk Duggan reminded residents of the public hearing on the proposed sale of cannabis in the village, scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, October 26th at the village hall. There will be no "Project Connect" meeting that Saturday.

Trustee Henyard announced that her Cancer Breakfast will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on October 26th at Dolton Park. She may be contacted at 708-297-6859.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Armed Security/Security Cameras – Anyone with a Liquor License

Trustee Henyard explained that her proposed ordinance would require internal and external security cameras recording for 14 hours duration. In response to Mayor Rogers' question, Trustee Henyard said that the landlord would be responsible to install within 30-60 days with an annual inspection requirement.

In response to Trustee Henyard's inquiry re follow-up on preparation of the ordinance, the village clerk directed her to the village attorney.

2. Liquor Establishment Hours

Trustee Steave proposed changing the closing hours for sale of liquor from 3 am to 2 a.m. Trustee Tammie Brown proposed closing Monday-Thursday to 1 a.m. Discussion followed. There was a consensus for closing on weekdays at 1 am and on weekends at 2 am.

3. Security Patrol Hours

Mayor Rogers recommended supplementing police patrol with private security patrol. Discussion followed.

Robert Wilson of Professional Pride said that the officers would be armed. Mayor Rogers said that the village will customize a plan for patrol of "hot spots."

There was no consensus for or against moving forward.

4. County Property Tax Relief
 - a. 1421 Sibley Blvd. (former Marathon Station) proposed resolution attached
 - b. 401 E. Sibley Blvd. (Dolton Bowl)
 - c. 15030 Dante (Soccer Dome)

Mayor Rogers brought these proposals forward. He noted that presently Dolton Bowl is billed \$200,000 annual property taxes and the Soccer Dome is billed \$100,000 annual taxes.

Discussion followed. There was a consensus of Trustees Steave, House and Brown to move forward. Trustee Henyard agreed with the proposal for the Marathon station but requested more information re the Dolton Bowl/Soccer Dome proposals.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Cheryl Hill, resident, said that she has been seeking a meeting with some of the trustees, and commended Trustee House as a facilitator for residents and Trustee Henyard for her "Stop the Violence" march, and criticized the village's "trash tree mountain" on 142nd St.

Diane Lofton, resident, reported a water bill of approximately \$3,700, which she said was resolved, and encouraged residents to watch water consumption.

Stephanie Fletcher, resident, inquired about the progress of the alley clean-up 151st & Irving. She further protested her treatment in an encounter with Officer Lacey.

Resident inquired about the sewer maintenance bill and increase in bill.

Mayor Rogers referred resident to Sonye in the water department.

Resident reported problem in billing and suggested the problem was with the billing system and not in the field.

Resident inquired about the proposal for security patrol services re time/duration/location.

Mayor Rogers responded that the village will look at the "hot spots."

Sandra Wells, resident, asked if there would only be one public hearing on the proposed cannabis legislation, proposed a town hall meeting on water bill issues, and asked about funding efforts for the 20/20 census.

In response, Village Administrator Elizabeth Scott confirmed that the village is submitting its application to Cook County for \$25,000 census funds.

Pat Byrd, resident, questioned whether the proposed change in liquor hours closing from 3 to 2 a.m. allows businesses sufficient time to adjust. She further asked for clarification of when the proposed security officers would be armed.

Mary Avent, resident, asked if all proposed security officers would be properly vetted.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Denton, Holmes

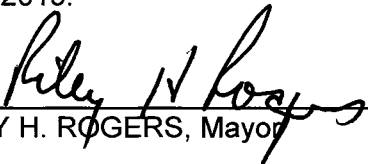
Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 4th day of November, 2019.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor