

Village of Dixmoor  
Executive Board Meeting  
Thursday, August 08, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Yvonne Davis called meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

**INVOCATION – PRAYER**

Pastor Lewis led the assembly with a prayer

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Yvonne Davis led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Village Clerk Darden stated for the record Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner requested to do electronic participation.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following Trustees present: Trustee Dwayne Tyson-here, Trustee Toni Mitchell-here, Trustee Judnita Smith-here, Trustee Cynthia Mossuto-here, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-here, Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner-absent.

Also present: Pete McCain, Hr Linda Keller –Lin Mar Village Clerk Juanita Darden, Police Chief Ron Burge, Collector Darlene Bass, Supt. Paris Steele, Ron Smith –Engineer, Mayor Yvonne Davis and Corporation Counsel Gabrielle Sansonetti.

Mayor Yvonne Davis entertained a motion for Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner to participate by electronic participation.

Motion by Trustee Judnita Smith  
Second by Trustee Cynthia Mossuto

Roll call: Trustee Dwayne Tyson-yes, Trustee Toni Mitchell-yes, Trustee Judnita Smith-yes, Trustee Cynthia Mossuto-yes, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-yes, Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner-yes.

Motion carried.

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner is absent due to her money being sick and the Mayor asked everybody to keep her mom up in prayer.

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner stated she is absent due to a family emergency her mom. (electronic participation)

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Mayor Yvonne Davis entertained a motion to approve Executive Board Meeting minutes for July 25, 2019.

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts made a motion to table the minutes to the next board meeting, due to some information is not in the minutes.

Clerk Darden and Trustee Roberts will meet next Tuesday to review the minutes at 5:30 pm.  
(August 13, 2019)

Motion by Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts

Second by Trustee Judnita Smith

Roll call: Trustee Dwayne Tyson-yes, Trustee Toni Mitchell-yes, Trustee Judnita Smith-abstain, Trustee Cynthia Mossuto-yes, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-yes, Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner-yes.

Motion carried.

## **Unfinished Business**

Trustee Cynthia Mossuto stated at the last meeting we had something about the TIF funds there was 600,000 that came out of funds when Mayor Grimmatt was in charge, so I had a couple residents asking, how do we find out if 600,000 were taken out at that time? (we need documentation)

Mayor Yvonne Davis stated, if something has been discussed you can bring it up under unfinished business.

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts answered 600,000.00 was taken out in June 2018.

Trustee Cynthia Mossuto stated 4.5 million dollars missing from TIF since his term.

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts mention 4.5 million, the treasurer said it was missing that was under Louis Williams, we can have the records pulled by the treasurer we have now.

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts stated when he was on the account during Louis time, it was a lot of cancelled checks that came out of that account. (TIF)

Trustee Cynthia Mossuto stated we need some type of documents, I just wanted to clarify.

## **New Business**

None.

## **Department Reports**

### **Economic Development, Planning and Zoning – Mr. Bert Herzog**

Mr. Bert Herzog was excused from meeting.

### **Bid opening(2018 CDBG Project Year)**

Ron Smith the village engineer spoke about 10/35 – 14/15

- received 5 bids
- only 2 contractors turned bid into the Clerk Darden
- bid bond included in the proposal packages in both
- bids will be reviewed by Engineer and Cook County
- mayor and board will receive a board review letter
- will review in a timely matter (a week)

Clerk Darden read off bids:

1<sup>st</sup> Dee's construction 1:06pm \$285,319.50

2<sup>nd</sup> Gallagher Asphalt 3:46pm \$317,248.20

### **Update Community Center**

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner no report tonight. (electronic participation)

### **Insurance, Risk Management and Personnel – Lin Mar HR Solutions Plus LLC – Linda Keller**

Finalizing the General Liability Insurance

Ms. Linda Keller spoke about

- last few months been gathering information to submit to the Horton Group to get our figures
- August 23, 2019 I have some preliminary cost figures (may go up or down)
- final review
- share figures (we started out little over \$157,000)
- 2017/2018 insurance went down to \$130,000
- then the village continue make progress 2018/2019 (went down to \$90,000)
- village added a significant property (Dixmoor Community Center and couple vehicles purchased and loss
- village still at about \$50,000 over were we started (insurance)
- these are preliminary numbers (hoping numbers will go down)
- Mayor Yvonne Davis stated the village are \$50,000 under (clarity)
- the insurance will 8/23/2019 (have to get it finalized and a presentation from Horton Group)

Trustee Judnita Smith asked:

- talk about on the bill list (First Insurance Funding)
- stated what she spoke with HR yesterday
- stated she will not be participating in the bill list

### **Finance and Appropriations**

#### **Cash Reports & Bills' List (August 08, 2019 )\$194,512.37**

Mayor Yvonne Davis stated for the record Treasurer Jamie Kroll was available for the Appropriation Hearing.

Mayor Yvonne Davis entertained a motion to approve Bill list for August **08**, 2019 in the amount \$194,512.37 when the funds are available.

Clerk Darden stated she sent out an updated bill list to the board.

**Motion by Trustee Cynthia Mossuto**  
**Second by Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner**

Roll Call: Trustee Dwayne Tyson Jr.-no, Trustee Toni Mitchell-no, Trustee Judnita Smith-no, Trustee Cynthia Mossuto-yes, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-no-until I meet with Jamie Kroll and see the invoices and Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner-yes by electronic participation

**Motion failed. (\$194,512.37)**

Mayor Yvonne Davis stated for the record, I would like to let you all know that Jamie Kroll have given us his resignation at the close of the month.

Trustee Judnita Smith stated I see why he have not been responding, I can appreciate him stepping down.

### **Public Works and Water**

Supt. Paris Steele spoke about:

- few dumpsite
- still cutting around vacant property
- 4 water main breaks
- 3 tons of asphalt tomorrow (potholes)
- dumping all around town (blind spots)

Trustee Judnita Smith spoke about an abandoned house on 145<sup>th</sup> Oakley.

Mayor Yvonne Davis responded, Bert Herzog is looking to find out who the owner are.

Police Chief Burge stated it's an elected official that owns the property on Oakley.

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts stated Mr. Wiggins own the property on Oakley.

Mayor Yvonne Davis stated she wants to see it in black and white who owns it for sure.

### **Police and Fire**

Police Chief Burge spoke about:

-incident Aldi's parking lot (my subject in the back seat of her car/police responded quickly and apprehend the person (138<sup>th</sup> Western Halfway house) 2<sup>nd</sup> time involved from that location/ same people that relocated what we consider Old Valve Center

-fly dumping (if you see a truck/vehicle at night with garbage contact the police)

Fire Liaison Pete McCain spoke about:

On Friday, August 9th, 2019 at approximately 2:30 PM, the Village of Dixmoor had a large fire in the LKQ vehicle parts lot which consisted of 18-vehicles that caught on fire. I responded with the City of Harvey Fire Department and assisted by Dolton, Markham, Phoenix, Posen, and Riverdale Fire Departments. The fire was under control within the hour and no injuries reported. The cause of the fire appeared to accidental at this time.

Trustee Judnita Smith asked, Do we still have intergovernmental agreement with Harvey.

Fire Liaison stated yes we are still with Harvey and they are doing a good job.

### **Clerk's Report**

Clerk Darden spoke about

- Tommy at Denver restaurant passed away
- Dixmoor Public library to Zoo this weekend
- Dixmoor Library sponsoring a trip to the Windy City Thunderbolt Game (August 23, 2019)

### **Mayor's Report & Proposed Appointments (with action if needed)**

Appointment of a Code Enforcer

Mayor Yvonne Davis spoke about

- will not be appointing a code enforcer tonight (have a second interview)
- for matter of records on Tuesday will had a meeting scheduled for the Appropriation(in attendance was Corporation Counsel Gillespie, Clerk Darden, Trustee Mossuto, Mayor and Trustee Corner by electronic participation
- Appropriation needs to be approved to receive certain taxes
- appropriation can be adjusted and guideline
- if the village pass the one from last year or year
- don't want to her the excuse that the treasurer was not available (he have made himself available)
- has been back and forth with the village for over 12 years
- he feel harassed and degraded by some of the trustees (no questions are asked he feel attacked)
- treasurer makes \$25,000 a year he a certified accounting
- even though he was appointed (he could of went to EEOC) and cost be problem for us and still can, I don't encourage it, it would cause a hardship on the village
- anyone represent should not have to feel that way

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts stated:

- for matter or record
- for meeting that was posted (I did call Clerk & Attorney)
- Trustee Roberts and Trustee Tyson sent email for electronic participation
- the board do not know what anybody make

Mayor Yvonne Davis stated I'm quite sure we will have something in writing about the Trustees he felt uncomfortable with. I have to say you are one.

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts stated yes he make felt uncomfortable because I wanted to know about our finance and the 600,000.00.

Trustee Judnita Smith spoke about:

- on Tuesday we received email (advising it's cant' happen meeting Attorney Gabrielle)
- not having a meeting (would you please allow Legislative Counsel to speak
- you would understand why I didn't come

Legislative Counsel Delgado spoke about:

- Corporation Counsel and Vasselli had a discussion whether the Open Meeting Act apply or not for the Appropriation Ordinance hearing (it's not the greatest written statue (in his opinion Open Meeting Act apply (this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time) Appropriation Ordinance need to be posted held
- village need to pass the Appropriation Ordinance

Mayor Yvonne Davis asked Legislative Counsel to make reference to even though you pass the Appropriation Ordinance it can be adjusted. ( not written in stone/so the village can be in compliance with the law)

Trustee Cynthia Mossuto stated the reason we did not have the meeting because we didn't have a physical quorum.

Legislative Counsel Delgado stated on Tuesday agenda there was the Public Hearing and Robert rules states you cannot participate electronically, it is under the open meeting act.

Trustee Cynthia Mossuto stated that when you do not pass the appropriation ordinance, you cannot Keep paying the employees in the village and can we pay everybody if we do not pass the Ordinance.

Legislative Counsel Delgado stated you have to pay people that work under the state law.

Trustee Judnita Smith spoke about:

- appropriation under administration going up
- treasurer feeling harassed
- professional fees for workers comp going
- where did the treasurer come up with this figures from?
- fire department went up \$50,000
- have questions that never get answered

### **Attorney's Report (with action if needed)**

Attorney Gabrielle spoke about:

- public hearing being posted for 10 days
- residents have a chance to voice their opinions and speak with trustees
- speak treasurer about the appropriations
- for residents to find out how their money is being spent
- not sure if the open meeting acts pertain to that meeting
- rescheduled public hearing meeting 3 times

- show up for meetings
- Attorney Vasselli not telling anyone to not vote
- advise mayor to set the appropriations meeting and have it posted for 10 days

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts spoke about:

- would like line items
- don't know what the fire liaison , police chief or officers make
- everything on the appropriations is lumped together
- meetings were cancelled

Collector Bass stated is there a deadline to pass the appropriation ordinance before we lose the taxes

Legislative Counsel Delgado stated you if you do not passed the appropriation ordinance, when you Levy for the following year then you can collect the taxes

### **Ordinances & Resolutions**

A Resolution Hiring A Deputy Clerk

Mayor Yvonne Davis entertained a motion to approve the Resolution Hiring a Deputy Clerk.

**Motion by Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts**

**Second by Trustee Judnita Smith**

Discussion Trustee Cynthia Mossuto spoke about:

- 25 hours a week @\$13 per hour
- double the amount of stipend that the clerk make
- how many hours is the clerk here? (10 hours)
- clerk and deputy clerk is not involved in day to day operation (have a full staff)

Clerk Juanita Darden stated there are a lot of resolutions & ordinances that we need to get together And FOIA officer.

Attorney Gabrielle spoke about:

- FOIA takes a lot of time to prepare
- website is coming up (minutes, ordinances, agendas, & resolutions)

Roll Call: Trustee Dwayne Tyson Jr.-yes, Trustee Toni Mitchell-yes, Trustee Judnita Smith-yes, Trustee Cynthia Mossuto-no, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-yes and Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner-yes by electronic participation

Motion Carried.

### **Public Comment**

Liwssa Guardiola a resident spoke about:

- Thank you forwarding Stem graduation (children explore positive future)
- going back to bill list not passed (do this mean employees with not be paid)
- employees will be paid

- we understand that trustees before (you have time between board meeting to follow-up
- hope going forward (what you working with understandable) instead between the meeting (with Jamie Kroll (something things have to give and change)
- it's a bad reputation (it's not moving forward/ can we be civil to each other ask and don't demand)

**Executive Session (with action if needed)**

NONE.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Yvonne Davis entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion by Trustee Judnita Smith**

**Second by Trustee Toni Mitchell**

By consent

Meeting Adjourn at 8:15 pm

Submitted August \_\_\_\_, 2019

Correction August \_\_\_\_, 2019

Approval August \_\_\_\_, 2019

Executive board meeting minutes' motion call.

Motion By:

Seconded By:

	YES	NO
Trustee Yolanda Williams- Corner	___	___
Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts	___	___
Trustee Cynthia Mossuto	___	___
Trustee Toni Mitchell	___	___
Trustee Judnita Smith	___	___
Trustee Dwayne Tyson Jr.	___	___

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

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 Juanita Darden  
 Village Clerk

