

Village of Dolton Board of Trustees

Special Meeting – Virtual Meeting
Via Zoom – Livestream on YouTube
Monday, May 17, 2021 @ 6:30pm

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Tiffany A. Henyard called the Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:48pm.

ROLL CALL The following trustees were present: Brittany Norwood, Ed Steave, Kiana Belcher, Jason House and Tammie Brown. Trustee Andre Holmes, absent.

Also present: Village Clerk Alison Key, Village Attorney Shawnte Raines, Cris Mirobali of John Kasperek Co. and department heads.

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCES/
PRAYER

Led by Mayor Henyard and Trustee House

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Steave concerned about citizen's address. The Mayor will speak on it later on the agenda.

Mayor Henyard announce a request for sponsorship by Park District Commissioner Kyle Rochelle To purchase supplies at upcoming youth event on May 23, 2021 @ Needles Park @ 11:00am. All Present trustees approved to sponsor \$500.00.

Mayor Henyard also announced a Virtual Transition Meeting for residents on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 @ 7:00pm. There will be pop-up communication on the website in the dashboard Where important information will be displayed. Residents can e-mail suggestions to: suggestionsformayor@vodolton.org. They can also submit complaints to the Mayor and trustees at: complaints@vodolton.org. Resident will receive replies from both sites.

Mayor reported that former Mayor Riley's vehicle was returned with extensive damage with no Police report and a claim cannot be filed through the insurance due to lack of reporting. Trustee Brown asked who will vehicle be assigned to. The answer: the Mayor will have possession. The mayor finally announce she will no longer bring back former lawn care contractors. A new lawn care program will be run in conjunction with Thornton Township's program. Trustee Norwood will lead the program. No discussion.

APPROVALS

1. Appointment of interim village administrator – Mayor Henyard asked for approval to appointed Dorothy Brown-Cook as interim village administrator for six months. Her salary will be \$50,000 and will be the same as the previous village administrator. Trustee Brown asked if the position will be posted on the website. Mayor Henyard replied yes.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Norwood, Steave, Belcher, House, Brown

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Holmes

Motion passed

2. Appointment of Deputy Chief of Police Steven Curry – Police Chief Collins reported that Steven Curry has been on the police force for 19 years and he will be a great choice for the position. There will be no salary adjustment and he will not be covered by the collective bargaining agreement. Salary can be negotiated. Discussion: Trustee Belcher wanted to know when the position will become effective: May 17, 2021.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Norwood, Steave, Belcher, House, Brown

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Holmes

Motion passed.

3. Discussion and action regarding payment of inauguration invoices. Only 1 will be processed for Affordable Party Planners LLC in the amount of \$6,756. Services were read by Clerk Key. All other invoices will go on the warrant list. Discussion preceded.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustee Norwood, Steave, House, Brown

NAYS: 1 Trustee Belcher

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Holmes

Motion passed.

4. Discussion regarding payment of invoices for A. Kings Kleening & Facility Maintenance. This Item was moved to the warrant list.
5. Discussion regarding roof repairs for village buildings. Item moved to next board meeting when Quotes are received.
6. Discussion regarding replacements of lights on Sibley & Indiana and 1150 E. Sibley. Stacey reported many of the light poles will need replacing because many are missing. He suggested they be gradually replaced. Also, there were two poles that tripped the system.

ORDER OF BUSINESS (DISCUSSION ONLY)

1. 300 West Sibley Update - This item is set for public hearing on June 7, 2021. Clerk will publish notice.
2. Repair of Village Hall – Mayor Henyard recommend giving the property a facelift with replacing the roof; landscaping; painting inside and outside; signage. The mayor would also like the trustees input on this project. Trustee Steave would like to see how we are paying for the project and how funds are spent. The mayor replied that Menards is donating \$12,000 in flooring, waiting for approval from corporate. The budget will be the last resort for this project but if needed will request approval from the board first. She will also speak to the accountant for funding sources. Trustee House would like to make sure we have an approved budget.
3. Resurfacing the Parking Lot – Mayor reported the lot is leaking into the basement. She asked the board to consider approval. Currently do not have quotes.
4. Replace Fire Trucks – Chief McCain reported the fire department is in dire need of new fire engine which will cost \$60,000. A study was conducted in 2016 & 2017 for a plan to replace the vehicles. If we purchase the vehicle, payment would not begin in this fiscal year. Payments are usually a year later. There are no current grants available. This project would cost \$450,000 minimum to replace all vehicles. Mayor Henyard asked if we should proceed. Trustee Belcher feels we should since payment is a year later. Board voted to move forward to purchase fire truck. AYES: 5 Trustee Belcher, Steave, Brown, House, Norwood. ABSENT: 1 Trustee Holmes
5. Public Works Equipment – Stacy reported that every vehicle in public works is in need of repair. Currently, there is a staff person certified and working on repairs but are limited on how much repairs can be done. He presented a proposed budget of what the department needs are. The accountant recommended leasing vehicles. Stacey also reported he has (1) lawn equipment and he need equipment as soon as possible based on the volume of calls coming in from residents and the equipment is not commercial grade and is simply overworked or broken. Trustee Steave asked if we had any capital funds available? There are \$300,000 available in capital funds available. Trustee House stated we need to look at a holistic approach due to the great deal of

needs and to prioritize the needs systematically. Payroll covers most of the budget. Mayor will talk to Cris to see what we can and cannot purchase.

6. NHS and Neighbor-Community Garden – Trustee Belcher stated the collaborating to bring beautification within the community. Ms. Louis reported on the project which is located at 615 E. 147th Street. She's looking for residents to come out to volunteer to support the program. There will be several workshops on energy efficiencies, community gardening as well as virtual reality labs for kids. The event is scheduled for June 5, 2021 @ 9:00am. The Mayor welcomed the program.
7. Federal Funding Assistance Opportunity for Sewer Inspection & Rehabilitation – There is a grant proposal for \$500,000 but we will have to match 20% which will be \$100,000. Mayor Henyard feel we should move forward and have a committee meeting to discuss details. ROLL CALL: AYES: 5 Trustee Norwood, Steave, Belcher, House, Brown. ABSENT: 1 Trustee Holmes
8. Fourth of July Celebration – Mayor Henyard reported the village and park district will contribute \$5,000 each. Still waiting for reply from school board, they are donating the land, also checking with the library. Still in negotiation. Event is scheduled for Friday, July 2, 2021 @ Thornridge High School. She will continue to update board with the progress. ROLL CALL: AYES: 5 Trustee Norwood, Steave, Belcher, House, Brown, ABSENT:1 Trustee Holmes.

CITIZEN ADDRESS: Will be posted on website.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm