

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 21, 2011

CALL TO ORDER Honorable Mayor Ronnie Lewis called the Special meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the Harper Municipal Building Board Room at 7:35 p.m.

PRAYER Led by Trustee Lambert

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Trustee Harris

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

Trustees Willie Lowe and Eva Nicholson were absent.

REPORTS:

VILLAGE CLERK JOURNAL Village Clerk Judith J. Evans ask the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from March 7, 2011.

Motion by Trustee Lambert to approve the Minutes of March 7, 2011, second by Trustee Jefferson.

Roll Call:

AYES: 4 Trustees Green, Harris, Jefferson and Lambert

NAYS:

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Lowe and Nicholson

Motion Pass.

COMMUNICATIONS None

TRUSTEE REPORTS

TRUSTEE GREEN HOUSING - FINANCIAL - Dir. Billy Morgan - I have a report from February 1, 2011 to February 28, 2011. For the housing activity account we have a total of 101. That includes as-is-sales, escrows, quit claims, rentals and sales.

HOUSING FINANCIAL - I have a total of \$19,392.65, that includes multi and single-family inspections, liens and rental licenses.

Also for Judiciary I have 1 ordinance, 2 resolutions and 1 proclamation at this time I would like to turn it over to Attorney for an explanation.

ORDINANCE 2011-521 AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF DOLTON AMENDING TITLE 1, ADMINISTRATIVE CHAPTER 8, VILLAGE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, TO CREATE SECTION 8F, COMMUNITY SERVICE LIAISON

Currently the Village Police department has a person who has been serving as a community service officer liaison. This position has never been quantified into a job title and position; this ordinance so quantifies that job so that there is officially a community service

liaison person. That will deal with the matters of the police department, block clubs, and various other duties and assignments.

Motion by Trustee Green to adopt Ordinance 2011-521, second by Trustee Lambert.

Roll Call:

AYES: 4 Trustees Green, Harris, Jefferson, and Lambert

NAYS:

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Lowe and Nicholson

Motion Pass.

RESOLUTION
2011-R-992

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF DOLTON APPROVING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FIRM OF LETKE AND ASSOCIATES TO CONDUCT AN EVALUATION OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT, BILLING REVENUES AND POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT, WATER DEPARTMENT, BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

Attorney Levison do you wish to speak to this now or in the Mayors report Sir.

Mayor Lewis I will do that later in my report.

Motion by Trustee Green to adopt Resolution 2011-R-992, second by Trustee Lambert.

Attorney Levison noted to the Mayor Lewis that he needed to vote on this item. (Original vote Green-Pass; Harris, Jefferson and Lambert - Ayes; and Nicholson -1 absent. Motion pass.)

Roll Call:

AYES: 4 Trustees Harris, Jefferson, Lambert and Mayor Lewis

NAYS:

PASS: 1 Trustee Green

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Lowe and Nicholson

Motion Pass.

RESOLUTION
2011-R-993

RESOLUTION AMENDING SALARY RESOLUTION 07-R-738 ENTITLED A RESOLUTION SETTING SALARIES. COMPENSATION, EXPENSE ACCOUNTS AND OTHER RENUMBERATION FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DOLTON FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2006 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2007 TO INCLUDE THE COMMUNITY SERVICE LAISON

The salary resolution that is referenced to in here goes back to 07 because that is the last salary resolution where by non-union personnel received a raise this amendment simply adds the base salary for the community liaison position just create by Ordinance 11-521 this evening.

Motion by Trustee Jefferson to adopt Resolution 2011-993, second by Trustee Lambert.

COMMENT:

Trustee Jefferson, I'd just like it to be clarified and probably you will address this in your Mayor's Address that - this salary resolution and it is not that we are hiring or adding any extra dollars financially to burden the Village of Dolton. This is something that is already established - we are not adding some extra dollars. So I am only requesting that you in your address explain it - a little clearer.

because it affects everyone not just the parents who have students in there. It affects all of us.

TRUSTEE JEFFERSON FINANCE - we have corporate bills in the amount of \$989,403.02 at this time I make a motion that we pay these bills in that amount, second by Trustee Lambert.

Roll Call:

AYES: 4 Trustees Green, Harris, Jefferson, and Lambert

NAYS:

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Lowe, and Nicholson

Motion Pass.

Dorchester - also this evening we have Dorchester payments in the amount of \$119,704.79, at this time I make a motion that we pay those bills in that amount, second by Trustee Lambert.

Roll Call:

AYES: 4 Trustees Green, Harris, Jefferson, and Lambert

NAYS:

ABSENT: 2 Trustees Lowe, and Nicholson

Motion Pass.

PUBLIC WORKS - Supt. Paul Campbell - from the period of March 7, 2011 to March 21, 2011 there were requests for 396 service jobs. Basically this time of year Sir there are a lot of potholes and we are encouraging people to contact Public Works. We got over 300 potholes filled in that period of time; we are getting loader pickups and street light repairs. We are asking the people and Mr. Campbell kind of placed emphasis that sometimes when you are out at night. Sometime when our policeman is not reporting them - if they would kindly help us so that we can encourage Com Ed for those that are their responsibility and ours that we can keep our community lit.

TRUSTEE LAMBERT POLICE - Chief Bolden Jones, Jr. - the Dolton police received and responded to 778 complaints and requests for service during the period of March 7, 2011 to March 20, 2011.

FIRE - Chief Jerry McCullough - the Dolton fire department received and responded to 137 fire and EMS calls during the period of March 7, 2011 to March 21, 2011. To date the total fire and EMS responses for the year is 758.

COMMENTS Trustee Harris was recognized - one of the school board member out of all of the school board members that are on District 205 Kenny Williams have been very voice full. He has been out there struggling in the fight even though they have tried to condemn him, and want to get rid of him. I just want to thank him for taking that time and to go against what they wanted to do. Also if he had of came - a lot of us of who came to the school board would have noticed that for one school their paying \$19 million for air conditioning and heating, they are paying the attorney \$430,000 and we are not getting involved so we are just letting it go also. So I just want to thank Kenny Williams for really standing out there and being on the ??? (applause). Is he here oh yeah there he is.

ENGINEER ENGINEER - Ron Smith - the film photography has started on the Dorchester, Woodlawn and Ellis. Those three were reclassified as FAU

Routes meaning eligible for federal grant funding. So once the design is completed we will be submitting that to SSMMA for funding. We will be submitting a pre-application for painting repair of the interior and exterior of the ground storage reservoirs right behind this building.

Thank you Mr. Smith every time I see a resident on Dorchester they say when are you going to get this street done. So I can't wait until you say we have got the money (laughter). And if you find any other monies that you can get for this village please make an application for it as we need it all.

MAYORS REPORT

First, I just want to thank all of you - (cough) excuse me - I think I am coming down with a cold I think everybody in the house has one now. It is unusual for me to get one but looks like its coming, (laughter as Clerk moves over from Mayor - stating she gets cold easily and gets really sick). It just started today so maybe I am safe for the moment. On next Saturday morning we will be having a breakfast at the Dorchester I invite you to come out and - visit with some of your neighbors and get to know the people who are there. This young lady we had today when her mother wrote the letter I was very impressed. If your child is doing something and doing something well they need to be recognized. You know any time you give a child an incentive to do better they will. So I commend the parents and the young lady and everybody associated with her; because it takes an effort of a lot of people to carry kids in the right direction today. I spent 30 years in Chicago Public Schools and I enjoyed the kids and when I left I didn't know who was in charge but I did miss the children. You might have notice tonight we passed a resolution where I am bringing in somebody in this water department - some people are not happy about it. But if we can get it to work better, and this is temporary assignment. If we can get it to work better I think we need to put forth the efforts because I am getting too many complaints. People say they don't have sensitivity training down there they don't know how to talk to people and a number of other complaints. So I am trying to address those complaints, get somebody in here who knows the system and somebody who understands office management. And I am not saying, not pointing a finger here at anyone. I am just trying to do what I think is best to reorganize, to treat people respectfully, and to take their money because that is what they are down there for. When you come in and you have to pay them your money to pay your bill you don't want to hear no noise - and I understand that. So that is why I am trying to get this working correctly and sometimes I know it goes on both sides of that wall out there. But when it gets a little too rough you need to just excuse yourself for minute and tell them just hold on just one second I will be right back - walk away get your ten seconds and come on back - with a smile on your face. You know I used to take people into my office when I was assistant principle and they come in ready to tear the place down. Well first of all I had to carry them into my office so I could disarm them. And by disarm them I meant to take away their audience, when you take away the audience they stop performing. And the louder they raise their voice the lower I did mine. You defeat their purpose them if you get to screaming and hollering with them it is not going to accomplish anything. So you have to learn how to deal with people hopefully this will be a learning experience and this is not just something that is indigenous to this department. We are also having training session going on for our policeman - I don't know how many sessions they have had so far do you? I now that it has been on going so I am asking everybody to get in the mode and to know that this

is all about. And treat people with courtesy and respect. I thank you for listening to me I try and do the right thing and on Saturday I am going to talk about those things - and let you know some of the accomplishments that we have made. I could probably tell you about a little of it now - as a matter of fact I think I will. (Village Clerk Evans this will be a lot of typing to do and Village Attorney ask him to wait laughter). Mayor Lewis, I am not going to talk long, they think I am going to (laughter) talk all night. We just had our the people who did our audit, they looked at our TIF'S and told me that there was a way for us to get some more money out of the TIF'S. Well he came back and I told him if it is not going to cost me too much to go ahead and come back with the idea. He came back the other day and told me that we are going to save \$297,000 for the next three years. So that is a million dollars over the next three years that we didn't know that we could get. That is just one example, but I am going to tell you all of that stuff when you show up at that breakfast. And if you don't get it there you are going to get it on Channel 4. But now I am going to move on.

OLD BUSINESS NONE

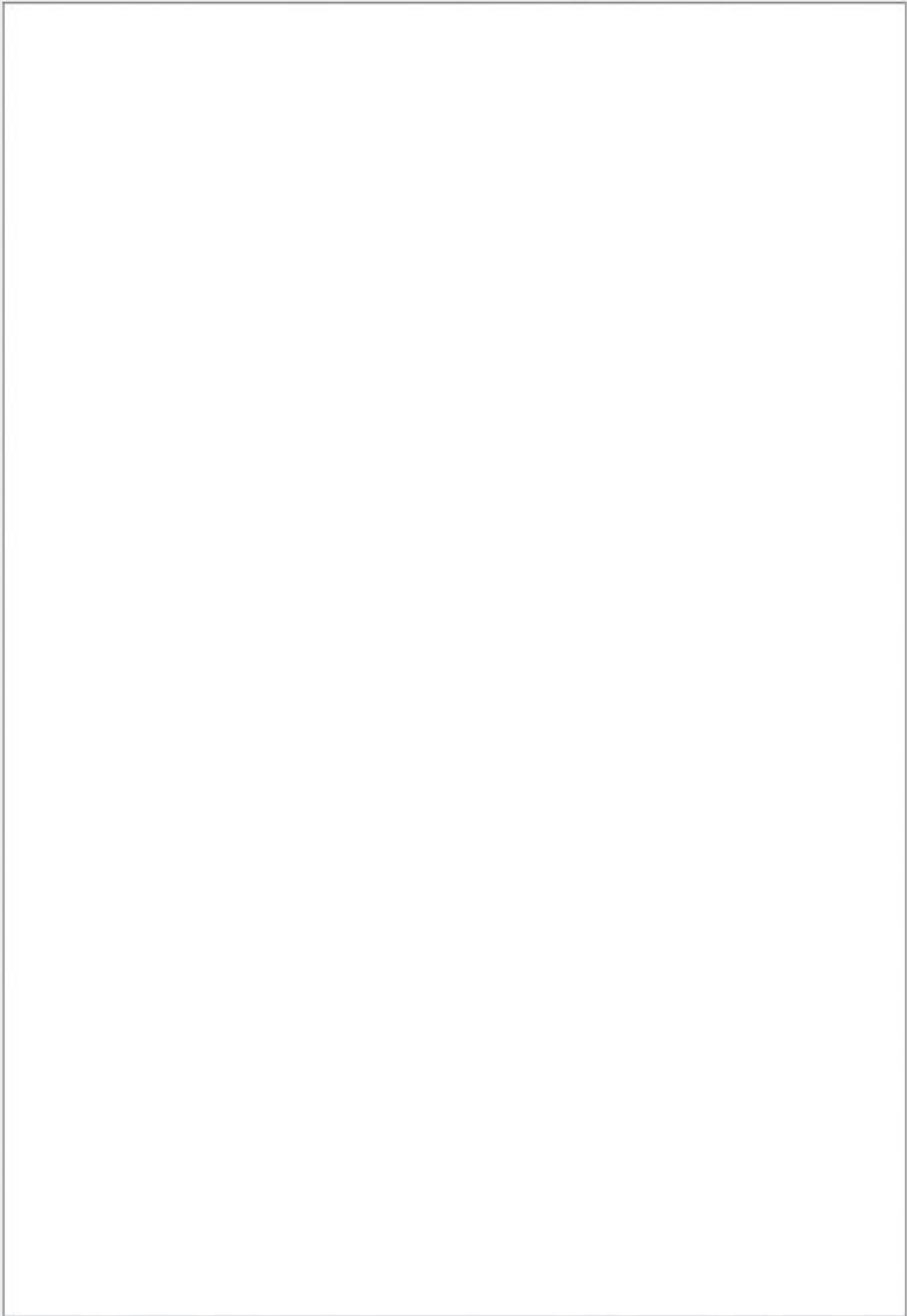
NEW BUSINESS Trustee Jefferson was recognized. Mr. Mayor it might not be old or new. But all I want to do is add to your Mayors Report is that: the bucks stops at the top as you are the Mayor. But you have to admit that there are give us coddles- the Board has worked with you tremendously. And we brow beat you on several occasions each one of these trustees to keep this thing - moving forward. And what you just discussed and I am sure there are a lot of other things - that these people that sit up on this board with you are not just sitting here they do get theirs do's and argue where it is possible.

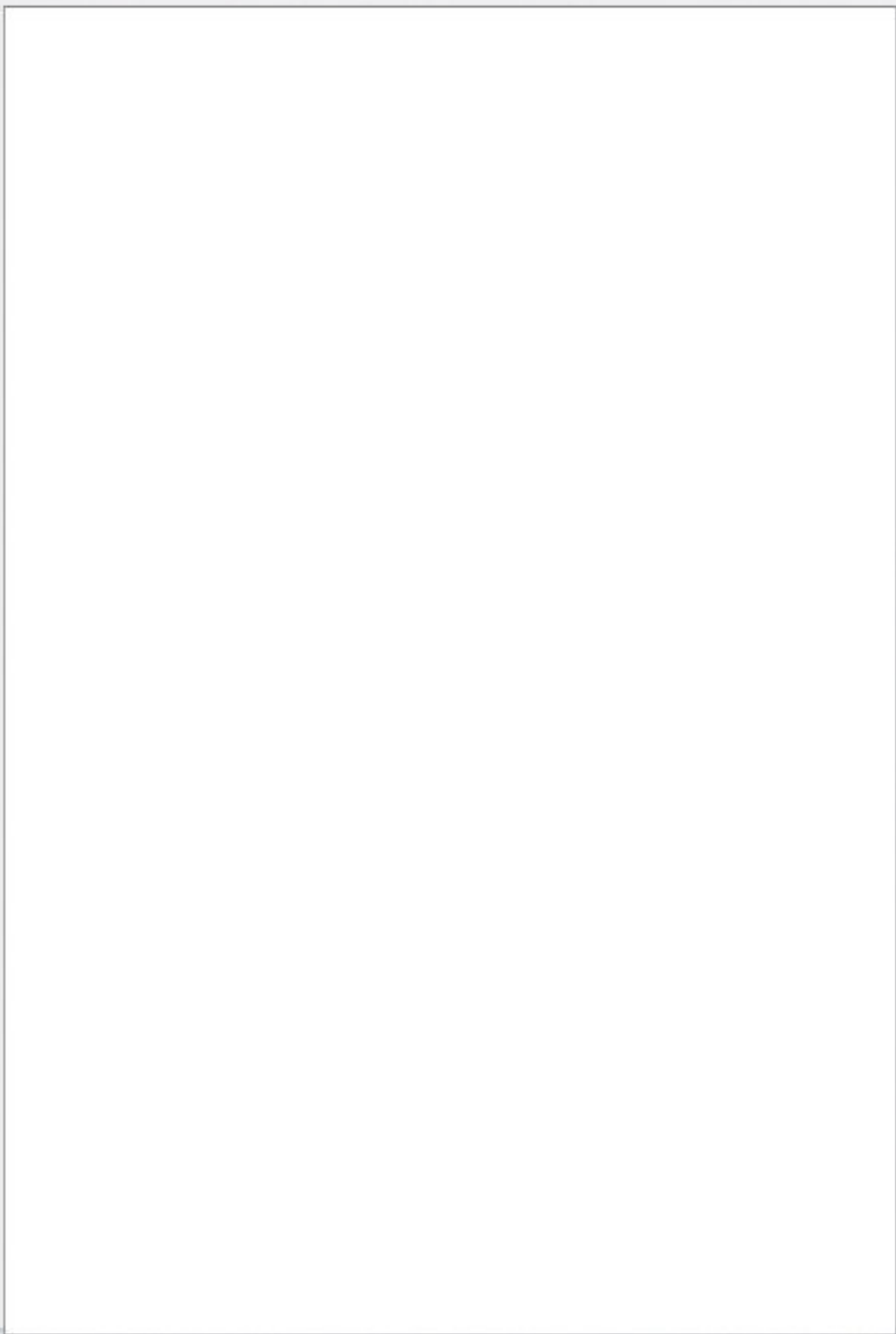
Mayor Lewis I always want the boards input - and I think we work pretty well as a team, we have our little internal squabbles sometimes but we have to move beyond that. We have to do what we were elected to do and that is to take of the village's business. And I try and do that on a daily bases and I commend you as being chairman of the finance, because you sit in on many of those when you have been working all night and come in the next morning. But we are going to talk about that later on again.

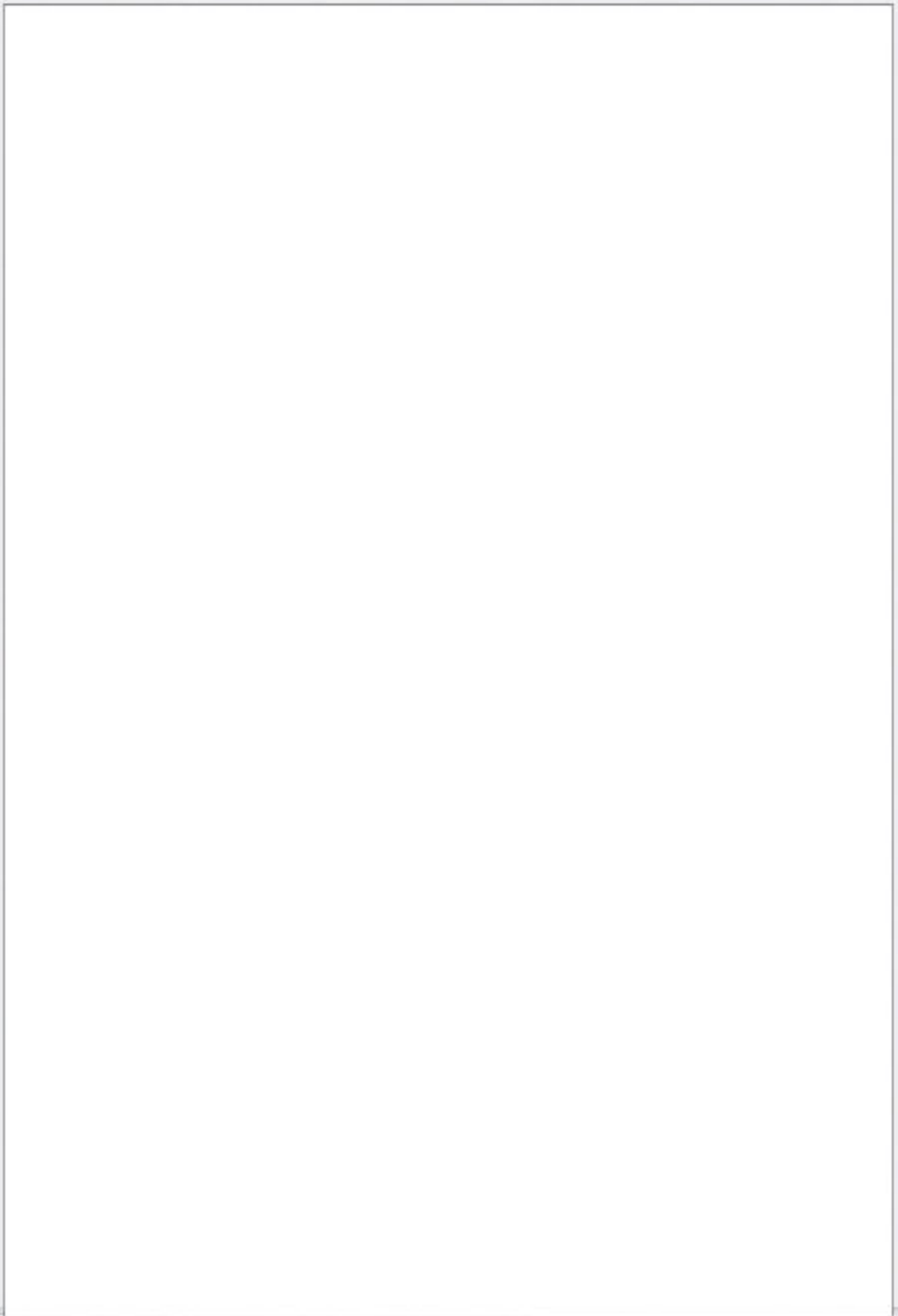
Trustee Green was recognized, as a trustee I would like to be involved in some of those meetings. Thank you

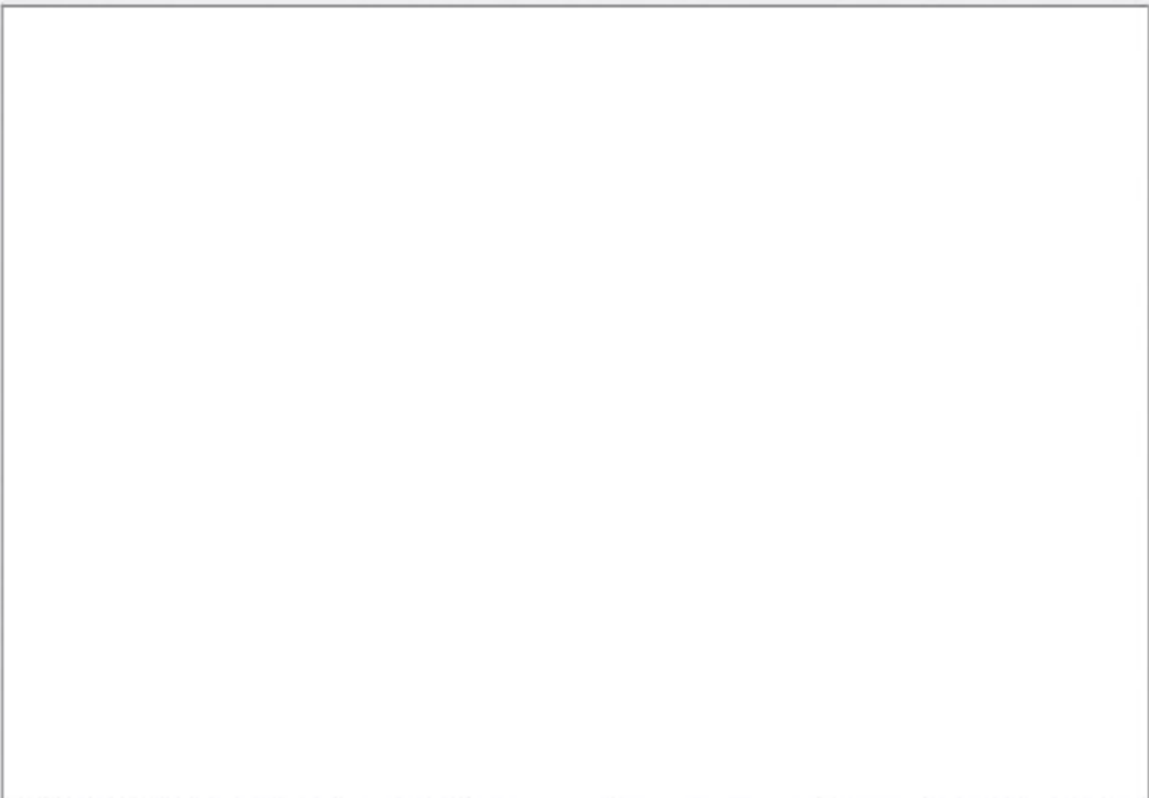
Mayor Lewis, o k no problem no problem.
The breakfast will be at the Dorchester next Saturday at 9 o'clock.
Saturday coming up at 9 o'clock - (audience it is free) I am not going to say that too loud. I don't know if we have enough tickets left I had about 20 and I left them at home. Do you have any tickets Jill, well if anybody needs tickets let Jill know and she will put your name down on paper or something we will work it out.
O K citizens address, anyone wishing to address the board, be recognized and give your name and address - and we have 30 minutes.

CITIZENS ADDRESS









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 8:32 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 8:32 p.m., second by Trustee Jefferson.

Mayor Lewis asked for a voice vote roll call, a vote of 4 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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