

**Village of Dixmoor  
Special Board Meeting  
January 26, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**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-present, Trustee Michael Smith-present, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-present, Trustee Ira Rolark-absent.

**Also Present:**

Clerk Juanita Darden, Building Inspector Fred Cody, Assistant Planner Tui Muse, Planner John Thompson was absent, Police Chief Ron Burge was absent, Treasurer Louis Williams is on vacation.

Corporation Counsel Hubert Thompson and Legislative Counsel Delgado Group absent.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of December 11, 2014 minutes.

Motion by: Trustee Michael Smith

Second by: Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts

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-absent

Motion Carried.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of January 08, 2015 minutes.

Motion by: Trustee Michael Smith

Second by: Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts

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-absent

Motion Carried.

Police Chief Ron Burge arrived at 7:05pm.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of department heads only to attend Committee meetings, unless otherwise requested by President or Village Trustees.

Motion by: Trustee Judnita Smith

Second by: Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts

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-absent

Motion Carried.

Planner John Thompson arrived at 7:13pm.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of Attorneys paid by Village of Dixmoor to only attend Committee meetings, unless otherwise requested by President or Village Trustees.

Motion by: Trustee Judnita Smith  
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-absent

Motion Carried.

#### Status of Forensic Audit Report from Trustee Michael Smith

Trustee Michael Smith stated he spoke with Joyce Bryant from the Cook County Sheriff department she state the only current program they have now is to work with the Inspector General and documentation was sent over to them.

Trustee Michael Smith stated it was stated that is should be sent out for a RFP.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of before Resolutions or Ordinances is drafted by Village Attorneys it must be approved by Village Trustees.

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

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-absent

Motion Carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

None.

#### CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Juanita Darden spoke about:

- Dixmoor Senior Games Day January 29<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-6pm
- Village Stickers are on sale deadline to purchase stickers will be March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Notice of Dixmoor Electoral Board Hearing will be held Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT & PROPOSAL APPOINTMENT

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated approval of Administrative Assistant on hold right now.

Trustee Michael Smith stated I would like to make a motion to table this indefinitely

Motion by: Trustee Michael Smith  
Second by: Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts

#### Discussion:

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner stated Trustee did you want to discuss this?

Trustee Michael Smith stated I feel that is a waste of tax payers money and I have stated my reasons in closed session that we have a Mayor that is the CEO of the Village and we do not need an Administrative Assistant and I have stated my reasons in closed session.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated we are moving forward in 2015 and I am the CEO of the Village I feel that an assistant is needed.

Trustee Judnita Smith stated in closed session that was not what was discussed you are discussing it openly now but when you wanted the assistant in closed session that was not the reason, you explained that there has been people who haven't been honoring their commitments.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated that was something that I had stated in closed session.

Trustee Michael Smith stated that is why I kept it in closed session but I brought it back openly to discuss another reason that I feel a Village assistant would not be needed.

Trustee Judnita Smith stated Trustee Smith spoke with you in closed session and that's why I didn't agree with it some things I felt the CEO could handle.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated I don't need anyone to tell me who should be terminated as you all had stated that wasn't the reason.

Trustee Judnita Smith stated that was your reason as well, there are some dept. heads that hasn't been here when they should be and I said if you know this you do not need an Administrative Assistant to terminate a person.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated I shared that in closed session some issues that I know but that's not the reason for an assistant just for personnel issues.

Trustee Judnita Smith stated and we didn't write that in our appropriations.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong state it was already budget in the former Mayor had an Administrative Assistant.

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-absent.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Ira Rolark arrived at 7:18 pm.

#### Dixmoor Youth Committee

Trustee Michael Smith stated on the Agenda tonight is the approval of \$600.00 to go see the movie Selma.

Trustee Michael Smith also spoke about South Suburban College have CDL, EMT and Highway Construction Training (More information contact South Suburban College) Rebecca Garcia

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of \$600.00 for (Youth Committee) to go see the movie Selma.

Motion by: Trustee Michael Smith  
Second by: Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts

Discussion: Trustee Yvonne Davis asked the \$600.00 includes transportation and admission and how many are going?

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts answer about 60 people.

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-yes.

Motion Carried.

Legislative Counsel James Vasselli arrived at 7:30 pm.

#### Dixmoor Senior Committee

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner spoke about:

Senior Game Day Thursday January 29, 2015 from 12pm to 6pm (Village Hall)

Requesting approval of \$350.00 for supplies (Senior Game Day)

Alpha Zeta (Health Credit Services) Friday, February 13, 2015 10am to 3pm (Village Hall)

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of \$350.00 for Senior Citizens Game Day January 29, 2015 for food/supplies.

Motion by: Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts

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.

#### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Corporation Counsel Hubert Thompson absent.

Report was given on Monday.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT/APPROVAL OF BILLS

Mr. Louis Williams absent.

Report was given at Committee Meeting on Monday.

Trustee Yvonne Davis stated Mr. Louis Williams was supposed to add some bills and give the corrected bill list to the board.

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner said the treasurer had an additional group of bills, but didn't resend them.

Trustee Michael Smith stated anybody who works at the village doing works needs to make sure they have insurance on file and pull a permit.

Trustee Yvonne Davis asked about the process we have a business that comes in. What are they required to have.

Mr. Fred Cody answered they insurance and that are kept in a file.

Clerk Juanita Darden stated one of the important bills was the pumping station to keep it up and running. \$11,000.00 Metropolitan Industries

#### DEPARTMENT REPORT

##### PUBLIC WORKS/WATER DEPARTMENT

Trustee Ira Rolark spoke about:

department has been working on water main breaks

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated the department needs to order more salt.

#### HUMAN RESOURCE

Ms., Sheila Ashley absent.

Trustee Michael Smith stated Mayor you said on Tuesday that HR would be at the meeting to discuss something about candidates for the police department.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated it on hold and because of the holiday has to reschedule the meeting and once that meeting is schedule we will bring back the information to the board pertaining to the candidates for the police department.

Trustee Michael Smith asked for matter of records that department submit in writing there activities they are doing on a weekly basis so we can see what we are paying people. If can't attend the meeting just submit something in writing.

#### POLICE

Chief Burge stated report was given at the last meeting.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated at the last meeting the board was asking for a copy of the LOG for premise check and gas log for all the cars

Trustee Michael Smith stated also mileage report sheet and how much gas was being used, the former chief use to give the board crime statics and he hasn't seen on since 2013.

Police Chief Ron Burge stated there are some things I will give but something I can't give out and I will try my best to be in compliance with something's.

Trustee Michael Smith stated it was an article in the paper about a person impersonator an officer and they named Dixmoor as one of the towns. The person was stop and his credential was taken and then given back to him.

Police Chief Ron Burge stated that article was not correct the credential was taken and given to the FEDS and that individual that was stop did mention he was trying to get employed and was going to be hired by a Trustee

#### FIRE

Trustee Ira Rolark report 4 calls in the month of January 2015.

#### BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Fred Cody spoke about:

Property Inspection for residents and dangerous dogs in the village.

Mr. Fred Cody stated his car was attacked by a pit bulls.

Trustee Michael Smith asked:

-What are the program for?

-How are you going to give the information to resident?

-What about the Ordinances and Code

Mr. Fred Cody answered they can get a copy from the Clerk's office

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated another way when residents move in we can give them a welcome packet.

Trustee Yvonne Davis how are going to let them know about the codes, we stated we are going to begin on February but notice has went out yet. Need to start the break of Spring.

The board agreed for April 01, 2015.

Mr. Fred Cody stated the residents will continue to get cited and he will turn the information over to the Sheriff department.

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner stated also we need to put a notice in the community about the dog tag.

Trustee Judnita Smith asked do we have somebody to catch the dogs. We need to get an outside agency and is our officer training.

Police Chief Burge stated they are not trained to catch dogs.

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner stated we need to call Cook County and get all the information about training for dogs.

Mayor Dorothy Armstrong stated we have to have some type of intergovernmental agreement with somebody.

#### PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. John Thompson spoke about:

Deconstruction of the Townhomes on Woods Street is done

Village of Dixmoor's "Abandon Building Property Project

More homes will be demolitions

Fiber Optic meeting is scheduled

CMAP is finishing up the Comprehensive Plan

Getting bid packets together

Ready for Engineer report

Potential draft

IDOT Woods Street – 163<sup>rd</sup> and Wood to 138<sup>th</sup> and Wood Street

Talking to state about lights on Western

#### Grants

DECO GRANT	PENDING	\$50,000
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CDBG GRANT	APPROVED	\$250,000
PARC GRANT	APPROVED	\$1,125,000

Mr. Tui Muse spoke about Code Red the approval of CODE RED (Emergency Communications Network LLC.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of CODE RED (Emergency Communications Network LLC.

Motion by: Trustee Ira Rolark

Second by: Trustee Judnita Smith

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

Michael Smith a resident spoke about:

-Code Red (School)

Issue with the police department responding to a call at school

-Call went to Dolton

-Big issue safety of kids

-Under Grimmitt administration they outsource 911  
-talk to Supt/Principal about 15 minutes (more detail report will be given)

Police Chief Burge stated he responded and it went to Dolton.

-A meeting will be with the Mr. Michael Smith, Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong, staff and Police Chief Ron Burge  
Information about Code RED

Trustee Michael Smith asked about policy and procedures and the Police Chief stated everything was up to part.

Mr. John Thompson stated this does not have nothing to do with 911 it's with the carrier that individual have. There are phone systems that the school can get and have as many phones as they like and then they give them out to the staff. (The company will set-up everything for you)

Trustee Michael Smith stated this happen after school.

Michael Smith a resident stated "YES".

Trustee Michael Smith stated he would like to see an officer outside the school.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated we need to move forward and get officers in here, we are short staff.

Sgt. Mobley stated it's not with Dixmoor we were there in minutes. The principal doesn't matter who come she just want somebody there. It did happen on Harvey side.

Bishop Major Johnson spoke about the  
-Property Inspection Code  
-Spoke about a beige and white pit bull  
-you can't shoot a dog

Ms. Shelta Moore-Harvey spoke about:  
-not understanding the 911 situation  
-if call 911 where it's going (Dixmoor)

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Trustee Ira Rolark  
Second by: Trustee Michael Smith

Roll Call: By Consent

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

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

**January 26, 2015 Special 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>	_____	_____
<b>Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts</b>	_____	_____
<b>Trustee Ira Rolark</b>	_____	_____

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

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