

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 5, 2016

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Meeting of the Regular Board Meeting to order in the New Village Hall at 6:43 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER** Prayer led by Trustee Hunt.

ROLL CALL The following Trustees were present: Stanley H. Brown, Tiffany Henyard, Duane Muhammad, Robert E. Hunt, Jr., and Valeria Stubbs. Trustee Robert E. Pierson, Jr. was absent.

Also present: Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan, Village Attorney John B. Murphey, Village Engineer Ronald E. Smith, Village Administrator Stan Urban and department heads.

A quorum was present.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Village Clerk asked for approval of the following meeting minutes:

November 7, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
November 21, 2016 Regular Board Meeting

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES above.

Motion by Trustee Muhammad. Second by Trustee Stubbs. There being no discussion:

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Pierson.

Motion passed.

B. COMMUNICATIONS

The Village Clerk reminded the board of its resolution passed on July 11, 2016, requiring the Clerk to complete all executive session meeting minutes from May, 2013 to date by this evening's meeting. Of the 25 executive sessions she had identified, 23 minutes have been completed and two are partially drafted. All would be available for viewing by the trustees at the Village Hall by next Monday,

December 12th. Executive Session minutes may not be distributed until and unless approved by the Board of Trustees.

C. APPROVAL OF SCHEDULE OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 2017 AND VILLAGE HOLIDAYS

The Village Clerk said that she prepared this schedule based on the 2016 schedule approved by the Board, adjusting for the days of the week on which holidays fall in 2017.

MOTION TO APPROVE 2017 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND HOLIDAYS

Motion by Trustee Brown. Second by Trustee Muhammad. There being no discussion:

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Pierson.

Motion passed.

The Village Clerk excused herself from the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Deputy Chief Denise Fields took the Clerk's place.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ronald E. Smith summarized his written report to the Board:

Mr. Smith has provided the Board of Trustees with a Bid Review and Award recommendation letter and supporting documents for the 2016 Street and Alley Resurfacing Project.

The solar-lighted PACE bus shelters are on order and will be arriving in early 2017. Pace is still in negotiations with CVS for siting of the bus shelter.

Trustee Hunt said that the street resurfacing list did not include streets requested by himself and other trustees. Discussion followed on how streets were selected. In response to Trustee Stubbs' inquiry, Mr. Smith explained that the shelter on the CVS property would be set back from the corner to ensure safety. In response to Mayo Rogers' inquiry, Mr. Smith outlined the electrical and other placement issues with the proposed new shelter on Chicago Road north of 142nd Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police and Fire -Trustee Pierson

In Trustee Pierson's absence, the fire and police chiefs summarized their reports:

Chief Steven McCain reported that he and staff met with a representative of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association to discuss ongoing assessment of the department. Assessment of the fleet is expected to be completed by early January and assessment of the staff by late spring of next year. Chief McCain reported on the department's response to the fourth fire this year at the Ardagh facility on November 22nd. The department will be distributing fire prevention literature this month throughout the community.

Chief Robert M. Collins, Jr. cautioned residents to be aware of their surroundings as they travel from place to place this holiday season. Dolton Police Department officers are participating in a charity fundraiser in which they compete to grow the biggest and best beard. Each officer has donated \$40 to the charity of his choice and the winner will receive a gift card. The department is releasing its mobile "app" which will keep users connected with the department and notify users of alerts. Users can also report incidents to the department.

Public Works - Trustee Stubbs

Supt. Matthew Stacey reports the following for the month of November: 19 "B" Boxes repair, 3 water main breaks repair, 6 street lights replaced, 9 street lights repair, and 9 storm sewers repair. Residents may continue to place yard waste out for pickup through December. Best Buy will pick up old TVs for a \$15 fee.

Youth -Trustee Stubbs

There will be a Christmas Dinner for the 50/50 summer youth workers and a Christmas toy giveaway on Tuesday, December 20th, at the Dorchester Senior Center.

Trustee Brown added that there will be a coat giveaway for Dolton children.

Housing - Trustee Henyard

Housing Director Denise Fields reports that the department processed 949 transactions in the month of November for total revenue of \$38,863.00.

Human Resources/Department on Aging – Trustee Henyard

Trustee Henyard reported that only two persons have applied for assistance with their medications from the proceeds raised by the Cancer Walks earlier this year. Residents who have received a utility shut-off notice may also apply for up to \$200 in assistance from the village.

Economic Development – Trustee Brown

The former "eyesore" at 142nd and Blackstone has been redeveloped by the Dolton Rehabilitation Center for parking.

The following employers are hiring: U.S. Postal Service (www.usps.jobs), UPS (www.ups.jobs) and FedEx (www.fedex.jobs).

Finance—Trustee Hunt

Trustee Hunt reported on the November 30th meeting of the Finance Committee. The next committee meeting will be on December 15th.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator Stan Urban announced that New Business Item E: Extension of Class 8 Certification for 126-132 E. Sibley Blvd. is pulled from the agenda.

CORPORATE BILLS

MOTION TO APPROVE corporate payments in the amount of \$402,588.53, Gross Payroll in the amount of \$402,689.92; Melanie Fitness Center payments in the amount of \$5,291.04, and Gross Payroll in the amount of \$3,347.75, for total corporate payments of \$813,917.24.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

Administrator Urban answered Trustee Muhammad's questions regarding payment of salaries to Melanie Fitness Center employees and independent contractors. Mr. Urban said that he would forward a job description for the Public Works "spotter."

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Pierson.

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Resolution No. 16 R-008
Authorizing an Agreement with the Village of Burnham as Required by the Emergency Telephone Systems Act
- B. Request for Proposal(s) Supplemental Snow Removal

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS A AND B.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Henyard.

Administrator Urban noted that Item B was informational only and no vote was being requested. Mayor Rogers added that Item A is important and should be voted on separately. Trustee Henyard disagreed stating that we have done a consent agenda in the past. Discussion followed on ensuring that outsourcing of snow removal would be supplemental to Public Works rights under its contract. Mayor Rogers added that the new contract eliminates Public Works employees being able to refuse emergency call-ins.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Pierson.

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance No. 16-024
Levying Taxes for General and Corporate Purposes for the 2016 Tax Year Beginning May 1, 2016, and Ending April 30, 2016
- B. Ordinance No. 16-025
Authorizing Execution of a Settlement Agreement
300 West Sibley LLC v. Village of Dolton
- C. Resolution 16 R-009
Requesting the Submission of a "No Cash Bid" on Tax Delinquent Property Located at 300 West Sibley Blvd.
- G. Senior Utility Hardship Program
- H. Selection and Retention of Legal Counsel for the Electoral Board

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS A, B, C, G AND H.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Hunt.

Trustee Henyard confirmed that the attorney she is proposing under Item G is Adam Lasker of Ancel Glink. Mayor Rogers confirmed that objections had been filed against a mayoral candidate and a trustee candidate. At Trustee Muhammad's request, Village Attorney John Murphey outlined the electoral board process. Mayor Rogers questioned whether incurring the additional expense of an additional attorney was necessary. Trustee Hunt said that because Mayor Rogers is running for re-election and supporting the trustee candidate being challenged, he cannot be objective.

Attorney Murphey explained that Item B is authorization of a settlement agreement under which the village would acquire the property through a no cash bid process and establish a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. Item C authorizes the no cash bid. If the village acquires the property it will be able to wipe out over a million dollars in back taxes.

Trustee Henyard outlined the Hardship Program (Item G) that she had earlier announced in her committee report regarding helping seniors who are struggling with their utilities.

Item H was removed from the proposed consensus vote.

On the Motion to Approve Old Business Items A, B, C and G:

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Pierson.

Motion passed.

- D. Resolution No. 16 R-010
Requesting the Submission of a "No Cash Bid" on Tax Delinquent Property
Located at 1041 Maryland Ave.

Administrator Urban explained that the property has been vacant for over ten years and that the county is unable to determine the owner of the property. Water Integrated Systems on Greenwood Road is requesting the acquisition for its expansion.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM D.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Pierson.

Motion passed.

- H. Selection and Retention of Legal Counsel for the Electoral Board

MOTION TO SELECT AND RETAIN ADAM LASKER OF ANCEL GLINK AS LEGAL
COUNSEL FOR THE ELECTORAL BOARD.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Hunt.

In response to Mayor Rogers' question, Attorney Murphey confirmed that the village would be obligated to retain the proposed counsel if the board approves the motion. He further explained that the attorney acts as an advisor to the electoral board but that the members decide whether a candidate stays on the ballot.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 3 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt.

NAYS: 1 Trustee Muhammad

ABSTAIN: 1 Trustee Stubbs

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Pierson.

Attorney Murphey explained that a "pass" is counted as AYE. Motion passed.

I. Termination of Employee SSN XXX-XX-1439

MOTION TO APPROVE TERMINATION OF EMPLOYEE (above).

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

In response to Trustee Brown's question, Administrator Urban explained that he and Human Resources Director Angela Blacher reviewed the employee's file, which has three write-ups in a short period. Ms. Blacher offered the employee training at village expense but the employee did not take advantage of it. Termination is recommended.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Pierson.

Motion passed.

J. Termination of Employee SSN XXX-XX-1489

Administrator Urban explained that he, Human Resource Director Blacher, and Public Works Supt. Matthew Stacey recommend termination of this employee on the ground of hostile work environment.

Motion by Trustee Hunt. Second by Trustee Stubbs.

In response to Trustee Brown's question, Administrator Urban confirmed that the ground for termination had been documented. Attorney Murphey had drafted a memo that was delivered to the employee. The village also delivered the memo to the union and met with union representatives.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 3 Trustees Hunt, Muhammad, and Stubbs

NAYS: 2 Trustees Brown, Henyard

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Pierson.

Mayor Rogers cast his vote: AYE. Motion passed

K. New Hire: Public Works

Mayor Rogers asked for a motion to hire an eighth new employee for public works: Kenneth Williams, Sr. In response to Trustee Brown's question, Mayor Rogers confirmed that this was a new applicant. Trustee Brown said the applicant lacked the necessary experience. Mayor Rogers said that in voting to approve earlier applicants who lacked experience, Trustee Brown said that they could be trained. Trustee Brown responded that the name he submitted did not get hired. Trustee Hunt noted that the applicant lived in South Holland. In response to Mayor Rogers comment, Trustee Hunt said that he voted to hire some of the earlier applicants who did not live in Dolton because Supt. Stacey vouched for their experience. Trustee Henyard added that the people who were approved had experience.

MOTION TO HIRE KENNETH WILLIAMS, SR. AS FULL-TIME PUBLIC WORKS LABORER.

Motion by Trustee Stubbs. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

In response to Trustee Muhammad's question, Supt. Stacey confirmed he had interviewed the applicant. The village is in compliance with the union contract's staffing requirements. Because the seven new employees were recently hired, there is room in this year's budget for an eighth hire.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 1 Trustee Stubbs

NAYS: 4 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Pierson

Motion failed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers reported that over 400 senior residents attended the recent Senior Thanksgiving Dinner. There have been over 400,000 views of the "senior soul train" on YouTube. At the most recent village-sponsored hiring event, 15 applicants were hired on the spot. The next Coffee with the Mayor is December 10th. The village and the fire department are combining efforts for this year's toy giveaway on December 20th.

Trustee Stubbs noted the passing of resident and former Cook County Sheriff Captain Frank Griffen, brother of DJ Kevin Griffin.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Deborah White, resident, thanked Mayor Rogers for visiting her family in the hospital emergency room while they awaited word on the condition of her child, a victim of gun violence in Dolton. Ms. White also expressed thanks to Trustee Stubbs, Chief Collins and Chief McCain for their support.

Ms. Nabors said because the village was responsible for her losing her day care business in Dolton, it should refund her building permits.

Mrs. Crayton, resident, announced that the CHARTERS Youth Commission is sponsoring its annual food basket giveaway and expressed her thanks for the turkey giveaway.

Resident and former employer of Ms. Nabors' day care center, spoke in support of Ms. Nabors. She said that the center employed Dolton residents and Dolton residents were clients of the center.

Ms. Landfair, resident, said that her water had been shut-off for nonpayment because the village sent the bill to the wrong address. She protested her treatment by village employees when she complained.

Trustee Henyard left the meeting shortly before Citizens Address ended.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Brown, Hunt, Muhammad, and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Henyard, Pierson

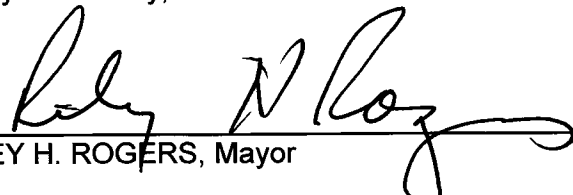
Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 3rd day of January, 2017.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor