

Village of Dolton
Regular Meeting Board of Trustees
Monday, February 3, 2020

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the New Village Hall at 6:40 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER**

At the request of Mayor Rogers, prayer was led by Acting Police Chief Ernest Mobley.

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, Village Engineer Ron Smith, Village Administrator Elizabeth Scott and department heads.

A quorum was present.

PRESENTATION Promotions and Administration of Oaths of Office Dolton Police Department

Mayor Rogers announced his appointment of Acting Police Chief Ernest Mobley to Chief; his appointment of Raymond McInerney as Deputy Chief, and his assignment of Acting Deputy Chief Lewis Lacey to command a new traffic unit.

The village clerk administered the oaths of office to each.

As read aloud by Mayor Rogers, Chief Mobley cited Officer Bryan Caridine for exemplary action in identifying a vehicle linked to a recent homicide, leading to one of the occupants being charged with first degree murder. Resident Linda Milroe also presented Officer Caridine with a certificate thanking him for his actions in assisting and transporting an elderly resident during a snowstorm.

**GENERAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Trustee Steave announced that a cancer support group led by Ms. Karen Hall would be meeting in cooperation with New Community Church on Lincoln Ave.

Mayor Rogers announced police department reassignments re traffic, a new truck overweight unit, and reinstatement of the tactical unit.

Commander Lacey will head a new traffic enforcement unit. Mayor Rogers thanked Commander Lacey for his service as acting deputy chief.

Trustee Henyard expressed her thanks to Attorney Mario Reed for his wills and trusts event sponsored by Trustee Henyard. Residents may contact Trustee Henyard for further information at 708-297-6859. Trustee Henyard announced that "Lisa" does credit repair for Dolton residents; contact Trustee Henyard at the number above.

Trustee Henyard further asked why the mayor and village clerk were not placing her items on the agenda.

Village Clerk Duggan replied that she has answered Trustee Henyard's questions at previous meetings, and distributed to all board members Ordinance No. 19-010 passed unanimously last May, 2019: *Unless there is an emergency, proposed agenda items are to be first considered at a committee of the whole.* No items submitted by Trustee Henyard for an agenda of the committee of the whole were not on the agenda.

CITIZENS ADDRESS *Limited to Discussion of Agenda Items*

Beth McBride, resident, expressed her opposition to further expenditure of village funds for the proposed forensic audit of the water department.

Sandra Wells, resident, expressed her support of the proposed forensic audit as long overdue.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A. Approval of the Minutes

January 6, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
January 21, 2020 Committee of the Whole

The village clerk asked for a motion to approve the minutes either separately or together.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES of the January 6th Regular Board Meeting and the January 21st Meeting of the Committee of the Whole

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 1 Trustee Henyard

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

B. Communications

The village clerk reminded residents of the upcoming primary election on March 17th. Early voting in the community begins March 2nd. Residents may apply for a mail-in ballot by February 18th. Applications for mail-in ballots are available at the village hall and payment center and at cookcountyclerk.com.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ron Smith summarized his written report updating status of the 2020 Cook County Development Block Grant (CDBG) application process for streets resurfacing funds; and also the grant process for flood mitigation assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Trustee House said that the finance committee would meet on Wednesday, February 26th at 5:30 p.m.

Housing

Trustee Tammie Brown read the housing department report. During the month of January, the department processed 138 transactions generating \$50,722.00 in revenue.

Police and Fire

Trustee Holmes read the Dolton Fire Department reported 383 total incidents for January, 2020. There will be an upcoming announcement of the next community policing meeting.

Public Works

Trustee Steave read aloud the Public Works report. Homewood Disposal will resume yard bag pick-ups in April. Residents are asked to report water main breaks. The next committee meeting is anticipated for the last week in February.

CORPORATE BILLS

MOTION TO APPROVE CORPORATE BILLS REGISTER #154:

Corporate Payments Register #154 in the amount of \$1,147,586.10; Manual Checks \$1,269.64, Gross Payroll 01/03/20 \$355,025.37, Gross Payroll 01/17/20 \$354,446.79, Melanie Fitness Center Register #154 \$10,715.73, Gross Payroll 01/03/20 \$9,023.80, Gross Payroll 01/17/20 \$8,338.02, for total Corporate Payments of \$1,886,405.45;

Motion by Trustee Henyard. 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.

MOTION TO APPROVE CORPORATE BILLS REGISTER #155:

Corporate Payments Register #155 in the amount of \$22,649.08, water fund register #155 \$329,502.11, 2009A Bond Register #155 \$151,800.00, 2009B Bond Register #155 \$166,377.50, 2009C Bond Register #155 \$1,225,994.25, Homewood Disposal Bonds Register #155 \$19,367.00, for total Corporate Payments of \$1,915,689.94.

Motion by Trustee Brown. Second by Trustee House.

Trustee Henyard questioned various restaurant expenses. Cris Miroballi of Kasperek Co. explained that Register #155 was for all automatic payments and inclusion of these expenses on Register #155 was his mistake. Mayor Rogers explained that one expense for Gibson Steak House was incurred for a Trustee of Schools meeting and he had the wrong credit card. Most food expenses were police department related. Trustee Henyard further questioned late payment fees to American Express.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 1 Trustee Henyard

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Renewal of Medical/Vision/Dental/Life Insurance – Vista National Insurance

Mr. Hogan from Vista National discussed the insurance renewal rates and answered questions from the board on the changes.

B. Request for Proposal(s) Forensic Audit of the Water Department

This item was first proposed by Trustee Henyard, and was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting. Trustee House explained that a forensic audit examines every detail of a transaction versus an internal controls survey done by the annual audit. Because a forensic audit goes through all transactions, its cost could spike dramatically over that of the annual audit.

Trustee Henyard said that she had spoken about this when the new administration had come in because there were a lot of complaints and there have been issues with stealing. She recommended going back eight years. Mayor Rogers cautioned Trustee Henyard about making allegations of stealing. Trustee House said that the board should focus on what is being done now through an internal controls study, but if the board wanted to do a forensic audit he suggested going back two years. In response to Trustee Holmes' question, Chief Mobley said that there have been no complaints of stealing from the water department. Village Attorney John Murphey suggested that Kasperек Co. prepare specs for scope of services and circulate for response within 45 days. Kasperек Co. could also determine the look-back time. Trustee Henyard said that every resident at the Finance Committee meeting wanted a forensic audit. Trustee Holmes questioned why Trustee Henyard was bringing this proposal forward now.

MOTION TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AS PREPARED BY KASPEREK CO.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee House.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT None.

CITIZENS ADDRESS *General Comments*

Sandra Wells, resident, director of south suburban Neighborhood Housing Services, asked about village activity to promote the census. She further asked about the Single Family Rehabilitation Program application and village employee health benefits.

Village Administrator Scott cited efforts with the US Census Bureau, Cook County, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Assn., the Dolton Public Library District, among others.

Valeria Stubbs, resident of King Dr., formerly Chicago Road, noted that village correspondence still lists the Chicago Rd. address and that Secretary of State ID cards require the new street address.

Rosalind Burnett, 142nd & Kimbark, reported her repeated complaints re fallen trees as a result of termite damage on her street.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, Mayor Rogers asked for a roll call to adjourn. On a motion by Trustee Denton, second by Trustee House to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees, there being no discussion:

ROLL CALL

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

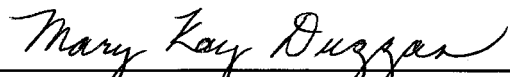
NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 2nd of March, 2020.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor