

Regular Meeting Board of Trustees
Monday, December 4, 2017
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the New Village Hall at 6:45 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER** Prayer was led by Mr. Edward Crayton.

ROLL CALL The following trustees were present: Deborah Denton, Tiffany Henyard, Jason House, Duane Muhammad, Robert E Pierson, Jr, and Valeria Stubbs.

Also, present: Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan, Village Attorney Judith Kolman, Village Engineer Ron Smith, and department heads.

A quorum was present.

**GENERAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Trustee Denton asked if Public Works could supply residents with leaf bags for their clean-up of abandoned properties at 14603 Kenwood and 14546 Dorchester. Mayor Rogers said that Public Works will get them the bags.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

- A. Approval of the Minutes – None
- B. The village clerk announced that there is no meeting scheduled for the third Monday in December. The next scheduled regular meeting is Tuesday, January 2, 2018. The board of trustees is to vote on a 2018 meeting and holiday schedule this evening.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ron Smith reported that the village submitted another abandoned property grant to Cook County for \$75,000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Human Services – Trustee Muhammad

Trustee Muhammad invited Ms. Shantal Muhammad of the Nation of Islam to speak on the upcoming disaster preparedness workshop the Nation of Islam is sponsoring on January 20, 2018, from 2 to 4 p.m. at 15008 Woodlawn Avenue in Dolton. Residents may register at (708) 277-9629.

Trustee Muhammad read the water department report for November: Total water collections were \$755,400.88 and total other collections were \$244,166.97 for a grand total of \$999,567.85.

Planning – Trustee Henyard

Housing Director Denise Fields reports that there were 353 Housing Department transactions in November for total revenue of \$68,506.25.

Trustee Muhammad added that the “Invest in Dolton” housing fair on December 2nd was a success. The next one will be in January.

Trustee Henyard said that she would like to have a committee meeting this Saturday, December 9th, at 12 p.m., to get residents input on the program.

Departmental Operations – Trustee Stubbs

Trustee Stubbs read the Public Works productivity report for November: Restored/repared 5 parkways after water main breaks, B-Boxes; installed/repared 7 street signs, cut down 1 dead tree, checked/repared 18 street lights, repared/cleaned 4 sewers, repared 22 potholes, shut-off 25 properties, serviced 12 village vehicles.

Homewood Disposal discontinued leaf bag pickups for this year as of December 1st. Public Works will continue to pick up tree branches.

Police and Fire – Trustee Pierson

Police Chief Robert M. Collins, Jr. warns residents that package theft is increasing all over the state. Residents should arrange for their packages to be delivered to their workplace, if permitted, arrange for a neighbor to intercept the package, pick up the package at the facility delivering them, or be at home when it arrives.

During November, the police department responded to 2,011 calls for service, including 296 traffic, 292 parking, 85 criminal arrests and 9 warrants. Included are the following crimes against persons: 6 aggravated assault/battery and 11 robberies. Also included are the following crimes against property: 14 burglaries, 11 motor vehicle thefts, and 40 thefts.

Fire Chief Brandon Dyer reports that from January 1st through November, the fire department has responded to 4,107 incidents.

Finance – Trustee Muhammad

The village’s property tax collection rate this year to date is 83.5%. The bond payment due December 1st has been paid in full. The next payment is due by June 1, 2018. The fiscal year 2017 audit draft has been issued by Lauterbach & Amen for review, with presentation to the board tentatively set for the January 16th meeting.

Special Events- Trustee Henyard

Trustee Henyard said that residents may contact her at (708) 297-6859. She announced current job openings at Pete’s, Frito-Lay, and Good Burger.

CORPORATE BILLS

MOTION TO APPROVE Corporate Payments in the amount of \$793,695.90 and Gross Payroll in the amount of \$337,886.96; Melanie Fitness Center Payments in the amount of \$10,672.85 and Gross Payroll in the amount of \$2,574.75; for total Corporate Payments in the amount of \$1,144,830.46.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson, and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Sale of the Dorchester Senior Center

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AFTER CITIZENS ADDRESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING SETTING A PRICE FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Pierson.

Village Attorney Kolman said that the trustees could vote on the matter once out of executive session and before adjournment.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson, and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

B. Ordinance No. 17-049

Amending Section 3-3-7 of the Dolton Village Code to Authorize Class C Licenseholders to Designate a Limited Area on Premises for Sale of Alcohol for Consumption on the Premises.

Mayor Rogers withdrew this item from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Purchase of Fire Ambulance

MOTION TO DEFER TO POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson, and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

B. Parking Lot at 142nd St. and Chicago Rd.

MOTION TO DONATE LOT TO NEW ZION COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CENTER.

Motion by Trustee Stubbs. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

MOTION TO TABLE.

Motion by Trustee House. There being no second on the motion, the motion to table failed.

Village Attorney Kolman said that her office needs to prepare the paperwork. The recorder of deeds does show that the village owns the property, but that tax bills have been going to the church. Bishop Lance Davis addressed the board of trustees. Bishop Davis said that at the time he and his wife sought financing to improve the church property he was advised by the lender that he must pay the outstanding taxes on the lot even though he leased the property and did not own it. Funds set aside to renovate the church property were used to pay the taxes. He added that he had put up a \$75,000 construction escrow with the village but the village later said it had no record of receipt. At that time, the church stopped making monthly lease payments to the village.

ON THE MOTION TO DONATE LOT:

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson, and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

C. Schedule of Regular Board Meetings 2018

The Village Clerk outlined the proposed schedule of regular board meetings and holidays for 2018. The schedule identifies meeting dates on the first and third Monday of the month. Where a meeting date falls on a holiday, as it will for both meetings in January, the meeting is scheduled for the next day (Tuesday). The board has cancelled one meeting in July and one meeting in August. There was consensus to change the proposed July meeting date from July 2nd to July 16th.

MOTION TO APPROVE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS 2018

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee House.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson, and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Communications Director A.M. Triche summarize recent and upcoming events in the village:

- Senior Thanksgiving Dinner on November 21st;
- Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on November 25th;
- Coffee with the Mayor on December 9th
- Christmas Show and Toy Giveaway on December 22nd. Residents must register at (708) 201-1690.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Barbara Parker, resident, said that the last water bill she received was for the period through July.

Janice Johnson, Director of Administrative Services, confirmed that the bills for the resident's district were scheduled to go out the next day.

Stephanie Fletcher, resident, said that she likes the idea of a housing committee meeting to consider the housing program. Resident added that the board should be following protocol such as using the village attorney to prepare ordinances. Resident also questioned why Stan urban is still doing work for the village of Dolton, and what has happened to the proposed youth commission center. Resident said that someone needs to be accountable and hold the board of trustees accountable.

Resident, 144th Street off Chicago Road, protested against her side of the street being designated a snow route.

Regina Gardner, resident, invited everyone to attend her book reading this Saturday from 2 to 4 at Living Word Bookstore.

Bishop Lance Davis, New Zion Christian Fellowship Church, expressed his thanks to the mayor and trustees for approving the transfer of the parking lot at 142nd and Chicago Rd. to the church.

Mr. Granberry, resident, also asked about his water bill and when the pot hole on Empire St. would be filled. Resident said that there are persons walking around his house and neighboring houses after 2 a.m., and vehicles regularly running the stop sign in front of his house. He asked if a truck weight limit could be set on California Ave.

Mrs. Crayton, resident, invited everyone to Thornridge High School's Christmas Concert on December 10th. The District 205 finance committee will meet on December 5th, and the full school board on December 13th at Thornridge. Charters Youth Commission is giving out food baskets again this year.

Sandra Wells, resident, said that she was happy that there was going to be a housing committee meeting. There should be a mechanism to address residents' concerns.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED SESSION)

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purpose

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Pierson.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson, and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

The Board of Trustees entered into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. and returned at 9:01 p.m.

MOTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH ROYAL ESTATES REALTY, LLC, (The Dorchester Senior Center) in the amount of \$2,600,000.

Mayor Rogers read aloud the terms of the agreement: \$2 million will be paid to the village of January 5, 2018 and the balance at closing on June 5, 2018 or on a date as otherwise agreed upon by the parties.

Motion by Trustee Pierson. Second by Trustee Muhammad.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Denton, House, Muhammad, Pierson, and Stubbs

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 1 Henyard

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Denton, Henyard, House, Muhammad, Pierson, and Stubbs

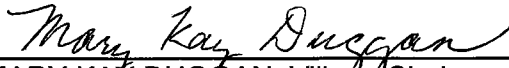
NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0


Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 2nd day of January, 2018.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor