

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION

JASON HOUSE, BRITTNEY NORWOOD,  
KIANA BELCHER and TAMMY BROWN, as  
Trustees of the Village of Dolton,

Plaintiffs,

v.

TIFFANY HENYARD, individually and as Mayor  
of the Village of Dolton, MICHAEL A. SMITH,  
ANGELA LOCKETT and RONNIE BURGE SR.,

Defendants.

Case No: 2024 CH 08972

Hon. Thaddeus L. Wilson

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**AGREED PERMANENT INJUNCTION ORDER**

THIS MATTER coming to be heard for status of pleadings and compliance with Temporary Restraining Order, Defendants having waived their right to a hearing for a preliminary and/or permanent injunction, and agree to the entry of a permanent injunction, the Court being advised in the premises,

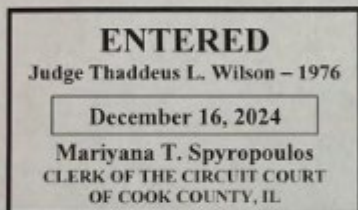
**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**


1. Defendants have elected not to file an answer to the Complaint.
2. Without waiving their right to challenge the validity of the underlying ordinances, Defendants concede Plaintiffs have established an ascertainable right in need of protection, the likelihood of success on the merits, irreparable harm in the absence of injunctive relief, and the lack of an adequate remedy at law as pled in Plaintiffs' Motion for TRO and the TRO entered by this Court. Therefore, Defendants agree to convert the TRO entered on September 25, 2024, by this Court into a Permanent Injunction and a Permanent Injunction is so entered.
3. Mayor Tiffany Henyard is restrained and enjoined from making any further appointments without the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, consistent with applicable law or court order.
4. Michael Smith is restrained and enjoined from holding himself out as the Village Administrator, interfering with or exercising any duties of the same unless duly appointed or otherwise authorized by law.
5. Angela Lockett is restrained and enjoined from holding herself out as the Village Attorney, or conducting any duties of the same unless duly appointed or otherwise authorized by law.

6. Ronnie Burge, Sr. is restrained and enjoined from holding himself out as the Village Police Chief or conducting any duties of the same unless duly appointed and State certified, or otherwise authorized by law.
7. Keith Freeman to remain Village Administrator until or unless the proper procedure is followed under applicable law for his removal, or he is removed by subsequent court order or legal process, or he otherwise vacates the position.
8. Mayor Henyard is restrained and enjoined from executing or effectuating the removal of Village Administrator Keith Freeman until or unless the proper legal procedure for same is followed.
9. Mayor Henyard is restrained and enjoined from executing or continuing the appointments of Michael Smith as Village Administrator, Angela Lockett as Village Attorney, and Ronnie Burge, Sr. as Dolton Police Chief, until or unless the proper legal procedures for same are followed.
10. The Executive Assistant position is not a position to be appointed to by the Mayor.
11. Currently, there is no Special Counsel position in the Village of Dolton and no appointment can be made to that position unless the Board of Trustees passes legislation creating that position along with the process of filling that position.
12. The position of Village Attorney is a position to be appointed by the Mayor consistent with Village code, Village Ordinances, and State statutes. The position of interim Village Attorney is a position to be appointed by the Mayor consistent with Village Code, Village Ordinances, and State Statutes, until such time as the Board of Trustees makes amendments to the Village Code, Village Ordinances, or a court finds the Village Code or Village Ordinances to be invalid.
13. The position of Chief of Police is a position to be appointed by the Mayor consistent with Village Code, Village Ordinances, and State statutes. The position of interim Chief of Police is a position to be appointed by the Mayor consistent with Village Code, Village Ordinances, and State Statutes, until such time as the Board of Trustees makes amendments to the Village Code, Village Ordinances, or a court finds the Village Code or Villages Ordinances to be invalid.
14. The position of Village Administrator is a position to be appointed by the Mayor consistent with Village Code, Village Ordinances, and State Statues. The position of interim Village Administrator is a position to be appointed by the Mayor consistent with Village Code, Village Ordinances, State Statues, until such time as the Board of Trustees makes amendments to the Village Code, Village Ordinances, or a court finds the Village Code or Village Ordinances to be invalid.

15. Defendants Henyard, Michael Smith, Angela Lockett and Ronnie Burge Sr. agree to abide and follow all current Village Ordinances and Village Codes, until such time as said Village Ordinances and Codes are amended by the Board of Trustees or found to be invalid by a court having jurisdiction over said matters.
16. This Permanent Injunction Order is entered December 16, 2024, and shall remain in full force and effect pursuant to its terms unless subsequently modified or rendered moot due to changes in the law or court order.
17. This agreed order disposes of the case in its entirety.

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Judge Thaddeus L. Wilson