

**VILLAGE OF DOLTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 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 7:32 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 Riley Rogers, Denise Harris, Sabrina Smith, James T. Jefferson, Cathern Bendell, Engineer Ron Smith, Attorney Evangeline Levison, Honorable Mayor Ronnie Lewis, I am Judith Evans Clerk, a quorum is present.

Trustee Deborah Green had an excused absence.

VILLAGE CLERK JOURNAL - Village Clerk Judith J. Evans asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 17, 2011.

Motion by Trustee Jefferson to accept the minutes of October 17, 2011, second by Trustee Rogers.

Questions: Trustee Bendell, the minutes are not reflective of completely what happened - if you read the minutes - there is no response to the citizens' address. So I'd like to have them amended - to reflect the way the minutes have always been.

Mayor Lewis o k I have not read them so - I am just being honest about it and I am sure the Clerk is taking note of that and will make whatever necessary changes have to be made.

Clerk Evans, I have not put all of the notes from Citizens address I believe for over a year and a half because by law it is not required.

Mayor Lewis, no you do not have to put in every word I know that.

Clerk Evans right.

Mayor Lewis what is she - what are you referring to specifically.

Trustee Bendell, if you turn to page four citizens' address there are no answers to the comments. I just want the minutes the way they should have been - it got each person that is listed the Trustees and the Mayor but it has no responses.

Clerk Evans stated it does have it - stating all comments and questions were answered and by whom and I am not required to put that in there by law.

Mayor Lewis well I am not going to argue with her she has been here for 20 years and you should know how to do the minutes.

Tr. Bendell my question is who told her to change them her minutes. I personally didn't say anything about changing the minutes.

Clerk Evans it is not up to you I was putting things in as a courtesy I don't have to do it by law it is not required. And you should be able to read that in your manual you got from the Illinois Municipal League it is not required to be in there. I have not done it for a year and a half.

Trustee Bendell, we can go back to the last minutes -

Mayor Lewis we are not going to argue about this we are going to have to work this out.

Clerk Evans we have a motion and a second to approve the minutes on the floor.

Roll Call:

AYES: 3 Trustees Harris, Jefferson and Mayor Lewis

NAYS: 2 Trustees Rogers and Bendell

PASS: 1 Trustee Smith

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Green

Motion Pass.

BOARD MEETING DATES 2012 - I also distributed the tentative board meeting dates for 2012 to the trustees and I have not hear from anyone so I asking for a motion to approve those dates also.

Motion by Trustee Bendell to approve the dates that the Clerk has submitted (Trustee Meetings for the year 2012), second by Trustee Jefferson.

Roll Call:

AYES: 5 Trustees Rogers, Harris, Smith, Jefferson and Bendell

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Green

Motion Pass.

COMMUNICATIONS TIME CHANGE THANKSGIVING - The Revenue/Administrative Service Dept. ask if they can work 9 to 5 on Wednesday November 23rd the day before Thanksgiving, whereas they normally start at noon on Wednesday and work until 8 p.m. they would like the earlier starting time.
No objections, so ordered.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

TRUSTEE GREEN Had an excused absence.

TRUSTEE ROGERS POLICE -Chief Bolden Jones, Jr. - Reports from October 17, to November 7, a three week period he reports there were 1,189 complaints and requests for service during that period. I have nothing further.

There was a pause in the proceeding to see what trustee was second on the Committee of Judiciary.

TRUSTEE HARRIS

JUDICIARY

RESOLUTION

2011-R-1035

RESOLUTION OF THE VOD AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN FEDERAL OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES COUNCIL 31, AFLCIO (AFSCME PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES)FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2010 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2012.

This agreement includes a wages freeze from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2012. There is a small increase in the uniform allowance - the increase is due to the lost of clothes as we have an increase in water breaks and once they (employees)go down in the hole typically those clothes can't be worn again. And we have agreed to maintain the health insurance at the rate that we previously had with the Public Works department.

Motion by Trustee Harris to adopt Resolution 2011-R-1035, second by Trustee Bendell.

Question:

Tr. Rogers, the increase for uniform allowance - it includes the fire and police and public works.

Atty. Levison - each union has its own uniform allowance allotment.

Tr. Rogers, does public work have a standard uniform for the employees.

Atty. Levison - no they do not have a uniform, but they do wear safety color clothes.

Tr. Rogers - so the uniform allowance is there to maintain their privately owned clothes.

Atty. Levison yes it is for their privately owned clothes but it is work clothing.

Tr. Rogers it went from what amount to the present amount of.

Atty. Levison it is I believe \$100 from \$400 to \$500.

Roll Call:

AYES: 5 Trustees Rogers, Harris, Smith, Jefferson and Bendell

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Green

Motion Pass.

RESOLUTION
2011-R-1036

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF DOLTON RETAINING LEGAL REPRESENTATION
IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS PENDING LITIGATION MATTERS IN THE MATTER OF BERTRON
SHAW VS. VILLAGE OF DOLTON

The attorney recommended here by our insurance is an ancillary relation as we are making/have similar claims and for efficiency of services we take the recommendation from the insurance company that is handling a similar claim of the village as there are great similarities between the two clients.

Motion by Trustee Harris to accept Resolution 2011-R-1036, second by Trustee Jefferson.

Question

Tr. Rogers you mentioned that Ancel & Glink will be handling this.

Atty. Levison, no sir that is for 11-R-1037 this is Resolution 11-R-1036 and that is Gregory Mitchell.

Tr. Rogers how was he selected?

Atty. Levison he was recommended through our counsel and our insurance agency.

Tr. Rogers so some of the civil rights cases are being handled by Ancel Glink

Atty. Levison in July or August 2011 you hired them specifically for representation and prosecution of Dolton police department disciplinary and termination matters. They are not related to this fire case in 1036 when he (Mitchell) was hired for 11-R-1016 it was not for any fire matters at all.

Tr. Rogers so this is not a fire matter; I just keep - we keep getting different attorneys for similar matters and we ?? all these legal fees.

Atty. Levison the two fire cases the major thing they are alleging are completely a different matter than police disciplinary and misconduct and termination by our police officers.

Tr. Rogers so you say that Gregory Mitchell was referred by our insurance company.

Atty. Levison through our insurance company for the record not ?? but ??? insurance company yes.

Roll Call:

AYES: 3 Trustees Harris, Jefferson and Bendell

NAYS: 2 Trustees Rogers and Smith

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Green

Motion Pass.

Tr. Smith I do apologize I should have asked this question but I didn't. Just like Trustee Rogers - you said that this recommendation came through our insurance. Why couldn't we because - we don't have to use the recommendation that they said it is just a recommendation. Why do they want to work with these people?

Atty. Levison often the practice of law can be very specialized and civil rights matters there are many different types of civil rights matters. Examples of civil rights matters are discrimination, first rights amendments, freedom of speech etc. Insurance company's looks for a certain level of hours of practice in the field related to the type of case. That is because if - if you don't win the case - the insurance company beyond the FIR? deductible is the party that is on the hook for the money so they have certain types of number of hours etc. for certain types of case. So to be specific - I don't have enough federal 1983 civil rights cases hours in the federal district court for an insurance company to approve that.

Atty. Smith ok I see that and I know that these two have nothing to do with each other. But why couldn't we have called in someone like Ancel & Glink someone who we have been doing business and are spending money with and got their advice. I am quite sure they could have found someone for us because we are already doing business with them. It is our - Atty. Levison if in the future you would like for us to - limit the number of firms we use and basically we use the same firms over and over.

Tr. Smith we use way too many firms way to many.

Atty. Levison I will take that under advisement for the recurring firms. We have a lot of lawsuits that are filed against the village and we Tr. Smith but it is mostly the same kind of lawsuit and we are using to many firms.

Atty. Levison I understand what you are saying and I will look at repeat firms in the future.

RESOLUTION
2011-R-1037

RESOLUTION OF THE VOD AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2011-R-1016 RETAINING THE LAW FIRM OF ANCEL GLINK AS SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL FOR REPRESENTATION OF THE DOLTON POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE PROSECUTION OF EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINARY TERMINATION PROCEEDINGS BEFORE ARBRITRATORS AND/OR THE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION AND LIQUOR LICENSE VIOLATIONS BEFORE THE LIQUOR COMMISSION

The firm of Ancel Glink was hired to represent the police department in as the prosecution and disciplinary and discrimination and terminations matters the amendment is that the only change to that resolution is that what you see underscored and I want to make it clear for representation an administrative proceeding that may arise out of such termination. I came back to clarify that language because under the police contract etc. - the employee who faces disciplinary or termination under the collective bargaining agreement has a couple of options on how to proceed. They can elect to have their case heard in front of the village of Dolton before the Fire & Police Commission or they can elect to have their case heard in front of an arbitrator. Arbitrators are considered administrative proceedings and I just wanted to make that part clear.

All of the other matters read the same and attached are the same documents from the original resolution.

Motion by Trustee Harris to accept Resolution 2011-R-1037, second by Trustee Jefferson.

Roll Call:

AYES: 5 Trustees Rogers, Harris, Smith, Jefferson and Bendell

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Green

Motion Pass.

RESOLUTION
2011-R-1038

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF A 2011 LINCOLN MKX AUTOMOBILE FOR THE VILLAGE OF DOLTON

This is a lease - for 39 months - no money down - and the amount of the monthly lease is set forth in the resolution.

Motion by Trustee Harris to accept Resolution 2011-R-1038, second by Trustee Jefferson.

Mayor Lewis called for order as resident posed a question.

Question

Tr. Smith where is the original resolution?

Atty. Levison this is the first time this is the original resolution this is the first time that this resolution had been brought to the board.

Atty. ~~Smith~~ ^{Levison} if we are doing this now it had to have been done when the vehicle was first purchased, so there has to be a resolution for it as well and it is not attached.

Atty. Levison, are you asking if there is a resolution for a prior vehicle or this one here?

Tr. Smith no not this one here, do we have a resolution for the vehicle now?

Atty. Levison no I did a preliminary search of my records and no. The last vehicle that was leased there is no record. I talked to Treasurer today - he said the prior vehicle was leased in 2007 and he was looking for the lease.

Tr. Smith where is the original lease agreement? Who was the original lease through?

Mayor Lewis and Atty. Levison there is no original lease found and there were payments made - to Ford Motor Company.

Tr. Rogers who is the vehicle for?

Mayor Lewis it is the vehicle that I drive.

Tr. Rogers is the current vehicle under lease now? Is the lease expired?

Mayor Lewis yes and yes.

Tr. Rogers when did it expire? Mayor Lewis I don't really know.

Tr. Rogers so we are paying a fee for a vehicle now that is not under a lease.

Mayor Lewis we have not been paying for it that is what the Treasurer just told me so I wasn't even aware of it.

Tr. Rogers is the vehicle in good mechanical condition - and we don't know how much we will be billed for the overage on the lease.

Mayor Lewis I don't know where the lease is I am telling you because I did not have anything to do with that lease.

Tr. Rogers I think we should look into the fact of where we are with our old lease. We can incur substantial fees with an expiration of the lease

and we are still using the vehicle, if it is in great shape. I think whoever it is in charge of administrating the lease needs to contact Ford Motor Company to see what our position is with that lease and how much the additional fee will be and if that car is in good condition enter into a 3 year lease for that one.

Mayor Lewis Mike is giving me some numbers he is trying to get some numbers together because I don't even know what that car is ??? the only thing I know is that we needed to do something about it. I don't particularly care about the car.

Mayor Lewis asked Mike to tell them what he heard from Ford.

Treas. Mike Ford is two years behind on their annual leases and I asked the reason for that her thing was we don't have the man power to go through that and that we would probably be getting a bill within the next before the end of the year.

Mayor Lewis suggested they make a motion to send the resolution to committee so it can be discussed.

Clerk Evans there is a motion on the floor already to accept the resolution.

Mayor Lewis when I asked them to go out and find another car I told them a Taurus or something I know this is because it is a Lincoln. I drive a Lexus I don't need a Lincoln - so I am just saying now. When they came back and told me that this car was just as cheap as the Taurus. I say well why not it really don't make me no difference. Everybody is having problems these days this village and everybody else. Yes revenue is coming in slowly and yes we have to get our revenue from Cook County when they send it.

Trustee Harris stated she was withdrawing her motion to accept Resolution 11-R-1038, and Trustee Jefferson withdrew his second.

Trustee Harris made a motion to send Resolution 11-R-1038 to committee of finance, second by Trustee Smith.

QUESTION

Tr. Rogers once this goes to the finance Committee are they going to vote on this or whether or not.

Mayor Lewis it has to come back before the full board we did not say anything about full power to act it has to come back to this board.

Tr. Rogers o k.

Roll Call:

AYES: 5 Trustees Rogers, Harris, Smith, Jefferson and Bendell

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Green

Motion Pass.

The next three ordinances 540, 541, 542 are all related in that in November 2009 the village retained the services of a company Azavar Audit Solutions Inc. that performs audits of utilities taxes for electricity, natural gas, cable franchise fees, etc. they were hired to audit our records to find out if we were being paid all of the utility taxes we were entitled to.

It was a lengthy project with all the data they had to gather and go through it. In the last 6 months they have come back and said - The village on natural gas had a lower rate than other villages and towns in our area, the same lower rates applied with our electricity rates, in the packet supplied there are exhibits to support the

situation and its comparison to the other communities. So with the first recommendation while the village is looking for ways to generate new revenues their **recommendations** they felt we need to be taxing at the amounts provided by state statute. The natural gas tax to be raised from 3% to 5% and tax on utilities be raised also according to report. They also determined that the statute of limitations for the village to collect unpaid utility taxes owed by the utility provider the State amended the statute last year to given us a length of 4 years instead of 3 to go after an entity that had not paid all of their taxes. The major issue here found in Ordinance 542 is that the village is not taxing out of state natural gas providers, and due to change in State over the last 12 to 15 months the village is now able to tax out of state natural gas providers as it is the companies no longer have to purchase from just Nicor. There is possibly about \$600 thousand a year in revenue taxes that we are not collecting from "out of state" natural gas tax providers; that the village would start collecting on. It is now approximately \$600 thousand now as natural gas goes up etc so would that figure.

ORDINANCE
2011-540

ORDINANCE OF THE VOD AMENDING TITLE 3, BUSINESS AT CHAPTER 2, MUNICIPAL OCCUPATION TAXES SECTION 3-2-8, ENTITLED MUNICIPAL UTILITY TAX OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF DOLTON 1988 CODE

This is the ordinance that increases the providers' rate from 3% to 5% for natural gas taxes and extending the statute of limitations.

Additional: currently we only receive our taxes from Nicor quarterly and it ask that they in this ordinance remit monthly the taxes they collect monthly on the villages' behalf.

Motion by Trustee Harris to accept Ordinance 11-540, 11-541 and 11-542, is there

Atty. Levison I would ask that because they deal with taxes and other issues that each one be voted on individually. I combined them together for explanation purposes because they are a package. I think we should have discussion individually so let's just do 11-540 on the natural gas.

Motion by Trustee Harris to accept Ordinance 11-540 is there a second? Motion was seconded by trustee Jefferson.

Question:

Tr. Rogers is Nicor supplying the village here with any out of state gas?

Atty. Levison I don't know can't answer that.

Tr. Rogers so are they collecting 3% tax or 5% tax now

Atty. Levison all of the gas they sell now at Nicor is taxed at 3%, what is not being taxed is out of state providers - other than Nicor.

Tr. Rogers is there going to be an increase for the residents to the 5% from Nicor.

Atty. Levison not to my knowledge this is a tax on the provider, I do not know if Nicor will raise it as a result of this.

Tr. Rogers the reason that we are doing this again is going from 3% to 5% is?

Mayor Lewis expressed that of the many avenues and source that the state was providing revenue as this is no more, it is now and now allows the local municipalities to collect their various sources of revenues. Through careful planning and study they found that the village is not in

line with other communities surrounding us and with the recommendations they provided we are just leveling the revenue field to be in accordance with other communities from their recommendations. My thing is to let us get in line with the other communities. As we are aware with the old infrastructure here we are probably losing gas too; but we have also been told we are losing about \$1 million a year in water because of leakage. These are the things that we are trying to address and get them in line and I don't want to get too deep into that right now. Tr. Rogers so ultimately when those companies get a rate increase they pass that on to the customers. It is Mayor Lewis most times it is a pass through and as I said I am going to address that in a few minutes. Tr. Rogers it is not a pass through it is a pass on, it is going to the customer - on one hand you talk about the concern for the resident and the economic climate and then on the other you want to pass on this 2% tax on the residents. You can't be concerned about the economic concerns of the community on with Mayor Lewis interject Trustee you have an opportunity to say no to this and any other - Tr. Rogers interjected Mayor Lewis speaking also - comments unintelligible.

Roll Call:

AYES: 3 Trustees Harris, Jefferson and Bendell
NAYS: 2 Trustees Rogers and Smith
ABSENT: 1 Trustee Green
Motion Pass.

ORDINANCE 2011-541 ORDINANCE OF THE VOD AMENDING ORDINANCE 98-377 ENTITLED, "PROVIDING FOR A METHOD OF COLLECTING TAXES FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF USING ELECTRICITY BASED UPON KILOWATT-HOUR USAGE OF INDIVIDUAL CUSTOMERS" AND CREATING SECTION 3-2-8A OF THE VILLAGE OF DOLTON MUNICIPAL CODE OF 1988

In 1998 the electricity was changed from the prior method of measure to kilo-watt hours so the increase in the taxes is based on amending the statutes that we started using kilo-watts hours on. This raise is from 3 to 5 %. Again the statute of limitations was also changed.

Motion by Trustee Harris to accept Ordinance 2011-541, second by Trustee Jefferson.

Roll Call:

AYES: 3 Trustees Harris, Jefferson and Bendell
NAYS: 2 Trustees Rogers and Smith
ABSENT: 1 Trustee Green
Motion Pass.

ORDINANCE 2011-542 ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF DOLTON CREATING TITLE 3, BUSINESS, CHAPTER 2, MUNICIPAL OCCUPATION TAXES, AT SECTION 3-2-9 ENTITLED MUNICIPAL GAS USE TAX

This is the agreement with Nicor where we will tax independent out of state suppliers at the same rate as in state suppliers are taxed.

Motion by Trustee Harris to accept Ordinance 2011-542, second by Trustee Jefferson.

Question

Tr. Smith just a quick clarification all of this can eventually fall on the head of the residents - there will eventually be an increase on the residents.

Atty. Levison I can say for sure - it is a possibility - but in this ordinance basically it is taxing out of state providers which are not currently tax.

Roll Call:

AYES: 3 Trustees Harris, Jefferson and Bendell

NAYS: 2 Trustees Rogers and Smith

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Green

Motion Pass.

HOUSING - October 1, 2011 to October 31, 2011 we have as-is-sale 1, escrows 18, quit claims 2, re-finance 0, rentals 26, sales 30 the total was 77.

PERMITS BUILDING - which was 51 for a total of \$12,932.00 and that includes 13 permits for \$610, air conditioning and heating 9 for \$1,000, plumbing 5 for \$428, roofing 32 for \$4,498, windows 8 \$800 for a total of \$12,932 that was collected for the month of October in the housing department.

TRUSTEE SMITH

YOUTH COMMISSION - I went to the Youth Committee meeting 2 weeks ago because - you can't get into something if you really don't know. So I finally attended one of the meetings - and what I am saying here I said at the meeting - I did not like it. I did not like the fact that our youth are meeting in a grocery store. Trying to conduct business and the stores overhead speakers are calling out to its employees I did not like that. We have buildings; we should not have meetings or our youth in a grocery store. It may be convenient but Dolton is not a sprawling mega? Our youth can walk to where they need to get or we can pick them up and bring them there. I am going to talk to our Mayor about having the meetings right here on Friday at 6:30 until we can get our house back up and running. I talked to President Preckwinkle about the summer youth programs; she referred me to one person who referred me to another entity that does the youth summer programs. I made the calls, and I am waiting on my calls to be returned from Safer Foundation and Aunt Martha's that was recommended. And another gentleman I know asked that I get in contact with him. So I will let you know at our next meeting what is going on with those organizations for our youth. I talked to Habitat for Humanity for the house. They do it differently we would have to donate the house to them, they fix the house up and then donate it to a needy family, that is not what I want to happen, that is not the way it should be happening with the house. I have been meeting with people, a young lady that has a mentoring program. I am adamant about this because our youth are parents, our youth are uneducated parents and they are walking around like it is no big thing. I/we have a lot of work to do and things are happening with the youth that are not coming through to me - and that is very upsetting and it must cease. I keep saying this to you, you will have every name and birthday as we go forward tonight - I am talking to you, see me Lacy. We have serious problems with our youth period. We have to start pulling on the coat tails, don't be afraid of them, and don't shoot them either because this is your property your home and you have an investment of your life here. Now you have people that are breaking into abandoned homes, standing on street corners and acting like they own it, there are a lot of ordinances that aren't being

enacted here. Unfortunately it may hit some homeowners or youth but we have got to do something for our youth now.

TRUSTEE JEFFERSON FINANCE - we have corporate bills in the amount of \$5,039,151.33 at this time I make a motion that we pay the bills in that amount, second by Trustee Harris.

QUESTIONS:

Tr. Rogers there are several question on the register Riverdale body shop - \$2,218 - page 3 street sweeper \$52,065 did we purchase one of these.

Treas. Willis it was 2009 I think it was a 3 year lease, no purchase that amount for each year.

Tr. Rogers, \$150 thousand for a sweeper, so what payment is this.

Treas. Willis it was a purchase for 3 years this is the third.

Tr. Rogers who is Rev. Charles Floyd a bill for phone service.

Mayor Lewis he is the head of your committee on Human Relations.

Tr. Rogers page 12 legal fees \$4,681 Jerome Widmer Moss Carmell

Tr. Rogers o k also Elliott Kozell, Jeremy Sanders, Anthony ???? I image that is from the lawsuit settlement.

Treas. Willis, correct that is the lawsuit - Trustee and Treasurer speak at once comment unintelligible.

Tr. Smith I have a question real quick and actually it is for Chief Burge - can you please answer what does a police consultant do? Yes that is the only one we have.

Asst. Chief Burge he is under contract - Guy Lindsay - he is assistant to the Police Chief and has various responsibilities to the Police Chief and the Chief can probably answer your question as he does assist him.

I can have the Chief let you know about his-

Tr. Smith we have two Chief's - we have an Acting Chief and an Assistant Chief.

Asst. Chief Burge. What two chief's - correct.

Tr. Smith - don't get me wrong you are all good - I am just trying to understand and I am not saying fire the man I am not saying that. I am trying to find out why we are spending extra money why we need any consultants when we have two police chief and acting and an assistant. Mayor Lewis first Trustee I'd rather discuss that with you one on one. But I will tell you some of the things that he does, he does background investigations on all of the liquor establishments, he does it on people applying for positions within the police department and various other things that the Chief assigns him to do - he has been her 14 or 15 years not sure right now, he is the Freedom of Information Officer for the Police Dept. also and he assist the attorney for information that is needed in prosecution and whenever we are sued he has to go and find the records.

Tr. Rogers well you say he is under contract correct?

Mayor Lewis yes he is, well I don't know what to - that he is suppose to be an independent contractor.

Tr. Rogers comment inaudible so he is under contract with the village? Mayor Lewis yes.

Tr. Rogers does he carry a police card - I am talking about now.

Mayor Lewis some kind of way he was suppose to be an officer but I don't know how that was done I don't know if he carries a star I never asked him. The chief is not here but he could probably tell you.

Tr. Rogers so he is acting in some police functions like liquor control.

Mayor Lewis that is not a police function he is doing back ground that is not a police function.

Roll Call:

AYES: 4 Trustees Rogers, Harris, Jefferson and Bendell
NAYS: 0
PASS: 1 Trustee Smith
ABSENT: 1 Trustee Green
Motion Pass.

Dorchester - also we have Dorchester payments this evening Sir in the amount of \$154,560.63, at this time I make a motion that we pay the bills in that amount.

Mayor Lewis called for a second.

Motion seconded by Trustee Harris.

Roll Call:

AYES: 3 Trustees Harris, Jefferson and Bendell
NAYS: 1 Trustee Rogers
PASS: 1 Trustee Smith
ABSENT: 1 Trustee Green
Motion Pass.

TRUSTEE BENDELL WATERWORKS - I am making a recommendation that the water committee take steps to go for the RFP for energy service performance contracts and I thought we had talked about that previous and that was our next step. So I am asking for that to happen if we can possibly do that.

Mayor Lewis ok I will have the attorney to put that in the correct format, you know what I am saying.

Atty. Levison correct, if it is so ordered then I will proceed to prepare the request for proposals.

Mayor Lewis I hear no objections, are there any objections, so ordered.

PUBLIC WORKS - there were 39 trees trimmed, 6 trees cut down, 275 potholes filled, 250 branch pickups, 150 loader pickups, 7 water main breaks, 25 street light repairs, 8 sewer cave ins, for a total of 567 services done in our village. Also we ask that you please bag your leaves they are coming down real quick and they go into the gutters and cause the gutters to clog. So please make sure to put them in a bag and out before our last leave pickup.

ENGINEER STREET OPENING - We have opened up Indiana Avenue northbound from Sibley to 144th Street. The remaining work down to 138th should be done in the next few days. That is the South Holland 24 inch water main supply line replacement.

OLD BUSINESS Tr. Bendell I thought we were going to do something on the codification of our records for our ordinances.
Mayor Lewis the Clerk is working on that I had a meeting with her earlier this week - she is working towards getting something or somebody to do it. First that is not an easy task - this is something that has not been done since what 1988. Was it 88?
Village Clerk yes.
Mayor Lewis we are going to have to go back and get all of those records, now since our attorney Evangeline Levison has been the attorney we have all of those records because she keeps meticulous records and she has everything on - on disc on her computer. So those things will be

easier to find than some of the stuff that they stuck in a box and put down in the basement when they ran out of room up here. Through no fault of anybody else's that what you had to deal with it and then we had some problems where - the basement has flooded and they had stuff sitting on the floor and it got wet and they tried to dry it and all kind of things. But that is going to take a while and I am not trying to make any excuses for anyone but she is working on it and I would hope that we will be hearing some kind of report in the very near future.

Trustee Rogers today we were provided with the treasurer report for the Dorchester and Melanie which we were never provide before in regard to the amount of money that was collected for the rentals. We did not discuss that. I just want to ask here - I am a fan of the line dance but I didn't see where they collected any revenue here indicated for the Dorchester rentals. Is there a fee to have the line dancing?

Mayor Lewis yes there is a fee and I don't see a line where it is indicated - that money goes to the treasurer and I have been using that money in working - well it is in an account for our Sister Cities Program - I will have to talk to them about it.

Trustee Rogers you have your fund raisers at the Dorchester do you actually rent that hall; since that is a private event?

Mayor Lewis do I actually rent the hall no.

Tr. Rogers why not.

Mayor Lewis traditionally it has not been done, if you want it done then you have to put it to a vote to get it done.

Tr. Smith interjected to ask a question, the Clerk informed her that she needs to be acknowledged first. I do apologize Sir.

Mayor Lewis noted it is actually time for the mayor Report here, it is ??? it is 9 o'clock here.

MAYORS REPORT

COMMUNITY UPDATE - I will not be very long in the Mayor's report but I will point out a few things. You will get a letter of explanation with some details of some things that we are trying to do. Trustee Bendell just made a request where we are trying to find a better way of getting an accurate of the water that is coming into the village and how it goes out to the homes. The company that she mentioned they made an estimate that they we are losing a million a year in water because of leakage. Well this is an old infrastructure and we just don't have the money to repair it. They had a water break the other day and they said they ended up having to dig up half of the block to replace the line because every time they got ready to fix it that part of the pipe would cave because it was so old over on the west side. So those are some things that we need to look at and to try and find out where we can get some money to do something with the infrastructure and today as bad as the economy is I don't know where it will come from. But we are looking at all kind of avenue so that we can make this more efficient so that we can get some more money because I know you have heard what the City of Chicago has proposed. A 25% increase in water rates to all of the suburban towns as well as a 15% increase each year thereafter. Well for 3 years well when you look at 45 and 25 that is not the real number because each year they are tacking that on the prior rate and it compounds in interest and you will end up in 4 years probably having a 100% increase in your water rates. So I want you to be aware of that and it is not something that we are doing but he City of Chicago is doing. We are doing our best and hope to try and keep down these prices and not have to say we are still losing money. But until we can get money to stop some of the leakage and

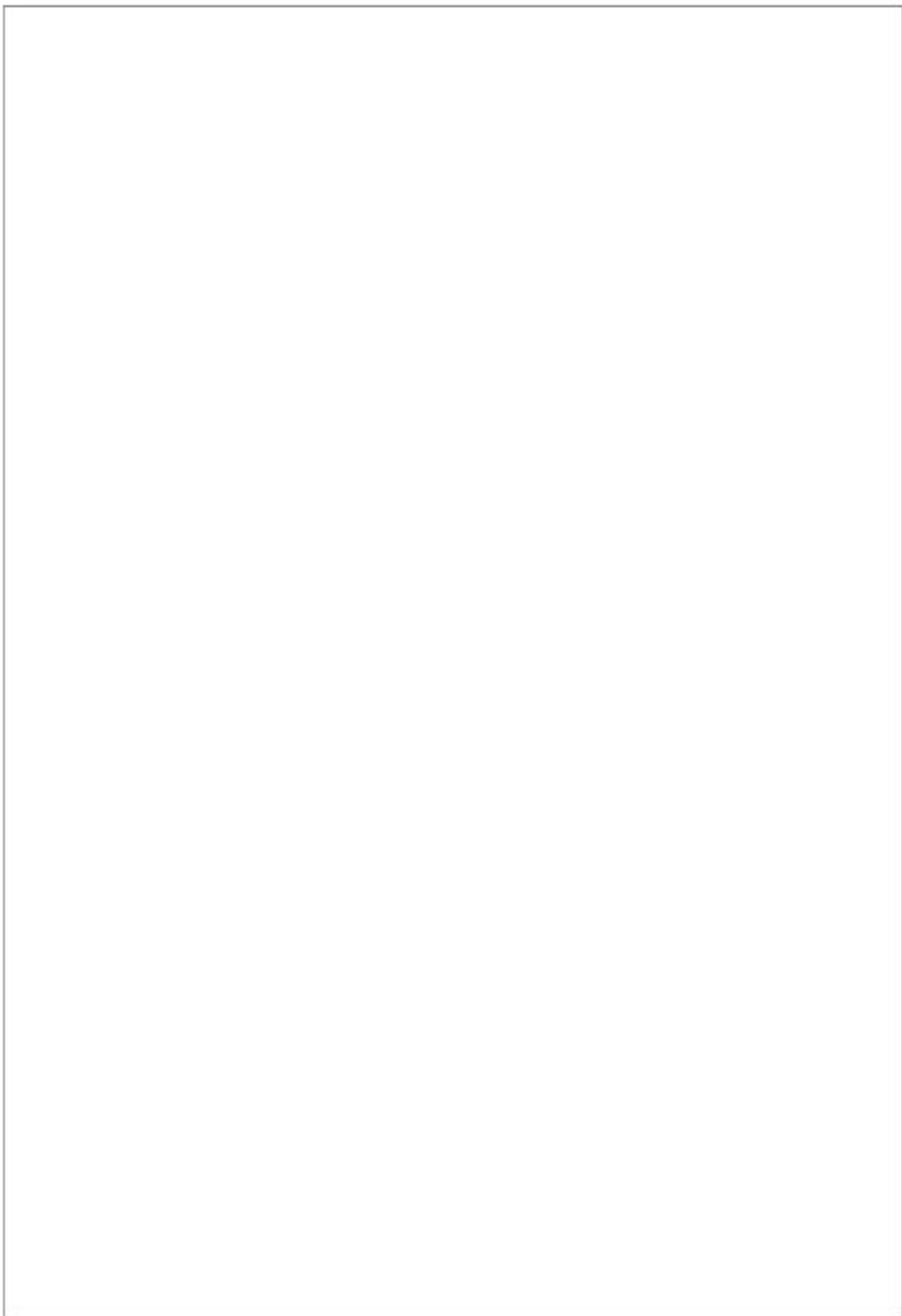
get some professional people in here who can tell us how to locate and prevent some of this we are still going to be at the mercy of the City of Chicago. There are others talking of getting a group together and building a plant here well that is going to take millions of dollars and I don't know how that is going to work. I am willing to listen but I am not going to commit to anything before coming to the people. Also and this has been kicked around for years that we would buy water from the City of Hammond. Well I am still reluctant as I was back in 93 or 94 when it was proposed the last time because I don't know if they have the capacity to pump that kind of water and give us good water. So these are all avenues that we are contemplating and looking at. But personally I'd rather stay with Chicago because of the quality of their water you know what you got. You know the saying about knowing what you have and trying to go to something new. So you will be hearing from me in the form of a letter I am going to put some of these things in place.

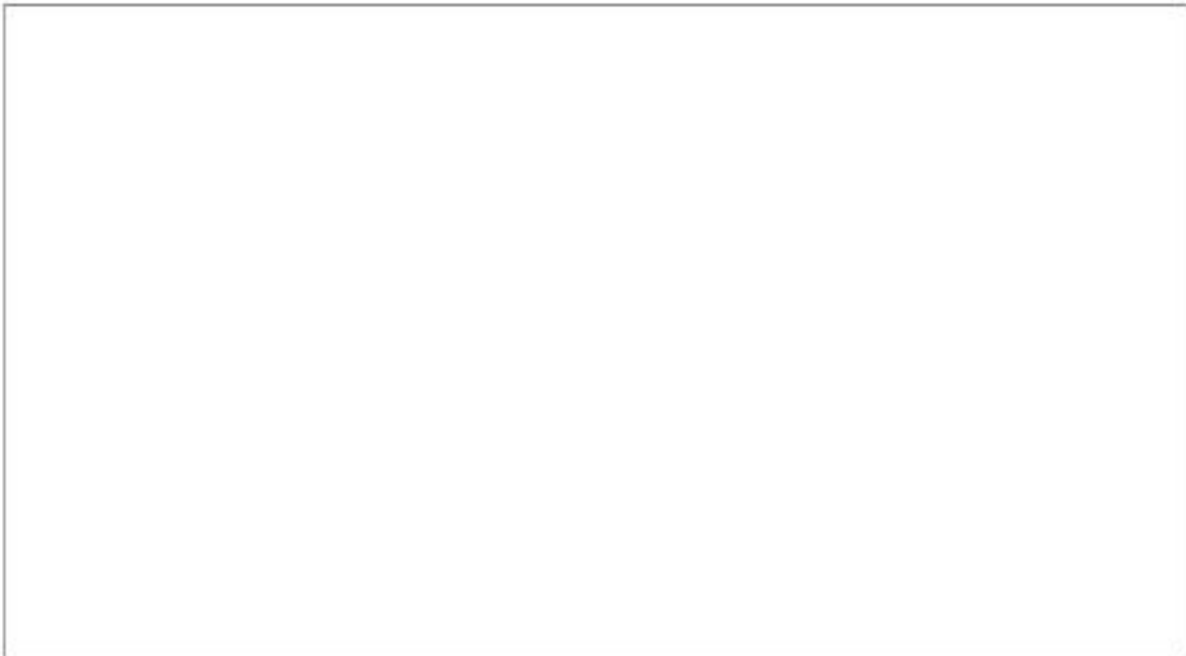
YOUTH - also tonight there was a young man being recognized by the Sheriff Department from through the Youth Commission - and I couldn't be there and I couldn't send a representative because we have a board meeting tonight at the same time that that was scheduled. However I am sure Mrs. Crayton will give us a little update because I see her back there and she was not sure she would make this meeting. That is about all for now because we have to get to Citizens Address. Oh the Clerk just reminded me as I noticed her earlier that we have a former trustee in the audience visiting with us tonight Mrs. Bea Campos so stand and be recognized (applause).

Mayor Lewis called for Citizens Address.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

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Motion by Trustee Jefferson to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 9:15 p.m., second by Trustee Bendell.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Jefferson to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 9:15 p.m., second by Trustee Bendell.

Mayor Lewis asked for a voice vote roll call, a vote of 5 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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We are in the season of FALL - time to rake the leaves and put them in brown bags only.
PLEASE cut down the bushes and trees that has grown in the alleyways.

