

Village of Dolton
Regular Meeting Board of Trustees
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom - Livestream on YouTube
Monday, November 2, 2020

CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:39 p.m.

ROLL CALL The following trustees were present: Tammie Brown, Deborah Denton, Tiffany Henyard, Andrew Holmes, and Jason House. Trustee Edward Steave entered the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Also present: Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan, Village Engineer Ron Smith, Village Administrator Elizabeth Scott, Cris Miroballi of John Kasperek Co. and department heads. Village Attorney John B. Murphey entered the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE/
PRAYER

Led by Trustee Tammie Brown.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Henyard thanked participants in her Cancer Motorcade event last Saturday. She added that the video re the weekend police-involved shooting be released. Mayor Rogers said that as soon as the family has had the opportunity to see the video, it will be released to the trustees.

CITIZENS ADDRESS *Limited to Discussion of Agenda Items*

None.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

- A. Approval of the Minutes:
October 5, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
September 19, 2020 Meeting of the Committee of the Whole

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND THE OCTOBER 19, 2020 MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Motion by Trustee Brown. Second by Trustee Denton. There being no discussion;

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Steave

Motion passed.

B. Communications: None

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Ron Smith summarized his written report regarding the PACE Bus Shelter installation at Sibley Blvd. and ML King Dr. Cook County is not fully allocating its 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) budget in the current uncertain covid-19 environment. The 2019 CDBG project is 50 percent completed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Trustee House announced that the finance committee will meet via Zoom on December 2nd at 5:30 p.m. The committee will discuss the \$1.4 million bond for Homewood Disposal. Kasperek Co. sends weekly reports of its billings at a 10 percent discount, with billings at \$20,000 for the last two weeks. The committee will discuss hiring staff for routine tasks.

Housing

Trustee Tammie Brown reported that there were 17 sale and 18 "as-is" inspections in October, and 25 rental licenses were issued.

Police and Fire

Trustee Holmes read the Dolton Fire Department report of incidents 2020 to date. He reported that the recent police incidents are under investigation. Trustee Holmes referred to Chief Mobley to report on the traffic unit. Trustee Holmes reminded residents that it was time to change the batteries in their smoke/carbon monoxide detectors.

Chief Mobley confirmed that the video of the officer-involved shooting will be released this week. He said that it shows that the officers involved did everything supposed to be done. At Mayor Rogers' request, Chief Mobley also explained "administrative hold" (towing) for violation of certain traffic ordinances, including playing loud music.

Public Works

Trustee Steave reported that the public works committee met last month and discussed upgrading of public works trucks. Supt. Matt Stacey reported that trucks were being serviced for winter and the village has 2,000+ pounds of salt. Supt. Stacey said that residents may call 708-201-3280 to request branch pick-ups, and asked for their patience.

Melanie Fitness Center

Trustee Steave reported that while the fitness center area remains closed. The Detox Café is open. Pastor Dodd of New Community Church will be attending the next committee meeting to discuss moving forward with the purchase of the building. A lot of membership refunds have been sent out.

Trustee Henyard noted that selling the property to a non-profit means it will not go on the property tax roll.

CORPORATE BILLS

Trustee House read aloud the summary of Corporate Payments Register #175 and #174:

Corporate Register #175: Corporate Payments \$741,700.47, Gross Payroll 10/09/20 \$325,925.81, Gross Payroll 10/23/20 \$329,743.87; Melanie Fitness Center \$10,344.50, Gross Payroll 10/09/20 \$855.11, Gross Payroll 10/23/20 \$855.11; for Total Corporate Payments \$1,409,424.87.

Corporate Register #174: Electronic Corporate Payments \$27,675.22, Water Fund \$302,898.51, Homewood Disposal Bonds \$135,500.00; for Total Corporate Payments of \$466,073.73.

MOTION TO APPROVE CORPORATE PAYMENTS REGISTER #175 and #174:

Motion by Trustee House. Second by Trustee Henyard.

Cris Miroballi of Kasperek Co. answered trustees' questions on certain expenditures.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Trustees Brown, Denton, Henyard, Holmes, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 20-008

Approving an Application for a Cook County Class 8 Real Estate Tax Incentive for the Substantial Rehabilitation, Redevelopment and Reoccupancy of the Commercial Property Located at 601 E. Sibley Blvd. Dolton, Cook County, Illinois

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 20-008.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Trustees Brown, Denton, Henyard, Holmes, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

B. Ordinance No. 20-014

Prohibiting Short-Term Rentals in the Village of Dolton

Trustee Henyard said that at the most recent Meeting of the Committee of the Whole, there was a consensus to move forward with this ordinance. Village Attorney John Murphey advised the board that for the ordinance to be effective, penalties for violation must be included. He suggested a fine of \$2,500 for the first violation and \$5,000 for the second violation. A short-term rental is defined as any rental for less than 30 days.

The applicable section numbers of the village code also need to be plugged in to the ordinance. Discussion followed on means to publicize the ordinance.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 20-014.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Trustees Brown, Denton, Henyard, Holmes, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Items A and B were consolidated into one motion to approve:

- A. Ordinance No. 20-015
Amending Section 6-5-4-7 of the Dolton Village Code to Allow for the Posting of Additional Handicap-Only Sign (15210 Woodlawn Ave.)
- B. Ordinance No. 20-016
Amending Section 6-5-4-7 of the Dolton Village Code to Allow for the Posting of Additional Handicap-Only Sign (15129 Oak St.)

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 20-015 AND ORDINANCE NO. 20-016:

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Trustees Brown, Denton, Henyard, Holmes, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

- C. Approval of Computer Software and Conversion Services
Civic System, LLC

This item was pulled from the agenda.

- D. Transfer of Funds

- 1. Motion to Transfer Funds from General Fund to Water Fund
- 2. Motion to Transfer Funds from General Fund to State Forfeiture Fund, Federal Forfeiture Fund, and Foreign Fire Tax Fund.

Trustee House explained that real estate taxes collected for payment to the City of Chicago for water are to be transferred into the separate water fund. State and federal funds received are also to be deposited in the respective separate funds established by the board.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE the Finance Department/Director of Administrative Services to authorize transfer any real estate taxes collected in the General Fund for the City of Chicago Water liability payment to the Water Fund to pay the City of Chicago liability payment up to \$1,368,000.00. Also authorize the Finance Department to transfer any other real estate tax

collections received through April 30, 2021 related to the tax levy for the City of Chicago Water liability payment to the Water Fund; and

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE A motion to authorize the Finance Department/Director of Administrative Services to authorize the following permanent transfers for the following cash balances into each appropriate special revenue fund as of May 1, 2020:

- 01-00-117 Federal \$9,637.94
- 01-00-118 State Forfeiture \$59,487.51
- 01-00-119 Fire Department 2% Fund \$29,036.32
- 01-00-120 Federal Holding Cash \$153,317.34.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Trustees Brown, Denton, Henyard, Holmes, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

E. Appointment of Sharon Harris as Deputy Clerk

Mayor Rogers explained that because the clerk is running in the upcoming election, a deputy clerk is needed to process incoming petition filings. Village Clerk Duggan added that the position has been vacant for over a year, and that because of the expected volume of filings and processing, a deputy clerk is needed especially in the coming months, but is also needed in the event the clerk is absent. The stipend for the deputy clerk is \$250.00 per month.

MOTION TO APPOINT SHARON HARRIS AS DEPUTY CLERK.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Trustees Brown, Denton, Henyard, Holmes, House, Steave

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

F. Removal of Blocks at 142nd & Woodlawn Ave.

Trustee Henyard asked why this item was placed on the agenda when it is the mayor's choice to keep or remove the blocks. Trustee Denton agreed. In response, Trustee Holmes said that he wanted it on the agenda because he has received complaints from seniors and other residents about the gang graffiti sprayed on the blocks. Mayor Rogers replied that before the blocks were installed, he was receiving complaints about selling weed out the cars parked there. Trustee Brown suggested installing something beside the blocks. Mayor Rogers added that the neighbors had asked him to clean up the location. "No loitering" signs were ineffective. Trustee Denton suggested giant flower pots. Discussion followed. Mayor Rogers indicated he would consider removing the blocks for 30 days and then review the volume of complaints received.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rogers confirmed that there had been a police-involved shooting over the weekend. The Illinois State Police has an appointment with the victim's family and family attorney to review the video before releasing it.

The mayor's cancer walk took place last Saturday to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The mayor also sponsored a pumpkin carving for children accompanied by adults last Saturday.

Mayor Rogers reported that the tree at 14425 Dobson previously discussed had been removed and the village is waiting on a date to repair the sidewalk.

Regular Saturday food giveaways have ended for the year but giveaways will continue as announced.

JenCare is scheduled to open its senior health care facility on the site of the CVS building the first week of December. O'Reilly's Auto Parts is scheduled to open by the end of the month. J&J Electronics will be opening also on Sibley Blvd. at about the same time.

Village Administrator Elizabeth Scott reported that she had completed and submitted a grant application for Cook County Covid Relief Funds. The village is eligible to receive up to \$747,000 in funds.

CITIZENS ADDRESS *General Comments*

Giavonni Nickson, Communications Director, reported the following posts during the meeting:

Is there garbage pick-up tomorrow (election day)?

Mayor Rogers said yes.

Citizen reported garbage behind the Dorchester (now Royal Estates Assisted Living).

Why would the village sell Melanie (Fitness Center) to a non-profit and not receive property taxes?

Mayor Rogers answered that because the center is village-owned, it has never generated property taxes.

Is it true that there have been three police-officer involved shootings in Dolton?

Mayor Rogers said no.

If money is designated for specific accounts, why not deposit there in the first place?

Mr. Miroballi of Kasperek Co. explained that the board had created the new accounts at the beginning of the village's fiscal year.

At one of the events, I was told that Assessor Cassandra would be there. What happened?

Mayor Rogers responded that Assessor Cassandra Holbert and her office were present at the food giveaways each weekend in August.

Citizen suggested painting flowers on the cinder blocks.

Mayor Rogers confirmed the address of the location as 142nd & Woodlawn Ave.

Can anything be done with landlords renting to tenants who create disturbances?

Mayor Rogers referred the question to Sharon Harris, Housing Director. Ms. Harris said that she will work with Cook County regarding its "section 8" tenants in the village

Is Trustee Holmes running for mayor?

(Trustee Holmes was absent from the meeting at the time of the question.) Mayor Rogers responded that he is.

Not sure where the bricks are. Can bricks be painted?

Mayor Rogers responded as above.

Why are communications in Dolton only for events the mayor holds?

Mayor Rogers responded that he thought trustee events had been communicated.

What is the first day of election of trustees?

Mayor Rogers responded that the primary is February 23, 2021. Trustee Henyard added that the general election is April 6th.

How are you going to sell Melanie Fitness Center without a listing?

Trustee Steave answered that the property is posted for sale. He is trying to avoid broker fees if possible.

If the village receives corona relief funding, how will it be distributed?

Village Administrator Elizabeth Scott responded that funds are to be limited to emergency purposes and relief for police and fire payroll.

Citizen reported that he had applied for relief with Assessor Holbert at an event, but no appeal was filed on citizen's behalf.

Mayor Rogers recommended calling the assessor's office at Thornton Township,

Citizen asked about the time of recent shootings.

Who authorizes video editing and who shoots the video?

Trustee Steave answered that the village employs a freelancer.

Money savings could be achieved in hiring a finance professional. Why hasn't this been done?

Mayor Rogers answered that the village is moving forward with the hiring.

Why wasn't Henyard's even on the village website?

Mayor Rogers answered that he did not know.

What is the Clerk running for?

Mayor Rogers answered: Clerk.

Were there 3 shootings?

Mayor Rogers answered no.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Denton, second by Trustee Henyard to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees, there being no discussion:

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 Trustees Brown, Denton, Henyard, Holmes, House, Steave

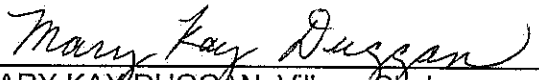
NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

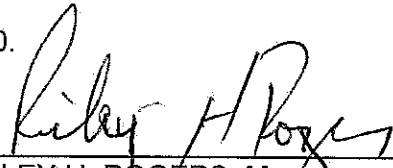
ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.


MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 7th day of December, 2020.


RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor