

**Village of Dixmoor  
Executive Board Meeting  
May 28, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong called meeting to order at 7:18 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-absent, Trustee Judnita Smith-present, Trustee Michael Smith-present, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-present and Trustee Raymond Lavigne-present.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion to approve April 30, 2015 (Special Board Meeting) minutes.

Motion By: Trustee Michael Smith

Second By: Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts

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

Motion Carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Trustee Michael Smith made a motion to approve Tri-State disposal a special use permit.

Motion By: Trustee Michael Smith

Second By: Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts

**Discussion:**

Trustee Judnita Smith stated Tri-State was supposed to present something to the board.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated we need to resend the motion.

Trustee Michael Smith stated he is not going to resend the motion, because it's just a special use permit.

Attorney Thompson stated that's improper you have a zoning ordinance that provides how to obtain a Special Use Permit and it is not by motion and therefore your motion is out of order. I have spoken with Attorney Windham your land use Attorney and he stated that needs to be a Zoning Ordinance so you can do this expeditiously..

Trustee Judnita Smith stated Board we do have the Attorney Windham here and he is going to speak on some issues that we're not aware. Trustee Judnita Smith asked Trustee Michael Smith to resend his motion.

Trustee Michael Smith stated how can a village Attorney who has not gotten permissions approved from the board make an expense by going and talking to another Attorney about an

issue. Attorneys are doing things that the Board has not knowledge of just like representing us at the 6<sup>th</sup> district court in Markham.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated that's not the issue at hand, we are paying out fees to make sure we are in compliance with the law.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated Trustee Michael Smith you were asked to resend your motion regarding approval of Tri-State disposal special use permit.

Trustee Judnita Smith stated we don't have a zoning board so he is our land use Attorney

Land Use Attorney Danny Windham stated Tri-State is located in an industrial zone. What they are looking to do is have their business classified as a commercial business that's operating by with a Special Use Permit. Normally commercial businesses operate in commercial district as the same with industrial businesses. They want the village to say they are a commercial business operating by Special Use Permit. Dixmoor has a zoning ordinance that dates back to 1960. We first need to amend the ordinance to allow the Trustee's to grant Special Use Permits. You don't have that power right now because it's not in your zoning ordinance.

Attorney Thompson stated can both of those actions be taken at the same meeting?

Land Use Attorney Danny Windham stated both of those actions can probably be taken at the same meeting except, before you can take actions there has to be a public hearing in order to amend the ordinance.

Trustee Michael Smith stated we currently have a business operating under a Special Use Permit.

Mr. Danny Windham stated what happened to the zoning board of appeals?

Trustee Michael Smith stated that's a question to our Mayor.

Mr. Danny Windham stated the ordinance says the board is picked by the Mayor with the consent of the Village Trustee's and it's a seven member board.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated, we had a board at one time with Attorney Zeno and he had several others but that was during the time the former Mayor was here and he set that up.

Mr. Danny Windham stated in order to amend a zoning ordinance it would have to go through the zoning board of appeals. I think what we amend the section that involves the board to grant special use permits. I will forward you a section of your ordinance that basically sets fort the powers that the Board has. So, before you give them what they want you must first grant yourself the power to do so.

Mr. Danny Windham stated amend the ordinance giving yourself the power to grant Special Use Permits for businesses to operate in the at areas that are not zoned.

Attorney Thompson stated you have to have an ordinance but we need approval from the Board to do that.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for Land Use Attorney Windham to draft up an Ordinance.

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

Roll Call: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner-yes, Trustee Yvonne Davis-absent, Trustee Judnita Smith-yes, Trustee Michael Smith-yes, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-yes and Trustee Raymond Lavigne-yes.

Motion Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Darden asked for approval of E&S Food and Liquor business and liquor license.

Motion by: Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts

Seconded by: Trustee Michael Smith

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

Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT & PROPOSAL**

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval for \$600 for our Honor and Scholar students here in The Village of Dixmoor.

Motion by: Trustee Judnita Smith

Second by: Trustee Raymond Lavigne

Roll Call: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner-yes, Trustee Yvonne Davis-absent, Trustee Judnita Smith-yes, Trustee Michael Smith-yes, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-yes and Trustee Raymond Lavigne-yes.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Michael Smith stated I would like to make a motion to approve \$150 towards Lincoln Elementary banquet on behalf of their students.

Motion by: Trustee Michael Smith

Second by: Trustee Raymond Lavigne

Roll Call: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner-yes, Trustee Yvonne Davis-absent, Trustee Judnita Smith-yes, Trustee Michael Smith-yes, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-yes and Trustee Raymond Lavigne-yes.

Motion Carried.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of getting estimates for the Mayor's Car to be repaired.

Motion by: Trustee Judnita Smith

Second by: Trustee Michael Smith

**Discussion:**

Trustee Raymond Lavigne stated, I would get a new car. We are constantly putting band aids on stuff that should be totally gone like some of these police squad cars.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated ,I have given the Chief direct order to go look at some cars, but I been using my own personal vehicle.

Roll Call: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner-yes, Trustee Yvonne Davis-absent, Trustee Judnita Smith-yes, Trustee Michael Smith-yes, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-yes and Trustee Raymond Lavigne-yes.

**Motion Carried.**

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated I'm vetoing Ordinance 15-DO-1 that was passed at the last Executive Board meeting creating eight new Board committees the ordinance is invalid, improper and violates the past practices of the Village. In addition, it is clear that some members of the Board had insufficient opportunity to review the ordinance or the Board committees and their implication. It is also obvious that at least three Board members met and created the list of Board members that was presented. Any such meeting whether in person or by telephone would constitute a public meeting under the Open Meetings Act requiring prior notice, a posted agenda and proper minutes after such meeting. For this additional reason, I believe this ordinance is improper, and I am therefore vetoing it.

Discussion: Trustee Michael Smith stated I would like for Legislative Counsel Vasselli to address the veto to see if it is sufficient or not. Trustee Michael Smith stated it's not on the Agenda correct.

Legislative Counsel answered it's not on the Agenda.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated its part of the Mayor's report and that's my veto.

Legislative Counsel Vasselli stated under the Open Meeting Act it must be on the Agenda. The Mayor can clearly veto the Ordinance and have it posted 48 hours or more prior to today date at 7pm. (May 28, 2015). I do not see anything with regards to the veto. I see new business.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong mention she went to Career day at Lincoln School and the 4<sup>th</sup> grader mention we do not have anything in the village for them to do.

#### YOUTH COMMITTEE

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts stated he wants to set-up a date to put the basketball rims out there for the summer.

Trustee Michael Smith stated the board needs to go into executive session to talk about Mr. Chaney helping out with the youths.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong mention that she will be will meeting with Mr. Chaney next Thursday.

#### SENIOR COMMITTEE

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner spoke about the neighborhood outing to the Taste of Chicago and a lady from the University of Chicago Medicine will be at Apostolic Church.

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner also spoke about the group SWAG will be going to see Gladys Knight in September.

#### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Corporation Counsel mentions that he received an agreement between the Village of Dixmoor and the Sheriff's department pertaining to demolition of homes and vacant properties.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated more dialogue with the Sheriff's department and Tui Muse on June 18, 2015.

Mr. Louis Williams stated tearing down the townhomes was not free; we received an \$80,000.00 bill from Groen.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated the contract needs to be reviewed.

Trustee Raymond Lavigne mention you can't use the big dumpster, when you are putting concrete in them

#### FINANCIAL REPORT/APPROVAL OF BILLS

**Mr. Louis Williams mention all the Trustees was e-mailed a copy of the bill list and there was (2) addendum to the bill list.**

1. Martin Implement \$1500.00 repair of the backhoe
2. Ronald Scott for the transformer for lights on Western (\$2500.00)

Trustee Michael Smith asked about removing the South Suburban Black Mayors Caucus.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong mention she is a member of the South Suburban Black Mayor Caucus and the black Mayor's come together with a mission and it cost \$500.00 and I did submit and invoice.

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts stated the village is already paying into and what is the different.

Trustee Michael Smith made a motion to indefinite strike the \$500.00 bill for the South Suburban Black Mayor Caucus.

Motion by: Trustee Michael Smith  
Seconded by: Trustee Raymond Lavigne

Discussion: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner stated I believe the mission of this organization is to bring the attention to the communities that is in need of funding.

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

**Motion carried.**

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion to pay the bills.

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

Roll Call: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner-yes, Trustee Yvonne Davis-absent, Trustee Judnita Smith-yes, Trustee Michael Smith-yes, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-yes and Trustee Raymond Lavigne-yes.

**Motion carried.**

Mr. Louis Williams stated that he sent out the first draft of the village's annual financial statement for the fiscal year 2014.

Trustee Michael Smith had some concerns and issues about the Attorney's bill are over budget.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS** **HUMAN RESOURCE**

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated to the board that Ms. Sheila Ashley sent the board an e-mail on things that she has done.

Trustee Michael Smith stated he would like for the board to find somebody to manage the website, other than the HR. I had residents to call and say there nothing new on there.

Trustee Michael Smith mention he will submit a proposal to the board and it will not cost as much as we paying now,

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong mention I have come to board pleading that the HR needs more hours and with that you would not have to bring somebody else in.

Trustee Raymond Lavigne stated I keep hearing about a website and I have never saw it and Trustee Michael Smith you said it's not working.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated it requires some time and I told HR is she has additional work to do than stay and do it because we need the website up and running.

Trustee Michael Smith stated that not the job description of an HR.

Trustee Lavigne stated to Trustee Michael Smith just do a proposal to hire somebody to maintain the website.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS/WATER DEPARTMENT**

Supt. Darden spoke about  
-the water main breaks repairs  
-guys cutting grass

#### **POLICE**

Chief Ernest Mobley spoke about  
-the trainees will be released next week  
-working on grants with Mr. John Thompson

#### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

No Report.

#### **PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. John Thompson was absent.  
Mr. Tui Muse spoke about:  
-Field next to public works, sheriff is working to repair the fields.  
-Sheriff is soliciting monies  
-working with the Meechie Group and with Supt. Hurbert Darden on the grants for the water mains  
-Getting Fiber Optics jump started waiting

#### **FIRE**

No Report.

#### **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND CERTAIN DEPARTMENT HEADS OF THE VILLAGE OF DIXMOOR TO SPECIFIC COMMITTEES FOR THE VILLAGE OF DIXMOOR, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS.**

**Tabled to the next meeting due to the Mayor's Dorothy D. Armstrong VETO.  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-54 OF THE VILLAGE CODE REGARDING THE ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MEETINGS OF THE VILLAGE OF DIXMOOR, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**Tabled to the next meeting due to the Mayor's Dorothy D. Armstrong VETO.**

**Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTIONS 2-50 AND 2-62 OF THE VILLAGE CODE REGARDING MEETING PROCEDURES FOR THE VILLAGE OF DIXMOOR, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS.**

**Motion by: Trustee Michael Smith  
Seconded by: Trustee Raymond Lavigne**

Roll Call: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner-yes, Trustee Yvonne Davis-absent, Trustee Judnita Smith-yes, Trustee Michael Smith-yes, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-yes and Trustee Raymond Lavigne-yes.

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Charlene McFadden a resident spoke about:

- Why did E& S get a new license?
- It's stinks and they smoke in there
- Commend the Mayor for driving through the village
- Take \$500.00 out the stipend the board gets to pay for the Black Mayor Caucus
- Please be careful who you selected to watch over our children's

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion by: Trustee Judnita Smith  
Seconded by: Trustee Michael Smith

By consent.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

**Submitted June 11, 2015**  
**Correction Submitted June \_\_, 2015**  
**Approval June \_\_, 2015.**

**May 28, 2015 executive board meeting minutes motion call.**

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

**YES NO**

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| <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 Raymond Lavigne</b>          | _____ | _____ |

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

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