

Village of Dolton
Regular Meeting Board of Trustees
Monday, June 3, 2019

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the New Village Hall at 6:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER

Prayer was led by Deputy Fire Chief Don Rush.

ROLL CALL

The following trustees were present: Tammie Brown, Tiffany Henyard, Andrew Holmes, Jason House, Edward Steave. Trustee Deborah Denton was absent.

Also, present: Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan, Village Administrator Elizabeth Scott, Village Attorney John B. Murphey, Village Engineer Ron Smith, and department heads.

A quorum was present.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Henyard protested Mayor Rogers' elimination of her proposed agenda items: reinstatement of Chief Collins, promotions of officers, and status of Fire Station #2.

Mayor Rogers said that he would address the matter of Chief Collins later in his report.

In response to Trustee Henyard's question as to who decides the agenda, Mayor Rogers responded that the mayor does. Trustee Henyard noted that it had been board policy that a trustee could add any item to the agenda. In response to Trustee Henyard's question, the village clerk confirmed that it had been recent board practice that a trustee could place anything on the agenda.

(Promotion of police officers is on the agenda per Acting Chief Mobley.)

CITIZENS ADDRESS *Limited to Discussion of Agenda Items;*

Mayor Rogers said that non-residents would not be speaking tonight. Anyone causing a disruption would be removed. Questions to the board would not be answered by board members during Citizens Address.

Duane Muhammad, resident and former trustee, asked Attorney Murphey whether the bond issue to pay Homewood Disposal would increase property taxes, and asked how the village may recover reimbursements from the TIF district as proposed.

Attorney Murphey cited the renewals of the bond passed by the board of trustees in recent years, so a further renewal would have no impact on property taxes.

Valeria Stubbs, resident and former trustee, questioned the proposed Class 8 tax incentive for the Marathon station on Sibley Blvd. She also asked how the village may claim reimbursement from the TIF District from 2005 to present.

Resident, 148th and Chicago Rd., urged residents to read Chief Collins' online letter.

Cheryl Hill, resident, was removed from *Citizens Address* at the order of Mayor Rogers.

Trina Downs, resident, protested the mayor's exercise of authority and urged the board to vote no to the tax breaks for businesses.

Kiana Belcher, resident, asked about the Class 8 certification for 1317 E. Sibley Blvd.

Felita Crayton, resident, asked trustees to reconsider their votes for Class 8 tax incentives, TIF transfers, and bond issues.

Stan Brown, resident, asked how much is in the TIF and how much may be taken out of the TIF.

Resident, Irving Ave., asked how residents may get information on how citizens can participate. Resident further asked the new trustees are they happy with what's going on? What is the mayor doing that is illegal?

Sandra Wells, resident, and south suburban Director of Neighborhood Residential Services (NHS), asked the board to take into consideration citizen comments asking for information and participation.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

- A. Approval of the Minutes
May 6, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
May 9, 2019 Special Board Meeting
May 20, 2019 Meeting of the Committee of the Whole

Mayor Rogers asked for a motion to approve.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Holmes, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Denton

Motion passed.

- B. Communications

Request by Dolton Elite Basketball for Tag Days Saturday and Sunday, this weekend, June 8-9, at Sibley and Lincoln and Sibley and Greenwood. The village clerk said that village rules for tag days were provided as always, and asked for a consensus or a motion to approve.

MOTION TO APPROVE TAG DAYS REQUEST BY DOLTON ELITE BASKETBALL.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Holmes, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Denton

Motion passed.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION per Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(1) (as advised by the village attorney) re personnel.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Brown, Holmes, House, Steave

NAYS: 1 Trustee Henyard

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Denton

Motion passed.

The Board of Trustees returned from Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.

MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR BUSINESS.

Motion by Trustee Steave, second by Trustee Henyard.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Holmes, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Denton

Motion passed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ron Smith summarized his written report:

Cook County has authorized funding to the Village of Dolton once again this year for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

Engineer Smith and Village Administrator Elizabeth Scott completed and submitted this year's grant application to Cook County for street improvements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Trustee House announced that the committee will continue to meet regularly on the fourth Wednesday of the month excepting November and December, beginning June 26th, at 5:30 p.m. at the village hall.

Housing

Trustee Brown reported that she is waiting on updated information from the new housing director and will set a date for the committee to meet.

Police and Fire

Trustee Holmes read aloud the police department report. Trustee Holmes asked residents to report illegal activity on their blocks.

Public Works

Trustee Steave announced that repair of the Melanie Fitness pool resumed today. The committee will meet this week and monthly. Trustee Steave urged residents to sign up for email blasts and village social media.

CORPORATE BILLS

MOTION TO APPROVE CORPORATE BILLS of \$773,171.86, Gross Payroll 0510 0/19 \$337,125.62, Gross Payroll 05/24/19 \$335,677.42; MELANIE FITNESS CENTER BILLS of \$25,491.23, Gross Payroll 05/10/19 \$6,045.16, Gross Payroll 05/24/19 \$5,906.98; for TOTAL PAYMENT of \$1,443,418.27.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Holmes, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Denton

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Ordinance No. 19-007

Authorizing and Providing for the Issue of Its \$1,400,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019, of the Village of Dolton, Cook County, Illinois, for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal and Interest on Said Bonds, and Approving a Tax Escrow Agreement (Homewood Disposal)

At Mayor Rogers' request, Village Attorney Murphey explained that the board of trustees has passed this authorization each year in past years and there is no impact on taxes.

In response to Trustee Henyard's question as to why the village has to take out a bond, Trustees House said that the bond secures payment directly to Homewood Disposal.

Motion by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Steave.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Holmes, House, Steave

NAYS: 1 Trustee Henyard

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Denton

Motion passed.

B. Resolution No. 19 R-010

Authorizing the Transfer of Funds to the General Corporate Fund from the TIF #3 Indulux Fund in Payment of Administrative Fees for Fiscal Years 2005 Through 2019

MOTION TO TABLE TO THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

Motion by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Henyard.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Holmes, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Denton

Motion passed.

- C. Resolution No. 19 R-011
Supporting a Proposed Class 8 Classification for Certain Property Within the Village of Dolton
(1421 E. Sibley Blvd.)

Mayor Rogers removed this item from the agenda.

- D. Resolution No. 19 R-012
Supporting a Proposed Class 8 Classification for Certain Property Within the Village of Dolton
(1317 E. Sibley Blvd.)

Trustee Steave displayed photos of the proposed business next to Taco Bell.

In response to Trustee Henyard's questions, Village Attorney Murphey summarized his previous written memo to the trustees explaining county tax incentives for businesses: A business assessed at the current 25% tax rate would pay 10% instead up to 12 years with the county tax incentive.

The proposed property user is a national retail company which would produce sales tax to the village.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 19 R-012.

Motion by Trustee Steave. Second by Trustee House. There being no further discussion:

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Brown, Holmes, House, Steave.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 1 Trustee Henyard (voted "present")

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Denton

Motion passed

- E. Resolution No. 19 R-013
Supporting a Proposed Class 8 Classification for Certain Property Within the Village of Dolton
(14753 Greenwood Road)

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 19 R-013.

Motion by Trustee Steave. Second by Trustee Brown.

Trustee Steave displayed photos of the business site and proposed neighboring expansion into 1040 Maryland and 1100 Maryland, subjects of the Class 8 applications Items F and G. There being no further discussion:

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Brown, Holmes, House, Steave.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 1 Trustee Henyard (voted "present")

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Denton

Motion passed.

- F. Resolution No. 19 R-014
Supporting a Proposed Class 8 Classification for Certain Property Within the Village of Dolton
(1040 Maryland Ave.)

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 19 R-014.

Motion by Trustee Steave. Second by Trustee Brown.

Mayor Rogers noted that this property used to be Gulf Port Packaging.

Trustee Henyard asked what the proposed tax incentive would do to the residents' tax base.

Mayor Rogers responded that the tax incentive would do less to the residents' tax base than if the building continues to be vacant. Trustee Steave added that something is better than nothing. There needs to be a business there. Trustee Holmes asked how long the business had been empty, adding that it is about time to get tenants in there and get revenue.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Brown, Holmes, House, Steave.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 1 Trustee Henyard (voted "present")

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Denton

Motion passed.

- G. Resolution No. 19 R-015
Supporting a Proposed Class 8 Classification for Certain Property Within the Village of Dolton
(1100 Maryland Ave.)

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 19 R-015.

Motion by Trustee Steave. Second by Trustee Brown.

Trustee Brown said that any additional taxes from businesses spare residents.

In response to Trustee Henyard's question as to where the reduced taxes go, Attorney Murphey explained again that tax incentivized properties produce less taxes but vacant properties produce no taxes.

There being no further discussion:

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Brown, Holmes, House, Steave.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 1 Trustee Henyard (voted "present")

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Denton

Motion passed.

- H. Resolution No. 19 R-016
Supporting a Proposed Class 8 Classification Renewal for Certain Property Within the Village of Dolton (114-130 E. Sibley Blvd.)

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 19 R-016.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Brown, Holmes, House, Steave.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 1 Trustee Henyard (voted "present")

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Denton

Motion passed.

- I. Resolution No. 19 R-017
Supporting a Proposed Class 8 Classification for Certain Property Within the Village of Dolton (132 E. Sibley Blvd.)

Mayor Rogers identified this property as the old Village Media Center. The buyer has made a complete renovaton.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Holmes, House, Steave.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Denton

Motion passed.

- J. Acceptance of Proposal by Municipal Funding Solutions LLC
Six (6) Dodge Durango Police Vehicles and Seven (7) 2019 FIAT 500 Vehicles

Motion by Trustee Holmes. Second by Trustee Steave.

In response to Trustee Henyard's question as to where the money will come from, Mayor Rogers said that the costs will be factored into the upcoming budgets with annual payments. Trustee House noted the ongoing vehicle maintenance costs of \$13-14,000 per year.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Holmes, House, Steave.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Denton

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Promotion of Two (2) Police Officers to Sergeant – Acting Chief Mobley

MOTION TO APPROVE PROMOTION OF TWO (2) POLICE OFFICERS TO SERGEANT.

Motion by Trustee Holmes. Second by Trustee House.

Chief Mobley read the synopsis of the request. In response to Trustee Henyard's question, Chief Mobley said that Det. Harris is at the top to the list. Mayor Rogers added that promotions may be made from the top three eligible candidates.

There being no further discussion:

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Holmes, House, Steave.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Denton

Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers reported that he is once again visiting Dolton schools in the last weeks to distribute ice cream and offer safety tips along with the police and fire chiefs.

On May 25th, the village held a renaming ceremony for Chicago Road, now Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Mayor Rogers noted that not all signs are up. Some will be installed by IDOT.

Mayor Rogers noted a press conference by former employees, including Police Chief Collins, and said that Chief Collins' assertion that he was terminated is incorrect. Chief Collins resigned. Mayor Rogers acknowledged that he was dissatisfied with the increase in crime as shown by reported crime statistics, staffing delays, and other serious issues. He expressed his further disappointment that the chief would participate in a press conference that was not truthful.

CITIZENS ADDRESS *General*

Mayor Rogers reminded residents that they are limited to three minutes

Mayor Rogers advised former employee Karen Hicks that she would not be speaking this evening. Ms. Hicks was escorted from the meeting at Mayor Rogers' direction.

Trina Downs, resident, again, asked whether there was someone responsible for the water billing.

Resident, 14300 block of Dante asked about a reported shooting on May 31st.

Diane Lofton, resident, asked whether it was normal to have police officers stationed for citizens address questioned the new practice of having citizens address at the beginning of the meeting; and asked whether the proposed purchase, of vehicles was included in the budget.

Resident, 14400 Block of Blackstone, reported alley flooding from the sewer hole behind her garage.

Cheryl Hill and reported a garage roof at 142nd and Lincoln completely caved in; sewers blocked, and a street light out at 144th and Greenwood.

Denise Fields, former Housing Director, asked Mayor Rogers if she was going to get paid for her sick time.

Resident suggested that the village follow the City of Chicago's police explorers model, and said that residents are looking for affordable housing opportunities. Resident further asked Mayor Rogers if any of his decisions have been found to be illegal.

Garrett Ghezzi, resident, objected to the addition of \$100 per year contribution to the Dolton Chamber of Commerce as part of the business license increase, thereby forcing businesses to join. He said that the better approach would have been to increase the fees to the same amount and include chamber membership as a benefit.

AJ Burse, resident and former trustee candidate, questioned the legality of forcing businesses to join the Chamber of Commerce, asked about the status of the village recodification, and volunteered his assistance.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 Trustees Brown, Henyard, Holmes, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Denton

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 15th day of July, 2019.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor