

VILLAGE OF DOLTON  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 18, 2011

CALL TO ORDER           Honorable Mayor Ronnie C. Lewis called the Village of Dolton Board of Trustees meeting to order in the Harper Municipal Building Board Room at 7:34 p.m.

PRAYER                   Led by Trustee Lowe

PLEDGE  
ALLEGIANCE              Led by Trustee Harris

ROLL CALL               Roll Call indicated the following Trustees were present: Trustees Willie Lowe, Denise Harris, James Jefferson and Garry Lambert. Mayor Lewis noted he was here. Acting Clerk Delores Fletcher continued and we have our Village Engineer Ron Smith, I'm Delores Fletcher sitting in for our Village Clerk Judith Evans.

Mayor Lewis noted she(Clerk)has an excused absence along with Trustee Green and the Attorney - Trustee Nicholson; ok they all have excused absences.

CLERKS REPORT  
JOURNAL                 Acting Clerk Delores Fletcher asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from January 4, 2011.

Motion by Trustee Lambert to approve the minutes from January 4, 2011 second by Trustee Jefferson.

Roll Call:  
AYES:     4     Trustees Lowe, Harris, Jefferson and Lambert  
NAYS:     0  
ABSENT:   2     Trustees Green and Nicholson  
Motion pass.

TRUSTEE REPORTS  
TRUSTEE GREEN           Had an excused absence.

TRUSTEE LOWE            Mayor I have no report tonight.

TRUSTEE HARRIS         DORCHESTER - Current residents 72, applications in process is 4, on January 17<sup>th</sup>. There was the Martin Luther King program which our seniors participated in. We have a choir that the seniors are in and they did a wonderful job. So when they have another event I invite everyone to come out just to see some of the things our seniors are doing.

TRUSTEE  
NICHOLSON               Had an excused absence.

TRUSTEE  
JEFFERSON               FINANCE - we have corporate bills in the amount of \$684,746.07 at this I would like to make a motion that we pay those bills in that amount, second by Trustee Lambert.

Roll Call:  
AYES:     4     Trustees Lowe, Harris, Jefferson and Lambert

NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 2 Trustees Green and Nicholson  
Motion Pass.

DORCHESTER- also this evening Sir we have the Dorchester payments of \$82,880.13, at this time I make a motion that we pay the bills in that amount, second by Trustee Lambert.

Roll Call:  
AYES: 4 Trustees Lowe, Harris, Jefferson and Lambert  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 2 Trustees Green and Nicholson  
Motion Pass.

PUBLIC WORKS - Supt. Paul Campbell - for the period of January 4, 2011 to January 18, 2011 we had 314 service calls, out of those there were 6 snow/ice days. We are still trying to fill potholes and the weather permits and there was 105 loader pickup included in those calls.

TRUSTEE  
LAMBERT  
POLICE - Chief Bolden Jones, Jr. - the Dolton Police department received and responded to 674 complaints and request for service during the period of January 5, 2011 to January 17, 2011.

FIRE - Chief Jerry McCullough - the Dolton Fire department received and responded to 140 fire and EMS calls from the period of January 1, 2011 to January 14, 2011. Total fire and EMS calls for the year is 140.

ENGINEER  
CDBG - just to follow up on the last meetings notes for the grant; we are going to apply for \$750,000 for roadway and sewer improvements. For roads that were sustained with damage during the major flooding event that we had in and of 2008. You can apply for additional funds - over the \$750,000 which means you don't have to have a match for it. So we are going to apply for \$750,000 and hopefully we can get some additional funding besides that. And we are accepting comments until the 27<sup>th</sup>. The application is due by the end of the month.

MAYOR REPORT  
First of all I would like thank everyone who came out for the Dr. Kings Annual Celebration. We were so entrenched in things going on that it was kind of late when we got started out on the preparations. But it turned out very very well I think. We had some young people to participate - and I thought that was fantastic. We had some very young people - in that 4 to 5 to 6 year old range and another group in that was probably 9 to 12 year range. And they all did very well and I congratulate them and their parents. We also had our seniors to participate - and we have a young lady over there who is working with the seniors now and she is doing an outstanding job. I watch her when I go over there and she seems to be one of those people who is always in a hurry. I don't care if she is going across the room she walks fast. But she is doing a great job with the seniors. I understand that there is someone else - who is a former pro basketball player who - is doing some nice things with the seniors too and they seem to be enjoying it. I haven't met him as of yet but - I'll be looking forward to that. The next thing - is as always I have to give Public Works their props - they do an excellent job with the amount of personnel that we have - and unfortunately - two of the guys that I hired a year ago, we had to let them go. And you know a lot of time people spread - misinformation so I want to tell you what that was about. In the union contract it says in order to - remain at Public

Works you have one year from your date of hire - to get a CDL License. Well these people didn't start seriously working on their licenses until October - it is their own fault they knew about it from their day one. And now they are trying to give us some problems but I will deal with that too. So I am not worried about it but I will deal with it. The next thing - I really have to give our Police Dept. their recognition because I've heard it said several times - that is one Dolton will never solve. The young man that was killed in his driveway - 155<sup>th</sup> Ingleside back a few weeks ago. A young man who was to get his masters in engineering in a week - was shot down and murdered and robbed in his driveway for a cell phone and \$2. That shows you how insignificant a life is, if I have that information correct, is that correct that was the information that was given. Ok. In the mean time the Dolton Police has make - several arrest a matter of fact seven people in total. The shooter - are any of these is anyone here a minor - Chief Jones, no Sir. There is one 17 year old but they are all charged as felony adults.

Mayor Lewis continued, ok so they are all charged as felony adults o k. Well I am not going to give out the names- but I will tell you the shooters name - Nelson Drake of Dolton was charged with 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder and armed robbery. He had a bond hearing on January 16<sup>th</sup>. and he is being held on \$10 million bond. The other - young men - most of them all have half-million bonds except two - and they have a \$30,000 bond - and they were only charged with unlawful possession of a firearm. I was also informed that this might clear up a number of robberies we have been having around town. So again; I commend the Chief, I commend the Officers, all of those that were involved and I don't know them all right now. But whatever they did collectively I appreciate it and I am sure everybody around this town appreciates it (applause) and I commend them all on a job well done. O k keep up the good work and hopefully you won't have any more of that sort. Well we still have one but that is another thing. You know we have had some crime over the years. In the last five years we have had a number of murders - and to my knowledge all of them have been solved except two. Well in both of them they know who the culprits are; it is just a matter of getting their hands on them. So again I say a job well done.

OLD BUSINESS NONE.

NEW BUSINESS NONE.

Citizens Address, you have 30 minutes, anyone wishing to address the board? Be recognized, stand give your name and address.

CITIZENS  
ADDRESS



Motion by Trustee Lambert to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m., second by Trustee Jefferson.

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

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Lambert to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:57 p.m., second by Trustee Jefferson.

Mayor Lewis called for a voice vote, 4 ayes to adjourn the meeting.

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

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RONNIE C. LEWIS, PRESIDENT/MAYOR

DELORES FLETCHER, ACTING CLERK

Prpd. By JJE

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