

Village of Dixmoor
Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, September 13, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Yvonne Davis called meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

INVOCATION – PRAYER

Silent prayer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

Motion by Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts
Second by Trustee Dwayne Tyson Jr.

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

During roll Trustee Cynthia Mossuto asked was any corrections submitted.

Village Clerk Darden answered “NO”.

Motion carried.

Mayor Yvonne Davis entertained a motion to approve Executive Board Meeting minutes for August 22, 2019.

Village Clerk Juanita Darden stated Trustee Toni Mitchell sent some corrections in and I will send the minor corrections to the board.

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

Trustee Judnita Smith asked about the correction that Trustee Toni Mitchell sent in.

Village Clerk read from Toni Mitchee (In regards to minutes I Toni Mitchell, Trustee/& Chairman of Police & Fire I asked legislative council to find out who I need to speak to regarding the harassment of police officers to trustee & village families, for their behavior needs to be addressed, I also spoke to officer Day who found my comment on the subject comical & started laughing that the issue I'm speaking of is not funny but a very serious matter. **(from Trustee Toni Mitchell)**)

Trustee Judnita Smith made a motion to table the minutes from the August **22**, 2019 executive board meeting. (due to corrections need to be sent to the board.

Motion by Trustee Judnita Smith
Second by Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts

Roll call: Trustee Dwayne Tyson-yes, Trustee Judnita Smith-yes, Trustee Toni Mitchell, Trustee Cynthia Mossuto-no, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-yes, Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner-yes.

Motion carried.

Mayor Yvonne Davis stated for the record the minutes are required by law to be in placed 10 days after the meeting. (keep that in mind) Matter of records

Mayor Yvonne Davis entertained a motion to approve Special Board Meeting minutes for August **26**, 2019.

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

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

Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Approval of Appropriation Ordinances May 01, 2019 to April 30, 2020

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts stated at the special meeting it was a motion to table.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH COMCAST OF ILLINOIS IV, INC., FOR THE VILLAGE OF DIXMOOR, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOS.

Motion by Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts
Second by Trustee Toni Mitchell

Discussion: Mayor Yvonne Davis asked, did we check with any other cable company to compare. (Comcast)

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts answer this is the only company that have can forth and this is the only one that have expired at this time. **(Comcast)**

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

Motion carried.

Lifehouse Bridge Group, LLC, Lifehouse Bridge Organization and Lifehouse Recovery Organization

Mr. Jessie Fuller stated

-he is here tonight to request business license for **Lifehouse Bridge Group, LLC, Lifehouse Bridge Organization and Lifehouse Recovery Organization**

Mr. Walsh spoke about:

- gave board a lot of information
- the intent is to house people that are coming out of DCFS
- 16 to 22 years (it is hard trying to find places to house these individuals
- getting them on the right track

Trustee Roberts asked about 24 hour security (they have contract a security company) (Kates Security Agency)

Trustee Judnita Smith asked about youth in that section 16 to 22 years of age.

Mr. Walsh stated there is some state requirement.

Mayor Yvonne Davis asked

- are the youth going to be with the Adults (no have a firewall up) Mr. Walsh
- are the youth going to be walking through the community unsupervised (No) Mr. Walsh

Mr. Walsh stated a lot of service will be on site.

- they will have military veterans at the facility
- they have to be supervised and a supervisor have to be with them
- DCFS required them to be with a supervisor

Mr. Jessie Fuller stated

-under **Lifehouse Bridge Organization and Lifehouse Recovery Organization** are non-for-profit organization

- will be giving and receiving donations
- veterans part as already been approved
- facility was approved for 250 veterans
- last operation was about 100 to 250 people
- concern about the safety
- some people will be in school, college or work
- young people have a curfew
 - currently have 24 cameras (have a key fob)
- key fob only open the youth doors
- they invited the trustee out

Trustee Judnita Smith stated her main concerns are:

- the gates are you going to get them working so they can close and open

Trustee Cynthia Mossuto asked:

- are you guy accredited with DCFS
- regarding the building itself you say you guys are the landlord (is somebody else running the place (Mr. Walsh stated they will be running the place through the guideline for DCFS
- are the doors locked at all time over there (they can't get out in the middle of the night (doors are locked at all time)
- are you all going to be dispensing medication (they stated not to the young people, however with veterans President Trump passed a new law
- there medication come to the facility (per approve by veteran's administration.
- are you going to be given the youth medication (respond if a young person have a medication from their doctor

Mr., Jessie Fuller stated that the facility will not have any type of narcotics on the premise.

Supt. Paris Steele spoke about:

- the gate being closed (he doesn't feel that is an option to close that gate

Mr. Bert Herzog asked about:

- directly to Mr. Fuller is it truth that all these are non-for-profit organization was created by you
- in January you stated you were going to address the property tax (million dollars 2016/2017 you got a quit claim deed
- is it your intent to take it off the tax roll
- how can the board sit there and let him take away 600,000 from other taxing body
- found village zoning today
- 2017 Village of Dixmoor adopted BOCA
- before business license is done (you owe it to yourself and the residents that the code is done right)

-created this 3 LLC non-for-profit organization

Mayor Yvonne Davis added that she found out that the Mayor can enforce the codes.

Trustee Cynthia Mossuto stated:

- approximately a year and half she had asked about the property tax
- not the case you want to know they have not pay tax
- 600,000 before (how much was the property, due you got it for a quit claim deed
- theses taxes have to be paid
- I can't just say go away (don't you think that should be paid first
- I don't know how you bought the building

Trustee Judnita Smith stated you already have been approved by the board for other business license.

Mr. Jessie Fuller answered yes, and it has been approved by inspector Charles Johnson.

Collector/Supervisor Darlene Bass stated we need all the paper work in the office and have you take care of all the violation codes that were issued.

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner asked, where did you get license from.

Mr. Jessie Fuller answered from the village.

Village Clerk Darden stated her and Mayor Yvonne Davis has signed off on the first license he applied for.

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner wants to know, what the litigation on the 25th for (a letter about the court)

Mr. Jessie Fuller stated:

- the police chief closed the building without due process

Police Chief Burge Sr. stated

- that is not true
- what happen is that we had an individual in the building that overdose
- investigate
- we had Trustee Roberts running out the back door (we detained Trustee Roberts
- nobody shut you down illegal

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner stated her issue is:

- we not narrowing down all the information (I found it is improper I would like to know what do he have license for.
- what are you operating now

Mr. Jessie Fuller stated he have a license under
-Lifehouse Group LLC (veterans mostly)
-Lifehouse Holding LLC (not activated yet
-to operate the youth facility (Lifehouse Bridge Group, LLC

Mayor Yvonne Davis stated they were granted to other license.

Trustee Judnita Smith stated:

-she does not want the village to lose money (if you appeal it)
-very concern with the taxes

Mayor Yvonne Davis stated:

-you keep stating about how long you waited (if you waited 10 years it will be worth it)
-to make sure Dixmoor citizens' concerns are answered

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts stated:

-it was mention I was over there and ran out the back door (that was false)
-I was not detained (I was placed under arrest in handcuffs/they couldn't give me a reason why (under investigation per the police chief)
-taxes being owed (if not paid you will lose your business)
-we just got rid of property on 147th
-village gave the property on 147th away (Burger King) 300,000 owe

Mr. Bert Herzog stated:

-there has not been any transfer of property on 147th Street
-you agree to go forward (no deal yet)

Trustee Judnita Smith stated:

-her concerns was the security and she is going to go forward
-if we have any problems and I find out from the police chief of these officers (roaming without supervision/then we have you come back in front of the board)
-I did see cameras
-you are already in operations

Mayor Yvonne Davis entertained a motion to render **Lifehouse Bridge Group, LLC** a license.

Motion by Trustee Judnita Smith
Second by Trustee Toni Mitchell

Roll call: Trustee Dwayne Tyson-yes, Trustee Judnita Smith-yes, Trustee Toni Mitchell-yes, Trustee Cynthia Mossuto-no, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-yes, Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner-no.

Motion carried.

Mayor Yvonne Davis entertained a motion to render **Lifehouse Bridge Organization** a license.

Motion by Trustee Toni Mitchell
Second by Trustee Judnita Smith

Roll call: Trustee Dwayne Tyson-yes, Trustee Judnita Smith-yes, Trustee Toni Mitchell-yes, Trustee Cynthia Mossuto-no, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-yes, Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner-no.

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner stated shouldn't Trustee Roberts recuse himself if he was working over there.

Trustee Roberts stated this is something else and he doesn't work over there. (for matter of records.

Motion carried.

Mayor Yvonne Davis entertained a motion to render **Lifehouse Recovery Organization** a license.

Motion by Trustee Judnita Smith
Second by Trustee Toni Mitchell

Roll call: Trustee Dwayne Tyson-yes, Trustee Judnita Smith-yes, Trustee Toni Mitchell-yes, Trustee Cynthia Mossuto-no, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-yes, Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner-no.

Motion carried.

New Business

Maverick Jackson spoke about:

- opening a business in village (used car lot)
- 2 locations 143rd Western (couple location)
- need license in order to go state
- next door to Tires Unlimited (old Pernal's)

The board asked Mr. Maverick Jackson to come back when he have a location. (Next meeting.

Darlene Bass stated to Mr. Maverick Jackson
-we need location
-something in writing from the owner

Resident spoke about a house next door to her at 14115 needs to be board up.

Discussion of ATM Machine – Mr. Gregory Steadman

Mr. Gregory Steadman the attorney for phone call communications spoke about:

-his client applied for a business license located in Dixmoor plaza (14531 So. Western Avenue right across from Aldi (ATM Machine)

Mayor Yvonne Davis stated it's only for discussion tonight and not a vote.

Mayor Yvonne Davis has concerns from citizens as well as herself about the ATM Machine.

1st Concern Big Yellow Box at the Town Center very unattractive (so many complaints about it and went to Aldi's and that box was not there, nobody came to the office or call Julie for dig (nobody knew about that box) they used electricity

-need to put in proper paper work

-so many calls (what the hell Dixmoor dealing with that big ass ghetto box)

-can't yaw do something to conform to our center

-no permits or anything was taken out

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner asked "Do the village feel it's a need to have an ATM Machine?" (It's dangerous to be there)

Audience stated "NO".

The board said they do not want that ATM machine up there.

Department Reports

Economic Development, Planning and Zoning

APPROVAL OF D CONSTRUCTION, COAL CITY ILLINOIS \$285,319.50

Mr. Bert Herzog stated this is project 1806-008 CDBG (street project) from Circle Drive to Page 142nd and 144th Street Wood to Marshfield.

Mayor Yvonne Davis entertained a motion to approve D Construction Coal City, Illinois \$285,319.50

Motion by Trustee Judnita Smith

Second by Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner

By consent.

Update Community Center

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner spoke about:

-Trying to have program(s)

-want to open it up (proper program

-day program for adults 9am – 3pm AARP (driving program

-senior exercise with LA Fitness (couple days a week)

- not going to be a Croc Center
- don't fill should hire a project manager yet
- planning going well
- main thing we need a couple volunteers (3 or 4 days a week)
- Clerk add the Census on the agenda till 2020
- this board Census (April 01, 2020)
- every village is responsible for educating your town
- money come to a town that is financial well off
- what we need to do is to be able to market
- this we need to sit down and engage a certain population we need to hit (homeless, mothers with children and no spouse and people that rent (need to be focus on can't afford to carry the weight
- UIC Ingalls community relation reach out to help (October 19, 2019)
- materials are coming out (Census)
- went to a meeting on Tuesday (with some of the Mayors in the South Suburb
- Mayors are going to sit down with Robin Kelly
- once they get the community center establish (can hire a program manager)
- good program for the community

Trustee Dwayne Tyson asked, Is the community center open to the Dixmoor cheerleaders.

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner answered yes the community center is going to be open to everybody.

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner asked Trustee Dwayne Tyson Jr. put something in writing for the cheerleader.

Mayor Yvonne Davis mention she got word from State Senator Napoleon Harris that they have donated \$200,000 for our community center and Mayor will be talking to him next week to find out when the funds will be disbursed.

Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner stated that Erin Lopez (Republic Service) purchased the table for community center.

Insurance, Risk Management and Personnel

Ms. Linda Keller absent.

Finance and Appropriations

Cash Reports & Bills' List (August 22, 2019 & September 12, 2019)

Mayor Yvonne Davis entertained a motion to approve the bill list (August 22, 2019 & September 12, 2019).

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

Discussion: Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts stated he was still waiting to see the hard copy and just received the bill list at 4:00 pm.

Roll call: Trustee Dwayne Tyson-no, Trustee Judnita Smith-no, Trustee Toni Mitchell-no, Trustee Cynthia Mossuto-yes, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-no-for a matter of record due to he just received the bills and still waiting on hard copy , Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner-yes.

Mayor Yvonne Davis stated some bill has to be paid and we are not going to have our citizens without water.

Motion failed to pay the bills

Public Works and Water

Supt. Paris Steele no report.

Trustee Judnita Smith spoke about:

- some trees that have not been cut down
- thanked Trustee Roberts for cutting the trees down
- she had spoken to resident (the response from your workers that they have to speak to the chief
- Supt Paris Steele stated the workers are authorize by him

Trustee Cynthia Smith stated she was going to bring this up on new business

- Deborah Simms and the forest preserve (a lot of people come to her about all the trees in the village
- she knows public works can't do all the trees (suggestion to try and hire somebody for the trees

Mayor Yvonne Davis stated we can't do anything on woods street they are about to redo it.

Police and Fire

Police Chief Ron Burge spoke about:

- this Saturday, September 14, 2019 (Mexican Independence Day (11am-2pm) everybody is invited

Fire Consultant Steve McCain absent.

Clerk's Report

Village Clerk Juanita Darden spoke about:

- after school program (community center) 3pm-6pm Monday thru Friday
- condolence former Mayor Donald Schupek die today
- Illinois Municipal League conference (September 19 to 21, 2019)
- elected officials don't forget to do your Open Meeting Act training

Mayor's Report & Proposed Appointments - Mayor Yvonne Davis (**Action if needed**)

Appointment of Code Enforcement

Mayor Yvonne Davis introduced Mr. Ezra McCann and Mr. Robert McCay to be the code enforcement for the village.

Mr. Ezra McCann spoke about:

- he is retired for the Chicago Fire Department
- he comes with 30 years of experience
- between a fire inspector and code enforcement
- if we both come on board I think we can put yaw right were you need to be
- we are not trying to get rich off the village
- like to come as two hitting the road
- we have the experience in residential and commercial
- tonight he heard about shutting down roads (light house) you have to look into those things (fire and police)
- maybe gate can be mandate by a person

Mayor Yvonne Davis stated we are getting two for one.

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts asked, what is the salary?

Mayor Yvonne Davis answered whatever Mr. Code salary was.

Mayor Yvonne Davis stated all that can be taken up by the next meeting and she will be appointing code enforcement.

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts stated that we was going to take on other salary some people are making double amount.

Mayor Yvonne Davis stated to Trustee Roberts don't put that other there like that, you vote on a police contract. (Mayor Yvonne Davis stated Trustee Roberts you have already put it out there about the salary.

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts stated Mayor Davis salary has doubled.

Mr. McCann stated he does not know the salary and he is still willing to help out the village.

Mayor Yvonne Davis stated are we appointing them tonight.

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts said Mayor that is not an appointment.

Mayor Yvonne Davis asked the clerk to put it down as a hiring for the next meeting.

Appointment of Pier & Associates – Treasurer

Mayor Yvonne Davis stated no appointment of Pier & Associates – Treasurer tonight, due to them not here.

Attorney's Report (with action if needed)

No report.

Attorney Mike Gillespie left the meeting ill.

Ordinances & Resolutions

None.

Public Comment

Liz Garcia asked about:

-website for the village

Aretta Evans a resident spoke about:

-2 incidents

-shooting

-CBS news report (dogs)

-asked how do the village handle stray dogs

-she feels a report should be given when incident happen in the village

Police Chief Burge Sr. answered:

-case of the shooting is an ongoing investigation (we do not discuss them)

-incident with dog (it was a dog that was vicious)

-we have pit bulls running around (dog approached the police officer and the policeman discharged his weapon and took the dog down

-Police Chief Burge Sr. (he stands behind his police officer when you have a vicious animal attacking you

-we have a resident that have her breast almost remove due to a vicious dog

-what the press did not say (that the individual admit to letting her dog out the house 5 minutes ago while she take a shower)

-that is irresponsible (why you go take a shower)

-no different you walking down the street with a gun (it's an Ordinance about vicious dog)

-if somebody got a problem about vicious dogs (maybe you got the wrong police chief)

-Police Chief job is to protect the citizen

Executive Session (with action if needed)

Sale of Wyman Gordon Property

-no executive session tonight

(just received the information tonight for the Sale of Wyman Gordon property.

Adjournment

Mayor Yvonne Davis entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

By consent

Meeting Adjourn at 8:38 pm

Submitted September ____, 2019

Correction September ____, 2019

Approval September ____, 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: _____

Juanita Darden
Village Clerk