

Village of Dolton
Regular Meeting Board of Trustees
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom - Livestream on YouTube
Monday, December 7, 2020

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:37 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 Clerk Mary Kay Duggan, Village Attorney John B. Murphey, Village Engineer Ron Smith, Cris Miroballi of John Kasperek Co., and department heads. Village Administrator Elizabeth Scott was absent.

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER Led by Trustee Tammie Brown.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Henyard said that she had received complaints about newly installed speed bumps in residential blocks without warning signs posted. Mayor Rogers responded that installation requires 24 hours before putting on the reflective paint. Signs are on order.

Trustee Henyard further announced an upcoming 1,000 turkey giveaway and a \$20 gas fill-up for Dolton residents, and further events. She may be reached at 708-963-2137. Further events are available on her website.

Trustee Henyard reported current Covid state statistics.

Mayor Rogers announced that this past Saturday, he and volunteers distributed \$5,000 cornish hens to residents, and on the following Tuesday, 1,000 chickens, can goods, vegetables and fruit were distributed.

Mayor Rogers further announced that there would be no water shut-offs December 10th through January 4th.

CITIZENS ADDRESS *Limited to Discussion of Agenda Items*

None.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

- A. Approval of the Minutes:
November 2, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
November 16, 2020 Meeting of the 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 NOVEMBER 2, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND THE NOVEMBER 16, 2020 MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Motion by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Denton. 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:

The village clerk deferred to Village Attorney John Murphey, who announced that an electoral board would be convened by statute to hear objections filed to the nominating petitions for certain candidates in the upcoming municipal primary election. In response to Trustee Henyard's question, Attorney Murphey confirmed that the board was on target to timely meet and consider the objections.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ron Smith summarized his written report: The 2019 Development Block Grant (CDBG) street resurfacing project is completed. The county anticipates making its 2020 awards by the end of the year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Trustee House announced that the finance committee met via Zoom on December 2nd at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting will be in the last week of January.

Housing

Trustee Tammie Brown reported that there were 22 sale and 20 "as-is" inspections in November, and 17 rental licenses were issued. Total department revenue for the month was \$79,928.75.

Police and Fire

Trustee Holmes announced that the Dolton Fire Department reports 4,638 incidents responded to in 2020 to date. Trustee Holmes reminded residents to change the batteries in their smoke detectors. The Dolton Police Department reports 1,950 calls for service in November. Trustee Holmes warned that there have been a number of recent carjackings in the village.

Police Chief Ernest Mobley announced that the police department was recently awarded an Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) grant of \$59,00 for roadside compliance and safety checks. Mayor Rogers noted that the new traffic unit has made a number of arrests. The Cook County Sheriff used to perform roadside checks for the village but no longer has the manpower. The grant will allow their resumption.

Public Works

Trustee Steave reported that the public works committee and discussed repair of the public works building roof and repair of a public works truck. Both items are on tonight's agenda for approval. Trustee Steave further reported a major water main break at Greenwood and Woodlawn. The next committee meeting will discuss purchasing "robo call" software to inform residents of water interruption.

Discussion followed on when water main breaks are and are not outsourced.

Trustee Steave reported that the village is still in talks with New Community Church, but the property will be listed for sale. Trustee Steave encouraged residents to support the Detox Café, which remains open.

CORPORATE BILLS

Trustee House read aloud the summary of Corporate Payments Register #177 and #176:

Corporate Register #177: Corporate Payments \$945,238.57, Gross Payroll 11/06/20 Gross Payroll \$327,776.13, Gross Payroll 11/20/20 \$334,125.71; Melanie Fitness Center \$5,643.44, Gross Payroll 11/06/20 \$855.11, Gross Payroll 11/20/20 \$855.11; for Total Corporate Payments \$1,614,494.07.

Corporate Register #176: Electronic Corporate Payments \$19,131.85, Water Fund \$299.45; for Total Corporate Payments of \$19,431.30.

MOTION TO APPROVE CORPORATE PAYMENTS REGISTER #177 and #176:

Motion by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Denton. 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 Computer Software and Services Contract with Civic Systems, LLC.

Trustee Henyard questioned whether the replacement software would replace current records. Mayor Rogers responded that no records would be erased. Trustee House suggested that the company come to the next board meeting to confirm.

MOTION TO TABLE. Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee House. No discussion being permitted on the motion to table:

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance No. 20-017
Levying Taxes for General and Corporate Purposes for the 2020 Tax Year Beginning May 1, 2020, and Ending April 30, 2021, for the Village of Dolton

Trustee House said that the ordinance did not raise property taxes.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 20-017.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- B. Resolution No. 20 R-2009
Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County Participation in the 2010
“Invest in Cook” Program

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- C. Repair of Public Works Building Roof

Public Works Supt. Matt Stacey recommended the proposal by Stewart Roofing Co. of \$14,500 with 5-year free service guarantee and 12-Year manufacturer warranty

MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSAL BY STEWART ROOFING.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- D. Repair of Public Works Truck HI Ranger / XT5

Public Works Supt. Stacey recommended acceptance of the proposal by Terex in the amount of \$8,412.00.

In response to trustee questions, Supt. Stacey said that the repairs could not be made in-house.

MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSAL BY TEREX in the amount of \$8,412.00.

Discussion preceded the motion re in-house resources.

Motion by Trustee Steave. Second by Trustee House.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

E. Adoption of Schedule of Meetings 2021.

The village clerk presented the schedule conforming to previous years. She

The village clerk advised the board that while the summer schedule reduces meetings to once a month, the trustees have scheduled an average of 3 meetings special meetings for each of these months.

The village clerk recommends that the board retain the regular board schedule of 2 meetings per month for the summer.

MOTION TO APPROVE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AS AMENDED TO ELIMINATE THE JUNE 21 MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers expressed his thanks to Cook County for its truck donation to the village. Renovation of the downtown has begun new LED street lights donated by Ardagh Glass and installed by employees Scott Gilmore and public works. Mayor Rogers referenced the \$19 million grant to the village for a railroad quiet zone and overpass at Cottage Grove.

Mayor Rogers is sponsoring a giveaway of 5,000 toys on December 20th.

Mayor Rogers expressed his thanks to the residents for their prayers for his sister's recovery.

CITIZENS ADDRESS *General Comments*

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

Are we getting signage to warn about speed bumps?

Mayor Rogers confirmed that signs have been ordered.

Who asked for the speed bumps?

Mayor Rogers responded that he did. Trustee Henyard noted that she had placed the item on the October 19 agenda.

Are any trustees running for any other office?

Someone stated they were happy to see speed bumps. It's still too dark on the west side.

Mayor Rogers said that he had asked ComEd to increase the current light watt from 125 to 400.

Will speed bumps be installed on 147-148 Lasalle?

Mayor Rogers said that 6 to 7 more speed bumps will be installed in the coming week before the end of the season. Installation will resume in the spring.

When can we expect something to be done to replace village lights on extremely dark streets?

Mayor Rogers repeated his earlier statement regarding increasing wattage.

Why weren't pot holes filled on blocks where speed bumps were installed?

Mayor Rogers responded that speed bumps have been installed by a company. Public Works fills pot holes as it can.

Has the board been given a guarantee that current water department records will be preserved?

Mayor Rogers said yes, and referred to the Finance Committee before a vote by the full board.

Resident complained of a street light flickering at 15323 Hastings.

When will the next police committee meeting take place?

Trustee Holmes responded that the committee will likely meet this month.

For the upcoming mayoral election, why not have the candidates debate?

Mayor Rogers responded that it was not a bad idea.

Why not increase presence in neighborhoods to decrease speeding?

When was the last Police and Fire Committee meeting?

Trustee Holmes responded that the last meetings were before Chief Mobley contracted covid.

Trustee Holmes has not held a committee meeting since in office. When?

Trustee Holmes responded that there have been community meetings and referred to the Chief of Police. Chief Mobley distinguished between community meetings and trustees' police and fire committee meetings. Trustee Holmes replied that there would be a meeting before the year is out.

Does the committee chair or police chief set the meeting?

Trustee Holmes: Can we set a police and fire committee meeting next week?

There are potholes in front of speed bumps in front of my house. Why aren't they being fixed?

Object to approval of Civic Systems before audit.

Disagrees with above.

Mayor Rogers also expressed his disagreement.

What is the non-emergency number for after-hour incidents?

Mayor Rogers said that he will change non-emergency incidents to include Public Works.

I've been in Dolton and have never seen a roadside check.

Mayor Rogers responded that the Cook County Sheriff has patrolled for several years but due to lack of manpower county patrol has been reduced.

Do we have any services for pest control or tree-trimming?

Mayor Rogers responded that the village has acted to reduce pest control re Dutch Elm Disease and for tree-trimming of larger trees and those infected with Dutch Elm.

Dolton has been a working class community. Why do we outsource so many jobs?

Mayor Rogers responded that we don't.

Can we see documentation that Civic Systems Software will not eliminate information?

Mayor Rogers responded: Per Trustee House's recommendation for the next board meeting.

I asked before if the village had any input in the amount of property taxes residents' paid. Does this mean I was lied to by the mayor?

Mayor Rogers responded that no taxes will be raised tonight.

In previous meeting it was said that the forensic audit was put on back burner because no one bid on it.

Other villages spend money to beautify their towns.

Mayor Rogers responded that he would like a grant writer to obtain funds for such projects.

Can you repeat prices for public works roof and truck repair?

Please explain proper process for trustees to respond to emails. Trustee Henyard has not returned calls.

Trustee Henyard apologized and gave her cell phone number.

Anyone answering calls at public works?

Trustee Holmes said the mayor should tell the truth why calls aren't being answered.

So out of all these years, Trustee Holmes did not know he could have a meeting.

I understand the village is in a pandemic right now, but do you anticipate hiring in the police department?

Mayor Rogers responded that lateral hires continue (meaning officers from other departments who apply).

Are there any plans to seek more restaurants in Dolton?

Mayor Rogers responded that plans for 2 new restaurants were put on hold due to covid.

You have a person on staff to do roof repairs. Why not for public works?

Mayor Rogers responded that the work required was beyond staff capability.

It would be nice if residential streets had trees trimmed and better lighting.

Mayor Rogers responded that both have been ongoing.

Why can't businesses pay an assessment to pay for lanterns and landscaping?

Re the \$19m grant: How much goes to the general fund to pay for water bills?

Mayor Rogers said none.

Where can I find open positions posted.

Mayor Rogers said on the village website.

Will vaccines be mandated for village employees?

Mayor Rogers said that he is not sure how vaccines will be implemented or of the village's authority to mandate.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Brown, 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 8:19 p.m.

MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this _____ day of _____, 2021.

RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor