

VILLAGE OF DOLTON  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
June 15, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Board of Trustees to order in the New Village Hall at 7:41 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Trustees were present: Stanley Brown, Tiffany Henyard, Robert E. Hunt, Jr., Duane Muhammad, Robert E. Pierson, Jr., and Valeria Stubbs.

Also present: Village Administrator Stan Urban and department heads.

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER

Prayer was led by Trustee Stubbs

Mayor Rogers welcomed the members of Building Our Own Communities (BOOC) Youth Center of New Zion Christian Fellowship Church who were present in the audience.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Deferred until after Order of Business)

Trustee Henyard announced that her second annual Dolton cancer walk will be from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, June 20, 2015, starting at the Dorchester Senior Center and ending at the Old Village Hall fountain. For more information, Trustee Henyard may be contacted at (773) 297-6859 and Trustee Brown may be contacted at (708) 541-2778. Trustee Henyard requested two police cars. Mayor Rogers said that he would determine availability.

Trustee Pierson asked for volunteers for the June 20<sup>th</sup> Clean Sweep Day. Volunteers may contact Mary Evans at (708) 201-2963. Trustee Pierson also asked residents to take care of the streets and alleys by their homes and is asking businesses to clean their locations up as well. Afterwards he will be asking for strict code enforcement.

Trustee Muhammad introduced and expressed his thanks to resident Desmond Shuford for setting up the sound system in use for the board meeting until a new system may be purchased.

Trustee Muhammad announced that families may be eligible for Comcast cable service at \$10 per month if they have at least one child who is eligible for the school lunch program. Those interested may telephone (855) 846-8376.

Trustee Brown announced that residents may recycle their electronics by dropping them off at Vintage Recyclers. Further information is on the board room table.

Trustee Brown announced that residents 60 years of age and older may be eligible for Thornton Township's grass cutting program at a cost ranging from \$0 to \$9 per month. There are 23 Dolton youths employed by the program.

Mayor Rogers announced the summer board meeting hours: The board will meet on the first Mondays of July and August only. The meetings will begin at 6:30 instead of 7:30 p.m. The board will not meet on the third Mondays of July and August.

Mayor Rogers met with Governor Rauner's outreach director and invited the governor to make Dolton his first post-election visit to the south suburbs.

Mayor Rogers said that the village will be hiring former state police officers to set up overweight truck scales throughout the village. Estimated revenues are \$250,000 or more.

Mayor Rogers is working on ordinances to address the problems of businesses selling single cigarettes, and the theft of catalytic converters.

"Steppin at the Fountain" will return next Wednesday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Mayor Rogers thanked Mrs. Crayton for her donation of raffle gifts at Saturday's "Coffee with the Mayor."

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### A. Koucos Electronic Product Promotion Kiosks

Mayor Rogers explained that the kiosks are sweepstakes machines but are not regulated by the state or by the village gaming ordinance. Also, unlike gaming terminals, they may be installed in businesses that do not sell liquor, food or cigarettes. Mayor Rogers distributed a video gaming report for May, 2015, showing the net wagering activity in the village and the village's share of taxes at five percent. He proposed an ordinance for kiosks with a similar fee structure as he will be proposing for the gaming terminals but with a higher taxation rate. There was a consensus of the trustees to proceed.

### B. Increase Licensing Fees of Gaming Machines

Mayor Rogers proposed increasing the license fees for the video gaming terminals from \$500 to \$1,000 for each machine, establishment, and manufacturer (\$3,000 per machine). There was a consensus of the trustees to proceed.

### C. Amendment to Administrative Adjudication Ordinance

Mayor Rogers explained that the attorney had proposed revising the ordinance to avoid a possible "double jeopardy" issue with state prosecutions for criminal offenses. Recently police officers had written two tickets for driving under the influence under both the state statute and village ordinance. There was a consensus of the trustees to proceed.

### D. 2015-2016 Budget Presentation

Village Administrator Stan Urban outlined revenue sources for the fiscal year just ending and explained that after allowing for payment of employee salaries, fixed costs and bonds, \$100,000 were remaining. Fixed costs do not include such things as salt purchases, snow removal, or paper. While the village is less in the hole than it was two years ago, its current situation requires further action by the board. Mr. Urban described the following options: lay-off of police and fire personnel, early retirement for police and fire personnel, increase property taxes, and/or impose liquor and cigarette taxes.

Trustee Hunt asked if staff would present a draft budget as it had last year. Mr. Urban replied that he would make recommendations for certain departments but it would be the board's responsibility to set those line items that are not fixed and to decide on measures to increase revenue and cut expenses. Trustee Stubbs said that she had already met with finance staff and will meet with Mr. Urban to discuss her suggestions. In response to Trustee Muhammad's question, Mr. Urban said that while the trustees may not access the village's accounting software, last year's "budget to actual" may be made available to the trustees in Excel format. Trustee Hunt said he took exception to Mr. Urban's comment that in meeting

with Ms. Blanco from Kasperek and Associates, Mr. Urban and Ms. Blanco "found" an additional \$500,000 in savings for Bud's Ambulance. Trustee Hunt noted that the new contract with Bud's had approved by the board.

The Board of Trustees agreed to meet again to review the budget at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### CITIZENS ADDRESS

Jerry Jones of the Dolton Bears noted the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the program. The basketball program will attend a tournament in Maryland and also tour the White House. He noted that the village-sponsored events on June 20<sup>th</sup> may compete with the "Dolton Bears Give Back" day.

Mrs. Crayton, resident, announced a Father's Day in the Park from 2 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, at Dolton Park, sponsored by the C.H.A.R.T.E.R.S. Youth Commission. She also noted that the annual softball game between the village police and fire departments and Dolton Park is this Saturday in the main park.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Pierson to adjourn the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole, second by Trustee Stubbs, Mayor Rogers asked for a roll call to adjourn.

#### Roll Call

AYES: 6 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

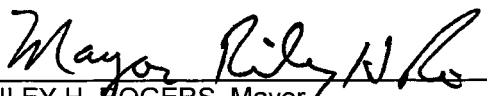
ABSENT:

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

  
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MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 6th day of July, 2015.

  
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RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor