Village of Dixmoor Executive Board Meeting August <u>27</u>, 2015

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong called meeting to order at <u>7:00</u> pm.

<u>INVOCATION – PRAYER</u> Bishop Major Johnson led the assembly with 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-yes, Trustee Michael Smith-present, Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts-here and Trustee Raymond Lavigne -here.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of the August <u>13</u>, 2015 minutes.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong asked "did any other Trustees receive a copy of the minutes?"

Trustee Yolanda Williams- Corner answer she have a copy of the minutes.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong mention, she do not know why the board would not approve the minutes when they was sent out in enough time.

Trustee Michael Smith entertained a motion to table the August 13, 2015 minutes.

Motion by: Trustee Michael Smith

Motion failed due to a lack of a second.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS No Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor's veto for assigning legal work to the Del Galdo Group- Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated at the last executive meeting the Board of Trustees passed a motion for the Delgado Group to represent the village in an EEOC matter. Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated that Corporation Counsel Hubert Thompson is responsible for representing the Village of Dixmoor not the Legislative Counsel. Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong mentioned Ordinance 11-KO-04 does not state that Legislative Counsel can represent the village on matters

and that Legislative Counsel can advise the board. Legislative Council is not an office of the village and the board has firing on my statuary appointment also significant that this is an

employee therefore I am vetoing this motion. Also, significantly the case for employment discrimination is one of Corporation Counsel Hubert Thompson area specialty. Therefore I am vetoing the motion to assign the Del Galdo Group.

Trustee Michael smith asks "Do the mayor veto need to be in writing?

Corporation Counsel Hubert Thompson states the Mayor does not have to address the board with written documents of a veto

Legislative Counsel James Vasselli mention a written document should have been addressed to board in regards to Mayor's veto.

Attorney Thompson states if it requires a fee then Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong can veto

Department and Committee Reports by Committee Chairs and Non-Voting Department Heads:

Finance and Appropriations Committee/Approval of Bills

Approval of bill list for \$178,079.80 –Finance Committee

Trustee Michael Smith states he wants approval of bill list except for two invoices and one being Attorney Hubert Thompson bill. Trustee Michael Smith requested to go into executive session to discuss

Attorney Hubert Thompson invoice.

Trustee Michael Smith states the only reason why a harassment charge was filed because Attorney Hubert Thompson spoke with employee and advised to do so. The clerk should be the only one looking at certain files not the attorney.

Attorney Thompson states he spoke with Trustee Michael Smith and informed he did not speak with employee. Also, the clerk and police clerk may call and ask question regarding FOIA request as to what information they can give out.

Trustee Michael Smith request for an apology letter to be sent out to him

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertains a motion to strike Attorney Thompson bill form the bill list

Motion by:Trustee Michael SmithSeconded by:Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts

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

Motion failed due to 3 no and 2 yes.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertains a motion to pay bills for <u>\$178,079.80</u>

Motion by: Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner Seconded by: Trustee Raymond Lavigne

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

Motion carried.

<u>Public Works and Water Committee;</u> Approval to have back whole fix for \$19,000 with \$10,000 down

Superintendent Hubert Darden states we our losing revenue by paying for temporary fix and renting equipment.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong states for clarification are we asking to put bill on the bill list or to refer to finance committee

Superintendent Hubert Darden states the back hole has been down for three months and it has been sent from shop to shop. Also when there is an emergency we have to call Calumet City Plumbing.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertains a motion for the approval of \$19,000 to get back whole repaired.

Motion by:Trustee Judnita SmithSeconded 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.

<u>Police and Fire Committee:</u> No report.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertains a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss police personnel.

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.

Legislation Committee;

Hearing for the Appropriation Ordinance and Water Tampering fee Ordinance-Trustee Michael Smith

Discussion: as

Trustee Michael Smith states he spoke with Code Enforcer Fred Cody about dog situation on 141st and is working on a resolution. Also with the up keep of residents properties and abandoned home's.

Youth Committee;

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts spoke about the "Day in the Park" on Friday, August 28, 2015.

Rose Jackson wants to do a Dixmoor Music Fest & Back to School parade on September 19, 2015. Also wants to request for same budget from last year and will do a Community Trunk Party.

Trustee Michael Smith states how much are you requesting from the Village?

Rose Jackson states \$5,000 like last year budget but due to contributions that her and Village Clerk Juanita Darden they did not use it. Also the committee will meet September 2, 2015 @6:30pm and will meet every other week until event.

Senior Committee; No report.

Economic Development, Planning and Zoning Committee;

Planner John Thompson spoke about:
-2014 CDBG Preconstruction Meeting will be held one day next week
-Wyman Gordon on east side has an interested party that would like entire property
-2015 Award for \$200,000.00 Block Grant (streets, sewer, patching, and etc.)
-Request to accept grant at the next Council Meeting
-Interested Vendor in purchasing the Incinerator for recycling plastic

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts ask "Where are with the surveys for the retention pond"?

Planner John Thompson answered he will be meeting Robinson Engineering (Ron Smith) next week.

Insurance, Risk Management and Personnel Committee; The Owens group presented a proposal with IRM by Mr. Bruce Mitchell.

Discussion: Trustee Judnita Smith stated we need more time to review the proposal.

Mr. Bruce Mitchell states the proposal was sent out two weeks in advance.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong stated the proposal normally comes at the last minute but we do need to make a decision due to coverage ends August 23, 2015.

Trustee Judnita Smith states did you ever get a recommendation from Human Resource Sheila Ashley and if so what did she recommend??

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertains a motion to approve Owens Group proposal for \$145,487.00 with IRM.

Motion by:Trustee Michael SmithSeconded by:Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts

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

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong voted "NO" for the approval of Owens Group including the IRM.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertains a motion to approve Owens Group proposal for \$145,487.00 excluding the \$20,000.00 for the police department.

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

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

Motion carried.

Clerk's Report;

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for approval of "Day in the Park" permit

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

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

Motion carried.

<u>Mayor's Report & Proposed Appointments;</u> Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong states Bonita Parker from Comed is here to give presentation about the new things their doing.

Bonita Parker spoke about: -Lights (street lights) -Electrical supplies -Enhance Tree trimming -Distribution Automation devices

Bonita Parker states she will work with Village Clerk Juanita Darden on get some lights put up and fixed Trustee Yolanda Williams-Corner states from 141st to 143rd in Marshfield no lights

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong states she was selected to receive a Fred Hamilton Scholarship Award on Saturday, August 29, 2015 @ 4pm in Maywood, Illinois.

Attorney's Report;

Attorney Hubert Thompson spoke about Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts has file a lawsuit against Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong seeking to have her removed from office. The Village Liquor Commission salary of \$1250.00 should only receive \$100.00 and the lawsuit is being handled by the Del Galdo Group.

Trustee Fitzgerald Roberts states the lawsuit was filed by him and Board of Trustee. Also, the only reason why it was filed due to the Village goes into a deficit of \$8,000.00 a year.

Treasurer Louis Williams states does this mean we will pay for one attorney to represent the mayor and then pay for attorney for Board of Trustees. Also that he never change anything but the name and was never produced an Ordinance with salary change.

Ordinances & Resolutions;

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertained a motion for water tampering fee Ordinance. 15-DO-06

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

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

Motion carried.

Mayor Dorothy D. Armstrong entertain a motion to increase Water Shut on fee from \$30-\$100. 15-DO-07

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

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

Motion carried.

<u>Public Comment;</u> "Killanoise" organization spoke about: -Coat giveaway -Feeding the homeless -Helped with school supplies for kids

Killanoise stated that would like the Village Board to help with future events.

Wendy Casey a resident spoke about: -141st attack of 2 pit bulls -Debry and up keeping of properties due to snakes taking over Superintendent Hubert Darden states they cut front yards but it's trespassing to enter homeowner backyard without permission

Planner John Thompson stated Mr. Tui Muse will contact Cook County Swap and to see if they can come out and cut some yards.

Executive Session;

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

Motion by:Trustee Fitzgerald RobertsSeconded by:Trustee Judnita Smith

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

Motion carried.

Action on Executive Session Items, If Required

No action required.

Trustee Michael Smith entertains a motion to bring Asia Blackman back on August 28,2015 @9 am

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

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

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion byTrustee Fitzgerald RobertsSecond byTrustee Judnita Smith

Meeting adjourned at _pm

Submitted September ____, 2015 Correction Submitted September___, 2015 Approval September___, 2015.

August <u>27</u>, 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 Raymond Lavigne