

VILLAGE OF DOLTON  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MAY 16, 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 Harris  
PLEDGE OF            Led by Trustee Bendell  
ALLEGIANCE

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, a quorum is present.

Mayor Lewis at this time we are going to do Trustees reports. I haven't done all of the assignments of committees. I talked to the incoming trustees and told them it would be ready by the next meeting. Tonight we are going to have reports from Trustees Green, Harris and Jefferson and we are going to have the Village Clerks report and we will start with Madame Clerk.

VILLAGE CLERK      Village Clerk Judith J. Evans ask the Board for a motion to approve  
JOURNAL              the minutes from May 2, 2011.

Motion by Trustee Bendell to approve the Minutes of May 2, 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      HOUSING - Dir. Billy Morgan - Housing activity account is 526, that is as-is-sales, escrows, quit claims, rentals and sales.

Housing Financials - from April 1, 2011 to April 30, 2011 I have a total of \$70,465.00 that includes multi and single family inspections, housing tickets, liens and rental license.

TRUSTEE ROGERS      No assigned committees at this time.

TRUSTEE HARRIS      ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - I ask that everyone start shopping in Dolton that helps our revenues that helps our town. I noticed that a lot of people are not shopping in Dolton - and that does affect us. And I am asking that everyone here come out and support your town.

TRUSTEE SMITH      No assigned committees at this time.

TRUSTEE JEFFERSON    FINANCE - we have corporate bills in the amount of \$2,956,450.52 at this time I'd like to make a motion that we pay these bills in that amount, second by Trustee Green.

QUESTIONS:

Trustee Bendell can we please have the incoming amount of money that we get, that comes into the village. We don't have that support for - we just have what is to be spent out. We need the income so we can have a check and balance here.

Mayor Lewis the Treasurer would have to tell you that and it comes in at different times during the month and I will let him explain that to you.

Treasurer Mike Willis, the money fluctuates as it comes in so there are times when/where the bills may be - you know the bills might be a certain amount of money and we may not quite have that in the bank at that time. It depends sometimes on how the State of Illinois sometimes disburse to us - which is you know - where we get the majority of our tax money - our home rule tax, sales tax or income tax money. Sometimes the money comes in on a regular bases sometimes it does, sometimes they hold it for a month, or two months three months. And they just sporadically put a big sum in there, so a lot of the payments depend on when we actually get the dollar amounts that comes in. I can probably put together revenues every two weeks. But it may not match what is on the bill report because maybe in a day or two the State is going to come and give us sales tax or income tax and then that is where those funds will come from so that we can pay those bills.

Trustee Bendell well it will still be nice to know what we have coming in.

Treasurer Willis well but once a month I do prepare a budget for the department heads for the trustees so it basically says these are your revenues for the month, these are your expenditures for the month, this is where you are at and this is the percent you have used so you can kind of adjust where you are and see where you are at from that point.

Trustee Rogers, Mr. Willis these corporate bills are \$2 million - what time period is that for?

Treas. Willis, it is for - it pretty much is - it is the bills that were submitted for the last two weeks. Some of those bills depending on the process is to the department heads, to the trustees to the Mayor and it depends on how fast it gets back to the Treasurer's office. They can be a month to two months old by the time they get back to me to get paid they can be a month or over 30 days old.

Mayor Lewis interjected I think what they are really trying to find out is where the \$2.9 million comes from -(several people talking) - explain the bonds -

Treasurer Willis we have bond payment twice a year we have bond payments in June which is usually interest, this time we actually have a principal payment because we had to push forward the corporate 2000 principal payment in December because property taxes were delayed. And We feared not being able to pay that we had refinanced that payment for six months - so on this June first it is interest for all of the bonds and that \$1 million payment for corporate 2000 plus some additional interest for holding it off for six months. Then in December you have an interest and a principal payment - so your December payment is actually going to be larger because you are not only paying interest you going to pay down on some of the principal on those also. So twice a year you got payments coming in for your bonds June and December and those are always going to be large warrant registers.

Trustee Rogers, well Mr. Mayor and Mr. Willis you know when we come to these board meetings all we hear is that we want to approve the bills

for \$2 million and to be quite frank with you I think some of the resident would like to know in fact what some of those bills are to the amount of \$2 million especially it is on bi-monthly bases. Mayor if we could maybe ask the treasurer to identify at least the large amount of bills that we are approving tonight.

Treas. Willis, City of Chicago water bills \$99,630.55, (discussion ensued questions referred to Budget meeting of May 19<sup>th</sup>. and citizens speaking out), Blue Cross Blue Shield \$206,282.23 both of these are monthly bills (the Clerk asked the Mayor to call for order she could not hear clearly).

Mayor Lewis taps gavel, asking citizens to please quiet down so they may hear what he is saying, please and thank you.

Treas. Willis Homewood Disposal \$79,112.79 that is contractual and a monthly bill, Amalgamated Bank of Chicago \$802,579.63 bond interest on 2004 A, C, and D and 2009 A, B, and C,

Trustee Rogers interjects what is CCMSI -

Treas. Willis that is \$58,764.72 CCMSI is our third party insurance carrier if there is a claim we have to pay a certain portion of that, and at this time there is a claim for \$58,764.72 there were two claims on there for that period,

Trustee Rogers - Premium Assignment Corp. - for whom

Treas. Willis that is our liability insurance carrier - for the village

Trustee Jefferson noted that this line of questioning was out of order. Mayor Lewis, let them ask the questions they want to ask.

Treas. Willis - US Bank, Corporate Trust Service, \$1,119,255.92 that is for 2010 A bond interest, 2010 A the final principal balance that was the bond that was finance for another six months because property taxes were going to be delayed and then 2010 B is also bond interest. That is pretty much that large items that make up the large amount.

Trustee Rogers so next month at the board meeting what can we expect (comments inaudible) as to what we are paying today

Treas. Willis well you won't have any of those bond payments, you won't have the insurance it goes on the last warrant register for the month, You won't have the CCMSI that just comes in as claims are paid, no Homewood disposal on the next one - and

Trustee Rogers is the Dorchester reflected in that \$2 million - Trustees and Treasurers - no.

Trustee Jefferson there is a motion and a second on the floor Sir.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS:

PASS: 2 Trustees Rogers and Smith

Motion Pass.

Dorchester - at this time Sir we have the Dorchester payments in the amount of \$75,142.81, at this time I make a motion that we pay the bills in that amount, second by Trustee Green.

Questions:

Trustee Bendell, yes Sir may we have the details for the revenue for them as well at the next meeting.

Discussion ensued on exactly what details the Trustee wanted and when.

Treas. Willis again a big chunk of the revenue comes in from the IL. Health and Family Services it does not always come in on time it sometimes come in two or three months late. There are what residents pay that they usually pay some of it on the first couple of weeks but the biggest chunk comes from the Illinois Family Services which usually comes in around the end of the month. Sometimes we get 2 or 3 months income all together.

Mayor Lewis interjected sometimes we have to write a letter of hardship to get the money - we have on several occasions had to do a letter of hardship in order to get paid. The State is not paying anybody on time now and we are -

Treas. Willis - we are handcuffed by the State basically, when the State pays us that is when we can pay our bills. Like I said when we get those monies you know we can send out checks immediately because they have already been approved. But then as far as the expenses do you want me to go through -

Trustee Rogers yes.

Treas. Willis - ACE USA \$4,809.64 that is the Dorchester workers comp carrier, Gordon Food Service food and paper supplies \$5,110.48 and those are the two biggest ones.

Trustee Rogers where is the income reflected on the financials here - that's - received from the special events like the dances and the banquets and things like that.

Treas. Willis there is no income on here this just reflects the expense report.

Trustee Rogers is there a financial report to reflect the income that is received from that?

Treas. Willis yes I do I usually do one from month to month and then give them out usually the second or third week of the previous month of the following month.

Trustee Rogers who is in charge of doing the contracts for the rental of the hall? Do you know?

Treas. Willis I am not sure.

Trustee Rogers does anyone here know?

Mayor Lewis yes Shawn is in charge of the contracts for the rental of the hall, he in turn turn that money over to Mike Lekavich, I am sorry Tom Lekavich.

Trustee Rogers is that a separate cost center - it is a

Treas. Willis yes it is a separate cost center

Trustee Rogers - it is a (comments unintelligible) - it is a (comments unintelligible)

Treas. Willis there are three departments in the Dorchester Center, the Senior Center, there is the business center which is like a daycare or someone come and rent it for a function, and then there is the banquet center which is basically renting the large banquet hall and the smaller banquet hall on the second floor there for the special functions such as weddings or whatever they may want to rent it for and have a banquet.

Mayor Lewis added also you have that one church.

Treas. Willis yes there is a church in one side of the business center. Trustee Rogers so in the future we will be getting those reports as part of the revenue for this.

Treas. Willis yes Sir I put those usually in the - I give a monthly report out to everybody and it breaks down revenue and expenses by each one of those departments. These are just the bill warrants as to what needs to be paid to keep them going (several citizens speaking out)

Trustee Rogers are all activities profitable for the Dorchester are we keeping up with expenses or losses in the operations of those events?

Treas. Willis right now there is an expense of the last fiscal year about - the year was a little over \$300,000. Trustee Rogers that we actually paid to have those functions there, that is not good business, o k thank you.

Mayor Lewis are there any more questions. Trustee Jefferson there is a motion and a second on the floor. Mayor Lewis ok Madame Clerk call the roll.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS:

PASS: 2 Trustees Rogers and Smith

Motion Pass.

PUBLIC WORKS - Supt. Paul Campbell - there were over 465 calls for service during the period of May 2 through May 16, 2011. Basically as you know for this time of the year we are picking up branches and fixing up potholes those are the major jobs of Public Works.

POLICE - Chief Bolden Jones, Jr. - the Dolton police received and responded to 692 complaints and requests for service during the period of May 2, 2011 to May 15, 2011.

FIRE - Chief Jerry McCullough - the Dolton Fire Dept. received and responded to 135 fire and EMS calls from the period of May 2, 2011 to May 16, 2011. Total fire and EMS response year to date is 1,266.

TRUSTEE BENDELL No assigned committees at this time.

ENGINEER

ENGINEER - a couple of months back we did apply for the IKES Disaster Grant Funding for \$750,000 infrastructure improvements, sorry to say we were not selected to receive the grants; but we will keep on applying and try to get some money for some of these projects. We are working with the police department for a grant application for police personnel, equipment and training. We are finishing up the designs on Dorchester, Woodlawn and Ellis for submittal to SSMMA for funding. But we are taking a look at the Dorchester - to get a scope of work and estimate to see if we can squeeze that in the budget to see if we can get that done rather sooner than later.

MAYORS REPORT

Well the engineer just covered a big portion of my report and you know the Dorchester is one of our top priorities in getting streets paved. And I heard Trustee Harris say shop Dolton - a lot of times people don't understand where money comes from to do certain things. Everybody wants their street repaired but when you look at it they go to Indiana to buy their gas that is where your tax dollars go. If you spend your money here we get those tax monies back in the funds to repair the streets. But when you go to Indiana to buy your gas Indiana get the tax money from the gas to repair their streets and that hurts us. Motor Fuel Tax is money that we get to repair streets so think about buying your gas locally. I know sometimes you are in Indiana and you are running low so you get gas but don't make it a special trip to Indiana to get your gas. This is for everybody not just the ones in this room because we really want to fix the streets but we need everyone in Dolton to help and buy gas locally. We have some streets that we are looking at and hoping that SSMMA will fund those streets we have been talking about it for some

time, we submitted our application sometime last year and we want to get those streets done; particularly Dorchester, Woodlawn and Ellis those street are bad and connecting FAU streets and that is how we were able to apply for them because otherwise we would not have been able to apply. Due to those streets actually touching 142<sup>nd</sup> and Lincoln Avenue which are FAU streets we did not worry about Cottage Grove because it has already been done. But those are the kinds of things we have to do to try to make ends meet. So I want to encourage you again to spend your money here so you can reap the benefits of your tax money. On Saturday night we had a very tragic accident that took place on 142<sup>nd</sup> Street I guess some of you heard about it - there was a head-on collision in which there was one fatality at the scene I understand, and there are two others that are on life support and are not expected to survive. It happened well I got the call about 2:51 a.m. - it was all young people involved in their 30's and it is very tragic and my heart goes out to those families and the people involved in that accident. So I ask that you include those people in your prayers. There we no fatalities at the fire on 14444 Cottage Grove a month ago. that was good work by the fire and police departments and I understand some of the residents help rescue others and there were no fatalities there we are grateful for that.

OLD BUSINESS NONE

NEW BUSINESS NONE

We have 30 minutes for Citizens Address, anyone wishing to address the board, be recognized stand give your name and address.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

**Public Comment has been blocked**

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**to Protect the Privacy of Dolton Residents**

QUESTION:

**Public Comment Has Been Requested to Protect**

**the Privacy of Certain Residents**

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

**Public Comment Has Been Reached to Protect the Privacy of Debra Reynolds**



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 8:45 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 8:45 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  
Prpd. By JJE  
Tape (21 SB)

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**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.