

**Village of Dixmoor  
Executive Board Meeting  
March 26, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong called meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

**INVOCATION – PRAYER**

Bishop Major Johnson the village Chaplain led the assembly with a prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated Adoption of the Minutes.

Clerk Darden responded we didn't have a quorum and when the meeting resume we only adopted the minutes February 26, 2015.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Darden stated approval of Salvation Donut Day will be presented at the next meeting.

Clerk Darden stated E & S paid for fingerprinting (License pending till all information comes back)

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of Done Right Auto Repair License.

Motion by: Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts

Seconded by: Trustee Ira Rolark

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

Motion carried.

Clerk Darden read home going service for former Dixmoor Police Officer Jimmie "Rerun" Ganison and resident Margaret Ford Smith.

Village Hall will be open this Saturday from 9am to 12pm for the sale of Village Stickers. (2015)

Clerk Darden announced Illinois winterization program will be held on this Thursday and Friday at the Old Mother of Sorrows School in Blue Island, IL

Village of Dixmoor Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm funded by Dixmoor Youth Committee.

### MAYOR'S REPORT & PROPOSAL APPOINTMENT

Sgt. Mobley from the Dixmoor Police department spoke about concerns and issues as an resident/employee of the Police Department.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated okay board you have heard the plea of the police dept. get some officers and move forward, if this continues I will get a court order to get some officers in place. I have been attending meeting after meeting to get everything we need for the Village of Dixmoor. We are going to do everything we can to get the police dept. up to part. I was given a Leadership award Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> and I will be honored again by the Chicago Defender at the Hyatt Regency from 11:30 to 3pm.

### Youth Committee

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts stated I am asking for approval tonight of \$500 for the Easter Egg Hunt, we may not need the whole \$500 and we will provide receipts. We would have prize such as bikes, gift cards, we also wanted to provide breakfast.

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

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

Motion Carried.

### Senior Committee

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner stated on Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> another games day will be planned, here at the Village Hall. Also on May 1<sup>st</sup> we are going to collaborate with the Mayor planning a Mother's Day Lunch, flyers will go out in the community. Trustee Corner also spoke about other activities that the residents may enjoy.

### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Hubert Thompson stated the Dixmoor 5 litigation has been settled. The Village of Dixmoor is not required to contribute any money to the settlement; the insurance companies involved will pay the liability. They are preparing the settlements; once it's finalized I will bring it back before the board.

### FINANCIAL REPORT/APPROVAL OF BILLS

Treasurer Louis Williams stated the bills list was presented Tuesday with three additions. We talked about Calumet City Plumbing, these are the breaks that occurred in February, they we probably just behind. We are also seeking approval for the Water Leak Survey so we can see where we are losing all this water.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of the bills list

Motion by: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner  
Second by: Trustee Judnita Smith

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

Motion carried.

### DEPARTMENT REPORT

#### PUBLIC WORKS/WATER DEPARTMENT

Trustee Ira Rolark read report for Public Works speaking on water main breaks and the needs for lights on western.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated we have also asked for assistance from FEMA with help on this water mains.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated we call out Metropolitan and adjustment was made to the pumping station.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong apologizes for the inconvenience of not having any water.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for the approval of Proposal for Water Distribution System Leak Survey (M.E. Simpson)

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-absent, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-yes, Trustee Ira Rolark-yes.

Motion carried.

#### HUMAN RESOURCE

Report carried Over from Monday.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated Ms. Ashley sent a list of candidates for the officers.

Trustee Judnita Smith stated I need some type of background on these people.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated it was recommended by the Chief.

Trustee Judnita Smith stated out of 8 of the officers 4 of those officers have been voted no on, if we voted no why aren't we seeing new candidates.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated that question should have been directed to Chief Burge.

Trustee Judnita Smith stated I can't vote without more information on these officers as well as the ones who have already been voted no.

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner stated this list didn't come from Human Resource but it says it come from her.

Clerk Juanita Darden stated it was per Chief Burge request.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated it seems to me that we need to go back in closed session to discuss these potential candidates.

#### POLICE

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of Employee A Regina Alexander as a part-time police officer for the police department.

Motion by: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner  
Second by: Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts

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

Motion carried.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated Regina Alexander was hired as a part-time police officer for the Village of Dixmoor.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of Employee B Aaron Gibson as a part-time police officer for the police department.

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-abstain, Trustee Michael Smith-absent, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-yes, Trustee Ira Rolark-yes.

Motion carried.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated Aaron Gibson was hired as a part-time police officer for the Village of Dixmoor.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of Employee C John Harris as a part-time police officer for the Village of Dixmoor.

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-abstain, Trustee Michael Smith-absent, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-yes, Trustee Ira Rolark-yes.

Motion carried.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated John Harris was hired as a part-time police officer for the Village of Dixmoor.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of Employee D Darryl Torry as a part-time police officer for the Village of Dixmoor.

Motion by: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner  
Second by: Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts

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

Motion carried.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated Darryl Torry was hired as a part-time police officer for the Village of Dixmoor.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of Employee E Cheron Gee as a part-time police officer for the Village of Dixmoor.

Motion by: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner  
Second by: Trustee Yvonne Davis

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

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong broke the tie and voted "YES".

Motion carried.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated Cheron Gee was hired as a part-time police officer for the Village of Dixmoor.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of Employee F Toni Burtley as a part-time police officer for the police department.

Motion by: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner

Due to a lack of a second motion died.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of Employee G Ronald Burge Jr. as a part-time police officer for the Village of Dixmoor.

Motion by: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner

Second by: Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts

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

Motion Failed

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong names the 5 candidates that were hired as a part-time police officers for the Village of Dixmoor.

Regina Alexander, Aaron Gibson, John Harris, Darryl Torry and Cheron Gee

#### FIRE

No report.

#### BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Report carried over from Monday.

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner spoke about the Exterior Property Inspection that will begin in April 2015.

#### PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. John Thompson spoke about the village has received the 2014 Community Development Block Grant notice to proceed.

Mr. John Thompson has been meeting with the Engineer on repairing or replacing valve and collapsed sewer. (\$250,000.00 grant.

Mr. John Thompson stated that village has sent there report in for the PARC grant and throughout the State of Illinois the grants have been suspended not terminate till further notice. (Community Center)

Mr. John Thompson also spoke about the benefits of Fiber Optic.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of CMAP's Comprehensive Plan for the Dixmoor.

Motion by: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner

Second by: Trustee Ira Roark

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

Motion carried.

#### ORDINANCES & RESOLUTION

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion to ratify a Resolution of the Village of Dixmoor, Cook County, Illinois Approving Request and Submittal of Application for a Capital Improvement/Economic Development Project to the County of Cook, Illinois for 2015 CDBG Funds for Program Year. 15-DR-02

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

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

Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Cynthia Mossuto spoke about:

- hiring of police officers
- Who access to the Code Red Numbers?

Mr. Paris Steele spoke about

- why can't board go with chief recommendation
- need more police officers

Ms. Wendy Casey a resident spoke about concerns/issues

- how can residents purchase vacant land
- who have list for vacant land

Orlando Clark spoke about:

- hiring process of police officers
- background checks/certification
- qualified officers
- recommendations review/given to chief
- submitted to board for approval

Ms. Rose Jackson a resident spoke about:

- the village doesn't have any process with hiring of officers
- application should be review in executive session
- ask HR to bring files to the meeting
- you can submit a FOIA to Mr. Fred Cody

Chief Burge stated:

- Police Chief interviews
- I give HR the police officers to process
- police department is a separate entity
- Dixmoor need police officers
- Dixmoor have violated people rights by putting names out there
- State of Illinois guide the Police Department not the Village of Dixmoor
- Probationary period for police officers

Arletta Evans a resident spoke about:

- department heads needs to be here **on Thursday not Monday**
- Village needs an A&B plan when water is going to be off (27hours no water)
- Chief Burge has 30 years in the police department

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss police personnel.

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

By Consent.

Executive Session at 8:35 pm.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion to go back into open session.

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

By consent.

Open Session at 9:05 pm.

See hiring under Police Report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm.

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

By consent.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

**Submitted April \_\_\_\_, 2015**  
**Correction Submitted April \_\_\_\_, 2015**  
**Approval April \_\_\_\_, 2015**

**March 26, 2015 executive board meeting minutes motion call.**

**Motion By:**  
**Seconded By:**

|                                  | YES | NO  |
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| Trustee Yolanda Williams- Corner | ___ | ___ |
| Trustee Yvonne Davis             | ___ | ___ |
| Trustee Judnita Smith            | ___ | ___ |
| Trustee Michael Smith            | ___ | ___ |
| Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts       | ___ | ___ |
| Trustee Ira Rolark               | ___ | ___ |

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

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