

Village of Dolton Board of Trustees
Meeting of the Committee of the Whole
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom – Livestream on Youtube
Monday, May 18, 2020

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at the new village hall at 6:43 p.m.

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

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

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER

Prayer was led by Trustee Denton.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee House announced that the finance committee would meet virtually on Wednesday, May 27, at 5:30 p.m.

Trustee Steave announced that the public works and Melanie Fitness Center committees would meet on Thursday, May 21, at 5 :30 p.m.

Trustee Henyard urged residents to check online for covid-19 numbers for Dolton and Riverdale zip codes, and criticized the use of village police and other essential personnel for passing out meals to residents.

ORDER OF BUSINESS *(Discussion Only)*

1. Coronavirus Requirements for Local Businesses

Trustee Henyard announced that she had met with testing providers.

Trustee Henyard proposed an ordinance to ticket violations by businesses of covid-19 social distancing rules.

Trustee House referred the question to Village Attorney John Murphey, who advised:

The village may cite for violations of the governor's executive order, but the courts are currently closed. A third violation may result in suspension of the business license.

Trustee Henyard said that she was not asking for a ticket but for a law.

Village Administrator Elizabeth Scott said that a letter notifying businesses of their obligations to comply with the governor's order is being delivered starting last week.

Trustee Denton said that the village does not need a law. It is a matter of being proactive.

2. 300 W. Sibley Blvd.

In response to Trustee Henyard's question regarding the development proposal she had received, Mayor Rogers asked Attorney Murphey to provide an update:

Village Attorney Murphey explained that per the settlement agreement the village obtained title to the in April, and just cleared the outstanding property taxes. The village is now in a position to move forward to establish the Tax Increment Financing District (TIF), which will require public hearings.

In response to Trustee Henyard's questions, Attorney Murphey cited his memo to the trustees: The settlement agreement with the former owners of the property provides for establishment of a retail business. The current proposal is for a wholesale business which would net zero sales tax revenue to the village.

Trustee Steave also urged that the developer's attorney reach out to the village administrator so that the village can go from there. In response to Trustee Henyard's question, Attorney Murphey responded that the village's TIF consultants had yet to finalize its report. In response to Mayor Rogers' question, Mr. Murphey confirmed that initially the village is responsible for costs but can be reimbursed.

Trustee House said that he wants to make sure that the board of trustees is following the settlement.

3. Removal of Chamber of Commerce Dues from Business License Fees

Trustee House said that he had spoken with Jonah Robinson of JR's Jerk Chicken, chamber president, and real estate agent Brittany Norwood, chamber secretary, and that the chamber wants to use the dollars to come back with plans.

Mayor Rogers confirmed that because the chamber has been inactive, dues paid last year were credited to this year. Trustee House confirmed that the businesses paid approximately \$10,000 in dues. Mr. Robinson addressed questions re the chamber's plans this coming year. Trustee Henyard said that businesses are asking for their money back.

4. Establishment of a Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force to Deter Street Gangs, Narcotics, and Criminal Activity.

Chief Mobley presented the proposed agreement between the villages of Riverdale, Dolton, South Holland, and Thornton. There was a consensus to move forward.

5. Establishment of Local Traffic Violations

Commander Lacey explained his proposal to add violations and/or increase fines for truck traffic throughout the village. In response to Trustee Henyard's question whether the department had sufficient manpower to enforce the violations, Commander Lacey noted that the police department had recently established a designated traffic unit.

Tickets for local ordinance instead of for state violations distribute a greater share of the fines to the village. There was a consensus to move forward.

6. Emergency Incident Recovery Proposal

Trustee House pulled this item, asking that it be deferred to the next finance committee or board meeting.

7. Establishment of Video Gaming "Push Tax"

Trustee House pulled this item on the advice of Attorney Murphey to wait until pending litigation on this issue was settled.

CITIZENS ADDRESS – General

Communications Director Giavonni Nickson read aloud the comments submitted by email during the meeting:

Will Dolton designate a riding location for dirt bike vehicles?

To Trustee Holmes: When is the next police committee meeting?

From 20-year resident: When is the next police committee meeting?

Police Chief Mobley responded that the tentative date is Saturday, June 27, by Zoom if needed.

Resident reported flooding at 138th and Indiana between the railroad and houses.

Trustee Henyard invited Attorney Dan Garvis into the meeting to comment on 300 W. Sibley above. Mayor Rogers asked Mr. Garvis to contact Administrator Scott.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Holmes

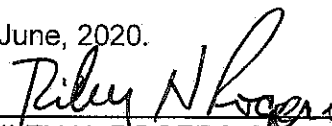
Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 1st day of June, 2020.



RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor