

VILLAGE OF DOLTON  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 4, 2011

CALL TO ORDER      Honorable Mayor Ronnie Lewis called the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the Harper Municipal Building Board Room at 7:33 p.m.

PRAYER              Led by Trustee Lowe

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE      Led by Trustee Harris

ROLL CALL              Roll Call indicated the following Trustees were present: Trustees Deborah Green, Willie Lowe, Denise Harris, James T. Jefferson, Garry Lambert, Engineer Ron Smith, Attorney Keith Spence, the Honorable Mayor Ronnie Lewis, I'm Judith Evans, a quorum is present.

Trustee Eva Nicholson were absent and the Village Attorney Evangeline Levison.

REPORTS:

VILLAGE CLERK JOURNAL      Village Clerk Judith J. Evans ask the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from March 21, 2011.

Motion by Trustee Lambert to approve the Minutes of March 21, 2011, second by Trustee Jefferson.

Roll Call:

AYES:    4 Trustees Green, Harris, Jefferson and Lambert

NAYS:

Pass:    1 Trustee Lowe

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Nicholson

Motion Pass.

COMMUNICATIONS      None

TRUSTEE REPORTS

TRUSTEE GREEN      Also for Judiciary today I have 1 ordinance, 1 resolution and a proclamation and I would like to turn it over to Attorney Keith Spence.

ORDINANCE              AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10, ZONING CODE, AT CHAPTER 6E, BUSINESS DISTRICTS, ARTICLER E. B4 BUSINESS SERVICES AND WHOLESALE DISTRICT SECTION 10-6E-2, USES PERMITTED, ADDING COMMERCAIL NURSERY SCHOOL AND DAY CARE TO THE DOLTON MUNICIPAL CODE OF 1988

Motion by Trustee Green to adopt Ordinance 2011-532, second by Trustee Lambert.

Roll Call:

AYES:    5 Trustees Green, Lowe, Harris, Jefferson, and Lambert

NAYS:

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Nicholson

Motion Pass.

~~RESOLUTION      RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF DOLTON SELF INSURANCE FOR WORKERS COMPEN-~~

2011-R-994

SATION/EMPLOYERS LIABILITY AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS FOR EXCESS CARRIER (MIDWEST EMPLOYERS CASUALTY COMPANY), THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR (EMPLOYERS CLAIM SERVICE) AND OTHER CONSULTING SERVICES (FOCUS ADVISORS, LTD).

Motion by Trustee Green to adopt Resolution 2011-R-994, second by Trustee Lambert.

Roll Call:

AYES: 5 Trustees Green, Lowe, Harris, Jefferson, and Lambert

NAYS:

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Nicholson

Motion Pass.

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2011 AS:  
MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS SAFETY MONTH

This proclamation was read in its entirety and placed on file in the Village Clerks Office.

Noting that motorcycles are a common and economical means of transportation and that all vehicle users shall be aware of the use of motorcycles and noting that motorcyclists have contributed extensive volunteerism and money to many national and charitable organizations for the enhancement of those organizations.

TRUSTEE LOWE

FINANCE - as a part of the Finance committee Clerk Judy Evans put this in my mailbox about the boot program notice and attached there was an email sent to her that speaks of the Boot Program. It says I received this and is passing on for your review - and I am not sure how this works with our current ordinance for the boot program. And if all of this were to hit the residents at this hard economical time would we -ad speaking on this boot program - it says we have an estimated 1,200,000 people that owe us money to the Village of Dolton. And I am

Mayor Lewis (audience mumbling) no trustee I don't think it is that many people, maybe that much money.

Trustee Lowe yes it is the money but I got this notice in my box and I was just wondering with the boot system that we got are we going to start booting peoples cars that owe us this money, since we hear of this money.

Mayor Lewis, well I suggest that you send that to committee. But to answer your question there is a lot more to it than - just going out putting a boot on somebody's car. We have tried that in the past but now you got to hire additional personnel you got to have somebody to put it on, you got to have policeman go with them when they go to put it on and take it off because some people get real irate when that happens. And even though they are wrong I am not condoning them not paying their tickets but by the same token it makes an added expense and when that person does not move the car within a given length of time it is up to the village to have it towed. So that creates an additional expense and it also creates an expense for the owner of that vehicle. So I suggest that we send that to committee for further study before we try and implement that again.

Trustee Lowe o k Sir I also noticed that we passed an ordinance to 2011-521 that we will have somebody collecting money too, well the people that owe us money -

Mayor Lewis, what ?

Trustee Lowe, you passed an ordinance at the last meeting 2011-521 for - Mayor Lewis those were old tickets that were that we have an outside agency collecting on the back debts.

Trustee Lowe, ok alright I was just trying to keep up on these - ok then that is all I have tonight.

TRUSTEE HARRIS I have no report this evening Mayor.

TRUSTEE JEFFERSON FINANCE - we have corporate bills in the amount of \$956,226.73 at this time I make a motion that we pay these bills in that amount, second by Trustee Lambert.

Roll Call:

AYES: 5 Trustees Green, Lowe, Harris, Jefferson, and Lambert

NAYS:

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Nicholson

Motion Pass.

Dorchester - also this evening we have Dorchester payments in the amount of \$79,781.82, at this time I make a motion that we pay the bills in that amount, second by Trustee Lambert.

Roll Call:

AYES: 5 Trustees Green, Lowe, Harris, Jefferson, and Lambert

NAYS:

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Nicholson

Motion Pass.

Trustee Lowe - HUMAN RELATIONS - I forgot but I would like to give condolences to the family of the little boy that was killed at the amusement park last week, the three years old.

Mayor Lewis, yes, I heard about it on the news, it is a very sad situation.

PUBLIC WORKS - Supt. Paul Campbell - from the period of March 7, 2011 to March 21, 2011 there were 797 jobs for a period of March 21, 2011 to April 4, 2011. Basically with the thaw and freeze of the year we are still filling out several potholes, we also started a bit early picking up brown bags which is quite a bit which we had 450 something pickups of the brown bags. Now that I understand that Homewood is starting to April 1, picking up yard waste. And we encourage everyone to please use the brown bag system, because they will not pick up the brown plastic bags. There is an ordinance that when you put branches out - to tie them in 4 foot sections and bundled them, they must be tied with some twine. That makes it so much easier for Public Works to pick it up; it doesn't give the children chance to play with them or for the wind to blow them in the streets.

Mayor Lewis added Homewood won't pick them up unless they are tied in a bundle.

TRUSTEE LAMBERT

POLICE - Chief Bolden Jones, Jr. - the Dolton police received and responded to 670 complaints and requests for service during the period of March 20, 2011 to April 3, 2011.

ENGINEER

ENGINEER - Ron Smith - there was a request for grants from the office of the community for ??? Policing services for Community Policing Development also from the U S Department of Justice this marked Policing Initiative. And also from the office of Juvenile Justice and delinquency prevention community base file prevention demonstration program these program are at no match requirements by the Village - and we will be applying for these grants and will be working with the police department to get these submitted by April 19.

Thank you Mr. Smith and keep the pressure on the streets now Dorchester, Woodlawn and Ellis.

Engineer, we finished photography of those streets last week Mayor and we will be designing those streets and getting them ready for grant funding for the Mayor and Managers group.

MAYORS REPORT

I don't have a lot today I just want to thank all of the employees for doing what they have to do under these trying circumstances. Public Works particularly they are out there trying to pick up paper and it is terrible I know but they have done a bang up job. We are also trying to recruit from Cook County to get those people they have doing community service to come out and give us a hand. We have been able to get them in the past so hopefully we will be able to get them very soon; now that the snow is melting you can see it. So we are asking - people to bring their stuff out so that we can as you know they are going to pick up the yard waste now. Public Works has been rather busy here lately because a lot of people had a few warm days and started a couple of weeks early. Well last year I negotiated a two week early start and two weeks extension on the end but I was not able to do that this year. So now its time April 1<sup>st</sup>. and they will start picking that up. The next thing is I have a memo here and it is from a Sgt. Allbritton it was written to the Chief on April 2, 2011 and it gives an incident number - it says approximately at 5:07 on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Officer James Williams made notification of a structural fire at 14444 Cottage Grove in Dolton. Additional police and fire units arrived on the scene and discovered that the building was partially engulfed in flames, with clouds of thick black smoke billowing from multiple windows and a heavily occupied apartment building. Officers assisted with ladders to rescue people saving lives and families trapped inside. Officers displayed a high level of professionalism in dealing with the hazards posed by the rapid decay of the situation. As scores of people gathered around the scene and emergency equipment officers effectively managed the crowds and trapping duties all while displaying great empathy to the displaced and horrified residents. It is recommended that Officers Brian Carradine, Jay Cutler, D. Griffin, C. Rempson, J. Williams, P. Allbritton and A. Bankhead all be given written accommodations for a job well done. I commend those officers and I commend the department because I understand that when the officers arrived they got there before the fire department and started to lend a hand and when the fire department got there they assisted them with ladders. There was only one reported incident of a person being hurt and that was someone they said panicked and jumped from a third floor window, who was taken to the hospital but it was not life threatening. So again I commend the police officers as well as the fire department. We assisted the people who lost their homes and

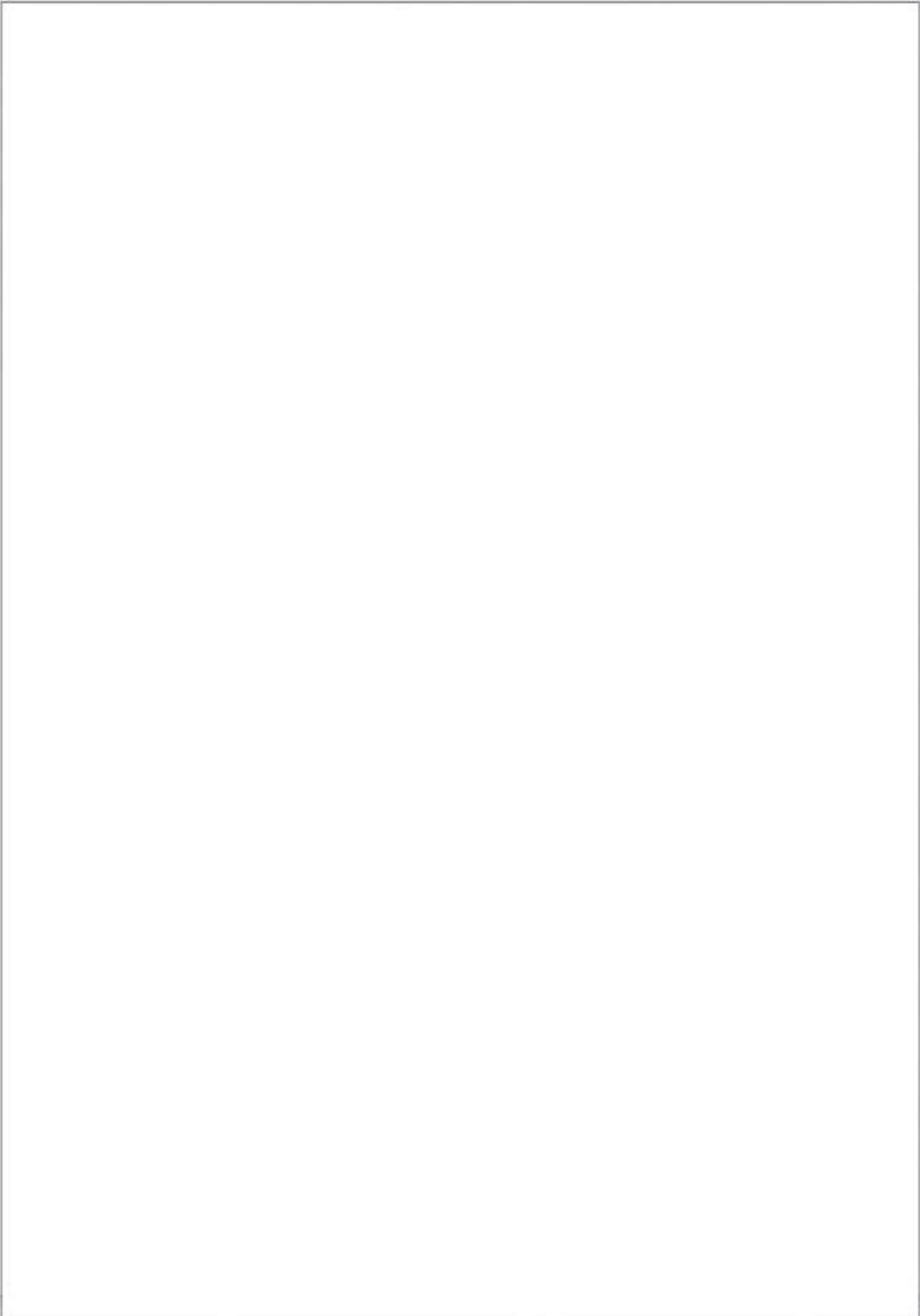
belongings, sent the Dorchester bus over to take them to the Dorchester so they would be out of the cold and in a warm shelter until they were able to relocate themselves. So again everybody that pitched in to help I commend you and I thank you (applause).

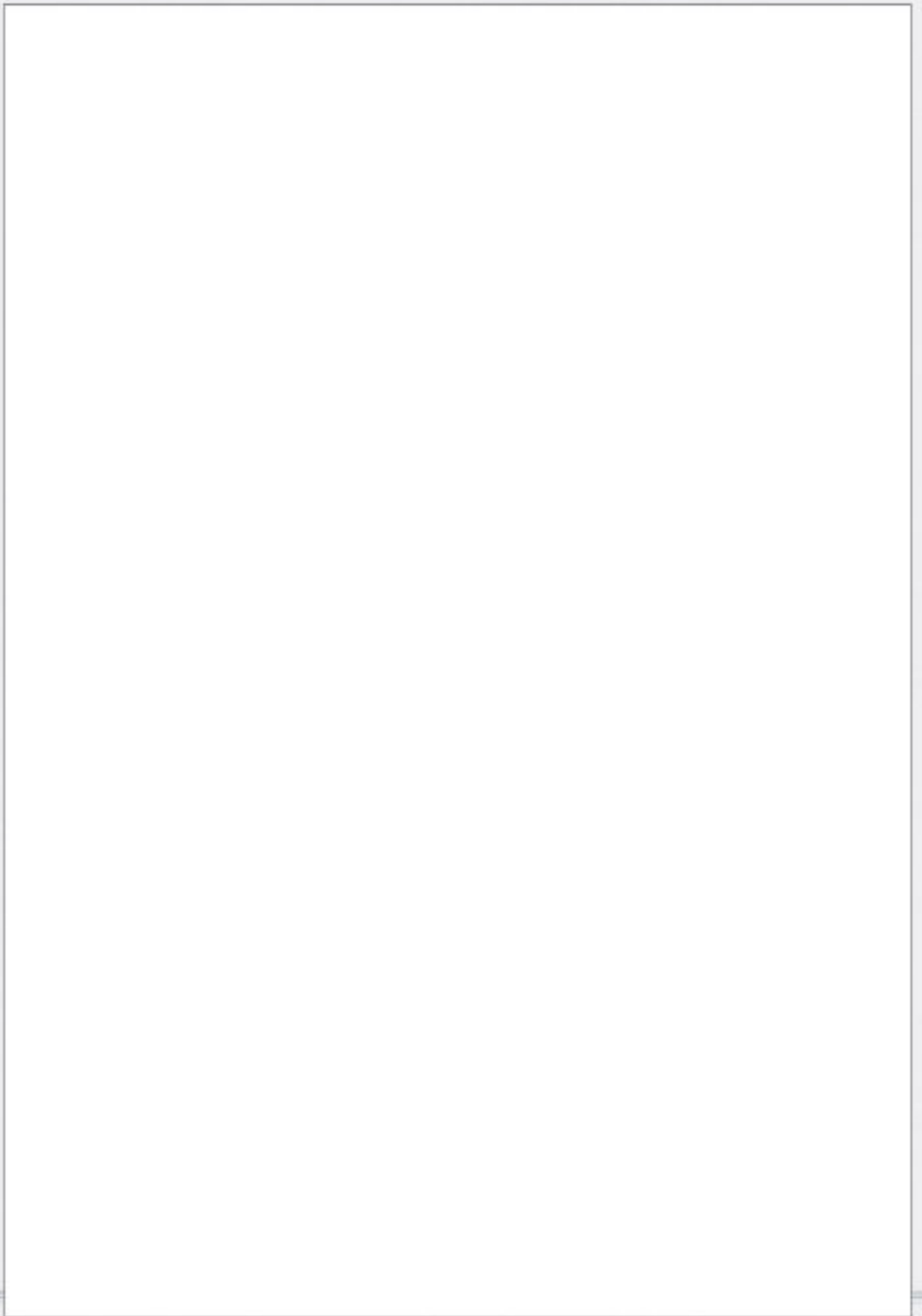
OLD BUSINESS NONE

NEW BUSINESS NONE

O K citizens address is next and we have 30 minutes, anyone wishing to address the board, be recognized and state your name and address.

CITIZENS ADDRESS





Motion by Trustee Lambert to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:13 p.m.,  
second by Trustee Jefferson.

All concerns, comments, questions, an issues were addressed by the Chair Mayor Lewis: additional comments may/or were supplied by various department heads, trustees and/or Attorney.

Motion by Trustee Lambert to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:13 p.m., second by Trustee Jefferson.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Lambert to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:13 p.m., second by Trustee Jefferson.

Mayor Lewis asked for a voice vote roll call, a vote of 5 ayes heard to adjourn the meeting.

Approved by me this \_\_\_\_\_  
Day of \_\_\_\_\_  
A.D. 2011.

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RONNIE C. LEWIS. PRESIDENT/MAYOR

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JUDITH J. EVANS, VILLAGE CLERK  
Prpd. By JJE  
Tape (18 SB)

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**Spring** is upon us so it is now to time to address your lawn care needs.