

VILLAGE OF DOLTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 2, 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 Lowe

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Trustee Harris

ROLL CALL Roll Call indicated the following Trustees were present: Trustees Deborah Green, Willie Lowe, 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.

Trustee Eva Nicholson was absent.

REPORTS:

VILLAGE CLERK JOURNAL Village Clerk Judith J. Evans ask the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from April 18, 2011.

Motion by Trustee Lambert to approve the Minutes of April 18, 2011, second by Trustee Jefferson.

Roll Call:

AYES: 5 Trustees Green, Lowe, Harris, Jefferson and Lambert

NAYS:

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Nicholson

Motion Pass.

COMMUNICATIONS DOLTON BEARS AMATUER ATHLETIC (AAU) BASKETBALL - To Mayor and Board of Trustees we are requesting permission for a tag day to raise funds for travel expenses and tournament cost for the basketball league on the following Saturday's May 7, 14, and the 21st. of 2011. This is from Veronica White Treasurer for the Dolton Bears and under the sponsorship of Jerry and Cleo Jones.

No objections, permission granted.

COP ON A ROOF - Officer Deborah Lienweber a Dolton officers is the coordinator for the Special Olympic Law Enforcement Torch Run for this year. She is sponsoring the Cop on The Roof fund raiser this year at Dunkin Donuts which will be held May 20 from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. they are happy to have several businesses here participating as sponsors. They would like to thank Felita and Edward Crayton from the Dolton Youth Commission, Pastor Leflore and Gute from Lorimer Baptist Church, the Church of Southland Coalition, sponsor Kenneth Lockhart from New Glory Enterprises, Alieane Avery from Food4Less #566, and Kimberly Hayes from the Southland Coalition. They are requesting that everyone come out and support this event which will be a Friday May 20, 2011.

Mayor Lewis noted this is an annual event, no objections, so ordered.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

TRUSTEE GREEN

For Judiciary today I have 1 ordinance and 2 resolutions and I would like to turn that over to our Attorney Ms. Evangeline Levison.

ORDINANCE

2011-533

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF DOLTON AMENDING TITLE 6, MOTOR VEHICLES, CHAPTER 5, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC SCHEDULES, AT SECTION 6-5-4-7 HANDICAP SIGNS" OF THE 1988 MUNICIPAL CODE OF DOLTON TO BE PLACES AT 14918 OAK STREET.

This ordinance orders a handicap sign to be placed at 14918 Oak Street. The supporting documentation from the police department is in the packet.

Motion by Trustee Green to adopt Ordinance 2011-533, second by Trustee Lambert.

Roll Call:

AYES: 5 Trustees Green, Lowe, Harris, Jefferson, and Lambert

NAYS:

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Nicholson

Motion Pass.

RESOLUTION

2011-R-997

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF DOLTON ESTABLISHING THE 2011 DOLTON PARKING TICKET AMNESTY PROGRAM

This amnesty program will provide an opportunity for people with tickets going back as far as 2004 or 05 to resolve those tickets at a substantially reduced price this is a one time amnesty program offered by the village.

Motion by Trustee Green to adopt Resolution 2011-R-997, second by Trustee Lambert.

QUESTION

Trustee Lowe, Sir this program is only for 30 days right? Attorney Levison, my understanding is that each person will receive a letter and they have 30 days from the date they received the letter to pay. Not all of the letters will go out at the same time; they will go in batches based on certain times of the year. These are both for parking and red light but you will have 30 days from the letter.

Roll Call:

AYES: 5 Trustees Green, Lowe, Harris, Jefferson, and Lambert

NAYS:

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Nicholson

Motion Pass.

RESOLUTION

2011-R-998

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF DOLTON AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF DEPOSIT WITH E-CON DISPATCH CENTER FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND CONSIDERATION

The VOD is examining other possibilities of operation of the 911 Call Center. This deposit that will be made with the application with E-Con is for the investigation of the application portion. If the village decides to go with E-Con the deposit would be credited towards our bill. In the event that all of the deposit is not used and the village does not join E-Con the balance will be returned to the Village.

Motion by Trustee Green to adopt Resolution 2011-R-998, second by Trustee Lambert.

Roll Call:

AYES: 5 Trustees Green, Lowe, Harris, Jefferson, and Lambert

NAYS:

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Nicholson

Motion Pass.

OUTGOING REMARKS - I would like to wish Trustee Lambert and Trustee Lowe the best, I enjoyed working with you guys for the last 2 ½ years. I hope to keep seeing you and sorry to see you go.

TRUSTEE LOWE

OUTGOING REMARKS - Thank you Trustee Green and I loved working with this counsel and I know that God is with me. I know that he has blessed me through these 12 years and through the misunderstandings. There were no fights up here we just had some disagreements and that is what it is all about. But we worked together for 12 long years and for the new Trustees I wish you well you look like a good bunch. It looks like you are going to stick together and help this village and that is my concern and that they do well for this village and the people stay behind them and stick with them. I will be coming to the meetings, don't think that I am going to disappear like a lot of people do when they get out of office, they disappear but I will be around. I want to thank the police for coming in my community when I called complaining about the activity of the young people gathering in my neighborhood, and they came over responded and I want to see more of that. I say thanks to all of you all God bless you and God bless America (applause).

TRUSTEE HARRIS

DORCHESTER - the residents are 67, with 2 moving in later this month and 2 applications in process. Since the appointment of LL Care and Associates we are currently working on several projects to increase the census at the Dorchester. Several residents have passed away or left because - due to the State regulations and guidelines for supportive living ?? Our annual Mother's Day Tea will be held Saturday May 7th, at 11 a.m. this is a treat for our ladies and their guest. Our annual remembrance Tree Planting will be on Friday May 27 at 11 a.m. The event is for remembrance of all of the Dorchester residents that have passed away during this year. Also May 2, 2011 from 6 to 9 at the Dorchester there will be an "Outreach Program" for your property taxes at the Dorchester. So don't forget your pin numbers and come out for this. Village Clerk Evans that is for today?
Trustee Harris I am sorry it is May 9th.

TRUSTEE JEFFERSON FINANCE - we have corporate bills in the amount of \$888,189.47 at this time I make a motion that we pay these bills in that amount, second by Trustee Lambert.

Roll Call:

AYES: 5 Trustees Green, Lowe, Harris, Jefferson, and Lambert

NAYS:

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Nicholson

Motion Pass.

Dorchester - also this evening we have Dorchester payments in the amount of \$174,568.00, at this time I make a motion that we pay the bills in that amount, second by Trustee Lambert.

Roll Call:

AYES: 5 Trustees Green, Lowe, Harris, Jefferson, and Lambert

NAYS:

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Nicholson

Motion Pass.

PUBLIC WORKS - Supt. Paul Campbell - from the period of 4-18 to 5-2 of 2011 there were a total of 620 jobs and calls for service. Basically at this time of the year we have that problem of potholes, and we have several bag pickups at this time for Public Works.

TRUSTEE LAMBERT

POLICE - Chief Bolden Jones, Jr. - the Dolton police received and responded to 730 complaints and requests for service during the period of April 18, 2011 to May 1, 2011.

FIRE - Chief Jerry McCullough - the Dolton Fire Dept. received and responded to 129 fire and EMS calls from the period of April 18, 2011 to May 2, 2011.

OUTGOING REMARKS - I just want to follow up on what Trustee Lowe said: It has been a monstrous experience here for the last 12 years and we have had a real good time working together. I have really enjoyed myself and I had a good time and fun doing the job. I just hope that the new Trustees have fun doing their job and to continue doing what the Mayor has got a vision for that we started and everyone just pray for them and stay behind them; that's what we do here (applause).

ENGINEER

ENGINEER - Smith - there is a construction project on Indiana Avenue from 138th to Sibley Boulevard; the northbound lanes will be closed. The detour route will be Chicago Road to Lincoln Avenue. This is due to a water main transmission being replaced by the Village of South Holland. I will keep you up to date on the duration of construction. Also if there are additional construction warning signs that are needed or are in the wrong place please let me know and I will work on getting that changed.

MAYORS REPORT

Letter POLICE CHIEF - I just received from the Chief - a couple of things that I want make the citizens aware of. On April 30 there was a Joint Impact Mission between the Dolton Police, State Police, and Cook County IODC Parole Warrant Service Week - in that sweep they picked up 18 parolees who were in violations, they had 11 arrest warrants and 7 parolees were sent back for incarceration. They stopped a number of other cars to do random checks - and found a few illegal things. I have another note from the Chief - stating that Officer Patrick Carr was the victim of a hit-n-run accident on Saturday April 30, 2011. Officer Carr sustained multiple injuries to his face, head and other parts of the body. He was transported to Advocate Christ Medical Center where he underwent non-life-threatening surgery for the injuries to his head and facial area. It is anticipated that he will have additional surgeries including surgery to his leg. We want to send our best out to the family and to Officer Carr for a speedy and rapid recovery and we ask that you include him in your prayers. He is a fine officer and I hope that we can find out who that hit-n-run driver was. He happen to be on a motorcycle - so is motorcycle awareness month coming up soon. Board members noted this is the month. Mayor Lewis said well this tells us all to be aware, be careful when you are riding. I know many people

who are motorcycle riders but it can be very dangerous so we urge you to be careful and if you have children or love ones who ride motorcycles pass that message on to them.

Also from the Chief and the members of the Police Dept. we wish to welcome the new trustees Riley Rogers, Cathern Bendell and Sabrina Smith; they are welcoming them as trustees for the village of Dolton. They send out a special message to the departing trustees and particularly Trustee Lambert who has been the police trustee for a long period of time. They thank (Lambert) for his diligent service and his dedication to the Dolton Police Department.

MAYORS OUTGOING TRUSTEE REMARKS - It has been a pleasure to work with you, we have accomplished some good things and I think we will continue in that direction. I am going to miss you but I know you won't be far away; you can always stop in just like you always did. Come in and talk to us and maybe you can give us some advice and help us. And to the new trustees I say welcome aboard - we will be working diligently to bring you up to snuff so that you will know what we are doing, what we have done, and what we are trying to do. And hopefully we will get all of those things accomplished.

MAYORAL APPOINTEE - Mayor Lewis asked Ms. Kennedy to stand - this Ms. Kennedy has recently come on board, she is being our Communications Director - Ms. Tacouya Kennedy and I want everybody to meet her. She has already started doing our website she is completely redesigning it and has come a long way. She said she is such a perfectionist that she did not want to put up anything until she had enough to make it worthwhile. But she has been diligently working on it and I appreciate her efforts and she will be serving a twofold purpose because she tells me that I will take that under my wings and handle the website as well. So Ms. Kennedy I welcome you and thank you (applause).

Mayor Lewis I am going to suspend Citizens participation tonight so that we can meet and greet the new trustees and get to know them briefly here tonight and you will have plenty of time to meet them later on. Can I get a motion?

SUSPEND THE
RULES OF ORDER

Motion by Trustee Jefferson to suspend the Regular Order of business for the **swearing of the newly elected Trustees** at 8:01 p.m., second by Trustee Green.

Voice Vote:

AYES: 5 Trustees Green, Lowe, Harris, Jefferson and Lambert

NAYS:

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Nicholson

Motion Pass.

Mayor Lewis we have a short program.

Clerk Evans noted to Mayor she needed to read canvass into record.

CANVASS OF
VOTES

CANVASS OF ELECTED TRUSTEES - CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION APRIL 5, 2011. Village Clerk Judith Evans read the following results: David Orr, Cook County Clerk from the City of Chicago. These are the official certification of results for the April 5, 2011 Consolidated General Election - the Cook County Clerk having completed a canvass of all votes casted for Dolton Village Trustee hereby certifies the following vote totals.

CANDIDATES

RILEY H. ROGERS	1,188
CATHERN L. BENDELL	987
SABRINA G. SMITH	1,033
JASON M. HOUSE	930
GARRY M. LAMBERT	692

This election having been certified to me as three to be elected results in Riley H. Rogers, Cathern L. Bendell and Sabrina G. Smith being elected trustees for the Village of Dolton this is the abstract of voted dated April 26, 2011 David Orr, Dolton Village Trustees (applause).

Prayer by Bishop Lance Davis New Zion Church

SWEARING IN
NEW TRUSTEES

Village Clerk Judith Evans called forth the three newly elected trustees Riley H. Rogers, Cathern L. Bendell and Sabrina G. Smith, and administered the "Oath of Office" to all three new official trustees (applause, handshakes, hugs, pictures and videos).

There was a slight pause for the cause of action to take (applause).

RETURN TO
REGULAR BUSINESS

Motion by Trustee Jefferson to return to the regular Order of Business at 8:05 pm., second by Trustee Green.

Voice Vote:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: 0

Motion Pass.

Mayor Lewis asked for a motion to adjourn?

Motion by Trustee Jefferson to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Trustee Rogers was recognized to speak. First of all I would like to thank everyone that came out and voted for me and our slate. And it is a matter of the people speaking and we promise to do the best that we can in this position and listen to the residents and do exactly what we were elected to do. I would also like to make a special invitation - well a thank you to all of the people from Thornton Township that helped that are here tonight all the residents that helped the volunteers that helped thank you. My mother is here tonight, my sister, brother his wife, Commissioner Pat Horton and I invited her and I want to know if possibly she can say something your Honor? That is about it. Mayor Lewis, certainly now who are we talking about your Mom or the Commissioner. Let your mother talk to if she wants too (laughter).

Mother Rogers, it is really an honor to be here to see my son elected as the Trustee. I have seven children and they have been wonderful to me and it is a privilege as ??? (applause).

Trustee Rogers stated, Commissioner Patricia Horton Water Reclamation District been a friend of mine for very long time. I supported her in her candidacy and she supported me in mine and she is doing a wonderful job down at the water reclamation district so I want to introduce her to you.

Commissioner Patricia Horton, thank you very much but more importantly I am just really happy to be in support here. But then I would also like to direct my attention to the Trustees and especially the new trustees. I'd just like to say congratulations thank you and - I am just hoping that I will be able to do business with you all because you know that my position is county wide. So you know I look forward to working with each and every one of you. So congratulations this position is a very important seat so keep those ears open thank you (applause) trustees.

Motion by Trustee Jefferson to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:07 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 8:07 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.

RONNIE C. LEWIS. PRESIDENT/MAYOR

JUDITH J. EVANS, VILLAGE CLERK
Prpd. By JJE
Tape (20 SB)

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