

Village of Dolton Board of Trustees
Meeting of the Committee of the Whole
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom – Livestream on YouTube
Monday, November 16, 2020

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:36 p.m.

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

Also, present: Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan, Village Administrator Elizabeth Scott, Cris Miroballi of John Kasperek Co., and department heads.

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER

Prayer was led by Trustee Brown.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Denton entered the meeting.

Trustee Henyard reminded residents to follow covid-19 protocol, and expressed her thanks to the Greater Food Depository for her food giveaway. In response to Trustee Henyard's question why the newly enacted ordinance prohibiting short-term rentals did not go out with the water bills as had been discussed, Village Clerk Duggan responded that as was also discussed, the village attorney was to insert the appropriate village code section numbers into the ordinance, and referred Trustee Henyard to the village attorney. Trustee Henyard also criticized Mayor Rogers' letter that was included in the water bill mailing as campaigning.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator Elizabeth Scott announced that the village had applied for additional funding under the county's covid-relief grant program.

ORDER OF BUSINESS *(Discussion Only)*

1. Computer Software and Conversion Services – Civic Systems, LLC

Administrator Scott introduced Mr. Michael Laesch of Civic Systems, LLC, who presented an overview of the proposed computer software for the water department and other departments. Mr. Laesch described the software as "user-friendly." It is utilized by 80 units of local government in Illinois, including Homewood, Oak Forest, and Thornton. Mr. Laesch answered questions from the mayor and trustees regarding costs and term of service. Cris Miroballi of Kasperek Co. noted that the purchase would be paid out of capital bond proceeds. Discussion continued on usage, staff training, and support.

2. Speed Cameras

Trustee Henyard requested that her item be pulled. Chief Mobley added that the village would need a source of funding to purchase such cameras. Mayor Rogers asked why they would be needed now that the new traffic unit is actively enforcing speed violations. In response to Trustee Henyard's request, Chief Mobley said that he would provide traffic unit citation numbers to the board.

3. Tax Levy 2020

Mr. Miroballi outlined the following issues confronting the board in considering this year's tax levy:

- The FOP Lieutenants/Sergeants arbitration resulted in a 3 percent salary increase not budgeted.
- All union contracts expire this fiscal year.
- The board approved hiring ten new police officers, which, depending on grants, is projected to cost upwards of \$500,000.
- Pension funding.

In response to Trustee Henyard's question, Mr. Miroballi responded that the board has the option of increasing the levy to meet the obligations above or of implementing additional cost-cutting and increasing funding of its pension obligations.

Further discussion was deferred to the December 2nd finance committee meeting.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Giavonni Nickson, Communications Director, reported the following posts:

What does the levy mean for the residents of Dolton?

Mr. Miroballi responded that the board levies taxes for operating expenses every year.

What is the status of the forensic audit?

Administrator Scott responded that a request for proposals is posted on the village website. She will be sending the request to accounting firms.

Will there be tax increases?

Mr. Miroballi responded that this was part of the discussion earlier.

Why is Melanie Fitness Center being used for campaigning as Mayor Rogers did.

Mayor Rogers responded that there has been no campaigning at the fitness center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Brown, second by Trustee Henyard 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: 1 Trustee Holmes


Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 7th day of December, 2020.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor