

Village of Dolton Board of Trustees
Meeting of the Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, February 18, 2020

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 6:53 p.m.

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

Also, present: Village Administrator and department heads. Village Attorney John B. Murphey, 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 MAYOR PRO-TEM.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Denton, Henyard, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Holmes

Motion passed.

Trustee House took the chair. Trustee House announced that the water department was currently open to address any concerns.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER

Prayer was led by resident Jerome Gray.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Steave announced that the server for channels 4/99 is down. It will be replaced shortly.

Trustee Henyard announced she is working with the NBA and others to establish a youth mentoring program. She may be reached at 708-297-6859 and thenyard@vodolton.org.

Trustee Henyard further announced that she is holding a town hall meeting regarding water bills on Saturday, February 29th, at 11 a.m. at Dolton Park. Trustee Henyard further noted that Mayor Rogers had criticized her for publicly accusing water department employees of stealing but he had suggested as much at the January 21st board meeting.

Trustee House announced that the finance committee will meet on Wednesday, February 26th, at 5:30 p.m. He further announced that he was part of a meeting at the Dolton Public Library and encouraged residents to take advantage of library services and to get a library card.

Trustee Steave announced that the public works committee would meet on Tuesday, February 25th, at 5:30 p.m.

Village Administrator Elizabeth Scott announced (at the end of regular business) that the village had sponsored a manufacturing hiring event today. Employers participating included Ardagh Glass in Dolton and Amazon. Further events are anticipated for seniors and individuals with young persons with criminal records.

ORDER OF BUSINESS *(Discussion Only)*

1. Authorizing and Providing for the Issue of \$1,400,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020 (Homewood Disposal)

Trustee House commented that he would have liked to see the bond reduced this year to \$1.3 million. He noted that the budget process is just beginning but he realizes that the bond is due. Village Clerk Duggan said that she will ask Attorney Cainkar to attend the regular meeting.

2. Acquisition and Transfer of 13826-13844 Lincoln Ave. to the Dolton Park District

Brenda Gorski, attorney for the Dolton Park District, asked the village to file for a declaration that the property is abandoned for transfer to the park district. It will be used to expand the adjoining baseball field. The park district will prepare the filings and assume all costs of the process. There was a consensus of the trustees to move forward.

3. Zoning and Licensing Specifications – Cannabis Ordinances

The village clerk explained that the ordinances passed last December authorized cannabis growing and distribution but further decisions were needed regarding zoning and licensing issues. There was a consensus of the trustees to refer to the finance committee.

4. Increasing the Maximum Number of Video Gaming Terminals from 5 to 6 Per Licensed Business

Trustee Henyard said that she does not advocate increasing the number of allowed terminals in businesses. Trustee House said that he would be interested in residents' feedback, and said that he does not know if increasing by 1 terminal would make a difference. Trustee Steave noted that the village already charges among the highest license fees and the village could use the revenue. Trustee Denton said she would like to hear from residents.

5. Amending Hours for Placement of Waste Containers at Curbs

Administrator Scott said that there have been suggestions to expand the curbside hours to 24 hours before to 24 hours after the pick-up day. Some residents have difficulty placing the containers out and returning them from the curb the same day. Trustee Tammie Brown suggested permitting placement at the curb after 3 p.m. the day before pickup. Trustee House suggested a 3 p.m. to 3 p.m. window. Trustee Henyard said some people are working 3 to 3 p.m. There was a consensus on placement from 3 p.m. the day before to 7 p.m. the day of pickup.

6. Adding a Melanie Fitness Center Committee to Standing Committees

Trustee Steave said that he is proposing a trustee committee dedicated to the Melanie Fitness Center, with himself, Trustee House because of his financial expertise, and Trustee Tammie Brown because she is an active member. There was a consensus to move forward.

CITIZENS ADDRESS – General

Cleo Jones, resident and president of the Dolton Park District, further elaborated on the park district's plans to acquire and improve the property next to the baseball field for a miniature park.

Sandra Wells, resident and regional director of Neighborhood Housing Services, asked whether payments for video gambling terminals go to general funds; whether anyone on the board has an interest in the land to be acquired by the Dolton Park District; and said that she does not agree with Mayor Rogers' suggestion to extend curb garbage placement to 24 hours before and after pick-up day; and that all trustees should be appointed to committees.

Resident expressed her concern re waste pick-up times as her neighbor is a senior. She further expressed her dissatisfaction as a winner of the Melanie Center Fitness Challenge because she has not received her winner's check as promised.

Trustee Steave said that payment will be clarified and corrected.

Cleo Jones, resident and President of the Dolton Park District, spoke of upcoming events.

Barbara Morris, resident, commented about garbage containers placement hours. Residents should be neighborly and assist but residents on her block they put their garbage out two days before and after.

Kianna Belcher, resident, asked whether the water department was open and inquired about the status of the "welcome packet." The village clerk confirmed that the update has been completed pending the contemplated change in the garbage pick-up ordinance. In response to Trustee Henyard's question, the clerk clarified that the "welcome packet" does not come before the board for approval of updates.

ADJOURNMENT

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 Pro-tem House asked for a roll call to adjourn.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Denton, Henyard, House, Steave

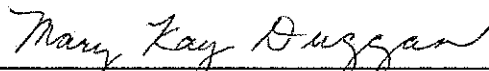
NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Holmes

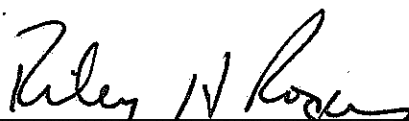
Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 4th day of May, 2020.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor