



# VILLAGE OF DOLTON

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### Village of Dolton Special Board Meeting July 31, 2021 Citizens Address



3:45CharisseWhen was the proposed budget published in the newspaper per ordinance?

**Answer: The Public Notice for the Budget Hearing was published on July 22, 2021, as required. The budget is not required to be published. The budget was published on the Village of Dolton website on July 21, 2021.**



5:28CharisseThank you

**Answer: Not a question.**



6:37Rhonda Brown good morning

**Answer: Not a question.**



6:40duane Muhammad Is this meeting published on the website. I had someone call me about the meeting

**Answer: Yes.**



6:57Sabrina PSL GabrielleGrand RISING VOD board, it wasn't posted on the FB Dolton board, more people see that than the Tribune paper., and I checked, and it's not under VOD events either.

**Answer: The state law requirement is to publish the Public Notice of the budget hearing in a widely circulated newspaper. It was also published on our website and on the front door of Village Hall.**



8:01Mitch Martinwhat is the meeting about

**Answer: The main discussion of this special board meeting is about the discussion and possible action required for approval of Ordinance No. 21-004 Adopting a Budget Appropriation Ordinance for FY 2021 – 2022.**



8:39Sabrina PSL GabrielleIn the future can WE the residents have the same notification as the board...Thanks in Advance.

**Answer: The notification of Board meetings are required to be posted, by law, up 48 hours prior to the meeting. Board meeting notices are posted on the website, and on the front door of Village Hall.**



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8:47Betty Hills there money in the budget for public works. I've been trying to get a tree trimmed for some time now.

**Answer: Please forward your request to [complaint-compliment@vodolton.org](mailto:complaint-compliment@vodolton.org). Please provide the location, and your contact information. Will forward your message to the public works department.**



9:07Rhonda Brownthe budget

**Answer: Not a question.**



9:17duane muhammadWhere at on the site is it published this meeting please?

**Answer: The Special Board meeting was published under Government/Board Meeting Minutes and Agendas on the website.**



9:39Alfred BurseDoes anyone else see anybody else accept three ppl??

**Answer: The Board members that are not sharing their videos, are still in the meeting, but they are not seen.**



9:51Rhonda Browni see 3 people

**Answer: Not a question.**



10:34Kevin BoensI can't see any of the other board members other than Andrew Holmes is there any other Trustees present

**Answer: Not a question.**



10:46duane muhammadCan the clerk who said it was on the site please tell us where?

**Answer: The Special Board meeting was published under Government/Board Meeting Minutes and Agendas on the website.**



10:59CharisseOut of respect for the fire dept. Why wasn't this mtg postponed till after his funeral?



11:25duane muhammadThank you madam Clerk

**Answer: Not a question.**



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11:38Cynthia BrewerI tried to zoom the last board meeting. Was it online or in person? Are the board meeting on YouTube?

**Answer: The Board Meetings will be on YouTube.**

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12:19TRUTH HURTSwill the budget address public safety in our village

**Answer: Yes, through the Police Department.**



13:16CharisseOut of respect for the fire dept. Why wasn't this mtg postponed till after his funeral?



14:00Village of DoltonThe Board Meetings are still virtual and streamed live on youtube



14:35Sabrina PSL Gabriellewhen will the board meetings open up at village hall

**Answer: The specific date still needs to be determined.**



14:56Charisse@Village of Dolton that does not address the question. Ask the question. This is a public hearing for the record.

**Answer: The specific date still needs to be determined.**



15:09CharisseOut of respect for the fire dept. Why wasn't this mtg postponed till after his funeral?



15:41Alfred BurseWhat date was the notice for this special board meeting posted for the general public?

**Answer: July 21, 2021.**



16:34Rhonda BrownAre we going to really get clear answers about this budget? why are salaries combined on line items? Example: police chief line item says 270,000.00, village adm. says 200,000.00.

**Answer: This is the format used by the Accounting firm. Will ask them to provide details for future budgets.**



18:23Sabrina PSL GabrielleI'm sorry PLEASE REPEAT!!!

**Answer: Not a question.**



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19:51 Sabrina PSL Gabrielle those budget lines

**Answer: Not a question.**



20:20 Sabrina PSL Gabrielle please & Thank You

**Answer: Not a question.**



20:39 Charisse This is the repeat: Are we going to really get clear answers about this budget? why are salaries combined on line items? Example: police chief line item says 270,000.00, village adm. says 200,000.00

**Answer: This is the format used by the Accounting firm. Will ask them to provide details for future budgets**



20:44 Rhonda Brown the budget I received doesn't have individual salaries, why is that. Example: how much does the chief make? how much does each deputy chief's make?

**Answer: Answer: This is the format used by the Accounting firm. Will ask them to provide details for future budgets**



21:24 Charisse What is the rationale for 2 deputy chiefs?

**Answer: One is inactive.**



22:45 Rhonda Brown how much does the village administrator make

**Answer: \$100,000.**



22:55 Alfred Burse The description column is located where on the proposed budget?

**Answer: The description column is located on the right-hand side of the proposed budget.**



23:02 Sabrina PSL Gabrielle is the deputy chief NOT on FMLA.

**Answer: Not a question.**



28:16 Charisse Do not motion to approve.... tricky language

**Answer: Not a question.**



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29:03Rhonda Brown don't do it!!!!!!!

**Answer: Not a question.**



30:09Rhonda Brown that's confusing!

**Answer: Not a question.**



31:21Charisse Its not confusing, its tricky. They motion to approve then the budget is approved. Then it is left up to the Board to then discuss and the areas they want amended.

**Answer: The proper Robert's Rule of Order, is for there to be a Motion, a Second and then the discussion takes place before the vote for approval.**



33:38Rhonda Brown @Charisse is that all they are ammending???

**Answer: Not a question**



34:03Charisse I dont know @Rhonda Brown

**Answer: Not a question**



34:27Sabrina PSL Gabrielle we have a youth committee now?

**Answer: Yes.**



39:56Charisse use dorothy brown to find those funds for youth programming

**Answer: It's illegal for governments to pay grant writers based upon the grants they bring in. Funds from grants must only be used for that which a grant is authorized.**



40:40Sabrina PSL Gabrielle NO...our grant writer can be contracted...PAID PER GRANT, grant writers are paid through the grant, or has that changed???

**Answer: It's illegal for governments to pay grant writers based upon the grants they bring in. Funds from grants must only be used for that which a grant is authorized.**



41:44Alfred Burse What's the plan for the proposed budget (\$75,000) for the youth committee?

**Answer: It was reduced to \$35,000 by amendment. The plan is to hire youth to sweep up leaves in the fall, shovel snow in the winter, do clean up in the spring, and mow lawns in the summer.**



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42:35Rhonda BrownThis budget doesn't match the spending in this village. The residents don't agree with this budget

**Answer: Not a question.**



42:40Dorothy BrownIt's illegal for governments to pay grant writers based upon the grants they bring in. Funds from grants must only be used for that which a grant is authorized.

**Answer: Not a question.**



43:09Sabrina PSL GabrielleELECTED OFFICIALS...GO TO TRAINING!!!, there should be NO IF's, AND's or BUT's about it.

**Answer: Not a question.**



43:57Sabrina PSL Gabrielle@ Dorothy Brown thank you

**Answer: Not a question.**



44:12Ms ScorpioCITIZEN'S ADDRESS: What was proposed budget for the grant writer?

**Answer: \$55,000.**



45:05Rhonda Brownmake grant writer contactor

**Answer: Not a question.**



47:12Christine Barsano training for anyone?

**Answer: The training budget was reduced from \$30,000 to \$10,000.**



47:24Charisse@Alfred Burse you are right

**Answer: Not a question.**



47:25Kevin BoensWill any steps be taking to reduce the 2nd Deputy Chief or are we not going to address this person who's on leave. Will be retained if so for how long?

**Answer: This is a personnel matter.**



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47:42Christine BarsaA lot of grants are introduced at conferences etc  
**Answer: Not a question.**



48:33Charisse@Dorothy Brown where can we find that restriction in the law re: grant writers  
**Answer: It is specifically discussed what a grant is to be used for, within the specs for grants, and it's never for an expense that has already occurred to get the grant.**



49:33Robert E Hunt Jr.85,000 savings from a 24,000,000 is a .0035 savings. FYI  
**Answer: Not a question.**



50:27Robert E Hunt Jr.Seems personal to anybody that knows numbers.  
**Answer: Not a question.**



51:12Sabrina PSL GabrielleCitizens Address: Trustee Norwood, what are the different youth programs under the Youth Committee umbrella...other than sports?  
**Answer: Trustee Norwood will be announcing the programs at a later date.**



52:34Rhonda BrownI can't believe this budget was passed with less than 100k cuts.  
**Answer: Not a question.**



53:35Dorothy BrownEach grant speaks to what it can be used for. There is never a line for the person that helped you get the grant. Grants do not pay for expenditures that have already been expended.  
**Answer: Not a question.**



53:36CharisseIs the Deputy Chief who is out of office on FMLA? If so, does he still get normal salary?  
**Answer: That is a personnel issue.**



53:51kesheba brownmy block hasn't had our tree limbs picked up in over a month. they are too big and thick for the garbage bags....can we get some help?  
**Answer: Please send an email for this request to the [complaint-compliment@vodolton.org](mailto:complaint-compliment@vodolton.org) email box and indicate your contact information and location.**



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54:00Dorothy BrownYou cannot even use the grant for grant prep expenses.

**Answer: Not a question.**



54:01Charisse@Dorothy Brown that is not answering the question

**Answer: What a grant is to be used for is specifically discussed within the specs of the grant. Paying the grant writer who helps to solicit the grant is never an expense for which a grant is to be used. In other words, expenses incurred prior to the obtaining of a grant, are not payable with a grant, and that includes the grant writer.**