

Village of Dolton
Regular Meeting Board of Trustees
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom - Livestream on YouTube
Monday, April 5, 2021

CALL TO ORDER In the absence of Mayor Riley H. Rogers, Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:38 pm.

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

Also present: Village Attorney John B. Murphey, Village Engineer Ron Smith, Village Administrator Elizabeth Scott, Cris Miroballi of John Kasperek Co., and department heads.

A quorum was present.

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

MOTION APPOINT TRUSTEE HOUSE MAYOR PRO TEM.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Denton, Henyard, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Holmes

Motion passed.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER

Led by Trustee House.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Denton expressed her condolences to Trustee Pierson and family on the death of their daughter.

Trustee Henyard urged residents to be cautious about their surroundings. She further announced that early voting for the consolidated general election continues today.

Trustee House expressed his thanks to resident Sandra Wells for her assistance in assisting residents in the Zuccarelli lawn assistance (ZAP) program.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A. Approval of the Minutes:

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES February 16, 2021 Meeting of the Committee of the Whole, March 1, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, and March 15, 2021 Meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Denton, Henyard, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Holmes.

Motion passed.

B. Communications

A public hearing re a request for a zoning variance for 15700 Maryland is set for 6 pm on Monday, April 19th via Zoom.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ron Smith summarized his written report re the annual application process for Community Development and Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Trustee House announced that the annual audit will be completed by the next regular board meeting.

Housing

Trustee Brown read the monthly housing department report itemizing \$71, 673.06 received for March.

Police and Fire

In the absence of Trustee Holmes, Chief Ernest Mobley reported 1,819 police calls for response in March. Chief Brandon Dyer reported 707 calls for fire department response in March.

Public Works

Trustee Steave referenced Supt. Matt Stacey's monthly written report: Garbage can must be retrieved by no later than 7 pm on pick-up day. As of April, Homewood Disposal is picking-up leaf bags and branches less than 4 ft. and tied.

Melanie Fitness Center

Trustee Steave reminded residents that Rashidat's Café is open, while the fate of the Melanie Fitness Center now rests with the incoming mayor.

CORPORATE BILLS

Trustee House read aloud the summary of Corporate Payments Register #185 and #184:

Corporate Register #185: Corporate Payments \$1,047,611.75, Gross Payroll 03/12/21 \$353,996.66, Gross Payroll 03/26/21 \$327,604.68; Melanie Fitness Center \$ 6,905.63; Gross Payroll 3/12/21 \$855.11, Gross Payroll 3/26/21 \$855.11; for Total Corporate Payments \$ 1,737,828.94.

Corporate Register #184: Electronic Corporate Payments \$21,351.62, Water Fund \$285,074.23; Melanie Fitness Center \$566.31 for Total Corporate Payments of \$306,992.16.

MOTION TO APPROVE CORPORATE PAYMENTS REGISTER #185 AND #184.

Motion by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Brown. Discussion followed on individual items.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Denton, Henyard, House, Steave.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Holmes

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Retirement Agreement of Public Works Employee

Administrator Scott noted that savings from this retirement can pay for 2 new employees.

Motion by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Steave.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Denton, Henyard, House, Steave.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Holmes

Motion passed.

B. Resolution No. 21 R-003

Supporting a Class 8 Classification Renewal for Certain Property Within the Village of Dolton – 14848 S. Woodlawn Ave., Dolton

At the request of Trustee Henyard, this item was removed from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance No. 21-002

Providing for the Commencement of the Terms for the Officers Elected at the April 6, 2021 Election for the Village of Dolton.

In response to the village clerk's question, Attorney Murphey said that the special meeting could commence in the absence of the mayor and village clerk with a quorum.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee House.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Denton, Henyard, House, Steave.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Holmes

- B. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County for Water Main Relocation Work for Dolton Interlocking Upgrade Project (WA11).

MOTION TO APPROVE. Motion by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Brown.

Administrator Scott explained that that the water main improvement is necessary to move forward with the railroad relocation grant. There being no further discussion:

Motion by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Brown.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Denton, Henyard, House, Steave.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Holmes

Motion passed.

- C. Authorization of Transfer of Funds and Closure of Fifth Third Federal Forfeiture Account

Mr. Miroballi explained. Discussion followed.

Motion by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Denton..

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Denton, Henyard, House, Steave.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Holmes

Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT None.

CITIZENS ADDRESS: *Giavonni Nickson, Communications Director, reported the following posts:*

What is policy re ATV and motorbikes?

Police Chief Mobley responded that they may be ticketed and without paperwork may be impounded.

What are the crime reports for the current month?

Chief Mobley referred to his report to the board.

What is the time frame for water accounts for District 2?

The village clerk responded that her home is within District 2, which is billed quarterly beginning January 1; the most recent bill would be for Jan-March, and should be sent out late April.

Re 14100 Park: The Cunningham family wants dumping of tree debris stopped behind their house.

Supt. Stacey reported that removed trees and branches are deposited at that location.

How can I find out how much the village owes Chicago for its water bill?

Mr. Miroballi: \$7.2 million under the settlement agreement.

Concrete damage in front of house.

Supt. Stacey: Call Public Works at 708-201-3280.

To Trustee Henyard: If elected, would you institute a beautification program and a tax on business to upgrade?

Trustee Henyard responded that she has a 90-day plan.

Trustee Henyard promised to wipe out water bills.

Trustee Henyard said that was not correct.

Who is will be carrying Chicago water bill because my bill is crazy?

Trustee House replied that the village will continue to bill.

Follow-up to question to Chief Mobley: Not asking for arrests but part 1 and part 2 crimes.

Chief Mobley asked citizen to email him.

If there were more police department patrolling, maybe crime and noise would be controlled.

Chief Mobley noted that while the board approved hiring 10 new officers, some candidates went elsewhere and there were also retirements. The department still needs 8 officers.

How long does it take to generate a water bill?

Village Administrator Scott responded that it takes about a month.

Who should we call for consistent loud music?

Chief Mobley said to call the police department. Violators will be issued a ticket or a warning.

Does Trustee Steave have access to village social media tools?

Ms. Nickson said no. Trustee Steave confirmed, except for channel 4.

What is the invest closure rate of part 1 offenses for 2020?

Chief Mobley asked again that citizen email him.

Trustee Henyard: Early Walker is rich. Are we supposed to believe that you live in Dolton?

I live on Greenwood and loud music from 159th is continuous. How can I get a sign posted?

Trustee Henyard: What have you done for us in the past 8 years other than argue?

Trustee Henyard referred to her platform on Facebook.

Administrator Scott: I reported the street light out at 15232 Hastings.

Supt. Stacey responded that he will check tomorrow. The light may need a new bulb.

Why is the police department not reporting crime occurrences to Illinois UCR?

Chief Mobley responded that the department reports as mandated.

Trustee Henyard: You said that you didn't know about wiping out water bills, but in the articles in the Sun-Times and Southtown you say you will.

Trustee Henyard responded that she is working on a plan to wipe out senior water bills.

Will the new administration be removing some of those super-large speed bumps?

If the police department is reporting state UCR statistics, why is there an issue reporting at this meeting.

Chief Mobley responded that he is not at the police department and does not have those statistics.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee House, second by Trustee Brown, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees, there being no discussion:

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Denton, Henyard, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Holmes.

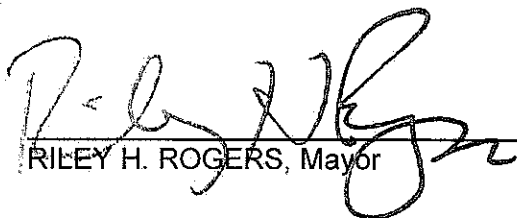
Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

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



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor