

**Village of Dixmoor  
Executive Board Meeting  
January 08, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong called meeting to order at 7:05pm.

**INVOCATION – PRAYER**

Bishop Major Johnson led the assembly in prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Roll call showed the following Trustees present: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner-present, Trustee Yvonne Davis-present, Trustee Judnita Smith-absent, Trustee Michael Smith-present, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-present, Trustee Ira Rolark-absent.

**Also Present:**

Director John Thompson and Assistant Director Tui Muse.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated we can have a discussion on it but we will not be able to continue the meeting without a Quorum.

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner stated why we don't have a Quorum.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated because Trustee Michael Smith and Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts walked out so if you don't have anything to further discuss I can adjourn the meeting.

Clerk Juanita Darden stated Mayor we no longer need audio since this is no meeting so the audio going off and the time is 7:12pm due to NO Quorum.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated, we are now going to resume the meeting due to Trustee Ira Rolark present, Trustee Michael Smith present, and Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts present.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

None

Trustee Michael Smith stated, I would like to make a motion to amend the agenda to add another agreement for an Electoral Board Attorney so that we are looking at two agreements instead of one for \$165/hr.

Motion by: Trustee Michael Smith

Second by: Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated Trustee Smith you can amend the agenda for discussion, but we are going to proceed on tomorrow as stated. It's been moved and second to amend the agenda to add another agreement.

**Discussion:**

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner stated are we doing this for discussion purposes only?

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated yes

Trustee Michael Smith stated, I would entertain a motion because the fees are lower than \$165/hr. I have an agreement for \$135/hr.

Roll Call: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner-no, Trustee Yvonne Davis-no, Trustee Judnita Smith-absent, Trustee Michael Smith-yes, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-yes, Trustee Ira Rolark-absent.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong voted No breaking the tie.

Motion Failed.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated, if Trustee Judnita Smith comes we will go back to new business.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for Discussion/Approval of Changing Committee Meeting form January 19, 2015 to January 22, 2015.

Trustee Judnita Smith stated Mayor that is to be stricken, because we spoke on this after the meeting. I didn't request for that to go on the agenda

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for Discussion/Approval of Dept. Heads/Attorneys only attend Executive Board Meeting. Unless otherwise requested

Motion by: Trustee Judnita Smith  
Second by: Trustee Michael Smith

Roll Call: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner-no, Trustee Yvonne Davis-no, Trustee Judnita Smith-yes, Trustee Michael Smith-yes, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-yes, Trustee Ira Rolark-no.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong voted No breaking the tie

Motion Failed.

Trustee Judnita Smith stated I would like to make a motion to have the Attorney's attend one meeting unless otherwise requested.

Discussion:

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts stated we tried this before and it didn't work.

Trustee Yvonne Davis stated, I yield the floor to the Attorney Vasselli, because I am confused didn't we just vote on this?

Attorney Vasselli stated no Trustee that was just for a discussion.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of Attorneys to only attend executive board meeting.

Motion by: Trustee Judnita Smith  
Second by: NO SECOND

MOTION FAILED DUE TO NO SECOND.

#### CLERK'S REPORT

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of exchange of owner for business license of E&S Liquor.

Motion by: Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts  
Second by: Trustee Ira Rolark

Roll Call: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner-yes, Trustee Yvonne Davis-yes, Trustee Judnita Smith-absent, Trustee Michael Smith-yes, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-yes, Trustee Ira Rolark-yes.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Michael Smith stated no actually that was not her discussion, she did not want that on the agenda.

Clerk Juanita Darden stated Trustee Judnita Smith, I had a conversation outside.

Clerk Juanita Darden spoke about:

-Monday January 19<sup>th</sup> the Village Hall will be closed for Martin Luther King birthday, we have a meeting later that evening at 7pm.

-Tomorrow January 9<sup>th</sup> will be the first day of the Electoral Board Hearing at 10am.

Trustee Michael Smith stated South Suburban College will be hosting a MLK King's Day doors open at 9am the Program starts at 10am 1500 s. State St. South Holland IL. Also Highway Construction Career Training Program, Orientation starts March 2<sup>nd</sup> invitation Feb. 3, 4, & 5<sup>th</sup>. For more information call [708-225-5822](tel:708-225-5822). Its 12 weeks free, need valid license, HS Diploma, 18 and older. For all seniors 60 or older Thornton Township is offering Transportation by appointment Mon.-Fri. from 7am-6:15pm. There is a suggested donation of \$1 each way. Contact info. [708-596-6040 ext. 4011](tel:708-596-6040)

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner stated the Jack and Jill cooperation with New Faith Baptist Church is having a Community Health Fair, all ages Saturday January 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm 25<sup>th</sup> and Central Matteson IL. I am willing to provide transportation but no one has signed up yet.

Trustee Michael Smith stated the trip for everyone to go to the Four Winds Casino is January 26<sup>th</sup> bus will be leaving here at 9am. Also Former State Rep. Harold Murphy passed visitation will be Friday January 9<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-8pm at Victory Christian International Ministries Markham IL Wake will be January 10<sup>th</sup> 10am Services start at 11am.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT & PROPOSAL APPOINTMENT

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for Approval of Electoral Board Attorney Fee for \$165/hr.

#### Discussion:

Trustee Michael Smith stated certain members of the Board should excuse themselves for voting on this particular item according to the IL State Statue 65ILCS: 5-8-17 and it deals with contracts and expenses. As elected officials if you have a personal interest or by it being an election you have several board members that are up for election and because of that they should excuse themselves from taking a vote and this comes from legal advice from our Legislative Attorney.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated what it is, is that we will spend the money with approval of the board to pay the expense of the electoral board attorney, that's what this is about, the money.

Trustee Yvonne Davis stated, I have been on this board almost nine years and each election, I was involved in when the amount for the Attorney came about, we had to vote on it. I don't have a personal interest nor invested interest but considering I know that some have already received their notifications and it may have looked like he started the process and a date was set for tomorrow it don't seem feasible to have to stop then start so I'm not excusing myself, bottom line and I don't have an attorney here to tell me otherwise.

Trustee Judnita Smith stated I don't have any history on him do we have something in writing.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated, I don't have anything in writing Trustee I just made calls trying to expedite this tonight I'm looking for a vote to approve his fee of \$165/hr.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of Attorney Timothy Lapp for the Dixmoor Electoral Board.

Motion by: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner  
Second by: Trustee Ira Rolark

Roll Call: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner-yes, Trustee Yvonne Davis-yes, Trustee Judnita Smith-no, Trustee Michael Smith-no, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-no, Trustee Ira Rolark-yes.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong voted Yes, breaking the tie.

Motion Carried.

#### Dixmoor Youth Committee

Report was given under Clerk's report.

#### Dixmoor Senior Committee

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner stated during the month of Dec. we collaborated with the youth committee and went to Navy Pier everyone enjoyed themselves. We had a safe trip. Also there will be another Senior Gamed day scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 12pm-6pm. All seniors are welcome to come.

#### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated the Attorney is not here tonight but he is asking for authorization to go to the union and negotiate the. 50 cent raise for police officers.

Motion by: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner  
Second by: Ira Rolark

Roll Call: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner-yes, Trustee Yvonne Davis-yes, Trustee Judnita Smith-yes, Trustee Michael Smith-yes, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-yes, Trustee Ira Rolark-yes.

Motion Carried.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT/APPROVAL OF BILLS

Treasurer Louis Williams stated, I added the four bills that came in on the bills list, no new bills from Harvey yet. Several from Menards, Brothers & Thompson, and Meech Group. It went from 31,000 to 41,000. I'm asking for approval of the bills list.

Motion by: Trustee Ira Rolark  
Second by: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner

Roll Call: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner-yes, Trustee Yvonne Davis-yes, Trustee Judnita Smith-yes, Trustee Michael Smith-yes, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-yes, Trustee Ira Rolark-yes.

Motion Carried.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORT

##### PUBLIC WORKS/WATER DEPARTMENT

No Report.

Trustee Michael Smith stated I would like to publicly thank Supt. Hurbert Darden, Joe, Stacey, and Robert for getting the water back on they did a great and efficient job.

Trustee Judnita Smith stated they are also on the streets right now, as we speak dropping salt so thank you.

Trustee Michael Smith stated also Mr. Berry has been in constant contact with Supt. Darden with trying to get new pumps for the pump station, they were told that the Village didn't have the money, so I don't care however much it cost get it done when it comes to water.

Treasurer Louis Williams stated we just spent 11,000 on repairing those pumps last summer. In no case when it comes to the water dept. have I ever told them that we didn't have the money.

Trustee Michael Smith stated, I received an email from an Attorney about the \$2500 for Fireman's Fund insurance. They stated they been trying to contact the treasurer about a payment and because of a failed payment they have taken it to court. I wanted to ask what happened with that because this was never brought to my attention.

Treasurer Louis Williams stated it's on the bills list for approval. I did bring the bill back to the board for approval again it's on the list to be paid. It should have been paid but each month especially the last three months we've borrowed money from the water fund to meet payroll.

Trustee Michael Smith stated, we should be in contact with them because they think the Village wants to defend it.

Treasurer Louis Williams stated ok Trustee I will do that.

#### HUMAN RESOURCE

Human Resource Sheila Ashley absent.

Report Carried over from Monday.

#### POLICE

Police Chief Ron Burge absent.

Report Carried over from Monday.

Trustee Michael Smith stated, if I can get a copy of the logs where they are doing these premise check. Also with gas all dept. heads are to have gas logs we have yet to see any I want a copy of all logs.

#### FIRE

No Report.

#### BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Fred Cody absent.

Report given by Mr. John Thompson under CDBG.

Trustee Michael Smith stated with the construction going on in the Water dept. did Mr. Cody put out permits for that project. What's going on with that?

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated Mr. Cody is aware, Mr. Darden and Public works have been doing that, just some minor changes.

#### PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Planner John Thompson spoke on behalf of the building dept. informing residents of the Annual Village inspections.

John Thompson also spoke about:

- Completion of the deconstruction of the Town Homes
- Abandon Building Property Project
- Fiber Optics

**-CMAP**

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval for payment of Tower Construction for the Dixmoor Community Center (20,000)

Motion by: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner  
Second by: Trustee Ira Rolark

Roll Call: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner-yes, Trustee Yvonne Davis-yes, Trustee Judnita Smith-yes, Trustee Michael Smith-yes, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-yes, Trustee Ira Rolark-yes.

Motion Carried.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTION**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident Brianna came in and spoke about:

-Why every other meeting department head is missing?

-How unprofessional for an HR to come to the meeting in leggings, gym shoes, jeans. I think you should have a dress code?

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Motion by: Trustee Ira Rolark  
Second by: Trustee Yvonne Davis

Roll Call: By Consent

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

**Submitted January \_\_\_\_, 2015  
Correction Submitted January \_\_\_\_, 2015  
Approval January \_\_\_\_, 2015.**

**January 08, 2015 executive board meeting minutes motion call.**

**Motion By:  
Seconded By:**

**YES NO**

<b>Trustee Yolanda Williams- Corner</b>	___	___
<b>Trustee Yvonne Davis</b>	___	___
<b>Trustee Judnita Smith</b>	___	___
<b>Trustee Michael Smith</b>	___	___

**Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts**  
**Trustee Ira Rolark**

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**ABSENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Juanita Darden**  
**Village Clerk**