

**Village of Dixmoor  
Executive Board Meeting  
June 11, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong called meeting to order at 7:03 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.

Also present Corporation Counsel Hubert Thompson, and Code Enforcer Officer Fred Cody.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated Mr. Louis Williams excused for tonight.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated Police Chief in class tonight.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of May 14, 2015 minutes

Motion by: Trustee Michael Smith

Second by: Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts

Discussion: Trustee Michael Smith submitted minor corrections to Clerk Darden.

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 May 28, 2015 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 and Trustee Raymond Lavigne.

Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for **Approval of Sheriff's Assignment Agreement between Cook County Sheriff and Village of Dixmoor**

Motion by: Trustee Judnita Smith

Second by: Trustee Michael Smith

Discussion: Trustee Michael Smith stated he did look at the agreement and who would put lien on the properties. (Cook County Sheriff or the Village of Dixmoor)

Corporation Counsel answered the village is assigning the Sheriff the power to clean it and to apply a lien for the value of whatever the property is worth.

Mr. Tui Muse stated we can also put our own lien on the properties that are being tore down by the Sheriff department.

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.

Motion carried.

### **Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for Approval of Fiber Optic/Telecommunication System.**

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

Disussion: Mr. Rusty Winchel spoke about much of that time they was trying to come up with a solution and put together a proposal for providing different services to the village.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated does the village need the whole 30 lines.

Mr. Rusty Winchel stated the reduce cost will be about \$2.00 a month per line.

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.

Motion carried.

### **Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for Approval of Agreement of Casanova Information Services of \$500 for Website setup and \$35 per update.**

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

Discussion: Trustee Michael Smith stated he sent the agreement over to Attorney Thompson and he had a few things he address and Casanova made the corrections.

Corporation Counsel stated he received the draft agreement and review it had specific questions' he agreement didn't specific described what type of service Casanova company would be providing to the village.

(How would the village be charge for editing the website?) Received a revised proposal or contract address the issues. It describes what the services are and offering –website editing anytime or change and it will charge \$35.00 per edit. The price for setting up is \$500.00 per edit \$35.00. Option plan to discussion at the Monday the payment system to pay water bills or fee online, that is option term that is not being taking up right now and that will be addition al \$500.00

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

Motion carried.

#### UPDATE ON AUDITS

Trustee Judnita Smith stated she would like to strike the update on the Audits tonight due to a Finance Meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 5:00 pm. To address that issue then and the Auditor will be there to.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong mentions that she had contact with the Auditor and a Special Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 with everybody that is involved. (Special Meeting 6:30 pm) Closure to 2007/2008 Audit.

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts stated when he spoke with Ms. Walker 2002, 2007, 2003 and 2004 looking was a disclaimer. I think we need to cease and stop cause we are paying about 40,000 on audits that can't be done so that's about 200,000 to 300,000, let state come in and those peoples responsible for the invoice be prosecuted we can move forward. People that are responsible for the 4 million needs to speak with the State and Prosecutor. Wishing this Administration could have come in with a clean sweep and the state needs to come in and pull the hard drives and paper work. The village should not pay for anybody else to come out and do the audit and the state should come in.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong mention that the state did come in about 3 months ago and inspected the books but the holdup is the audit for 2008. The village can move forward once Ms. Walker completes her audit.

Trustee Michael Smith stated he do not see what's the purpose of having 2 meeting tonight to discuss think should come together and meet on that Thursday and we can move upon recommendation to the board.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong repeated again we will be having a meeting with Robin Walker on Tuesday. I called the meeting with her and I will have the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts stated for the record if all us can recalled when Mekhi was here the audit haven't been turn into the state since 2000. (TIF audits)

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated the village audits have been done up to 2007. (Disclaimer) The audits for TIF have not been done since 2000.

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts stated that the audits he referring to (TIF) 4 million dollars.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong mention that she will reach out to the County to give and update on what a Forensic audit is. Move forward and be on the same place about what a forensic audit.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong read a Motion to Override Mayor's Veto to An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Section 2-38 Of the Village Code Regarding Legislative Committees for the Village of Dixmoor, County Of Cook, State Of Illinois."

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 and Trustee Raymond Lavigne-yes.

Motion carried.

Corporation Counsel Hubert Thompson stated the Ordinance that has been passed has a provision which is Section 3 (F) it says each standing or special committee shall give report of its activities at each committee of the whole meeting, that relevant cause at the last board meeting you abolishes the committee of the whole. So, the board should consider if they are going to amend this or delete this or what. But now it has a provision that committee is going to report to another committee.

Trustee Michael Smith stated we are going to move to have that section deleted, because that was prior to us taking a vote on getting rid of committee of the whole meeting.

Corporation Counsel Hubert Thompson asked are somebody going to proposal amend to it.

Trustee Michael Smith answered we are going to proposal that through the legislative committee.

Motion carried.

#### CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Darden read announcement about Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner is sponsoring a Neighbor Hood outing to the Taste of Chicago on July 09, 2015 and July 12, 2015. \$2.00 for bus ride

South Suburban Mayors & Manager business meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2015 6:00pm.

Trustee Michael Smith announced that Finance Meeting will be next Thursday; June 18, 2015 at 5:00 pm at the village hall will be discussing audits, fiscal year budget 2016. (Treasurer needs to be in attend)

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated she feel that this is something good we doing with these committees and hope we use the best practice to build Dixmoor.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT & PROPOSAL

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong mentions she invited State Rep. Will Davis out tonight.

State Rep Will Davis spoke about:

- talk about the state doing
- the function of the municipalities
- also answer question you may have
- honor assessment
- essential overall budget
- level of spending
- pass budget out of both chamber
- supporting communities
- additional resource for school
- chair board for education
- Governor talks about reducing the local government spending funds
- PARC grant are on hold (Governor froze them)
- original budget Governor choose to eliminate after school programs
- no summer youth program
- negotiation with the Governor
- no plans to fund some programs
- 20 million dollars waiting on the Governor to sign

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong mentions that the State Rep Will Davis in conjunction with United Way will be having a community shredding day. (Saturday July, 18, 2015 1912 W. 174<sup>th</sup> Street ) in parking lot

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong mention  
Special Meeting with Robin Walker (auditor)  
Tuesday, 911 Center – Trustee on Monday  
June 01, 2015 – Thornton High School Navistar (Tony Periwinkle and other elected officials was there)  
Friday Award Banquet (Lincoln Wildcats)  
Saturday – (Newly elected workshop)  
Sometime of plans for the Children  
In future and July business round table meeting  
Had a couple business owner (gas station)  
Special Presentation from Amoz Wright (Gates Millennium Scholarship)  
Mention other graduates a list for approval from board  
Awarded kids at Rosa Parks School

#### DIXMOOR YOUTH COMMITTEE

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts spoke about  
-Meeting he will be attending with the Mayor next week  
-Signs at the park need to be repair  
-Job available at Walmart (3 kids did get hired)  
-No summer jobs are available

Trustee Michael Smith reported  
-tentative date August 01, 2015 for Health Fair  
-Chair a committee meeting (proposal youth operation)  
-Drug Test Screening  
-Networking (Ms. Neil) back-to-school parade

Mayor Dorothy Armstrong  
-at the meeting is everybody going to have these background check (including board members)

Trustee Michael Smith stated  
-you can't be an elected official if you have a felony

Trustee Raymond Lavinge stated his lodge wants to get involved. (Doctor and Dentist on hand to)

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong is we having the residents involved in these committees.

#### SENIOR COMMITTEE

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner spoke about  
-Committee is going to continue to set-up for the 50 and older group  
-July 2015 – Clerk announced a trip to Taste of Chicago 7/09 & 7/12  
Spa Theatre (Park Forest) Jazz Explosion FREE (tomorrow)  
STAGE Play (Tramp) Cost \$15  
-information on things for seniors that do not have the funds

#### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Corporation Counsel last meeting the Chief of Police contract (Auto Repair) board can vote at the next meeting.

Corporation Counsel stated on the agenda there is an Executive Session for collective bargaining that discussion took place on Monday at the Committee Meeting.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT/APPROVAL OF BILLS

Mr. Louis Williams absent.

Trustee Michael Smith stated there was some amended to the bill list.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion to pay the bills including the amended that was sent out to the board members.

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.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

##### HUMAN RESOURCE

Ms. Sheila Ashley absent.

No Report.

#### PUBLIC WORKS/WATER DEPARTMENT

Mr. Hubert Darden absent.

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts read the Public Works report.

- 10 stop signs were installed
- 4 ways 145<sup>th</sup> and Leavitt (cars fly straight through)
- installing new water touch pad
- cut trees down
- working to install new meter
- new days for putting debris out
- Shut-off

#### PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. John Thompson absent.

(Report was given on Monday at Committee Meeting)

#### POLICE

Police Chief Ernest Mobley absent.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong announced we have 3 new officers on the street and the police department is still hiring and interviewing potential candidates.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong announced that she and the Chief went over to look at the new 911 center and the board members will be touring the facility on Monday.

#### BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Fred Cody stated the town center and remodeling at 14519 so. Western will be completed in 2 weeks.

#### FIRE

No Report.

#### ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

**Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of 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. 15-DR-03**

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

**Corporation Counsel stated the Resolution that are being proposed is in proper, the Resolution attempts to point on un mass all the members of the committees. First place it is redundant two meeting ago the board went through individuals voting on committee and this Ordinance violate the Robert Rules of Order specific means which you can appoint people to committees and this is not one way of doing it. The Resolution attempt to get around the Robert Rules of Order by saying it suspending the Robert Rules of Order and not withstanding and the problem with that is this village has an Ordinance that says that it is govern by the Robert Rules of Order, now you can amend the Ordinance, but you cannot suspend and Ordinance with a Resolution.**

**Legislative Counsel James Vessalli stated Robert Rules of Order is the default and if this board chooses to supersede by its own action you can. Section 2-58 of the Dixmoor Municipal Code (Delgado read Section 2-58) The board can overrule.**

**Corporation Counsel Hubert Thompson Yes you can vote to overrule you can overrule anything, but to overrule and Ordinance you need an Ordinance to overrule and Resolution you need a Resolution.**

**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 for approval of 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 15-DO-03**

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

**Discussion: Trustee Raymond Lavigne asked, what does this Ordinance consist of?**

**Trustee Michael Smith answered; it's just changing the agenda to reflect the new appointment of the Trustee of the Legislative committees. (Order of the Agenda)**

**Corporation Counsel stated this Ordinance does not have anything to do with the Trustees.**

**Trustee Michael Smith stated it's adding the new Legislative to the Committees, so they will be able to do a report at the meeting.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PREVAILING WAGE RATES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC**

**WORKS PROJECTS FOR THE VILLAGE OF DIXMOOR, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS. 15-DO-04**

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

**Discussion: Trustee Judnita Smith stated the village will have to update this Ordinance yearly.**

**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 AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF DIXMOOR, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF DIXMOOR, APPENDIX A, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 7 OF THE DIXMOOR CODE OF ORDINANCES 15-DO-05**

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

**Discussion: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner asked, If we previous had a zoning board are we required tonight to having a board.**

**Land Use Attorney Danny Windham explained the reason why the Ordinance was created we are eliminating the zoning board. We are repealing the section and by pass the zoning board and the plan board.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Corporation Counsel Hubert Thompson stated he think counsel said it will be another Ordinance to follow.**

**Land Use Attorney Windham stated this Ordinance will be for Tri-State and they need a non-conforming use. So the eyes of the County they are saying they are in Industrial district and for taxes they would like to be classified as in a commercial district.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Mr. Ron Skinner a resident spoke about:**

- would like to be a part of the Senior Committee.**
- he really doesn't know about the Youth Committee**
- do they have a plan for the Youth Committee**

**Ms. Arletta Evans a resident spoke about:**

- the vacant lot 143<sup>rd</sup> Wood Street**
- Eyesore (weeds are growing)**
- put some grass seeds out there**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**None.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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



By consent.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Submitted June 23, 2015

Correction Submitted June \_\_, 2015

Approval June 25, 2015.

June 25, 2015 executive board meeting minutes motion call.

Motion By: Trustee Michael Smith

Seconded By: Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts

YES NO

Trustee Yolanda Williams- Corner

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Trustee Yvonne Davis

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Trustee Judnita Smith

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Trustee Michael Smith

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Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts

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Trustee Raymond Lavigne

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