

Village of Dolton  
Regular Meeting Board of Trustees  
*Virtual Meeting Via Zoom - Livestream on YouTube*  
Monday, March 1, 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 6:39 p.m.

ROLL CALL The following trustees were present: Deborah Denton, Tiffany Henyard, Jason House, and Edward Steave. Trustees Tammie Brown and Andrew Holmes were 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: 6 Trustees Brown, Denton, Henyard, Holmes, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE/  
PRAYER

Led by Trustee House.

#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Henyard reminded residents to wear their masks during covid. Trustee Henyard thanked voters for their support in the primary and asked them to come out again for the April 6 election. She may be reached at 708-963-2137.

At the mayor pro tem's request, Communications Director Giavonni Nickson confirmed that the YouTube chat box was functioning.

#### VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

- A. Approval of the Minutes:  
February 1, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

The village clerk asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES February 1, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Brown, Holmes.

Motion passed.

B. Communications

None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ron Smith summarized his written report. The CDBG application for street resurfacing is on the agenda. In response to Trustee Steave's question, Mr. Smith advised that he is working on other grants as outlined in his report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Trustee House announced that there will be no meeting in February. The next meeting is anticipated to be on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Housing

On behalf of Trustee Brown, Housing Director Sharon Harris summarized the monthly housing department report.

Police and Fire

In the absence of Trustee Holmes, Chief Ernest Mobley read aloud the Dolton Police Department report and Deputy Chief Don Rush read aloud the Dolton Fire Department report for February.

Public Works

Trustee Steave referenced the department's monthly written report.

Melanie Fitness Center

In response to Trustee Steave's question, Administrator Scott confirmed that listing the Melanie Fitness Center for sale will be on the village's website.

CORPORATE BILLS

Trustee House read aloud the summary of Corporate Payments Register #181 and #180:

Corporate Register #183: Corporate Payments \$ 1,070,251.77, Gross Payroll 02/12/21 \$340,297.02, Gross Payroll 02/26/21 \$ 357,041.40 Melanie Fitness Center \$ 5,004.35, Gross Payroll 2/12/21 \$855.11, Gross Payroll 2/26/21 \$855.11; for Total Corporate Payments \$ 1,774,304.76

Corporate Register #182: Electronic Corporate Payments \$34,255.47, Water Fund \$254,075.69, Manual Checks \$11,200.00; for Total Corporate Payments of \$299,531.16.

MOTION TO APPROVE CORPORATE PAYMENTS REGISTER #183 AND #182.

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

ROLL CALL  
AYES: 4 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Steave.  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 2 Trustees Brown, Holmes  
Motion passed.

## OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance No. 21-001  
Calling for a Public Hearing to Consider Designation of a Redevelopment Project Area for the Village of Dolton, Cook County, Illinois  
(West Sibley Tax Increment Financing District)
- B. Purchase of Police Radios
- C. Purchase of Fire Department Protective Gear
- D. Roof Repair: Public Works Salt Building

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS A-D. Motion by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Henyard. There being no discussion:

ROLL CALL  
AYES: 4 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Steave.  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 2 Trustees Brown, Holmes  
Motion passed.

- E. Forensic Audit and Internal Controls Proposals

The board of trustees heard from representatives from Baker Tilly, who first outlined why the firm's involvement was not a conflict of interest as raised at the previous meeting, and then outlined the firm's proposal. Trustee Henyard said that her main concern was bills paid not being credited. Administrator Scott said that any and all payments are run through the water department/payment center.

There was a consensus to consider the proposal to be submitted by Baker Tilly before making a decision.

- F. BP Capital Lawsuit Proposed Settlement

There was a consensus to defer this item to Executive Session.

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution No. 21 R-002  
Authorizing the Village of Dolton Participation in the 2021 Program Year, Cook County Community Development Block Program

Village Engineer Ron Smith recommended approval as set forth in his written report. There being no relevant discussion:

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION ON 21 R-002.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Brown, Holmes.

Motion passed.

B. Approval of Equature Hardware Refresh Proposal for Dolton Police Dept.

IT Consultant Derik Blocker outlined the extension of the new agreement for a 5-year term. Cris Miroballi of Kasperek Co, confirmed that the total cost was \$5,953.00.

MOTION TO APPROVE.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Brown, Holmes.

Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT None.

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

Where is the fire chief?

*Deputy Chief Rush responded that there was a death in the fire chief's family.*

Who won the election?

*Trustee House summarized the current results and noted that the results won't be certified until March 9.*

What happened to the \$8 million owed to the City of Chicago?

*Trustee House responded that the village had entered into a payment plan.*

Who checks water/payment center balances?

*Trustee House responded that accounts are audited each year.*

Who handles payment center disputes?

*Trustee House responded that for now they are handled by Janice Johnson or in her absence by Elizabeth Scott.*

It seems like the village has not received any grants for police and fire.

*Trustee House responded yes.*

The accountant/auditor should have seen discrepancies.

*Trustee House explained the difference between the annual audit and a forensic audit.*

Why aren't we allowed to pay water bills directly to Chicago?

*Trustee House responded that there is no direct billing from Chicago.*

*Who can I contact re my water bill complaint?*

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PENDING LITIGATION AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. No action to be taken.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Brown, Holmes.

Motion passed.

The Board of Trustees entered into Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Brown, Holmes.

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

  
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MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 5th day of April, 2021.

  
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RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor