

Village of Dolton Board of Trustees
Meeting of the Committee of the Whole
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom – Livestream on YouTube
Monday, October 19, 2020

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:41 p.m.

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

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

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER

Prayer was led by Trustee Denton.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee House entered the meeting.

Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan reminded residents that judges are also on the ballot in the upcoming election. Residents can find evaluations of the judicial candidates by all local bar associations at www.voteforjudges.org.

Trustee Holmes reminded residents to check the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. He added that the “boulders and bricks” should be removed from the exterior of the Moonlight convenience store at 142nd and Woodlawn for safety reasons. Seniors and other residents cannot get in their homes. Trustee Henyard said that she is also in favor of removal of the cinder blocks.

Trustee Henyard announced the covid-19 numbers for zip code 60419. There have been 6 deaths between January and September. Trustee Henyard noted that an elderly resident at 144th and Dobson tripped due to tree roots pushing up the sidewalk over two years ago. The address should be put at the top of the tree removal list.

In response to Trustee Henyard’s question regarding a town hall meeting for the proposed development at 142nd and Cottage Grove, Village Attorney John Murphey said that a full proposal is not yet ready. The developer has yet to respond to all of his questions. Trustee Henyard proposed setting the meeting and push the developer to get ready.

Trustee Henyard announced that she is sponsoring a cancer awareness motorcade on Saturday, starting at Woodlawn and Sibley. She asked Ms. Nickson, the village’s communications director, to post the flyer on the website.

Mayor Rogers announced that he is sponsoring a cancer walk on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. at Melanie Fitness Center. There will be social distancing. Preregistration is \$20 with proceeds to be donated to the American Cancer Society.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

None.

ORDER OF BUSINESS (Discussion Only)

1. Presentation:
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Pavement Management Systems
Joe Stefanski, Senior Engineer, ARA

Mr. Stefanski demonstrated how the village may monitor the condition of its streets with pavement management software.

2. Presentation:
South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority, Tselane Hatter, SSLBDA

Trustee Brown introduced Ms. Hatter, who explained that SSLBDA offers member communities a "craftsman's toolbox" from which to choose options in seeking to redevelop properties within their borders. Ms. Hatter outlined SSLBDA's intergovernmental agreement with municipalities, and the process by which the village may rejoin. Discussion followed on the status of certain properties in Dolton.

3. Request for Class 8 Classification Renewal: 599 E. Sibley Blvd. (mall)

Attorney Mosa Elmosa introduced himself as the owner of the mall. Mr. Elmosa explained that he has had to make rent concessions to his tenants as the covid pandemic has hurt their businesses. He is asking for a renewal of his class 8 certification to retain the lower tax rate. Discussion followed. Trustee House suggested that the board arrive at a policy regarding approval or disapproval of class 8 petitions. Trustee Denton and Holmes said they agreed.

Trustees Steave and Brown expressed support for the application, Trustees House, Holmes and Henyard were not in support and Trustee Denton was undecided. Mayor Rogers suggested moving forward with the petition due to the tenant concessions. Trustee Brown noted that because of the pandemic businesses are closing because they cannot pay their rent.

4. Request for Class 8 Classification: 601 E. Sibley Blvd. (vacant lot)

Attorney Elmosa explained that he represents the owner of the property, who hopes to build a 4-unit strip mall. There was a consensus of all trustees to approve.

5. Request for Class 8 Classification Renewal: 1000 E. Sibley Blvd. (Food 4 Less)

Ms. Jill Giles represented Kroger Co., owner of the property. Mayor Rogers said that he understands that Food 4 Less is considering closing if the renewal application is not approved. In response to Mayor Rogers' question, Ms. Giles acknowledged that in addition to the original class 8 classification, Kroger Co. had obtained further concessions under a sales tax sharing agreement with Mayor Lewis' administration. Mayor Rogers suggested the village may be reluctant to grant a class 8 renewal while the sales tax agreement remains in effect. Ms. Giles said that she would relay that to her company. Trustee Holmes said that he would like to see the paperwork ahead of time.

6. Prohibition of Vacation Rentals

Trustee Henyard said that in response to complaints from residents, she is proposing that the village ban short-term rentals through companies such as Airbnb and Vrbo. There was a consensus of all board members to enact an ordinance prohibiting such rentals. Discussion followed on how the village could enforce the ordinance.

7. Installation of Speed Bumps

Trustee Henyard proposed installation of speed bumps on the village's west side from Edbrooke Ave. through LaSalle St. Discussion followed on the feasibility of temporary speed bumps versus raised asphalt. Village Clerk Duggan reminded the board that the previous board had instituted a speed bump application process, through which residents submitted applications to the village clerk who forwarded them to the police department and the police trustee for review. No speed bumps were installed, and the board should consider those requests as well.

There was a consensus to move forward with speed bump installation. Trustee Holmes said he was in favor but that the village should fix all of its streets. Trustee Henyard said she agreed, but the residents can't wait for that. She said that the village needs to install the speed bumps now.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Giavonni Nickson, Communications Director, reported the following posts:

My mother lives at 144th and Dobson. She is 88 years old. She is asking that the tree in front of her house be cut down. The roots are pushing the sidewalk up.

Mayor Rogers said that he and Public Works Superintendent Matt Stacey will go out tomorrow to look at the tree (later adding that they will be out at 7:30 a.m.).

What are the qualifications of new Supervisor Morgan in the water department?

Mayor Rogers said Ms. Morgan is not a supervisor. She is his executive assistant and is helping out at the water department.

Overgrown trees are blocking the street light creating danger and 146th and Woodlawn and in the village as a whole.

I live at 152nd and Evers and have been reporting a dead tree for over a year.

Supt. Stacey said that the tree is on the schedule for Wednesday.

There are a lot of Dolton residents who own small businesses. How about a Dolton holiday fest for businesses to participate?

Do you think sobriety checkpoints would be effective?

Mayor Rogers answered yes, as soon as we get additional officers.

Where is there property for sale for a hair salon?

Regarding the class 8: If the property owner can show proof of losses than the board should consider.

It appears that the village is moving forward with the truck parking facility. When will there be a town hall meeting?

Mayor Rogers answered that it does not appear to be moving forward, and will not until the village attorney gets answers to questions.

Can the village have concentrated traffic enforcement with zero tolerance?

Mayor Rogers answered that the village already has a traffic unit, and has also acquired license plate readers. Police Chief Mobley added that a reader identified a stolen car today.

Please keep any speed bumps clearly indicated with yellow or florescent paint.

Add 145th and Minerva to the list for speed bumps.

Are those automated readers expensive? Code readers can't be everywhere.

Mayor Rogers answered that they were paid for from asset forfeiture funds.

Please trim the trees on east 146th Street from Minerva to Dorchester.

Is Trustee Henyard's cancer event posted on the website?

Chief Mobley noted that the motorcade route is short and won't take long. Mayor Rogers replied that if the chief determines the event is feasible, the village will post the notice.

Can Mayor Rogers make an appearance?

Mayor Rogers said no, that he has a conflict. He added that he is sponsoring a cancer walk on Saturday, along with the food giveaway at Melanie Fitness Center.

Trustee Holmes asked for a moment of silence on the passing of a resident.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee House, second by Trustee Holmes to adjourn the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole, Mayor Rogers asked for a roll call to adjourn.

ROLL CALL

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

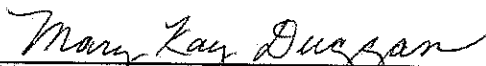
NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

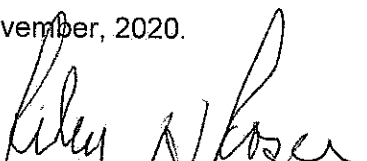
Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

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



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor