

Village of Dolton Board of Trustees
Meeting of the Committee of the Whole
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom – Livestream on YouTube
April 19, 2021

CALL TO ORDER In the absence of Mayor Riley H. Rogers, Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan called the Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:46 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 Engineer Ron Smith, Cris Miroballi of John Kasperek Co., and department heads. Village Administrator Elizabeth Scott and Village Attorney John B. Murphey were absent.

A quorum was present.

The village clerk asked for a motion for mayor pro tem to chair the rest of the meeting.

MOTION TO APPOINT TRUSTEE HOUSE MAYOR PRO TEM.

Motion by Trustee Holmes. 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.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER

Prayer was led by Trustee Holmes.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Henyard expressed her thanks for being elected the first woman mayor. Inauguration of the newly elected officials will be at main Dolton Park.

Village Clerk Duggan announced the public hearing on a petition for a residential zoning variance has been rescheduled to 6 p.m. on Monday, May 3rd.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

CITIZENS ADDRESS (Limited to discussion of agenda items)

None

ORDER OF BUSINESS (*Discussion Only*)

1. Presentation of Annual Financial Report for FY2020

Jen Martinson of Lauderbach & Amen, LLP, summarized the audit. She noted that the management letter is "clean" meaning no irregularities in record-keeping.

In response to Trustee Steave's question, Ms. Martinson said that the village has made significant improvements but is operating at a \$2 million deficit. Mr. Miroballi explained that because the village now has a large number of restricted funds, the deficit is reflected in unrestricted funds.

2. Purchase of New Server for Civic Systems Software

IT Consultant Derik Blocker explained that a new server is needed to accommodate the new software, but the new server would be large enough to consolidate some of the older servers, which should be replaced.

There was a consensus to move forward.

3. Request for Class 8 Property Tax Incentive 801 E. Sibley Blvd.

Adam Dotson of The Sandrick Law Firm was present on behalf of the applicant and recent buyer of the now Jackson-Hewitt location. Current real estate taxes are \$50,000 per year. The Class 8 incentive is projected to reduced taxes to \$20,000 per year.

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4. Repair of Fire Hydrants

Deputy Fire Chief Don Rush noted that Mayor Rogers had placed this item on the agenda. He was not sure of the mayor's intent. In response to Trustee Steave's question, Deputy Chief Rush said that an answer on grant funding re hydrants is due.

5. Fourth of July Fireworks

Trustee Henyard reported that she has been in discussion with other local districts for each to contribute \$5,000 for a fireworks display. The projected cost is \$15-\$25,000. Trustee Tammie Brown asked whether there was paperwork breaking down the costs and contributions. Trustee House said that he anticipated allocating funds in the upcoming budget under special events. Trustee Henyard said that she would email quotes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

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

(Village Clerk Duggan asked residents to identify their posts for Citizens Address so that they may be identified within the back and forth chatter.)

Who are the newly elected officials?

House: Tiffany Henyard, mayor; Alison Key, village clerk; Jason House, Kiana Belcher, and Brittney Norwood, trustees.

What department should I address regarding the property behind KFC on Sibley?

Trustee House: If there is an issue with private property, report it to the village.

Will there be a permit-free holiday?

Trustee Henyard: It is on the table.

What are you going to do about a Dolton police officer drunk on the job?

There is a sewer hole at 15436 Greenwood.

Why isn't the website updated with current information?

When can we update the website on newly elected officials?

Trustee Steave: When the newly elected officials come into office. Village Clerk Duggan added that the date is May 8th.

What is Dolton's "qualified immunity" for the Dolton Police Department?

What is the business for Class 8?

What is the plan to stem all of the violence and killing in our town?

Trustee House: There are several different approaches.

Chief Mobley said that there is an identified response to "Homicide Sundays" as South Holland is doing.

What about the "trash tree mountain" at 140th and Lou Boudreau Dr.

Village Clerk Duggan further identified that location as north of 142nd and Park Ave.

Dumping in alley behind 149th and Grant St.

Hazard at 144th and Murray Ave.

Alley behind 14334-37 Ann St. Both homes are empty.

There is a son of a retired cop across the street who keeps calling the police department.

Trustee House: Reach out to the police department.

Will the village address poorly illuminating street lights?

Trustee House: A comprehensive plan is in progress.

How to report a check on a fire hydrant?

Deputy Chief Rush: To Public Works. The fire department checks hydrants every fall.

Congratulations to everyone. There will be a meet and greet after 5 p.m.

Trustee Henyard clarified this Saturday as per Facebook.

Instead of fireworks, can we do something to clean up the village?

Why don't officials of Dolton have access to village social media pages?

Scooters and mini-bike riders have increased. What can be done?

Chief Mobley: Offenders on sidewalks or driving recklessly will be ticketed.

Status of speed bump application on LaSalle?

When is the new administration coming in?

How will Dolton be enforcing illegal fireworks?

Chief Mobley: Ticket and confiscate.

Is qualified immunity for DPD in the union contract or does the village have a say?

Chief Mobley answered that state law determines.

Will additional police be a front runner for the new administration?

It's illegal to cut people without notice. You didn't even send a letter.

Trustee House referred this to the village administrator or water department.

Why were illuminating lights changed to lesser illuminating?

So is there an ordinance that elected officials can be indebted to the village?

Are there rules against parking on a vacant lot?

Chief Mobley: The police department will not respond unless someone calls.

Please address issues of illegal fireworks.

Chief Mobley: First, notify DPD.

Village clean-up 15102 Maryland.

To Trustee Henyard: Why are we having a big backlash with Covid still spreading?

Trustee Henyard: Response to come.

Any chance of reinstating e-recycling drop-off?

Clerk Duggan said that she is monitoring announcements of future events.

When will our water bills be wiped out?

Trustee House: Do not expect.

To Trustee Henyard: Will all department heads be up for review/replacement?

Trustee Henyard referenced annual employee reviews and her 90-plan.

When will village cover tows from private property?

Henyard said that she was wiping water bills out.

Trustee Henyard said that is looking for more additional revenue for seniors, but she is not wiping the water bills out.

Consider hiring youth for more clean-up projects.

Trustee Henyard responded that she has plans for youth this summer

Can we participate at Dolton Park?

Yes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

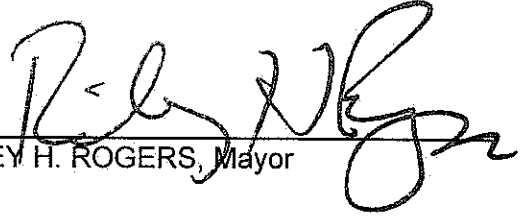
ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.


MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 3rd day of May, 2021.


RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor