

Amended by the
Board of Trustees
as underscored

Village of Dolton
Regular Meeting Board of Trustees
Monday, October 7, 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 Deputy Fire Chief Don Rush.

ROLL CALL

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

Also, present: Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan, Village Administrator Elizabeth Scott, Village Attorney Judith Kolman, Village Engineer Ron Smith, and department heads.

A quorum was present.

OATH OF OFFICE

Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan administered the oath of office to new police officer Joseph M. Flinton.

GENERAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Rogers introduced Samantha Wallace from Meals on Wheels, who announced the new free lunch program for residents 60 years and older regardless of income, Monday – Friday at New Community Church, Lincoln and Woodlawn Aves.

Trustee Henyard announced a cancer luncheon on Saturday, October 26th, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Dolton Park District. She is also holding a town hall meeting tomorrow evening at Abundant Living Church.

Trustee Henyard said that her “Stop the Violence” March was a huge success and thanked Trustees Denton, House, the local park, library, and school district officials and all who came out. Trustee Henyard noted that she did not have the support of the Dolton Police Department or the Village of Dolton. The deputy police chief would not allow the marchers to go onto Sibley Blvd. She added that she was told that village media would not be covering the march because it was not a village-sponsored event. She said was disappointed that the other trustees did not attend. Mayor Rogers did not respond to her request for gift cards that the police department uses to buy back guns, and she had to reach out to the Cook County sheriff’s office to accept guns. She thanked Menards for sending its human resources director for jobs. The electricians and plumbers’ union also came.

Trustee Steave commended Trustee Henyard for her effort above, but criticized her “reckless” postings on Facebook Live.

Trustee Tammie Brown expressed her regrets for not attending Trustee Henyard's march because she, Trustee Steave, and Mayor Rogers were attending the homegoing celebration for one of the shooting victims. Trustee Holmes said that he was called as a crisis responder to Chicago that day.

Trustee Henyard defended her use of social media to get the word out. She added that as a matter of respect she customarily attends several events in one day if necessary, and Dolton should come first. She said that she will continue to call trustees out. "There is no reason for any of you not to attend in support of this movement with all the crime going on."

Trustee Brown said that issues among trustees should be discussed outside of the board meeting.

Mayor Rogers ended the discussion by saying that there are always two sides to every story.

CITIZENS ADDRESS *Limited to Discussion of Agenda Items*

Janet Rogers, president of Harvey school board, expressed her objection to treatment by Officer Lacey during a traffic stop.

Citizen was advised to speak during Citizens Address general items.

A.J. Burse, former trustee candidate and resident, asked about Cook County Block Grant funding and status of the Moonlight store.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

- A. Approval of the Minutes
 - July 29, 2019 Special Board Meeting
 - August 5, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
 - August 27, 2019 Special Board Meeting
 - September 16, 2019 Special Board Meeting
 - September 16, 2019 Committee of the Whole
 - September 30, 2019 Special Board Meeting

The village clerk noted that the July 29, 2019, minutes had been corrected at Trustee Denton's request to reflect that she was absent. The clerk asked for a motion to approve the minutes together or separately.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Trustees Brown, Denton, Henyard, Holmes, House, Steave
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
Motion passed.

B. Communications

There will be a public hearing at the village hall on Saturday, October 26th, at 10 a.m., to consider a proposed ordinance which would allow the legal sales of cannabis in certain specified locations within the village. Members of the public will be heard on the proposed ordinance.

There was a consensus of board members to approve Dolton Bears' request for the organization's annual parade to be held this year on October 12th at 9 a.m. from 142nd and Chicago Rd. (King Dr.) to Dolton Park.

MOTION TO APPROVE DOLTON BEARS PARADE OCTOBER 12th.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ron Smith summarized his written report re the status of the 2018 and 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding and PACE shelters updates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Trustee House announced that the finance committee would meet on October 25th. The village is on track to make its bond payment as due and to the City of Chicago for water. Because there are approximately \$4 million in outstanding water bills, the village is escalating shut-offs.

Housing

Trustee Tammie Brown announced that the housing committee would meet for a citizens workshop on Saturday, October 12th, at 10 a.m.

Police and Fire

Trustee Holmes read aloud the departments respective monthly reports from the Police and Fire Departments.

Public Works

Trustee Steave summarized Supt. Stacey's monthly report. Also, public works is in the process of winterizing all of its vehicles.

Trustee Steave further announced the Melanie Fitness Center's new weight loss challenge. Membership is up by 30 new members even without formal marketing. State inspection of the pool is set for Wednesday.

CORPORATE BILLS

MOTION TO APPROVE CORPORATE BILLS in the amount of \$565,981.06, Manual Checks in the amount of \$64,579.98, Gross Payroll 08/30/19 of \$390,696.61, Gross Payroll 09/13/19 of \$372,330.04, Gross Payroll 09/27/19 \$386,233.97; MELANIE FITNESS CENTER BILLS \$12,136.00, Gross Payroll 08/30/19 \$8,346.01, Gross Payroll 09/13/19 \$8,737.30, Gross Payroll 09/27/19 \$10,629.83; for TOTAL PAYMENTS of \$1,819,690.80

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Lease Agreement for Melanie Fitness Center for Rashidat Detox Café.

MOTION TO APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH RASHIDATE DETOX CAFÉ.

Motion by Trustee Steave, Second by Trustee Brown. There being no discussion:

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution No. 19 R-022
Approving 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Subrecipient Agreement for Project Number 1906-009

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 19 R-022.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- B. Renewal of MABAS 24 Automatic Aid Agreement

Deputy Fire Chief Don Rush explained that this agreement is for mutual aid among 20 neighboring community fire departments renewable every 5 years.

MOTION TO APPROVE MABUS AGREEMENT.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

C. Armed Security/Security Cameras- Anyone with a Liquor License

Trustee Henyard said that she has been advised by the village attorney that the village cannot mandate the number of security guards for a business, but may regulate cameras. The proposal was referred to the next Committee of the Whole for discussion.

D. Removal of Concrete Center Blocks from Moonlight Store (142nd and Woodlawn).

Trustee Henyard introduced residents from 144th and Ingleside to protest installation of the blocks in front of the store. Discussion followed among board members and residents on options to safeguard the surrounding residential area from spillover crime.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers announced that the town hall meeting on the proposed sale of cannabis in the Village of Dolton on Saturday, October 26th would be in place of the regular "Project Connect" meeting.

CITIZENS ADDRESS *General Comments*

Dan Lee, resident, objected to the circumventing of Citizens Address. He added that where there are cameras, property values decline.

Applewhite, president, Dolton Bears, spoke about the Bears program and thanked residents for their support for the upcoming Bears march. Homecoming Day is Sunday, Oct. 27th at Thornridge High School.

David Lowery, president of the Living and Driving While Black Foundation, spoke about the reported mold by the tenant at 14802 Dearborn, and the failure of village code enforcement officers to cite violations.

Sam Oatis, former co-owner of Sandpiper's Lounge at 144th Pl. and Chicago Rd., objected to the firing of Water Department Supervisor Sammie Young per his protest at the previous meeting's Citizens Address.

Janet Rogers, Harvey resident, objected to her treatment by Officer Lacey on her motorcycle for Trustee Henyard's "Stop the Violence" march.

Edward Crayton, resident, reported that Harvey Mayor Chris Clark is sponsoring "Hands Across Harvey" justice council. Resident further asked Mayor Rogers if the Moonlight store had such a bad history, why was it permitted to reopen.

Residents expressed thanks to Public Works for filling potholes on Meadow Lane at Sibley Blvd. Tree trimming at Woodlawn and Greenwood took one to two months. Resident suggested planters at Moonlight store to replace the cement blocks.

Diane Lofton, resident, asked why building permits have become so expensive.

Mayor Rogers replied that the fees for permits had not been raised since 1996.

Sandra Wells, resident, asked about the upcoming housing event.

Trustee Brown replied that it would be part of a committee meeting.

Resident further suggested that there be a town hall meeting to solve ongoing water department issues, and further asked why only four of the six trustees are appointed to trustee committees.

New owner, Shining Star Academy Day Care on 142nd Street asked about using Needles Park.

Mayor Rogers referred owner to the Dolton Park District.

Resident commented that most municipalities allow residents to pull permits.

Mayor Rogers confirmed that the village does allow residents to pull permits if contractors are listed.

Demetrious Walker, Fathers and Blessings, asked whether the Dorchester had been sold.

Mayor Rogers replied that it had been sold a year ago to Royal Estates.

ADJOURNMENT

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

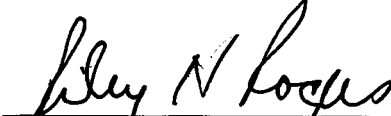
Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

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



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor