

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 5, 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 7:35 p.m.

PRAYER Led by Trustee Harris

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Trustee Bendell

ROLL CALL Roll Call indicated the following Trustees were present: Trustees Deborah Green, Riley Rogers, Denise Harris, Sabrina Smith, James T. Jefferson, Cathern Bendell, Engineer Ron Smith, Attorney Keith Spence, the Honorable Mayor Ronnie Lewis, I'm Judith Evans Clerk, a quorum is present.

VILLAGE CLERK JOURNAL Village Clerk Judith J. Evans ask the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from June 20, 2011.

Motion by Trustee Jefferson to approve the Minutes of June 20, 2011, second by Trustee Bendell.

Roll Call:

AYES: 6 Trustees Green, Rogers, Harris, Smith, Jefferson and Bendell

NAYS: 0

Motion Pass.

I do apologize to everyone I do not have the minutes from the Special Meeting of June 28th relating to the Landfill. I am currently working on them and should have them ready at the next meeting.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

TRUSTEE GREEN

FIRE - Chief Jerry McCullough - From June 21, 2011 to July 5, 2011 the Dolton Fire Department responded to 168 fire and EMS calls. Total fire and EMS responses year 2011 to date is 1,779.

EQUIPMENT REPAIR - they are trying to get one of their engines rebuilt. They have two proposals - to have it - there are two proposals which was sent in and I would like to make a motion to send it to committee with full power to act.

Motion by Trustee Green to send the proposals to committee with full power to act, second by Trustee Jefferson.

Roll Call:

AYES: 6 Trustees Green, Rogers, Harris, Smith, Jefferson and Bendell

NAYS: 0

Motion Pass.

POLICE - the police department request the use of pre-designated JAG agreements funds for the purchase of M vehicles recording system for the new police vehicles the 2000 grant fund of \$15,263.00 and the 2000 grant fund of \$17,666.00 and they also have a pending 2000 grant award of

\$13,901.00 the total grant award will be used for the purpose of the purchase and installation (Bert Herzog at podium taking to Mayor comments unintelligible) these system will aid the police and public by actively recording their actions. I also like to make a motion to send this to committee with full power to act.

Motion by Trustee Green to send the grant request to committee with full power to act on equipment upgrades, second by Trustee Bendell.

Roll Call:

AYES: 6 Trustees Green, Rogers, Harris, Smith, Jefferson and Bendell

NAYS: 0

Motion Pass.

Mayor Lewis I just want to point out that one of those request is a jag grant and the other is an insurance company I knew that I just couldn't - it is Mesirow Insurance Company that is a \$19k repair to the engine.

TRUSTEE ROGERS

I have no reports from my committees, but Trustee Green asked me to read this for the :

POLICE - Chief Bolden Jones - reports that the Dolton Police Department received and responded to 752 complaints and requests for service during the period of 20th June to July 5.

TRUSTEE HARRIS

HOUSING - Billy Morgan - from June 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011 sales as-is 1, escrows 14, others 3, quit claims is 5, rentals 22, sales is 37, trust is 1 a total of 83.

HOUSING FINANCIALS - A TOTAL of \$19,803.00 was collected for multi- and single family inspections, housing tickets, liens and rental licenses.

BUILDING - building permits a total of 124, a collection of \$11,185 that includes building, concrete, electrical, fence, air conditioning, plumbing, roofing and windows.

TRUSTEE SMITH

RULES & ETHICS - first of all I want to say to my neighbors who were here at the last meeting; I am sorry for being unprofessional I do apologize to each and every one of you. And I guarantee you it will happen again.

YOUTH - there is no report right now until I have my meeting with the Mayor, to figure out in which direction the youth commission will be going. So at our next meeting you will have a youth report and the direction we are going to go.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT - I got the Cook County Works - this is an agreement - through the Cook County Summer Youth Program - and I just got this information today but basically it's a program that would - employ our youth from the ages of 16 to 21 - and it has already started so we are going to try and find as many youth as we can as the program runs from June 27, 2011 to August 30, 2011. The salaries for the youth will not be paid through Dolton it will be paid through this program.

Mayor Lewis excuse me Trustee those people had been preselected already but they are Dolton residents; that is what the guy told us today they been preselected.

Trustee Smith ok is there any way - I need to get a list of the youth the youths that were selected.

Mayor Lewis noted that she should call him about that as he had stated he needed to talk with you.

Discussion ensued with the Village Admin., Mayor and Trustee about the selection, background checks and drug testing were done.

Trustee Smith the rate of pay is \$10 per hour and I do have to find out who was preselected and then you will know that at the next meeting as well.

Mayor Lewis it seems that and I am not trying to take over. It seems that there were some problems when we had people doing this last year but they were adults and from what we are getting right now the union won't object to youth. Last year they objected to the adults were out cutting the alleyways and stuff those who were and they pulled those who were here in the offices out too. But I understand that they won't object to youth this year.

Discussion ensued among the Village administrator, Trustees Rogers, Smith, Mayor Lewis and Trustee Bendell.

Mayor Lewis concludes they just came in here Friday to tell us about the program.

TRUSTEE JEFFERSON FINANCE - we have corporate bills in the amount of \$676,086.04 at this time I make a motion that we pay the bills in that amount, second by Trustee Harris.

QUESTIONS: Trustee Smith, I just got this and I was upstairs going through this and I was confused on the codes. Have any of the codes change lately. Then I do apologize I can not vote on this because I am seeing things on here to be paid in budget line items that I do not have in the code. Discussion ensued to get an understanding of what the items were.

Trustee Rogers, I have one question this mortgage payment here for \$1668, payment is for can you tell me???

Mayor Lewis we have on house - that was originally in the Housing Authority - we put that on hold because we didn't have money to pay - we did not have the money to go out and buy houses and sell them like we had been doing. In the past we go out get a house, rehab it the Federal Government allowed us to do that, and we could only make a 10% profit. That was one of the houses I think we got some bad advise in buying we got stuck with it because it is only a two bedroom house - and we have been paying the mortgage on that and hoping that somebody would take it over so that we can get right side up because we upside down in the house.

Trustee Rogers can you tell me the balance mortgage on that house, how long have we been paying for it, this is the first time I saw it. Mayor Lewis for about three years.

Trustee Rogers won't it be wiser to just let it go into foreclosure comments inaudible.

Mayor Lewis if we do a foreclosure on it we will never be able to revise the if the economy turns around or when the economy turns around (laughter).

Roll Call:

AYES: 4 Trustees Green, Rogers, Harris, Jefferson

NAYS: 2 Trustees Smith and Bendell

Motion Pass.

Dorchester - we also have Dorchester payments this evening Sir in the amount of \$85,652.42, at this time I make a motion that we pay the bills in that amount, second by Trustee Green.

Roll Call:

AYES: 4 Trustees Green, Rogers, Harris, Jefferson

NAYS: 2 Trustees Smith and Bendell

Motion Pass.

PUBLIC WORKS - Supt. Paul Campbell - from the period of June 20 to July 5, 2011 there were approximately 765 service calls. Basically as it is still summer and we are still trying to catch up most of those were pot holes repairs and over 100 branch pick ups, that is the major part of the calls to Public Works.

TRUSTEE GREEN

BUDGET HEARINGS - there will be a Budget meeting on July 6 at 11 o'clock in this building that will be for Police and ESDA. There will be a budget presentation for 2011 and 2012.

TRUSTEE BENDELL

HEALTH - I ask the people out here because you are my neighbors, I heard fireworks going off until after midnight. I would love it if people would respect their neighbors. There is no reason to have fireworks that late at night, you worry about your roof or garage catching on fire when in a close community the fireworks can come down on your roof and it is scary. The gentleman two doors from me decided to tell me he thought fireworks were over at midnight. It is not New Years eve; so I am asking that people please be aware of their neighbors, whether it is the radio in the cars, lets be mindful of our neighbors.

SAFETY ISSUES - I ask people could you please if you have children please watch them, they are precious and we love them. There was a little boy hit - these kids could become a Trustee or Mayor. Let not get to busy to watch our child it is a great lost and a lost we can't afford. Please be aware of where your child.

ENGINEER

ENGINEER - MOTOR FUEL TAX - I am pleased to announce that the village will be receiving a boost in its Motor Fuel Tax Account to the tune of \$111,233.00. These funds comes from the Illinois Jobs Now Program aka the Capital Program - this is a program from the Governor and it calls for 5 payments of 5 straight years for 17% of your yearly MFT allotment. So for the remaining 5 years you will get the bonus of 17% of this program. MFT is to do street improvement, traffic signals, sewers, sidewalks and pot hole repair - but they have to be MFT eligible projects.

ILLINOIS DEPT. TRANSPORTATION - we received intergovernmental agreements from IDOT - this is the maintenance agreement for the existing control

Devices of traffic signals - our current agreement with the Village and the State is near expiration - and the new agreement which I have reviewed provide the same terms and same conditions. Basically the village will be compensated a total of \$110,400.00 for its share of the maintenance of the traffic signals.

DORCHESTER RESURFACING - the tentative start date is July 11, residents will be notified with fliers and posting and I will work with the police chief to make sure we don't have any cars being towed but just relocated.

Mayor Lewis thank you Mr. Smith I am truly happy with that. I am sure the people of Dorchester will be happy as they have been surely upset about that street and rightfully so because it is terrible. When we get some more money we are going to do some more streets. But before going into the Mayors report, I would like to say that I think that we kind of got carried away there a few minutes ago when talking about the SAFER PROGRAM. The foundation grant for the youth jobs, nobody put that into a motion to accept that and if we don't that will have to wait for another 2 weeks, do I get a motion.

Trustee Smith Youth Committee Chairman, no you do not I have to look into it. I have to see who they have hired and see if they are from our community?

Mayor Lewis well you can't make them hire them - but Trustee Smith let me say one thing.

Trustee Smith - I understand, I understand

Mayor Lewis, that is your committee and you can do what you want but I want you to understand that time is running. And this is an eight week program and to delay it for two weeks.

Trustee Smith I know - I do understand - I am so sorry - it started on the 27th so we already on the fifth - I do apologize that it is going to be two more weeks and people have to wait. But I cannot in good conscience, good common sense just say ok we are going to do this when I just got it today. I am sorry.

Mayor Lewis we just got it today.

Trustee Smith, I know that I am sorry but I do apologize but I can not just vote on this I have to delay it and it just has to be delayed for two more weeks. If there is some one from our town that was so selected I am so sorry. I need to know - I got this when I got off work well just before 5 o'clock - I got this - I am sorry no when I came over here but I had to go back to work and I did not have time to read this - I read this when I got off work and came back here. I came over on my lunch.

Village Clerk Evans stated she wants to know why not when.

I need to know who is the Safer Foundation, whose hired, just like he asked those questions I need to ask some questions as well the gentleman gave me his number and I will probably call him tonight. But I can't just say well yes it is a good program and just do it I understand that it is something that needs to be done, it can get kids off the street. But you can't just give me something the day of - I need a day or two or three to look at something.

Trustees Green and Harris asked when and do the youth know they are suppose to be starting. Ok so they are residents of Dolton?

Mayor Lewis we have such little information I don't know - they told us they had residents of Dolton that is what the man told us - we don't know.

Several members speaking out not recognized by the Chair-

Trustee Smith they have people - it says from Dolton, Riverdale, Harvey so I am sorry but I have to know where they are coming from - I am not saying exclude people from other communities but I am saying that the kids from Dolton should have some of these jobs.

Mayor Lewis well we know of at least one because that's how we got the information a parent got the information for us.

Discussion ensued on when the information came in, support of Trustee Smith in finding out if Dolton kids are on job list, why rush it when they had gotten notification so late to members of Board, forms completely filled out have we did any background checks on the agency that is bringing the kids and program to Dolton, did any one check on the foundation getting in the qualification program with the County, do we have the manpower to supervise as the foundation requires strict supervision of all youth, insurance liability? Will they be working in public works as residents call for help. Will we lose out on the program by waiting.

Motion by Trustee Bendell to send the investigative review of youth foundation program to committee, with full power to act, second by Trustee Green.

Roll Call:

AYES: 6 Trustees Green, Rogers, Harris, Smith, Jefferson and Bendell

NAYS: 0

Motion Pass.

MAYORS REPORT

FOURTH OF JULY - I hope everyone enjoyed your 4th of July on yesterday it was a very cool day. Everything went very well we had a nice parade and I don't think the kids we as exhausted this year as they had been in previous years - the part of the parade from California down Lincoln to 142nd Street we cut that out of the parade this year. It did very well the kids seemed to stay together a little bit better than in previous years. But we had a very good day for it a lot of people turned out and I think they enjoyed themselves. There were a number of people who showed up last night for fireworks even though we had it on the radio and t v. I understand that South Holland was inundated with people and they had many problems trying to get them out of town - because with so many communities not having fireworks they all went where they heard there were fireworks and we didn't have that problem here this year. But hopefully next year there will be more communities having fireworks and maybe next year we will be able to have it again. Overall I thought it was a good turn out and good day and everything went well.

STREET RESURFACING - I am happy to hear that the engineer has expedited the paving work for Dorchester Avenue I am sure the people on Dorchester will be most grateful because most of every time I see a resident from that street they stop me and talk about Dorchester, so now maybe they will be happy once this work is completed.

PENSION BOARD APPOINTMENT - there is one housekeeping item - the pension board for the Police Department. That board is comprised of the Chief of Police being one of its members - and since Robert Fox is no longer the Chief - and we have Police Chief Bolden Jones, Jr. I would like to get permission to - put Chief Jones on that committee - rather than Robert Fox and that Robert Fox name be removed. Would someone put that in the form of a motion.

Motion by Trustee Bendell to remove Robert Fox from the Police Pension Board committee and add/replace him with the now current Chief of Police Bolden Jones Jr., second by Trustee Green.

Roll Call:

AYES: 6 Trustees Green, Rogers, Harris, Smith, Jefferson and Bendell

NAYS: 0

Motion Pass.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - National Night Out will be August 2nd, 2011 - I am looking to see if Officer Hope is in the house. Well I am sure he would want me to mention the National Night Out he came to me today for me to sign the letter to participate they were a little late getting started this year but it has been a success and he said that the people who worked with him in the past worked really well and he asked me if I had any problems and I said no. If you got somebody who will help you go to work because I think it is a good program and I give him accolades for his dedication to that program.

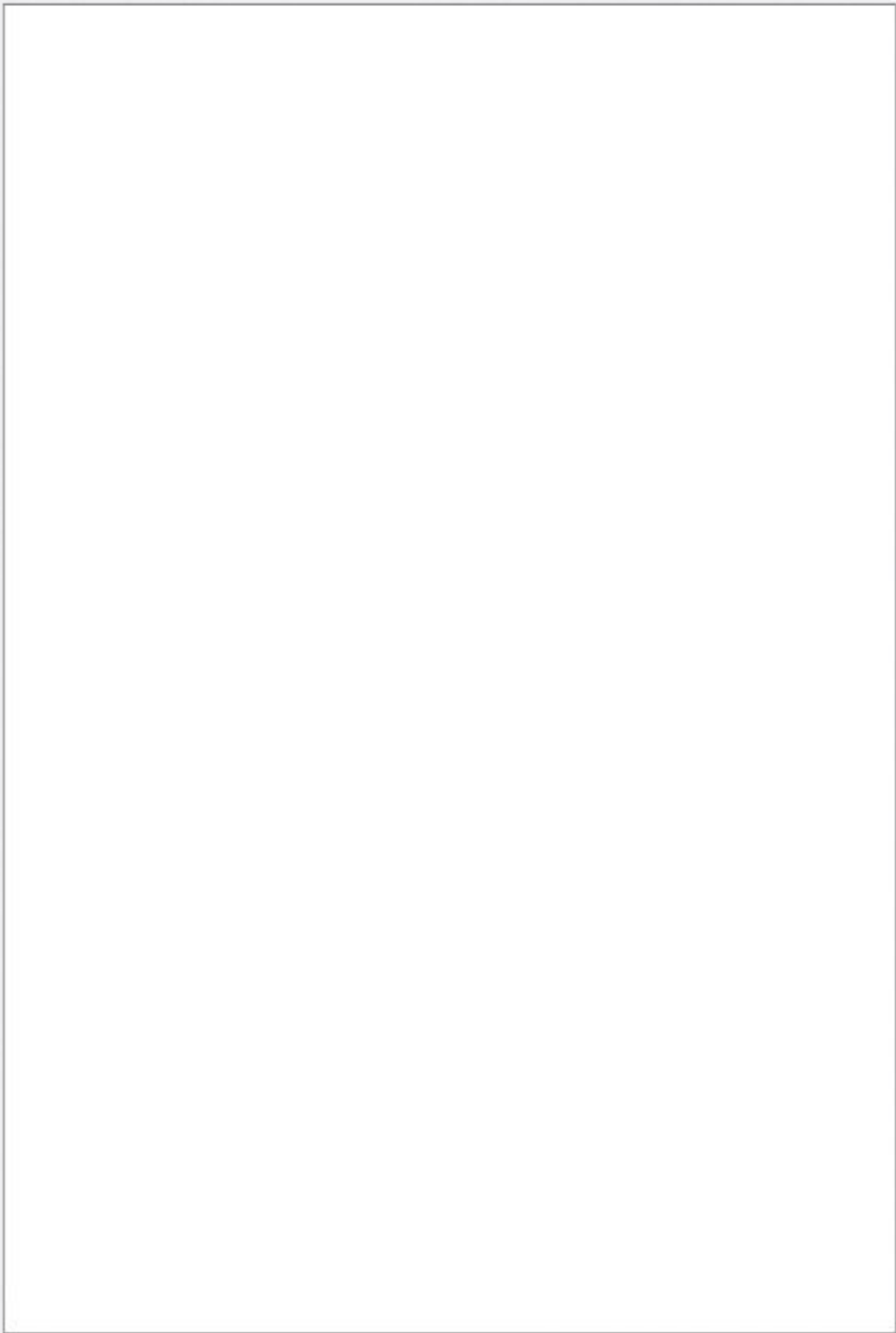
Trustee Green was recognized, when is the nation night out. Mayor Lewis noted it is August 2nd.

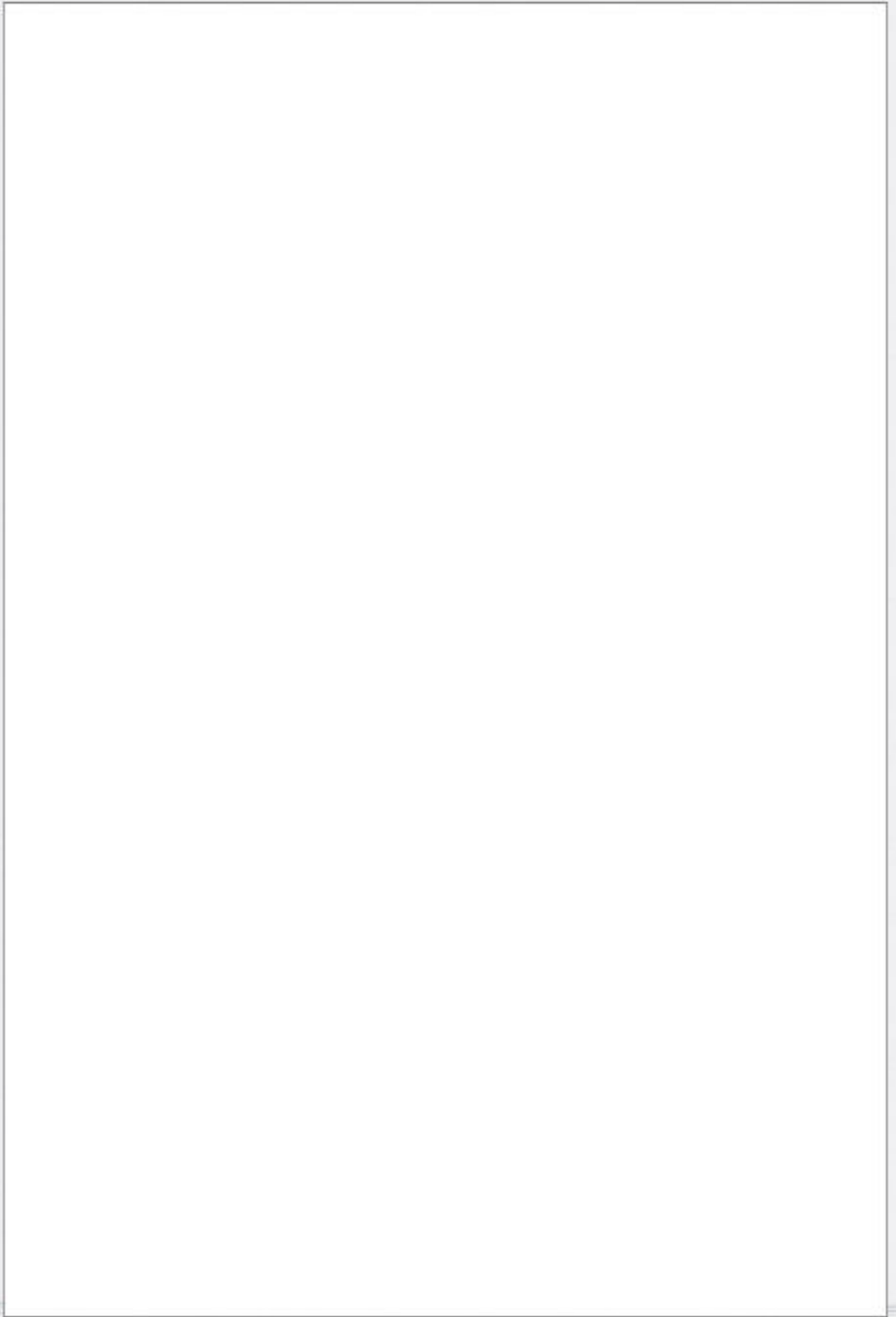
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CITIZENS ADDRESS

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All concerns, questions, and 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 Bendell to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:45 p.m., second by Trustee Jefferson.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Bendell to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:45 p.m., second by Trustee Jefferson.

Mayor Lewis asked for a voice vote roll call, a vote of 6 ayes heard to adjourn the meeting.

Approved by me this _____
Day of _____
A.D. 2011.

RONNIE C. LEWIS. PRESIDENT/MAYOR

JUDITH J. EVANS, VILLAGE CLERK
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