

Village of Dolton
Regular Meeting Board of Trustees
Monday, July 15, 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 6:38 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER Prayer was led by Acting Police Chief Ernest Mobley.

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

ADMINISTRATION
OF

OATH OF OFFICE Cook County Circuit Court Judge Sondra Nicole Denmark administered the oath of office to new police officers Randal D. Garrett and Brandon B. Webster-Boyde.

GENERAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee House announced that SER Medical Transport in Chicago is looking for drivers.

Trustee Henyard announced that she sponsored a block club party on July 6th and will contribute to residents' block club parties. Trustee Henyard further announced her plans for a "Stop the Violence March" in September. She may be reached at 708-297-6859.

Trustee Henyard further expressed her objection to the omission by the mayor and village clerk of her proposed agenda items: 1) update of welcome packet; and 2) sick pay for certain terminated employees. She said that she had spoken with Village Attorney Murphey in protest and that he had agreed with her.

Attorney Murphey acknowledged the conversation and responded that Trustee Henyard had just made her point re item 1; re item 2 compensation for specific employees may only be discussed in closed (executive) session; and that for agenda items trustees are to follow the committee structure adopted by the board of trustees.

CITIZENS ADDRESS *Limited to Discussion of Agenda Items;*

Duane Muhammad, resident and former trustee, said that he strongly suggests that the board table Resolution No. 19 R-010 and bring in Attorney Cainkar to explain the resolution and what happened to dollars taken from the TIF over the years.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

- A. Approval of the Minutes
 - June 3, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
 - June 17, 2019 Meeting of the Committee of the Whole
 - June 23, 2019 Special Board Meeting

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Steave. 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

The village clerk reminded residents that the next regular meeting under the board of trustees' summer schedule is August 8th. There may be an announcement of a special meeting this evening.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ron Smith summarized his written report, announcing that the village had received a \$10,000 grant from the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus and ComEd for two portable programmable and energy efficient speed display signs. He also explained that the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) resolutions on this evening's agenda permit the village to allocate MFT funds for eligible street and highway maintenance expenses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Trustee House announced that the Finance Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m.

Housing

No report.

Police and Fire

No report.

Mayor Rogers later recognized Trustee House, who commended the Dolton Police Department on arrest and seizure of drugs, \$30,000 in cash, and seizure of two vehicles. Mayor Rogers recognized Acting Chief Mobley to explain further. Mayor Rogers congratulated the Chief and Dolton Police Department. He also acknowledged the assistance of Cook County Sheriff's officers.

Public Works

Trustee Steave read aloud the public works monthly report for June submitted by Supt. Stacey. He also announced that the village has hired two additional laborers, both Dolton residents. One participated in the village's 50/20 summer youth employment program. The public works department now has 18 workers, down from 26. Trustee Steave encouraged residents to maintain the alley area directly behind their homes. He acknowledged complaints about not receiving call backs on complaints, and asked that residents call the public works department directly at 708-201-3280.

Mayor Rogers noted that public works is still short one employee as required by the union contract.

CORPORATE BILLS

Trustee House asked to remove a bill on p. 3 in the amount of \$7,552.51 payable to Stan Koszyk, which should be made payable to AT&T. Trustee Denton asked about the bill from RR Management Co. for license fees on p. 5 in the amount of \$3,003.62. Supt. Stacey explained that the railroad charges for access to the water main on railroad property.

MOTION TO APPROVE CORPORATE BILLS in the amount of \$566,380.48 minus the payment of \$7,552.51 to Stan Koszyk, Gross Payroll 06/07/19 of \$353,519.19, Gross Payroll of 06/21/19 of \$361,493.42; MELANIE FITNESS CENTER BILLS of \$7,423.65, Gross Payroll 06/07/19 of \$6,744.96, Gross Payroll 06/21/19 of \$5,786.94; for TOTAL PAYMENTS of \$1,301,348.64 minus payment of \$7,552.51.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Brown, Holmes

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Resolution No. 19 R-010
Authorizing the Reimbursement of Administrative Fees to the General Corporate Fund from the TIF #3 Indulux Fund which will Result in a Net Decrease of Funds Owed by the General Fund to TIF #3

In response to Trustee Denton's question, Trustee House said that the resolution had been prepared by Mr. Cainkar, the village's bond attorney.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 19 R-010

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Brown, Holmes

Motion passed.

B. Termination of Legislative (Trustees") Counsel

Trustee Henyard said that she will vote for the motion because the village needs money, but further said that the trustees need counsel because the village attorney is biased. Village Attorney Murphey referenced his advice to Trustee Henyard earlier in the meeting.

MOTION TO TERMINATE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 3 Trustees Henyard, House, Steave

NAYS: 1 Trustee Denton

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Brown, Holmes

Three trustees voting AYE, Mayor Rogers cast his vote: AYE. Motion passed 4-1.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 19 R-018
Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code 2017-2018
(Appropriating \$600,000 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funds for maintaining streets and highways)

B. Resolution No. 19 R-019
Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code 2018-2019
(Appropriating \$600,000 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funds for maintaining streets and highways)

At Mayor Rogers' request, Village Engineer Smith confirmed that the MFT funds are appropriated for street repairs.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS NO. 19 R-018 and 19 R-019.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee Steave.

There being no further discussion:

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Brown, Holmes

Motion passed.

C. Ordinance No. 19-015
Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property (Vehicles)

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 19-015.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Brown, Holmes

Motion passed.

D. Ordinance No. 19-016

Amending Section 6-5-4-7 of the Dolton Village Code to Allow for the Posting of Additional Handicap-Only Sign (14408 Dobson Ave.)

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 19-016.

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.

At Trustee Henyard's request, Mayor Rogers deferred consideration of New Business Items E and F to after Citizens Address.

Following return of the board of trustees from Executive Session:

E. Approval of Amended Agreement with SafeSpeed, LLC

Trustee Denton noted that the finalized written agreement was to come.

MOTION TO APPROVE AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH SAFESPEED, LLC.

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee House.

There being no discussion:

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Brown, Holmes

Motion passed.

F. Approval of Settlement Agreement (Officer Graham)

MOTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

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.

MAYOR'S REPORT

At Mayor Rogers' request, Village Administrator Elizabeth Scott announced the following:

In follow up to Trustee Steave's earlier comments regarding the \$19 million federal grant to Dolton for railroad infrastructure, the first of several open house/meetings required by the grant is scheduled for Saturday, July 27th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the village hall.

Mayor Rogers is sponsoring a Music Alliance Fest on August 3rd and 4th on Greenwood Road north of the Melanie Fitness Center (14900 Greenwood Road).

August 3rd from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.: House DJ's all day. For Back to School: Silk 'N Classy will be giving free haircuts. Backpacks will be distributed while supplies last. So far 15 vendors have signed up.

August 4th from 12-7 p.m.: Gospel Fest. Silk 'N Classy will continue to give free haircuts.

Mayor Rogers asked residents to sign a petition to keep MetroSouth Hospital open.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (*immediately following Citizens Address*)

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss pending litigation and imminent litigation regarding SafeSpeed

Motion by Trustee Henyard. Second by Trustee House.

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 8:17 p.m. and returned at 9:04 p.m.

CITIZENS ADDRESS *General Comments*

Mayor Rogers reminded residents that they are limited to three minutes.

Cheryl Hill, resident, addressed the board on several matters.

Sandra Wells, resident and south suburban director of Neighborhood Residential Services (NHS), asked residents to sign the petition circulating to keep MetroSouth Hospital open; and announced that Congresswoman Robin Kelly is holding a census opportunity workshop on August 5th at the Country

Club Hills City Hall. Resident further announced that funds were available to qualifying residents under the Cook County Health System Lead (Paint) Program and urged village promotion.

Mayor Rogers said that a representative from Cook County is coming out tomorrow to video a presentation on the lead paint abatement program. Village Administrator Scott added that she is coordinating with Rep. Kelly's Country Club Hills event and that a county representative is scheduled for Coffee with the Mayor on August 10th.

Diane Lofton, resident, said that she received her water bill today (July 15) due July 25th. Staff explained that there would be no late fees because the bills were mailed late.

Resident Regina Stephanie Hazelray, asked that the village consider Saturday or evening hours, and reported speeding through the stop sign at 143rd Dorchester. She further questioned charges for her vehicle sticker by the currency exchange on July 1st.

Resident landlord reported that she is being double-billed and that she has been unable to resolve the matter.

Valeria Stubbs, resident and former trustee, objected to the elimination of the agenda item requested by Trustee Henyard for sick day compensation for terminated employees, citing past practice by the former board of trustees. She further asked the village attorney to explain how the village can claim TIF reimbursement fees going back to 2003.

In response, Attorney Murphey and Trustee House cited the recommendations of Mr. Cainkar, the village's bond attorney, and the auditor.

Resident asked about the availability of the "We Call Police" placards, reported her sidewalk on Kimbark is sinking, and objected to the increase of permits fees from \$70 to \$450 to replace her fence on a corner lot.

Betty Gipson, resident, expressed her thanks to Sandra Wells of NHS for helping her save her house from foreclosure, and to the village for the board-up of the neighboring property.

Duane Muhammad, again, asked about the status of the proposed license revocation of the Marathon Station on Sibley Blvd., further asked about the ordinance increasing license fees and whether the proposed budget was balanced.

Village Attorney Murphey responded that the Marathon station's license will be revoked in a few days.

Resident asked again as in prior meetings that each trustee respond to his questions.

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: 4 Trustees Denton, Henyard, House, Steave

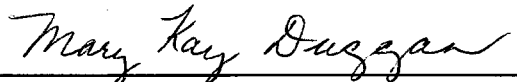
NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Brown, Holmes

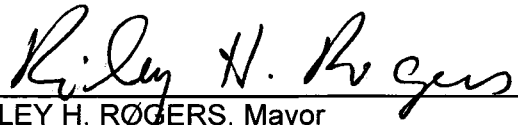
Motion passed.

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



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 5th day of August, 2019.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor