

Village of Dolton
Regular Meeting Board of Trustees
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom - Livestream on YouTube
Monday, June 1, 2020

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

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

Also present: Village Attorney John B. Murphey, Village Engineer Ron Smith, Village Administrator Elizabeth Scott, Cris Miroballi of John Kasperek Co. and department heads. Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan was present intermittently due to interruptions in her live feed connection.

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER

Led by Trustee Edward Steave.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Rogers announced that he and Chief Mobley would be leaving the meeting shortly as the village has intel of plans for looting of village businesses, possible fire setting and protests following the same yesterday evening. Certain roadways will continue to be blocked. Mayor Rogers expressed his thanks to the Dolton Police Department for their response. Chief Mobley briefly described the events of the prior evening. Mayor Rogers asked residents to please keep their children home. He observed two children approximately 10-12 years old carrying a box full of items from Family Dollar. He had a long conversation with them. Walgreens was hit very hard; their pharmaceuticals were taken. Mayor Rogers also asked residents to call the police if they see something.

Chief Mobley confirmed that all expressway exits on Sibley are blocked. Harvey may block all routes eastbound on Sibley. In response to Trustee Henyard's question, Chief Mobley said the department was limited. The State Police were supposed to block the expressways earlier but were diverted. The intent was and is to cut off main arteries going through town.

Mayor Rogers departed the meeting at 6:55 p.m. The Village Clerk asked for a motion to appoint a mayor pro tem to chair the rest of the meeting.

MOTION TO APPOINT TRUSTEE JASON HOUSE AS MAYOR PRO TEM.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Denton.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

Trustee House assumed the chair of the meeting.

Trustee Holmes said that he was out on the streets the past two nights, taking and passing on license plate numbers. He encouraged other trustees to work together to patrol as well.

Trustee Henyard reminded residents that corona virus is still here, and asked residents to please wear their masks. She read aloud covid-19 statistics for Dolton as of June 1st.

In response to Trustee Henyard's question, Trustee House said that he would be asking the village attorney to prepare an ordinance deleting the inclusion of dues to the Dolton Chamber of Commerce in fees for business licenses. At present there is a moratorium on the dues collection and businesses will not have to pay the additional \$100 this year. Trustee Henyard expressed her objection to the chamber's president calling her a name at the last meeting, noting that no board member, male or female, should be given such lack of respect.

Trustee Henyard expressed her wish that the board could be more proactive than reactive in addressing village problems.

Trustee Henyard asked that inclusion of the proposed development by Fresh Starts at 300 W. Sibley Blvd. be placed on the next agenda. Trustee Brown asked for more information on the development proposal before the next meeting.

CITIZENS ADDRESS *Limited to Discussion of Agenda Items*

Giavonni Nickson, Communications Director, reported the following posts during the meeting:

What is the license fee for?

Trustee House said that the board was referencing the annual business licenses.

Was there any looting of homes in the village?

Trustee House asked that the mayor respond at another time.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

- A. Approval of the Minutes:
May 4, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
May 18, 2020 Committee of the Whole

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES of the May 4, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and the May 18, 2020 Committee of the Whole.

Motion by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Brown. 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

None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ron Smith summarized his written report re grant opportunities under the Rebuild Illinois Program, and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award of \$100,000 for resurfacing of village roadways in 2020.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Trustee House said that last week's meeting had to be rescheduled until June 3rd because there issues with the live feed. The finance team reports that there is sufficient cash flow through July but there will be big hurdles going forward that need to be watched.

Housing

Trustee Tammie Brown read aloud the housing department report itemizing transactions for April and May. Total revenue \$57,690.50 and \$59,214.25.

Police and Fire

Trustee Holmes deferred the police department report. The fire department reports 71 fires and 1,531 emergency responses.

Public Works

Trustee Steave noted the recent heavy rains and resulting street flooding. Trustee House commended public works for its response to calls over the weekend. Trustee Holmes added that the fire department should also be commended during the flooding and also the looting. Village stickers should be available for sale on Wednesday. The payment center will be open on and after Wednesday 9 to 5.

Melanie Fitness Center

Trustee Steave reported that the fitness center remains closed because of the financial drain on the village during the pandemic. Discussion of possibly selling the Melanie Fitness Center is on the evening's agenda. The Detox Café remains open for curbside pickup and continues to pay monthly rent.

CORPORATE BILLS

Trustee House read aloud from the corporate payments registers:

Corporate Payments Register #164: Corporate Payments \$72,330.12, Water Fund \$299,982.86; for Total Corporate Payments of \$372,312.98.

Corporate Payments Register #165: Corporate Payments of \$601,019.63; Gross Payroll 05/08/20 \$335,890.56; Gross Payroll 05/22/20 \$325,635.36; Melanie Fitness Center Payments \$4,694.67, Gross Payroll 05/08/20 \$3,851.19; Gross Payroll 05/22/20 \$889.69; for Total Corporate Payments of \$1,271,981.10.

MOTION TO APPROVE CORPORATE PAYMENTS REGISTER #164 and #165:

Motion by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Henyard.

In response to Trustee Denton's question, Trustee House explained that Cor Consulting (#165, p. 4) is the village's IT and communications infrastructure. Cris Miroballi of John Kasperek Co. explained that the register included monthly bills for March and April services. Trustee Denton questioned the amount billed for tree cutting. Trustee House explained that payment to Piekarski & Sons of \$32,040 was carried over while the budget was readjusted to reflect the increased costs and controls were put in place. Trustee Holmes asked whether more tree cutting would be done in house.

There being no further discussion:

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

(Trustee Henyard was momentarily dropped from the live feed and upon returning added her vote: Aye.) Trustee House repeated his explanation regarding tree cutting services. Cris Miroballi explained that the payrolls reflect the final payouts before the Melanie Fitness Center closed. Trustee Henyard asked Mr. Miroballi to get back to her on the varying payments over the months to Avalon Petroleum, and also with an itemization of the supplies purchased from Menards. Village Administrator Scott noted that the supplies were for the plexiglass and other covid-related expenses to re-open the village hall.

Trustee Holmes followed-up on Trustee Henyard's question as to whether there were any raises given. Mr. Miroballi said that he would run a report on any raises since January of this year.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Resolution No. 20 R-003
Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Riverdale, Village of South Holland and the Village of Thornton for the Establishment of a Multi-Jurisdictional Task force to Deter Street Gangs, Narcotics and Criminal Activity

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 20 R-003.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

B. Board Direction regarding TIF (Tax Increment Financing) District for 300 W. Sibley

Village Attorney Murphey reminded the board that pursuant to the settlement agreement with the former owner, the Village contracted with a consultant for a preliminary TIF eligibility study. Once the study is completed, a public hearing, and a meeting with all taxing districts are required. In the meantime, the consultant is owed approximately \$6,000. When the TIF is in place, the TIF fund will repay the village general fund. Trustee House asked for a written time-frame for the process.

In response to Trustee Henyard's question regarding a delay, Attorney Murphey explained that it took time for the village to acquire the property for back taxes and wait out the redemption period.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Retirement Agreement (Manning, D.)

MOTION TO APPROVE RETIREMENT AGREEMENT.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

B. Sale of Melanie Fitness Center

Trustee Steave noted that he had been passionate about building up the Melanie Fitness Center, but due to the pandemic, village finances cannot support re-opening. He noted that the village had obtained an appraisal in 2017 and suggested an updated appraisal. Trustee Henyard suggested reaching out to the park and school districts as well as to local senior facilities.

Attorney Murphey recommended a closed session meeting of the board to discuss pricing after it receives the updated appraisal. A Request for Proposal (RFP) would be in order once the village receives an updated appraisal amount.

Village Administrator Scott reminded the board that she had submitted a draft RFP for a forensic audit of the water department and asked that trustees respond with their comments. Trustee Henyard said she had additional items to be included and would call Ms. Scott the next day.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers gave his remarks at the start of the meeting.

CITIZENS ADDRESS *General Comments*

Giavonni Nickson, Communications Director, reported the following posts during the meeting:

Is the curfew still in effect, and why are all businesses not closed at 9 p.m.? As all businesses have been affected, is the chamber doing to support the businesses at this time?

Trustee House said that the curfew is in effect and businesses should be closed. The Chamber of Commerce is separate from the village, and suggested reaching out to the chamber. As discussed, there is a moratorium on collecting chamber dues with business license fees and the board intends to remove the dues provision from the ordinance.

Will the businesses affected reopen?

Trustee House noted that each business is facing its unique set of circumstances.

Has there been any looting of homes?

Trustee Holmes said that to his knowledge there have been no looting of homes. Trustee Holmes confirmed.

Is Dolton extending the vehicle sticker?

When can seniors purchase their stickers?

Trustee House said that the stickers should be available in the next two days, otherwise an extension would be considered.

In response to Trustee Denton's question, Ms. Nickson explained at all questions can be entered on the Youtube chatbox.

Will the city host or announce a tax appeals seminar this year?

Trustee Holmes deferred the question to the mayor for an announcement.

Are we in phase 3 of the governor's re-opening plan?

Trustee House confirmed that we are in phase 3.

ADJOURNMENT

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

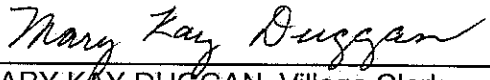
NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0.

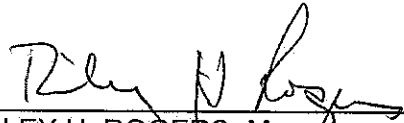
Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 20th day of July, 2020.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor