

VILLAGE OF DOLTON  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 20, 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 7:45 p.m.

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 Evangeline Levison, the Honorable Mayor Ronnie Lewis, I'm Judith Evans Clerk, a quorum is present.

PRAYER              Led by Trustee Harris

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE      Led by Trustee Bendell

VILLAGE CLERK JOURNAL      Village Clerk Judith J. Evans ask the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from June 6, 2011.

Motion by Trustee Bendell to approve the Minutes of June 6, 2011, second by Trustee Jefferson.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS:    0

Motion Pass.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

TRUSTEE GREEN      FIRE - Chief Jerry McCullough - From June 7, 2011 to June 20, 2011 the Dolton Fire Department responded to 126 fire and EMS calls. Total fire and EMS responses year 2011 to date is 1,611.

POLICE - Chief Bolden Jones - reports that the Dolton Police Department received and responded to 680 complaints and requests for service during the period of June 6, 2011 to June 19, 2011.

BUDGET MEETING - There will be a budget meeting on June 22, at 4 o'clock here in this building. This will be a budget presentation for 2011/2012. That will be for the Fire Department and Public Works Department on June 22 at 4 o'clock.

JUDICIARY - for Judiciary Sir we have 1 resolution and I will turn that over to our attorney Evangeline Levison.

RESOLUTION 2011-R-1002      RESOLUTION OF THE VILAGE OF DOLTON AMENDING THE RESOLUTION 2011-R-988 ADOPTED FEBRUARY 28, 2011 APPROVING SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION IN THE MATTER OF SHELDRIC MOORE VS. VILLAGE OF DOLTON

Motion by Trustee Green to adopt Resolution 2011-R-1002, second by Trustee Jefferson.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: 0  
Motion Pass.

TRUSTEE ROGERS I have no report.

TRUSTEE HARRIS DORCHESTER - from June 3, 2011 to June 17, 2011 revenue collected was \$98,707.17 we just received a check today for \$59,000 from the State of Illinois, for the Melanie Fitness Center from June 3, 2011 to June 17, 2011 \$8,360.65 was collected. I don't have a report from Housing because I guess no one - made that report out for me. So at the next meeting I should have a report from the Housing Department.

TRUSTEE SMITH RULES & ETHICS - As far as the committees I have Rules and Ethics I have nothing there yet.

YOUTH - I have yet to speak with Mrs. Crayton; because Mrs. Crayton has been the primary person who has taken on the responsibility of our youth. But, I had an opportunity to meet with a young man and I gave everyone this presentation he presented to me and I am not going to butcher his name but the name is "TAY MO" his friends and family call him by that name. Is TAY MO or his family here today? Ok no, he is outstanding and awesome young man he is alumnus of South Suburban College and SIU. He has started an internet magazine and we talked about a lot of things that we want to do for the youth in the village of Dolton however we are not going to do it alone. Parents have to be proactive; I am sorry I did not type up and print up a sign up sheet for parents to join the committee. But I did bring my legal pad and I do encourage you to sign up and I will leave it on the table because I do believe that two heads is better than one and five is better than three. So we can really do some great things for our youth, o k. I will put the pad down here and I encourage you to sign up.

TRUSTEE JEFFERSON FINANCE - we have corporate bills in the amount of \$793,351.14 at this time I make a motion that we pay the bills in that amount, second by Trustee Bendell.

QUESTIONS: Trustee Rogers this is for clarification with Mr. Willis, at one of these board meetings I asked you to identify the cost for the Dorchester and Melanie Fitness Center - I see you still have them combined here. Are there separate costs here?

Treas. Willis, no they are separated at the bottom of the register #880 I separated that for the Melanie Fitness Center.

Tr. Rogers but you have them both added up together - to cover expenses

Treas. Willis, the total register of #880 is the Melanie Fitness Center, that total is \$3,673.50

Tr. Rogers what about the \$102 thousand.

Treasurer and Trustee speak at once comments unintelligible.

Treas. Willis - the \$102 is for both yes. Oh so you want those separate so maybe I misunderstood what you - one separate cost for the two separate centers yes. I can do that.

Tr. Rogers, secondly, I just spoke with Mr. Smith from Engineering - it seems like every time we get the financials or pay the corporate bills we have a fee for payment analysis - and he told me this was broken down

into - \$5,000 payments to help the village out to make those payments - that is not the total cost right? Now shouldn't the financial report reflect the total cost of the payment analysis and the payments are made towards that total cost and it should be a reduction of the balance due. So what it looks like here is we are only paying \$5,000 for a payment review. But the total cost is substantially more than \$5,000.

Treas. Willis we can put together - comment unintelligible - but I think for paying the bills we are just looking at what invoices we are paying at this time. I think that is something that we probably can do in the finance committee meet -

both Treasurer and Trustee spoke at once comment unintelligible - it would not reflect in a financial report it is just a -

Treas. Willis this is just the expenses to be paid for the two week period this is not the financials for -

Trustee Rogers but it still should show the total cost on these reports and the reduction of the payments that were applied to the total cost. Maybe that is something that you need to look into.

Treasurer Willis that is something that I can look into.

Another Trustee called upon the Engineer - Mayor and trustees called for order - point of order -

Trustee Rogers one last question for Ace Board Up is that - is that from say fires and Ace comes out and board the building up or?

Treas. Willis that it could be fires or abandon buildings and it is probably something Housing could explain to you better than I could.

Tr. Rogers so is this cost billed to the property or how do we if we pay it, do we collect that money back.

Mayor Lewis responded the only way to get the money back is to lien the property and when it is sold we can get the money back; other than that no.

Trustee Rogers I was not asking Your Honor if that is what the department does, I do understand that - I just asked was the village reimbursed for that cost.

Treas. Willis if we do get reimbursed - comments inaudible several people speaking - it is for that.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: 0

Motion Pass.

Dorchester - we also have Dorchester payments this evening Sir in the amount of \$102,221.33, at this time I make a motion that we pay the bills in that amount, second by Trustee Harris.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS:

Motion Pass.

PUBLIC WORKS - Supt. Paul Campbell - there were approximately during the period of Jun 6, 2011 and June 20, 2011 there were 396 jobs. As you know since the winter most of those jobs have been potholes and several branch removals/pickups.

TRUSTEE BENDELL

HEALTH - I have health as one of my duties and I ask people could you please if you have children ask them to please walk on the sidewalk - a lot of kids are walking in the street and it only takes a minute for them to lose control of their vehicle and you're injured. So please ask the children to walk on the sidewalks.  
GRASS CUTTING - The other thing is now it is summer and the grass is getting longer so try to be looking out for your neighbor and try to get your grass done so he is not looking over and saying mines all done and you haven't mowed yours so let's think about that.  
VEHICULAR NOISES - Then if you have a radio - not everybody enjoys the same music - so please turn your radios down so you can enjoy your music and somebody else can enjoy theirs also. And I am doing this under health.

ENGINEER

ENGINEER - the IEPA made a pop up inspection of the Public Works facility; Supt. Campbell was there during the inspection. They came up with a couple of items of deficiency. We put together a response letter and we are going to correct those deficiencies hopefully within the next 60 days. They were minor things like basically cleaning up and labeling different containers - that was the jest of the comments. This is just to put the village on notice that the IEPA may do the pop up visits to Public Works from time to time and they are trying to make sure that all record keeping is up to date with these inspections.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

MAYORS REPORT

ANNEXATION FOR LANDFILL - there will be a question coming up and you will be receiving a letter in the mail. This letter is concerning an annexation of land from the City of Chicago annexing to the landfill up here at 138<sup>th</sup> Cottage Grove. That is the - the meeting will be Tuesday June 28, at 2 o'clock here in this room. That letter should be coming to your home within the next day or two - probably on Thursday and Friday. Please read it carefully because there is a lot of information in there that you need to be aware of, so please read that carefully and if you can please attend the meeting. It says you can call or write the Trustees contact them and give them some input if you cannot make the meeting yourself.

PUBLIC WORKS - first I would like to again commend Public Works because they are doing a yeoman's job with the man power that we have in Public Works. At one time we had 40 people over there now we have 15 I hired two people maybe 2 months ago to try to beef things up for the summer. But as you know there are a lot of vacant homes here and Public Works is charged with the responsibility of cutting all of the village properties and some of these homes. We do have contracts out for people to cut some of this grass and we try to get as many of them cut as possible. Mr. Campbell says he has a list of 130 - ok so you have been around at least once. And again I'd like to commend them on this.

TRASH PICKUP - also as a reminder, you know people just can't seem to get it right. I know you want to clean up on the weekends you come in Friday and Saturday and you cut limbs, bag grass and set it out on the curb. But your garbage day is Wednesday or Thursday and it stays out there all week through half of the week. Please don't do this, the ordinance states you cannot put out your trash until 7 o'clock the day before your pick up. Although we don't enforce that but we are asking you to try and cooperate. Please don't put your garbage out 3,4,5 days ahead of time. I look as I am coming down here, people all up and down Lincoln got their garbage out and their day is not until the day after tomorrow. So that does not have good curb appeal that is what I know and will say that to you.

BRANCHES - you are to cut your branches in 4 foot length and tie them with string - it would help us tremendously - when you do it that way when Homewood comes through they will pick up the 4 foot and tied bundles, only the string tied bundles. If you don't tie them they will leave them there and Public Works has to pick them up. And it takes a little while for Public Works to get all over this town when they are trying to do everything else. So please keep that in mind try to tie your branches up with string, cut branches in 4 foot length and tie them and put them on the curb THE DAY BEFORE YOUR REGULAR PICK UP.

RAINY SEASON - we have had an awful lot of rain lately and - I am quite sure some of you like me have gotten some water in the basement which didn't make me very happy but it happens occasionally. This is something that we just can't control so we have to do the best that we can. But I do ask you this if you see debris out in front of your house kind of clean it up. If not it is going to float right down over the manhole and flood the entire street. Some people will go out and take a rake and rake it away others will wait until Public Works come along to move the debris. But if you can help keep that stuff off the street it will help in letting the water flow. These are just things that I am asking of you and that you would please cooperate with us and try to help. If we all work together we can solve many of these problems.

**NO 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FIREWORKS** - Again I would like to remind the people who have not heard it on the radio or television - I've heard it on both - or from here in this hall - we will not be having fireworks this year. We had to cancel fireworks because so many communities around us cancelled and it creates an economic hardship on us. First you have to pay for the fireworks, what costs more than that is the police because you have to pay overtime and we are not sure how many people will show up when there is no others fireworks around. So that is what helped to make this board make the decision to cancel the fireworks. So hopefully next year more people will have it and our finances will be better and we will be able to have them again too. This is just to make you aware that we will not be having them and I still ask everybody to come out on the 4<sup>th</sup> and join the parade.

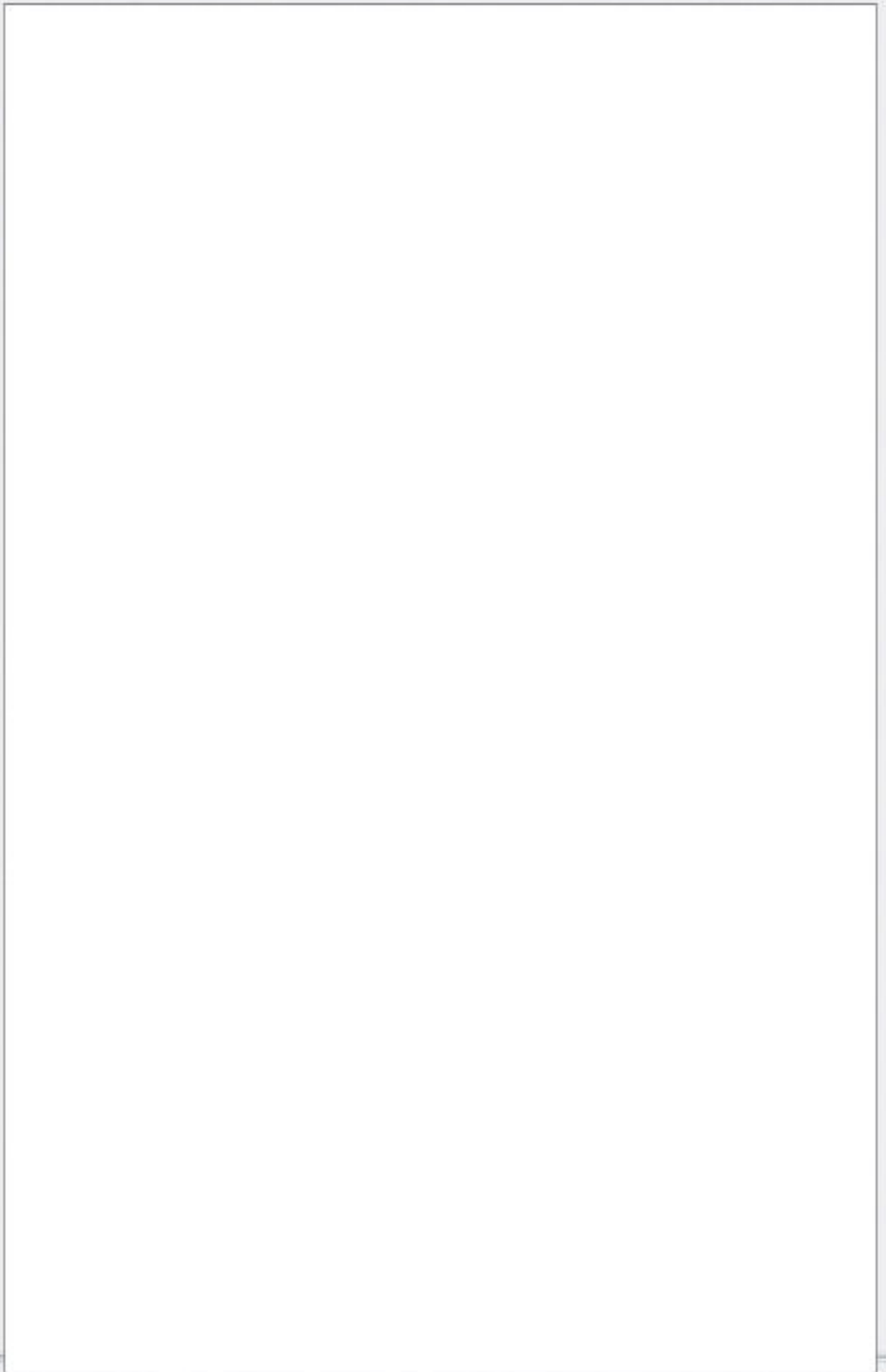
**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE** - there is some changes to the parade this year. We will not be starting on California and Lincoln as we have in previous years - because the young people who have to walk from Lincoln and California over to the park, they get exhausted and we end up with the young people who are performing - there is a 20 to 30 minute gap in the lineup. The smaller kids this is to strenuous for then so we are going back to the old route of the village parking lot - down here at Lincoln

and Chicago Road right behind the bank. So we will be lining up probably starting by Sharks down Lincoln and off that parking lot and we are going to go down Chicago Road to the park. So that will be the route this year please come out and join us in the park and on the parade route and I hope everybody has a good time.

We will have Citizens Address, now please don't ask two and three questions because we are going to limit you to one question or one concern and move to the next person because when you do that you handicap everybody.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

**Public Comment Has Been Deletad to Protect the Privacy of Delta Residents**



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 Jefferson to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:41 p.m., second by Trustee Bendell.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Jefferson to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:41 p.m., second by Trustee Bendell.

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.

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RONNIE C. LEWIS. PRESIDENT/MAYOR

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JUDITH J. EVANS, VILLAGE CLERK  
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**FORMS** ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT  
**Spring** is upon us so it is now to time to address your lawn care needs.  
PLEASE cut down the bushes and trees growing in the alleyways.