

**VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 16, 2018
7:00 PM**

1. Roll Call
2. Reading And Approval Of The Minutes From December 11, 2017

Documents:

[MINUTES 121117.PDF](#)

3. Bills For Approval - \$448,762.25
4. Presentations
 - 4.I. 2017 Holiday Award Presentation- Beautification Committee
 - 4.II. IRMA Overview - Margo Ely, Executive Director

5. Public Comment

6. Administration Reports

6.I. Report Of The Village President

6.I.i. Property Donation - Russell Rydin, South Suburban Land Bank And Development Authority

6.II. Acting Village Administrator

6.II.i. Ordinance 2018-01

An Ordinance Adopting a Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment in Accordance with Public Act 100-0554 [First and Second Reading]

Documents:

[ORDINANCE 2018-01 ORD ADOPTING SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY.PDF](#)

6.III. Department Heads Report

6.III.i. Betty Zigras - Finance Director

6.III.i.1. Resolution 2018-01

A Resolution Extending the Moratorium Previously Authorized by Resolution No. 2017-10 (Oak Lawn Water)

Documents:

[RESOLUTION 2018-01 - RESOLUTION EXTENDING MORATORIA ON WATER RATE INCREASES.PDF](#)

7. Trustee Reports

7.I. Finance/Planning - Pennington

7.I.i. November 2017 Financial Statement

- 7.I.ii. Sikich Auditing Services Proposal
- 7.II. Human Resource - Thomas
 - 7.II.i. Human Resources Manual Update
 - 7.II.ii. IRMA IMAP Assessment Update
- 7.III. Public Safety - Gibson
 - 7.III.i. Public Safety Update
- 7.IV. Educational Commission - Oliver
 - 7.IV.i. Educational Commission Update
- 8. Unfinished Business
- 9. New Business
- 10. Resignations And Appointments
 - 10.I. Appointment - Jody Markus To The Community Relations Commission
 - 10.II. Appointment - Stan King To The Public Safety Committee And Finance Committee
 - 10.III. Appointment - Ernest L. Gowen To The Public Safety Committee
 - 10.IV. Resignation - Reginald Ford From The Educational Commission
 - 10.V. Resignation - Karen McCray From The Educational Commission
- 11. Adjournment

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on December 11, 2017**
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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, December 11th, 2017, at the
6 Linzey D. Jones Municipal Building and was called to order by Village President Sterling M.
7 Burke at 7:00 P.M. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Acting Village
8 Administrator/Village Clerk, Cynthia Saenz called the roll.
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10 Present: Trustees – Gibson, Oliver, Pennington, Hudson, Thomas, and Matz
11 Village President Sterling M. Burke
12 Acting Village Administrator/Village Clerk, Cynthia Saenz
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14 Absent: None.
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16 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
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18 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to Dispense with the Reading of**
19 **the Minutes, and Approve the Minutes of the November 27th, 2017, Board Meeting as**
20 **presented.**

21 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**
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23 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**
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25 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to Approve the Payment of Bills**
26 **for December 11th, 2017, in the Total Amount of \$218,834.84.**

27 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**
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29 **SWEARING-IN:**
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31 **Appointment and Swearing-In of Officer Jonathan Pennington & Officer Lauren**
32 **Sheehan** – Village President Burke stated that next on the Agenda is the swearing-in of two new
33 Police Officers, Jonathan Pennington, and Lauren Sheehan. At this time Village President Burke
34 administered the oath to Jonathan Pennington as follows: “I, Jonathan Pennington, having been
35 appointed to the position of Police Officer, in the Village of Olympia Fields, in the County of
36 Cook, State of Illinois, do solemnly swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United
37 States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and all Ordinances of the Village of Olympia
38 Fields; and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the position of Police Officer to the best
39 of my ability.” Village President Burke congratulated Officer Jonathan Pennington. (There was a
40 round of applause). In the audience was Officer Pennington’s mom, Queenie, and his dad,
41 Trustee Willis Pennington, and his sister, Chyla Pennington.
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43 At this time Village President Burke administered the oath to Lauren Sheehan as follows: “I,
44 Lauren Sheehan, having been appointed to the position of Police Officer, in the Village of
45 Olympia Fields, in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, do solemnly swear, that I will support
46 the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and all Ordinances
47 of the Village of Olympia Fields; and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the position of

1 Police Officer to the best of my ability.” Village President Burke congratulated Officer Lauren
2 Sheehan. (There was a round of applause). In the audience was Officer Sheehan’s mom, Rose,
3 and her dad, Dan Sheehan, and her girlfriend, Melissa Bresnahan.
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5 Village President Burke stated that Miss Sheehan will be our first female officer. Jonathan will
6 be our first resident that was raised in the Village of Olympia Fields and has become a Police
7 Officer in the Village of Olympia Fields. He is very proud of the fact that he is swearing both of
8 them in because they are very key to our future. (There was a round of applause).
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10 Chief Krull stated that we are going to try something new here. We are all family here. We are
11 here to serve our family in the Village. Where he came from, it was a tradition to have your
12 badge on your uniform pinned on by a friend or somebody from your family. It means a lot.
13 These two young officers started the written testing process on Saturday, February 11th, 2016, at
14 Rich Central High School. The written test was blind. That means it was proven to be race,
15 gender, age, religion, and creed neutral. The written test was managed by a third-party firm
16 called, “I/O Solutions” out of West Chester, Illinois. The Police Department didn’t have anything
17 to do with the testing process. He kept his hands clean from it. The testing opportunity was
18 advertised at every two and every four-year college in the state, along with some web base sites
19 such as the Blue Line. Every applicant, in order to even apply, needed at least 60-hours of
20 college credit and/or prior service in the military. That’s the kind of caliber of the candidates that
21 we got this time. Both Lauren and Jonathan scored in the top 10% of the written test of the 69
22 applicants that actually passed. There were about 85 people that took the test. Out of the 85, only
23 69 passed. You are looking at the cream of the crop right here. They started at the part-time
24 academy on January 7th, 2017. They graduated July 19th, 2017. They started their training
25 process in the field, out on the street, getting to learn the streets and how we do things here on
26 July 21st, 2017. This is not a quick or easy process. It is incredibly important to get quality
27 applicants here.
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29 Chief Krull stated that Jonathan is currently enrolled in college at Governors State. He is also a
30 U.S. Army Active Reserve Member. (There was a round of applause). While on active duty
31 Jonathan served as a guard at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. One of his jobs was to guard and monitor
32 high valued prisoners there. He stated high stress, and lots of bad people over there.
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34 Chief Krull stated that Lauren has a Graduate Degree from Lewis University. She has a Master’s
35 Degree in Criminal Justice. He stated absolutely fantastic. Lauren has prior law enforcement
36 experience as a CSO with the Village of Park Forest Police Department.
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38 Chief Krull stated at this time we are going to go through the Badge Pinning Ceremony. You
39 received your name from your family. Your flag, the one that we all defend, that’s what you get
40 all of your freedom’s from in this fine country that we live in. Your badge you will receive from
41 the Village. He stated that he guarantees everybody here that these two officers, as well as the
42 rest of your Police Department, will do their very best and give you 110% every time they are
43 out there.
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45 At this time, Willis Pennington, father of Officer Jonathan Pennington, pinned Officer
46 Pennington’s badge on his uniform. (There was a round of applause).
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1 At this time, Melissa Bresnahan, girlfriend of Officer Lauren Sheehan, pinned Officer Sheehan's
2 badge on her uniform. (There was a round of applause).

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4 Acting Village Administrator, Cindy Saenz, stated that she wanted to recognize everyone else
5 that is here from the Police Department, and also the Public Works Director, Jim Landini. We
6 have Kendall Kerrigan in the back, Sean Barry, Deputy Chief Morgan, Scott Metzger, and Don
7 Dean. (There was a round of applause).

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9 Village President Burke stated that this is a great day for the Village of Olympia Fields. We got
10 our first female officer and our first resident that was raised and lives here in the Village of
11 Olympia Fields. This is a great day for all of us.

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13 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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15 Village President Burke opened Public Comment at 7:13 P.M.

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17 **Comments from Mrs. Sokol** - Mrs. Beverly Sokol stated that she resides at 10 Wysteria Drive.
18 She congratulated the new officers, and the Police Department for exercising such judicious and
19 careful selection. The qualities that you set up make her very proud to be a resident of Olympia
20 Fields. It is difficult for her to present this when we are all on such a high. In the interest of good
21 government, which she knows President Burke is striving to achieve, and works on it every day.
22 She hopes everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

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24 Mrs. Sokol stated that she wanted to explain herself as far as repeatedly mentioning the small
25 victory that was gained in our last, very divisive Campaign. The reason that she does that despite
26 the arrows that are slung at her by certain people, she repeats this information on behalf of new
27 residents who have not previously attended meetings. They are unaware of the many incorrect
28 facts that were espoused during the Campaign. There are people who have never attended
29 meetings and don't know. This is an opportunity to hear. She knows that President Burke is
30 trying to do a good and positive job. But we should also know the history, and also know what
31 our goals are.

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33 Mrs. Sokol stated that on November 27th, during the Public Comments she asked five rhetorical
34 questions. Many residents have asked if she has had a response from President Burke. She stated
35 not having received a response, she wonders if during tonight's meeting or the next meeting, he
36 will respond to those questions. She has a copy for him. At the October 29th meeting, she asked
37 questions related to economic development. There are many residents looking for more defined
38 answers to the questions she asked. You said that you were not responsible for the information
39 sent by Village Administrator David Mekarski. She understands that. It is for this reason that she
40 asks President Burke to answer the questions on behalf of his Administration. She has attached a
41 copy of the questions. She is asking again if the Economic Development Commission will be
42 able to deliver monthly reports on their progress and achievements. As a founding member of the
43 Community Relations Commission that contributed to the initiation of the Village Newsletter,
44 she would like to bring up the subject of the continuation of the Newsletter. She would like to
45 know when we will receive the next issue of the Newsletter. That's all she has for this evening.
46 Thank you very much for your time. She stated that she will give him a copy of her comments.

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1 Village President Burke stated that if he remembers correctly, the Chairperson of the Economic
2 Development Commission gave a pretty in-depth report at the meeting before last about some of
3 the things that we have done. We have regular meetings. We just let a contract to do a Market
4 Study. We have met with a number of people who are interested in moving into the Village. Mrs.
5 Sokol stated great. Village President Burke stated for the first time in the Village's history, we
6 have a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy that not only involves multiple
7 Committees, but it also involves our neighbors to the north, Flossmoor. Mrs. Sokol stated great.
8 We have an Economic Development Corridor that we are partnering with Flossmoor to
9 implement that will be a two-lane road. We worked with Robinson Engineering to help develop
10 this to put roundabouts at the corner of Kedzie and Vollmer and at the corner of Western and
11 Vollmer. That will eliminate some of the truck traffic. It will improve the image of the Village of
12 Olympia Fields and Flossmoor to mitigate some of the traffic. It will direct traffic down Vollmer
13 Road to what will be our new main street of economic development. It is a joint effort between
14 us and Flossmoor to do this. It was met positively with Toni Preckwinkle as well as with John
15 Yonan, the Road Commissioner. It will save the County and the taxpayers in the neighborhood
16 of \$50,000,000.00 to \$60,000,000.00. We are doing everything we can to fast-track that to get it
17 up and running as quickly as possible. There are potential restaurants and potential other
18 businesses that we plan on putting on Vollmer Road. There's a new Flatbelly's that just recently
19 opened up in the last 40-days. There is a Jenny Craig that is getting ready to open up two doors
20 down from Flatbelly's. There are a couple of other companies and businesses that are looking to
21 move on that corridor also. This is just the first step in doing some of the things that we plan on
22 doing. Anyone that would like to attend the meetings of the Economic Development
23 Commission, you are more than welcome to do so.

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25 Village President Burke stated any TIF's, Class 8 tax situations that are being given to people,
26 we won't be doing that in the dark anymore. It's going to be managed by the people on the
27 Economic Development Commission, as well as the Planning and Zoning Commission. We are
28 making some changes to some other Committees to work together to implement a
29 Comprehensive Plan for Economic Development. A picture was on the screen for everyone to
30 see. Village President Burke stated that this presentation was given to the County about a week
31 ago. The idea was to put these roundabouts in the two intersections that he talked about. One of
32 the three guiding principles that he has been trying to operate under is to maintain and improve
33 the nature of the Village of Olympia Fields. He stated that to have a roundabout that you would
34 find in some of the more affluent and upscale communities, would be something that would be
35 very advantageous to the care and nature of the Village of Olympia Fields. This picture depicts
36 the two roundabouts, one at Kedzie and one at Western. This one right here is the intersection of
37 Kedzie. This one right here is at the intersection of Flossmoor Road. Roundabouts allow the
38 traffic to flow without the backups that we have been having. It mitigates the truck traffic. We
39 won't have to spend \$100,000,000.00 to widen Vollmer Road. This would allow traffic to flow
40 without it coming to a standstill every time there is a traffic light. What is in it for the taxpayers?
41 It improves the east/west access to both Flossmoor and the Village of Olympia Fields. Also,
42 more access to the Metra Line, as well as the United States Post Office. Flossmoor and Olympia
43 Fields are divided in half by the railroad track. It has always been that way. This will allow both
44 towns to have easy access to both sides. Included in this concept is to have a pedestrian way that
45 will go from Irons Oaks all the way down to the Forest Preserve. That will allow people from the
46 east side of Flossmoor and Olympia Fields to be able to walk the whole distance or ride their
47 bike down to the Forest Preserve. Any new businesses that we put up and down Vollmer Road,

1 you will have access to it from both sides of our towns. The ComEd Building is a historic site. If
2 we were going to do a four-lane road, we would have to get into litigation with ComEd and the
3 Historical Society to do something with that, as is the third hole on the other side of the street
4 that belongs to the Olympia Fields Country Club. The Country Club is ecstatic with this because
5 this allows them to preserve what is there. Flossmoor is ecstatic with this concept because it
6 keeps them out of a legal battle with the homes up and down Vollmer. That made no sense to
7 tear down those houses to put in a four-lane road. Part of the idea is to lower the road under the
8 existing bridge structure and get rid of the truck traffic that is periodically hitting that bridge and
9 tying things up. What does that do for economic development? It allows us to get more people to
10 flow up and down that corridor. All of the meetings that we have had with all of the new
11 developers, we are not counting on a traffic count. We are counting on the fact that the hospital is
12 investing \$185,000,000.00. What we are presenting to the people who we are courting to get
13 them to come to the Village of Olympia Fields is if the hospital can invest \$185,000,000.00 in
14 the Village, you too can invest money and come to Olympia Fields. That is a slightly different
15 approach to how we had been doing economic development in talking about traffic counts. The
16 hospital has a footprint. Their Marketing Plan says that they will get a customer base of 400,000
17 people that have a median income of \$80,000.00/\$90,000.00. We are leveraging that economic
18 strip as a way to help attract those people. Olympia Fields is going to be a destination.
19 Everybody that we have talked to is being pitched this same concept. What we are doing with
20 Vollmer Road is key to what we are trying to do. That's a little bit about what we are talking
21 about doing. The Economic Development Commission is made up of citizens, as well as the
22 Planning and Zoning Commission. They understand that everything that we do is stressing
23 economic development and maintaining the nature of the Village of Olympia Fields. He hopes
24 that answers some of Mrs. Sokol's questions.

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26 Mrs. Sokol stated that she appreciates that. It is very optimistic and very encouraging. She is
27 very excited about it.

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29 Village President Burke stated that this next chart shows what is in it for the County. Toni
30 Preckwinkle and John Yonan are very excited about the fact that we just saved them
31 \$55,000,000.00, \$60,000,000.00. We are trying to fast-track this to get it moved up. We have had
32 several influential people talk to them about why this is a good idea. The feedback that he got
33 just before this meeting was that they are looking at doing everything they can to try to fast-track
34 this.

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36 Mrs. Sokol stated that she wanted to clarify something. Did you say the road will be lowered
37 under the viaduct? Village President Burke stated that is the presentation that we gave them. The
38 primary pitch for this before was safety and getting rid of potential accidents. Mrs. Sokol stated
39 yes. Village President Burke stated that the people that were causing the biggest problem were
40 the trucks. Trucks don't like to go around roundabouts. It lets us control that environment a little
41 bit better. Mrs. Sokol stated that she can't go through it that quickly. She would appreciate a
42 copy. She understands the roundabout concept. Will the road be lowered? What is going to
43 assure the safety of people going under the viaduct? Village President Burke stated that the Plan
44 that we presented to the County was to lower the road and put the roundabouts in, and ask for an
45 Ordinance that would prohibit truck traffic on Vollmer Road. The people who live in Graymoor
46 are not interested in a four-lane road. In the 35-years that he has lived around here, he has never
47 seen a tractor-trailer north of Western. The County's Plan was to allow traffic to go east and west

1 from 57 over to I-65. Flossmoor was pushing the traffic down Vollmer Road. One of the reasons
2 that we partnered with Flossmoor on this whole concept is to get them to agree to what we want
3 to do from an economic development standpoint, and to push all of the truck traffic down to
4 Lincoln Highway. That way we will get rid of all of the trucks. That will get rid of some of the
5 congestion. The other idea is to create more of a flow through for Vollmer Road altogether to get
6 more people to do shopping on Vollmer Road.

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8 Mrs. Sokol inquired will some of the savings that the County will experience, has there been talk
9 about directing some of that money to help in any way with the promotion of this, with
10 development? Village President Burke stated no. Everyone is aware that the Soda Tax went
11 away. We had nothing to do with that. Now that it is gone the County is looking for ways to save
12 money. He leveraged the fact that they are trying to find ways to save money. This would help us
13 get something that we want and save them money at the same time. As taxpayers, we all should
14 benefit from this, because it is not money that we have to pay on the Soda Tax. At the same time,
15 it will give us better traffic flow, and help us with our economic development on this corridor.
16 No one here controls the County's Budget. We just gave them an opportunity to save money.
17 Hopefully, it will benefit us. Mrs. Sokol stated that hopefully that will be pursued. It is very
18 encouraging. She thanked Village President Burke. She stated that the other things we can
19 address the next time. She didn't mean to take so much time.

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21 Trustee Thomas inquired whether or not the roundabout is going to be a red light. It won't be a
22 stop and go. Village President Burke stated that there are no lights or no Red-Light Cameras.
23 Trustee Thomas inquired about the traffic going north, and south, and east, and west. If she is
24 going east and someone is coming south, there has to be something that would cause them to
25 stop. Are we going to cut the traffic so there is no go through north and south on Kedzie? If a big
26 truck makes a mistake because they don't use their GPS in the truck that tells them not to go this
27 way, and they end up at the roundabout, where will they go? Will they go north on Kedzie or
28 south on Kedzie? She would hope neither.

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30 Village President Burke stated that there is no truck traffic southbound on Kedzie because that is
31 not a truck route. Trustee Thomas stated that is not her question. Village President Burke stated
32 that the way the roundabouts work, you enter into the roundabout. You can go all the way around
33 and go back the opposite direction. You can get off of the roundabout at any one of the four
34 intersections and keep going without having a traffic light or a stop sign.

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36 Trustee Thomas stated that she is not going to debate this. She is not clear. She is asking on
37 behalf of herself, and more than likely the residents, if that's a roundabout, what's going to be
38 the traffic control for traffic going in all four directions? She understands that there is no truck
39 traffic allowed on Kedzie. Her question specifically was, if a truck accidentally gets off of I-57
40 and heads east and gets to that roundabout, what is going to be the options that they will have?
41 It's probably hard for them to loop around there and get back. She is just asking a question.

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43 Village President Burke stated that the County has to make the Ordinance that will restrict truck
44 traffic on Vollmer Road anywhere east of Crawford. That's what we asked them to do. That's
45 one piece of it. If a truck gets into the roundabout, or gets past the roundabout after all the signs
46 that says that you are not suppose to do this, then we could wind up with the same potential
47 problem that we had before. The reason that trucks are not as much of a problem in Flossmoor, is

1 because they have streets just prior to the actual bridge that allows truck traffic that can't get
2 under the 11-foot high bridge to make a right or a left turn and not get stuck at the bridge. We
3 don't have the benefit of that. There was a Grant for \$350,000.00 or \$400,000.00 to do some
4 traffic mitigation. One of the ideas that the previous Village Administration had was to put six
5 large signs like you see on the Interstate that says, "Get off at this exit." That was just going to be
6 obtrusive to the Village. It wouldn't look right. We are trying to utilize those monies to come up
7 with a much better and more aesthetically pleasing solution. There's always a possibility that a
8 truck will get past all the traps. It's going to save money. It will reduce the traffic and improve
9 the traffic flow. Once people get use to using the roundabouts the traffic will flow much better
10 than it is now. It won't be complete stops. The people will just keep going. Trustee Thomas
11 stated that the Village President can help her get that picture later. She just doesn't see that part.

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13 **Comments by Mrs. Langon Regarding the Roundabouts** – Mrs. Langon stated that she
14 resides in Olympia Club. Her daughter lives in Brookfield. She has yet to get use to their
15 roundabout. She is assuming that there have been Studies done on the number of accidents. She
16 is just real nervous about them because she has been through them. She stated that maybe it is
17 her, because it is like when is it her time to go especially if there is a high density of traffic. She
18 is hoping that living right there at that intersection every day, she is hoping that it flows. She is
19 hoping that there has been Studies done on whether or not it is more of a traffic issue.

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21 Village President Burke stated that the County has a lot of experience putting in the roundabouts.
22 They have to sign-off on doing this. He assures everyone that they would not sign-off on it if it
23 wasn't something that actually works. It is going to be different. There are a lot of people who
24 complain about being able to get on Western Avenue. In the morning, going northbound on
25 Western Avenue at that intersection, traffic is backed up sometimes all the way back to Joe Orr.
26 Coming the other way in the evenings, the traffic is sometimes backed up all the way back to
27 Kedzie from Western. The roundabouts are designed to allow traffic to flow much better without
28 having complete stops and to keep the traffic moving. He stated that for people who are not
29 accustomed to them, initially it will take some getting use to. He is not designing this. The
30 County does this and has put these things in quite a bit.

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32 Mrs. Langon stated that she understands. Her concern is, is it an expectation that there will be a
33 continuous flow of traffic? Village President Burke stated yes. Mrs. Langon inquired that if she
34 is making a right turn going to the health club on Vollmer, she has to wait her turn to get into it,
35 right? Village President Burke stated that you are going to come up to the intersection. You will
36 get in the roundabout depending on whether you are going north, south, east, or west. You will
37 travel around there. Mrs. Langon stated that she would be going east, but there will be traffic
38 coming. Village President Burke stated not on her side. The traffic will all be going in the same
39 direction. All of the traffic in the roundabout goes the same way around. Mrs. Langon stated that
40 she knows that. Trustee Thomas stated that she thinks we need to have a presentation showing
41 this. Mrs. Langon stated that she has been on roundabouts and she has had to wait her turn.
42 Village President Burke stated that there will be meetings when the County comes out and talks
43 about this. People will have an opportunity to voice their opinions. This isn't something that they
44 have bought off on. He stated that Mrs. Sokol had asked what we are doing from an economic
45 development standpoint. He just wanted to let her know. This is a joint collaboration between us
46 and Flossmoor. The north side of Olympia Fields and the south side of Flossmoor is going to be
47 both of our economic engines in the future. There will be things going on at Route 30. We have a

1 Grant that members of the Economic Development Commission got for us, that will allow us to
2 put a median in the middle of Lincoln Highway with plants and trees. That will make it look
3 much nicer. It will be like what you see in Tinley Park. There are things on both sides of town
4 that we are working on. As far as the roundabout, there will be an opportunity to go into this
5 deeper. Mrs. Langon stated that it is right at the corner where she lives so she is concerned.
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7 **Comments by Mr. Langon Regarding the Tax Levy and SSA's** – Mr. Langon stated that his
8 question is concerning Betty's presentation. He is interested in the levies. 1. Will our levy
9 increase for this taxing season? 2. Can you explain SSA Number 1 and SSA Number 3? Do we
10 have any other SSA's in the Village? 4. What are the neighborhoods that are paying these
11 SSA's? He stated thanks.
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13 Village President Burke stated that when we get to Betty's presentation we will open it up for
14 people to ask those questions. There will be adequate time for the public to ask those questions.

15 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Hudson to close the Public Comment Section**
16 **at 7:40 P.M.**

17 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**
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19 **Administration Reports:**
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21 **REPORT OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**
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23 **Resolution #2017-15 – A Tribute Resolution Honoring Timothy Bradford** – Village
24 President Burke stated that next on the Agenda is a Report from him. Part of it he just gave.
25 Village President Burke stated that he wanted to make a comment about the passing of Tim
26 Bradford. He has proudly known Tim Bradford longer than anybody in this Village, 50-years.
27 They went to rival high schools. He was an avid fan of Crane High School. Village President
28 Burke went to Tilden Tech High School. They had a friendly rival for a long, long time. Village
29 President Burke graduated from Northwestern University. He played basketball. One of his
30 teammates graduated from Crane. When they had parties at Northwestern, Tim would come
31 because he would come to the basketball games. They got to know each other back then. His
32 relationship with Tim goes back further than anybody in this Village. He is saddened by his
33 passing. He was a small guy, short, compared to Village President Burke. He had a really, really
34 big heart. He was always someone that was looking not only from a political standpoint, but
35 what he could do to help others. The last conversation he had with Tim, they talked about the
36 Village donating money, and what could the Village do to help with the food pantry. We gave
37 \$1,000.00. We added his drive on the website to give people an opportunity to donate food to
38 something that he was very passionate about.
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40 Village President Burke stated that Tim always had a big smile. He was the first person from all
41 of the political operatives in this Village who congratulated Village President Burke on getting
42 elected. He was a professional politician who Village President Burke respected. Village
43 President Burke thinks that Tim respected him. We have known each other for a very, very long
44 time. Lots of people called Tim "Godfather." He was a friend to many people far beyond being a
45 so-called "Godfather." He is proud to say that Tim was a friend of his, and a neighbor, and a
46 long-time resident. Tim goes all the way back to the west side of Chicago before Pill Hill. We
47 are going to miss him.

1 Village President Burke stated that as President of the Village of Olympia Fields he would like to
2 read the following Resolution into the record: “Resolution #2017-15, A Tribute Resolution
3 Honoring Tim Bradford.” He gave the Resolution to the minister of the church. She asked people
4 to provide any Resolutions to them and they would make sure they get distributed. They wanted
5 to try to minimize the amount of time that was spent at the funeral. It went well over an hour and
6 a half in tributes. Village President Burke stated that he honored the family’s request, and he
7 honored the minister’s request to give them the Resolution. He wants to make sure that we get it
8 in the record here at the Village.

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10 “BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF
11 OLYMPIA FIELDS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS as follows:
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13 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Timothy Bradford was a dedicated husband of 50 years to his wife,
14 Mary Ann, 4 children and 7 grandchildren, and;
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16 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Bradford was elected three terms as the Democratic Committeeman of
17 Rich Township and during the 12 years of service, rose through the ranks to become First Vice
18 Chairman of the Cook County Democratic Party, and;
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20 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Bradford worked as a tireless leader in the Southland for almost four
21 decades and as a dedicated member of the Olympia Fields community, and;
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23 **WHEREAS**, on June 16, 2017, the Olympia Fields Park re-dedicated the Sergeant
24 Means Barn to “The Bradford Barn,” and;
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26 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Bradford volunteered with numerous civic and business organizations,
27 including the Olympia Fields Public Safety Committee and the Rich Township High School
28 District Advisory Board, and;
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30 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Bradford received numerous awards for his community involvement,
31 including the Eagle Award for his service to the Olympia Fields Park District, the Hero’s Award
32 from the Village of Olympia Fields, and the Diversity Award from Diversity, Inc., and;
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34 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Bradford was elected to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
35 of the Greater Chicago Board of Commissioners in 2014; he was the Chairman of the Ethics
36 Committee and the Federal Legislation Committee, and;
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38 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Olympia Fields
39 President, Board of Trustees, Department Heads and staff members express their personal sense
40 of loss for such a honored and respected citizen and extend their heartfelt sympathy to his wife
41 Mary Ann and family,
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43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution of memorial tribute be inscribed in
44 the minutes of the Board of Trustees and a copy be forwarded, with our condolences to his
45 family.
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47 APPROVED this 9th day of December, 2017. Village President Sterling Burke.”

1 Village President Burke stated that this was given to his family. He stated that Tim was a friend
2 of his for much longer than anybody else in this Village.

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4 Trustee Oliver stated that he attended the wake and the funeral. He was somewhat surprised that
5 the one thing that he knows Tim most by is the fact that he and Don Ransford, were instrumental
6 in getting a bunch of kids playing baseball. They created Matteson/Olympia Fields Baseball.
7 That was some 40-years ago. It was still going on up until about a couple of years ago. In
8 baseball, just like in any other sport, they teach good sportsmanship. The fact that you could be
9 in the heat of a battle with your opponent and still at the end of the game, shake hands, hug, and
10 go on and play. That's what little kids do. Tim was the epitome of that, because like you, the
11 night of the election he called. It surprised Trustee Oliver. He called just to congratulate Trustee
12 Oliver. It blew him away. Trustee Oliver stated that to him, Tim was not a politician so much as
13 a public servant. Trustee Oliver stated that is what he is going to remember him by.

14 **Motion by Trustee Oliver second by Trustee Pennington to Ratify the Board of Trustees**
15 **Approval of Resolution #2017-15 - A Tribute Resolution Honoring Timothy Bradford for**
16 **his Service which was held on Saturday, December 9th, 2017.**

17 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**

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19 Village President Burke stated may he rest in peace. Trustee Pennington stated Amen.

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21 **REPORT OF THE ACTIVING VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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23 **2018 Public Meeting Schedule** – Acting Village Administrator Cindy Saenz stated that in front
24 of the Board we have the Schedule of the Public Meetings that will be held for calendar year
25 2018. She would like to propose a Motion for Approval of the calendar to publish and distribute
26 the calendar for 2018.

27
28 Trustee Pennington inquired whether or not these dates are subject to change. Acting Village
29 Administrator Saenz stated yes, they are.

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31 Trustee Gibson inquired of Acting Village Administrator Saenz whether or not they can have
32 copies of those dates. Acting Village Administrator Saenz stated that there is a copy in the Board
33 Packet, but we can make copies as well. We can make hard copies.

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35 Village President Burke stated that those dates will be on the website. Acting Village
36 Administrator Saenz stated that we will publish the calendar on the website.

37 Trustee Matz inquired whether the Board Meetings have been moved to Tuesdays and we are
38 only meeting one meeting a month.

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40 Village President Burke stated that our legal counsel said that we only need to have one meeting
41 a month. We can call Special Meetings as required and Work Sessions as required. He stated that
42 by doing it this way, we will have an opportunity to be more flexible in what we are doing.

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44 Acting Village Administrator Saenz stated that there are two dates that are on Tuesdays. The
45 other dates are on Mondays.

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1 Village President Burke stated that in addition to that, it will give an opportunity for John
2 Murphey, who is the Village Attorney, to be attending the meetings.
3
4 Trustee Hudson stated that she thinks that when you are deciding something that involves all of
5 us, that we should probably have an opportunity to at least discuss it. Village President Burke
6 stated that you have an opportunity right now if you want to discuss it. Trustee Hudson stated
7 that she needs her calendar. She already has things on her calendar. She always left Mondays
8 open because she thought that is when she was having a meeting. No one said that it would be
9 different. She doesn't know whether or not this will be okay.
10
11 Village President Burke stated that it was pointed out that by Statute we have to publish a
12 calendar. We are publishing the calendar right now. If, for some reason, it looks like we don't
13 have a quorum, we can talk about it. We could move it around as required. This is a finality that
14 by Statute we have to do.
15
16 Trustee Hudson stated that she understands that. Trustee Hudson stated that if you had said that
17 is when you wanted to do it, we could have gotten an opportunity to discuss it, that's all.
18 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to Approve, Publish, and**
19 **Distribute 2018 Public Meeting Schedule for all the Boards, Commissions, and Committees.**
20 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**
21
22 **2018 Holiday Schedule** – Acting Village Administrator Saenz stated that the next item on the
23 Agenda is the 2018 Holiday Schedule. This is the Holiday Schedule for the employees of the
24 Village. The proposed Motion is to Adopt the Holiday Schedule for 2018. She stated that as
25 always with our Holiday Schedule, we follow the calendar for Cook County as well.
26
27 Trustee Oliver inquired of Acting Village Administrator Saenz whether or not it is similar to
28 what it was last year. Acting Village Administrator Saenz stated yes, it is.
29 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to Adopt the Village of Olympia**
30 **Fields 2018 Holiday Schedule, Authorize its Distribution to all Employees, and Post on the**
31 **Village's Website Accordingly.**
32 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**
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34 **DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS:**
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36 **John McDonnell – Building Commissioner – Ordinance #2017-23** – An Ordinance Amending
37 Chapter 4, "Alcoholic Liquor," Article II, "Licenses," Secs. 4-32, 4-32.1, and 4-35, and Chapter
38 9, "Fees," Article IV, "Licenses," Sec. 9-76, of the Olympia Fields Village Code [First and
39 Second Reading] – Mr. McDonnell stated that he has before you Ordinance #2017-23. This is a
40 revised and updated Liquor License identifier and fee schedule. It separates businesses that just
41 want to serve alcohol and food, fine dining, from businesses that want to serve alcohol and also
42 have Video Poker Gaming at their establishments. Most of the Villages surrounding us have
43 these separated identifiers. A restaurant is just a restaurant serving alcohol and they don't want
44 the gaming end of it in their business. And you have some businesses that do want that gaming
45 end of it. Then there are businesses that are basically just the gaming. In order to have the Video
46 Gaming, they have to serve some type of food and have a Liquor License. It just separates those
47 types of businesses into a different Class of Liquor License. We have to follow the State Statutes

1 to do that. The legal staff from Murphey's Office has looked at it and has approved it as being a
2 legal document.
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4 Trustee Thomas inquired of Mr. McDonnell how does this impact some of the current restaurants
5 that we have that has gaming? Will they have to adjust? Or is it for new businesses going
6 forward?
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8 Village President Burke stated that we have three entities in the Village at the moment who have
9 gaming. One is Redwood. They will probably be most impacted. The other two are the two
10 Dotty's that have been scheduled to open for a year plus. There is one Dotty's on Lincoln
11 Highway by Game Stop and the Dunkin' Donuts. The other one is next to the Jerk Chicken place.
12 The Village has in its Financial Plans \$30,000.00 from those two establishments. That was
13 projected revenue that we used to help balance the Budget. Since they are not open, there is an
14 impact in the revenue that we are not getting from them. One of the Dotty's, the building was
15 granted a 28% tax reduction in the form of a Class 8. Normally, businesses are taxed at 38%.
16 They have been reduced in that little strip down to the residential rate. The Village and the taxing
17 bodies are going to lose revenue from that. The State charges \$5,000.00 for Gaming. We were
18 charging \$1,000.00, which made it very advantageous for the people who might want to move to
19 Olympia Fields and put in gaming institutions. Village President Burke stated that he wants to
20 point out some of the analysis work that we have done. The Village had a 9.1% year over year
21 increase in expenses from 2016 to 2017. We can't afford to keep doing that. This license change
22 has to take affect before the licenses are granted for next year, or we have to wait for a full year
23 to recoup this money. This is an opportunity to get some additional revenue.
24

25 Village President Burke stated going back to what Bev asked earlier on economic development,
26 we have a couple of businesses that are restaurants that are coming in that may want to open up
27 that are fairly good size establishments. A steakhouse would have in the neighborhood of \$40.00
28 to \$60.00 with a meal with a drink. They are not going to be interested in doing gaming. It would
29 be unfair to charge them the same kind of taxes for a Liquor License than somebody who is just
30 doing alcohol by the drink. We discussed this with Mr. Murphey's Office. We wanted him to
31 give us guidance on insuring that we protect those who are not interested in gaming. He thinks
32 the majority of the Village is not interested in gaming. If there is going to be gaming coming into
33 the Village, that is going to be counter to what he calls maintaining the nature of the Village of
34 Olympia Fields and they should pay a premium especially for the tax dollars. That's one reason
35 why there are two different Classes A-1 and A. If you are strictly serving alcohol, it is the same
36 rate as it was before. If they have gaming, it is going to be a \$4,000.00 increase.
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38 Trustee Matz inquired of Village President Burke the businesses that are already up and running,
39 how are you going to handle the increase. Are you going to hit them with one big check? Village
40 President Burke stated that we discussed that. We want to try to protect those businesses that are
41 here. We discussed having a Grace Period for a year for them. They can make that decision
42 whether or not they want to have gaming. We know how much revenue they are producing. We
43 will talk to them.
44

45 Village President Burke stated that part of our Economic Development Plan is to try to bring in
46 high-quality restaurants. The last thing we want is have those high-quality restaurants come in
47 here and turn it into a Gambling Casino. He understands that at one-point Dotty's wanted to

1 bring five of them here. Thank God, people didn't go along with that. There are two. They have
2 not opened yet. We're not going to sell ourselves cheaply. The other towns around who have
3 gaming are charging much more money for gaming than what we are. Basically, for a
4 \$15,000.00 establishment we gave them a huge tax incentive to come in here. He doesn't know
5 how that got through, but it happened. As a result of that, we want to make sure that anybody
6 else who wants to come along can't do something like that. We are going to protect the Village.

7
8 Trustee Gibson inquired whether or not those Liquor Licenses that are separated now because of
9 the service they render, do they have a different Ordinance Number? Is that Ordinance Number
10 related to the fee that they pay?

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12 Mr. McDonnell stated that in our Old Ordinance it is one Ordinance under 4-32, and then there is
13 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, but they are all part of the same Ordinance and in the same
14 section of the Code.

15
16 Trustee Gibson stated that if it is like it use to be when she and Mr. McDonnell worked together,
17 at a certain date of the year those fees should be paid. Is that the same? Mr. McDonnell stated
18 that is the same. They are due annually, every January 1st.

19
20 Village President Burke stated that it is on the calendar year. We are not changing any of that.
21 We just added an additional category for Gaming Institutions. You have to have a Liquor
22 License in order to have gaming by State Law. The State Law for a Gaming Institution with a
23 Liquor License is \$5,000.00.

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25 Trustee Pennington inquired that since Dotty's hasn't opened yet, and they have had this project
26 going on for well over a year, have they applied for a Liquor License? Village President Burke
27 stated that the renewal is January 1st. They had a Liquor License. We haven't been able to figure
28 out how they could pay the rent in one case for seven or eight-months, and pay for a Liquor
29 License and not be open. The State has not granted them their license for bringing the machines
30 in.

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32 Mr. McDonnell stated that he did reach out to one of the General Managers for Dotty's. He
33 stated that what he told him, doesn't really make a lot of sense to him. The General Manager
34 stated that every time that they've had a scheduled meeting with the Illinois State Gaming Board,
35 they have cancelled their meeting and rescheduled it. He believes that they have to meet with the
36 Gaming Board on an individual basis. The General Manager is saying that they have been
37 constantly rescheduling their meetings since they have applied for a meeting. They missed their
38 deadline to apply for a meeting in November. Now they have to wait until January to meet with
39 them. They still cannot guarantee the Village that they will be able to get that meeting with the
40 Illinois Gaming Commission and get their approval. They themselves don't even know when
41 they are going to open at this time.

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43 Trustee Thomas inquired whether or not they have a Lease Agreement with whoever owns the
44 property where they have the space. Mr. McDonnell stated that he assumes so. Trustee Thomas
45 stated and they are paying rent so there is nothing that we can do about that. Trustee Thomas
46 inquired whether or not the Village would be requiring them to pay the \$5,000.00 in January
47 even though they are not open.

1 Village President Burke stated that everyone who has a Liquor License has to apply for a new
2 license at the renewal date which is January 1st. Trustee Thomas inquired if they don't, what
3 happens? Village President Burke stated that they can't serve liquor. Trustee Gibson stated that
4 they get shutdown.

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6 Acting Village Administrator Saenz stated to answer Trustee Pennington's question, both
7 Dotty's have Liquor Licenses now because they have to have a Liquor License in order to apply
8 at the State level. Mr. McDonnell stated that is correct. Acting Village Administrator Saenz
9 stated that they would be required to renew with us. Trustee Thomas stated that she knows that
10 they are not open. She is asking if they don't pay by the due date in January, and they have not
11 had their meeting, would we tell them that they can't function here. Village President Burke
12 stated that if they are grandfathered they can ask for a renewal of their license. The renewal will
13 be at the new rate.

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15 Mr. McDonnell stated that we send them an Invoice. They don't come in and apply for it. We
16 send them an Invoice of what the actual fee is. They have to pay the fee and then we give them
17 their Liquor License.

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19 Trustee Thomas stated that you send them an Invoice. They are not open. They currently have a
20 license. If they don't pay by January 1st, what do we do? Do we document that? Let the Gaming
21 Authority know. What do we do? Acting Village Administrator Saenz stated that we just don't
22 issue the license. Mr. McDonnell stated which would be bad for them because they need that
23 current license in hand to go before the Liquor and Gaming Commission. Trustee Thomas stated
24 that if she doesn't pay her water bill on time she is assessed a late fee. If they don't pay that
25 license fee by January 1st, are they assessed a late fee if they come in in March? Acting Village
26 Administrator Saenz stated no. They just don't get a license. If you are a restaurant and you need
27 to serve liquor, especially New Year's Eve is a very active time for businesses, if they don't pay
28 that fee, they don't get the license and they can't serve liquor. Trustee Thomas stated so if they
29 don't pay it by January 1st, and they want to pay it March 1st, it is too late. Acting Village
30 Administrator Saenz stated that they can still do it. It's in their best interest not to have it. Trustee
31 Gibson inquired can't they be closed down. That's what we use to do. Mr. McDonnell stated yes.
32 If they don't have their Liquor License then we shut them down. Trustee Gibson stated if they
33 don't have it by midnight on January 1st, then they can't sell liquor. Mr. McDonnell stated right.

34
35 Village President Burke stated that all the current holders of Liquor Licenses know that January
36 1st they have to have their new license. If you don't have your license for your car you get
37 ticketed. In this case if you don't have your license you can't sell alcohol. Walgreens has a
38 Liquor License. We have a number of places that can sell bottles. The service stations sell beer.
39 They will have their licenses in hand when they go to do that.

40 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to Suspend the Rules for Public**
41 **Comment.**

42 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**

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44 Mrs. Sokol stated that if Dotty's doesn't have a Liquor License by January 1st, does she
45 understand that they were unable to make arrangements to meet with whoever they have to meet
46 with in order to get a license? They were unable to get another scheduled meeting for January?
47 Mr. McDonnell stated that's correct. Dotty's has to prove to the Gaming Board that they have a

1 current Liquor License from the Village of Olympia Fields. They have a current one right now,
2 but it is void after December 31st. Mrs. Sokol inquired and they don't have a meeting with
3 whoever it is they have to meet with. Mr. McDonnell stated that they don't have a meeting
4 scheduled until January. Mrs. Sokol stated that she hates to say it but they sound shaky. They
5 have already missed a meeting. They said they were too late to get an appointment. The other
6 thing that sounds confusing, and she thinks other people might be confused, did you say we don't
7 want to be known as a Village where gaming is encouraged, or where we have a lot of gaming?
8 She thought that he said that our fees are lower than many other Villages. If we don't want to
9 encourage gaming, she doesn't understand why we are doing that.

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11 Village President Burke stated that this was all done a year or two-years ago. This isn't
12 something that we are doing. There's no one on this Board at the moment that is encouraging
13 gaming or encouraging Dotty's to come in here. That's the first thing you need to understand.
14 The second thing that you need to understand is that this is just a normal thing that occurs. Every
15 year you have to apply for a new license. In this particular case, this establishment, Dotty's, and
16 everybody else's current license expires as John said on December 31st. They all have to reapply.
17 When they reapply, with the passing of this Ordinance, the new fee for that license will stay the
18 same for everybody else except those establishments with gaming. In this case with Dotty's
19 trying to get in front of the State Gambling Commission, if they walk in there on January 1st,
20 they have to walk in there with a 2018 license. They can't walk in with a 2017 license because it
21 is invalid. The Gaming Board knows that. They know that. They have been in business and they
22 have them all over the place. They have to come back to the Village to get a new 2018 license.
23 This Ordinance is saying that the new 2018 license is \$5,000.00, not \$1,000.00. Mrs. Sokol
24 stated thank you very much.

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26 Trustee Pennington stated that is designed to thwart any other entities who want to come into the
27 Village and establish Video Gaming Facilities. Village President Burke stated that we are the
28 low-cost provider at the moment. Do you want us to keep it at \$1,000.00 and make it easy for
29 people to come in? Mrs. Sokol stated for her part she thinks it should be \$10,000.00. Village
30 President Burke stated that we are just trying to protect your interests. That's the purpose of it.
31 Mrs. Sokol stated that she didn't realize that this was in effect before this Board took office. She
32 stated thank you.

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34 Mrs. Langon stated that she is a little confused like Mrs. Sokol also. She inquired how the
35 Village approved them and they did not have a Gambling License. Village President Burke
36 stated that based on the research that we have done, because he wasn't here, a presentation was
37 made to the Board to bring this entity in. There was opportunity to get some additional tax
38 dollars. He stated not only was it an opportunity that was approved, it was put into the plan that
39 we were going to get \$30,000.00 in revenue. He stated to-date, we have not gotten anything from
40 them. In one location they got a Class 8 tax reduction for the rent. They are paying less taxes, or
41 have a lower rate for their rent. That was done probably a couple of years ago. That's the history
42 of it. On an annual basis you have to have a new Liquor License. The State Gaming Commission
43 does not let you have their license unless you have a Local Liquor License. If they were going
44 into the gaming people today, they have a Liquor License from the Village, and they could do
45 gaming. Because of all the other things that are beyond our control, they won't be able to get in
46 front of anybody until January. He stated that for everybody, by January 1st they have to have a

1 new license. If we pass this Ordinance today, their new license will cost them \$5,000.00 instead
2 of \$1,000.00.

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4 Mrs. Langon is trying to understand how we can block these in the future. There's no way they
5 can get a Gambling License unless the Municipality gives them a Liquor License. Village
6 President Burke stated that's correct. Mrs. Langon inquired does the Ordinance that is being
7 done have more detail in it that slows the process, or stops the process early on? Village
8 President Burke stated no. This Ordinance only addresses how much we charge for the Liquor
9 License for a Gambling Institution. Mrs. Langon inquired do other Villages have an Ordinance
10 that they are not going to have any gambling? Village President Burke stated that we are going
11 through a complete zoning review. In that zoning review, we are not only looking at Special
12 Uses, we are looking at anything and everything we can to protect the Village.

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14 Trustee Matz inquired how many Liquor Licenses do we have to give out? Mr. McDonnell stated
15 that we have 10. Village President Burke stated that he is the Liquor Commissioner. It goes
16 before the Board to determine whether or not we want to expand to give anymore Liquor
17 Licenses. The Board has to approve it as a whole that we want to let it happen.

18
19 Mrs. Collier inquired about the 28% tax reduction rate that was provided for one of the Dotty's.
20 Is there a time limit on that reduction, or is it the life of the actual business itself? Village
21 President Burke stated that the way the Class 8 works, the businesses pay 38% assessed
22 valuation. On your house, you pay your taxes based on 10% that the County has assessed your
23 property is worth. In the case of Commercial Property, it is 38%. In this particular case with the
24 Class 8, they apply for it. The Village then endorses it. They apply to be charged at the same rate
25 that an individual is charged. The previous Village Manager approved that via the Board to give
26 them a reduction from 38% down to 28%. Mrs. Collier inquired whether or not that is an open-
27 end reduction. Village President Burke stated for 12-years.

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29 Village President Burke stated to go back to Mrs. Sokol's original question, we now have in
30 place an Economic Development Commission, as well as the Planning and Zoning Commission.
31 They will make a recommendation to the Board that anybody that is going to get any kind of tax
32 reduction is going to go through a group of citizens to make that recommendation. That group of
33 citizens will make a recommendation to the Board, and the Board will approve it. It will be out in
34 the open. It won't be someone making a deal in the backroom to make sure that somebody gets
35 that. It is going to be done through the Commissions. The Commissions will say that we make
36 this recommendation. And in the process of doing that, we are going to go through infinite
37 scrutiny to see the financial impact with Betty, to make sure that if we grant somebody a TIF or
38 some form of Class 8, we have gone through the financials to ensure that it is a good deal for the
39 Village of Olympia Fields.

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41 Trustee Gibson stated that she is really happy about the Village President including the Trustees
42 in these kinds of things, because in her opinion they have not been included a lot of times when
43 they should have been included according to State Statute.

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45 Village President Burke stated that he is doing everything that he can to make sure everybody
46 gets a chance to discuss this, not only the Board, but the public. Trustee Gibson stated that she
47 knows most of the people here and she thinks they are wonderful citizens. She wants the Village

1 President and everybody else to know that all of us sitting up here had to be elected by residents
2 of this community. Village President Burke stated of course. Trustee Gibson stated and we
3 should feel that when something comes along, rather than having things just thrown at us and
4 say, "Oh yeah, that's what we are going to do." Village President Burke stated that we are going
5 through the Democratic process on all of these things. Trustee Gibson stated that she hopes that
6 we will continue. Village President Burke stated that is the way that he is trying to operate.
7 Village President Burke stated that we are going to close the Public Session and go back to the
8 Agenda.

9 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Thomas to Waive in First Reading and**
10 **Approve in Second Reading Ordinance #2017-23 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4,**
11 **"Alcoholic Liquor," Article II, "Licenses," Secs. 4-32, 4-32.1, and 4-35, and Chapter 9,**
12 **"Fees," Article IV, "Licenses," Sec. 9-76, of the Olympia Fields Village Code.**

13 **Roll Call: Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.**

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15 **Betty Zigras – Director of Finance – Ordinance #2017-24 – An Ordinance for the Levy and**
16 **Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1st, 2017, and Ending April 30th, 2018,**
17 **of the Village of Olympia Fields, Cook County, Illinois [First and Second Reading] – Village**
18 **President Burke stated that Betty Zigras, our Director of Finance, has three Ordinances for our**
19 **consideration.**

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21 Mrs. Zigras stated that we have three Ordinances regarding the Tax Levy. The first Ordinance is
22 for the Corporate Tax Levy. The first page includes various details as far as the extension from
23 the 2016 extension and the 2017 extension. On December 6th, the Finance Committee, along with
24 Trustee Pennington and President Burke met to discuss the Tax Levy. We discussed various
25 increases in what we expect the Budget to be. The 2017 Tax Levy, we will true up these
26 revenues in August of 2018, which is really the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget. We need to make a
27 projection of what are some of the differences that we expect will occur that will affect our 2019
28 Budget. We discussed various Legislative Updates that are affecting our revenue. One is the
29 Senate Bill that was passed that reduces our Income Tax Revenue by 10%. It's a fee that the
30 State of Illinois is incumbering 10% of our Income Tax Revenue. Senate Bill 42, the State has
31 imposed a 2% service fee for our Non-Home Rule Sales Tax. That fee represents approximately
32 a loss of \$32,000.00 in revenue. She stated that for Fiscal Year 2018, the Income Tax reduction
33 of 10% represents about a \$50,000.00 decrease in revenue. Along with that, we just finished the
34 2017 Audit. In that Audit, the Pension has requested the statutory minimum Pension contribution
35 of \$1,020,000.00, which is an increase of over \$116,000.00 from last year. The Actuarial
36 recommended amount is \$1.3 Million. On the chart you will see the two options that she
37 presented to the Finance Committee. It showed every levy year, the Police Pension line item, and
38 what our General Fund Levy has been. She stated that for the Police Pension it has been
39 increasing steadily every year where the General Fund has been decreasing, the Corporate Line
40 Item, because the Pension has been increasing. Based on truth in taxation, the maximum that we
41 can levy is 4.99% without having a Public Hearing. PTELL is the Property Tax Extension
42 Limitation Law. It says that we can only increase 5%, or CPI whichever is less. This year CPI is
43 2.1%. We are only going to get 2.1% on existing property. The rest is to capture any growth
44 within the Village. If we had a 1% growth, we would only get 2.1%, 3.1%. Unfortunately, Cook
45 County cannot tell us what the growth is until we do the edit levy in April or May. What we
46 typically do is levy for that full 4.99% in order to be able to capture CPI plus growth. This chart
47 shows what our Pension increase has been year over year. The blue columns show what our

1 Corporate Levy has been. It has been relatively flat. The Pension has been growing year over
2 year.

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4 Mrs. Zigras stated that for Option A that she presented to the Finance Committee, Option A
5 requests that the Pension Fund increase the levy for \$116,878.00, the statutory minimum request.
6 That would reduce the Corporate Line Item by \$56.00. The maximum that we can get under 5%
7 is \$116,822.00. If the Finance Committee requested that we go with Option B, we would have to
8 increase the Police Pension Line Item by \$413,000.00 which reduces what's left for the General
9 Fund by \$296,000.00. We discussed this. We decided to levy for Option A. She stated that 5% is
10 what we are levying. We will only get 2.1% plus growth. We are not sure what we are going to
11 get. The maximum we will get is \$116,822.00. Most likely we will lose more than \$56.00 in the
12 Corporate Fund. We need to give the Pension Fund \$116,828.00 more than last year. We will
13 most likely see a reduction in the Corporate Line Item by more than \$56.00, unless we have full
14 growth and we are going to be able to capture the whole 5%.

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16 Trustee Thomas inquired this Proposal, is it for a particular area? Is that something that's going
17 to impact all of the residents of Olympia Fields? Mrs. Zigras stated that it is all of the residents.
18 Trustee Thomas inquired how does that impact when they assess what our property tax is based
19 on this? How does that tie-in? Trustee Thomas stated that she makes a strong recommendation. It
20 is great that Betty met with the President and with Trustee Pennington. In the future, Trustee
21 Thomas strongly asks for her to have any vote or voice, she needs the same respect of having a
22 meeting where you sit down and explain this to her. This is not enough time to digest what's
23 being presented. She understands about the Police Pension being unfunded, or we are running
24 way, way behind where it should be. At the same time, she wants to make sure that when she is
25 approached by a resident, and asked why did you vote this way or that way, she has been fully
26 informed and she has had a chance to dissect it, break it apart, and ask you 101 questions before
27 she gives you her vote. She has a lot of questions. What does this do? What does this say about
28 property taxes and how that's viewed? When you say "growth" is that based on people moving
29 in and buying new homes, and development? She knows that Betty doesn't know because you
30 have to wait on the County. These are things that we have to take into consideration.

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32 Mrs. Zigras stated absolutely. She stated that next year, especially with the hospital, their tax-
33 exempt status most likely will change. We need to know what part of that \$185,000,000.00
34 expansion is going to be included in our growth. Trustee Thomas stated that would be a great
35 help. Mrs. Zigras stated most definitely we will have a meeting way in advance of when this levy
36 needs to be accepted.

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38 Trustee Thomas stated that the reason you are doing it now is because of the time constraints.
39 Trustee Thomas stated that she is asking very humbly. She doesn't know if the other Board
40 Members feel the same. Mrs. Zigras stated that we can definitely have a Workshop and discuss
41 all the aspects of the property tax. Trustee Thomas stated that Option B is too much. Option A,
42 she is just concerned. She knows that in some kind of way this levy does tie back into when they
43 are looking at our property taxes. Mrs. Zigras stated that everybody was reassessed. Assuming
44 that everybody's increased at the same rate. Everybody across the board went up 10%. Then
45 everybody would be affected evenly proportionately by this increase. "The maximum 2017 levy
46 under truth and taxation is 4.99% of the 16 extension." That means \$2.4 Million for the capped
47 fund, which is an increase of \$116,802 from the 16 extension. That's what we are asking for. We

1 are not going to get that. She doesn't think that we had much growth in the Village for this year.
2 Trustee Thomas inquired what happens if you don't get it. Mrs. Zigras stated that we are going to
3 get less. The Pension Funds are going to get their money. The rest of the General Fund is going
4 to get less than they did last year. The assessed valuations have been going up. Trustee Thomas
5 stated now you are asking them to add this onto it. Mrs. Zigras stated not add to it, add
6 \$116,000.00. Make that the number. Trustee Thomas inquired what is the number now. Mrs.
7 Zigras stated that the 2016 levy was extended. Bills were sent out for \$2.3 Million. Trustee
8 Thomas stated that really what you are asking for is \$116,000.00 additional. Mrs. Zigras stated
9 from last year. We will most likely not get it. Trustee Thomas stated that it would be easier too if
10 you said it that way. Mrs. Zigras stated that is the total.

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12 Village President Burke stated that the reason this is really important is because the money that
13 we have to put into the Police Pension is going to go up. Trustee Thomas stated that she
14 understands the Police Pension is important. Everybody needs a Pension. She likes her RTA and
15 her Railroad Pension. Is there nothing else we can do to push the police along to contribute? Do
16 they contribute to their Pension? Trustee Hudson stated yes. Mrs. Zigras stated that they
17 contribute 9.91%. We more than match that. The Village's total is 30%. The Village pays 20%
18 for the Tier 1 employees. Anyone hired before January 1st of 2011. Tier 2 employees, the Village
19 contributes an additional 5%.

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21 Village President Burke stated that those young officers that we just swore in, our contribution
22 for them is like a fourth of what we do for the older police officers. What we have to put in the
23 Pension Plan for the officers that were just sworn-in is less. Trustee Thomas inquired whether or
24 not that is negotiated with the contract. Mrs. Zigras stated that is by State Statute, the Pension
25 Law. Trustee Thomas stated that the reason she is asking this is because we are constantly
26 getting badgered about the Police Pension. We need to really understand that when we are given
27 that question, that we are responding to what the State of Illinois has mandated and until, or
28 unless those individuals who are elected to serve on our behalf in Springfield address that, there
29 is really nothing that we can do about that. Mrs. Zigras stated that is way less than the Actuarial.
30 This will only get us 90% funded by the year 2040. The Actuaries are recommending the \$1.3
31 Million.

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33 Village President Burke stated that if we don't do this, then the State, by Statute, can go after our
34 State Income Tax and our Sales Tax. They can take that and put it into this plan. Mrs. Zigras
35 stated that it says here, "The statutory minimum contribution methods are not intended to
36 provide a better system in any category. It is intended it is not recommended for a long-term
37 funding strategy." It is a short-term solution because eventually we need to give the Actuarial the
38 recommended amount.

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40 Trustee Thomas stated that she thinks that we are doing the best that we can do at this time to
41 kind of move the Village forward, to at least show our good faith efforts to try to be compliant.
42 We are going to go with the more conservative Option A as opposed to B. Mrs. Zigras stated that
43 it is as far as what we can afford. When we go into the budgeting process, if we have a windfall
44 from somewhere, or we can see that we can afford more, we can actually budget for more. The
45 way we levy, tells Cook County to pay the Pension Funds directly. The funds don't come to us.

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1 Village President Burke stated that if we don't do this, they will take money from our General
2 Fund to make this whole. Mrs. Zigras stated that the State of Illinois passed the Joint Action
3 Committee of Administrative Rules on October 17th, 2017, which are rules and provisions
4 enabling the Pension to intercept State Income Tax. They can file a Notice of Inadequate
5 Payment to the Controller.

6 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Matz to Waive in First Reading and**
7 **Adopt in Second Reading Ordinance #2017-24 – An Ordinance for the Levy and**
8 **Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1st, 2017, and Ending April 30th,**
9 **2018, of the Village of Olympia Fields, Cook County, Illinois.**

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11 Trustee Gibson inquired that this is for First and Second Reading, right? Acting Village
12 Administrator Saenz stated yes.

13 **Roll Call: Ayes (6-0) (Trustee Thomas Voted Yes with her Condition) Motion Carried.**

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15 **Ordinance #2017-25 – An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Special Service Area**
16 **Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1st, 2017, and Ending April 30th, 2018, of the Village**
17 **of Olympia Fields, Cook County, Illinois, in and for Special Service Area Number One [First**
18 **and Second Reading] – Mrs. Zigras stated that this is SSA One, Special Service Area Number**
19 **One. It is for the Governors Office Park. It is a levy for \$35,000.00.**

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21 Acting Village Administrator Saenz stated that this levy is actually an Agreement that was
22 implemented she believes in 2010. The Agreement expires in 2019. The Village levies
23 \$35,000.00 on behalf of the Office Park. She stated that whatever is collected through that levy
24 or through that assessment is then distributed back to the owners. We collect the funds and then
25 distribute it to the owners. That Agreement expires in 2019.

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27 Village President Burke stated just so everybody understands, this goes back to Mr. Langon's
28 original question. This was sort of like a TIF done 20-years ago. These are the payments in the
29 TIF. They pay the taxes and they are getting money back. Just like Wal-Mart had a TIF that is
30 going to go on for a certain time. When did it start? Acting Village Administrator Saenz stated
31 that she believes it started in 2010. She would have to check that.

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33 Trustee Pennington stated that the SSA started about 2010. The genesis of this entire project
34 started in 1993 with the development of the Office Park.

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36 Trustee Thomas inquired does it expire? When you look at the Office Park she doesn't see much
37 development over there. She understands this is a reimbursement they pay and we pay them
38 back. Does this have an expiration date? Do we talk to them about any of their development? Is
39 the space full over there?

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41 Acting Village Administrator Saenz stated that this expires in 2019. Village President Burke
42 stated that we have two more payments and then we are done. Trustee Thomas inquired after it
43 expires, what happens in 2019? Mrs. Zigras stated that there is no SSA. It is done. Village
44 President Burke stated that the whole thing goes away. It's just like a TIF ends at a certain time,
45 this technically ends and we are done with it. All of the taxes that they pay comes back. Mrs.
46 Zigras stated that they go into our regular tax rolls. They are on our tax rolls but this is in
47 addition. Whoever owns that property, they are not only paying their regular tax bill, but they

1 have an SSA in addition to that. She stated that for that SSA additional tax bill, we receive that
2 and we give it back.

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4 Trustee Thomas inquired why would they enter into an SSA if they are already paying the taxes
5 and all of this is a reimbursement? Village President Burke stated that he wasn't around then. He
6 thinks that what may have happened is that there were some improvements that were made to
7 make the Office Park more appealing to get more people to come in. The Village maybe at that
8 time participated in this. They would do like a mini TIF to try to clean up the parking lot, put
9 some lights up, and make the whole place more appealing to get more people to come into the
10 whole thing which would then raise taxes. There was some kind of a deal made that happened
11 with the SSA. Trustee Thomas inquired in 2019 when it expires, are we talking to them to see if
12 they will up and leave? Village President Burke stated no. Each of those buildings, for the most
13 part, are owned by different people. The original Office Park was developed by a developer.
14 Whoever bought the building or whatever they became the landlords. They are the ones that are
15 trying to rent it out. Part of our Economic Development Plan is that if we do the things that we
16 are trying to make happen, then it will make that Office Park more appealing, and if it is more
17 appealing more people will move into it, and if more people move into it they will help pay the
18 taxes. The Analysis that the Economic Development Commission has done is we ranked the
19 sources of revenue for the Village. Rentals are at the bottom. Other sources of revenue are closer
20 to the top, the ones that we want to go after. Any open space that there is, we want to try to drive
21 people to want to come to the Village. That's part of our comprehensive strategy is. Trustee
22 Thomas stated that it's in there, but you have to put it out there so the rest of us know what is in
23 there. Village President Burke stated that there are a lot of moving parts on this. This particular
24 Ordinance and this levy predates everybody on this Board. It was a very early version of a TIF.
25 He stated that Trustee Pennington and Trustee Gibson were here. This was something that was
26 put in place to help to incentivize people to come into the Governors Office Park.

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28 Trustee Matz stated that makes sense to what Trustee Thomas was saying, is that we are voting
29 on something that we need a little more clarity on before we get it before the public we vote up
30 or down on it. If what you just said was added to our notes here, that would help out a whole lot
31 in the future. Village President Burke stated that he is learning just like you. This is something
32 that is new. He thinks the genesis of Mr. Langon's question is when you go into our Audit it
33 talks about this as a levy for an SSA. This has been renewed every year that it has been in
34 existence. He is speculating based on some things that Trustee Pennington and Trustee Gibson
35 said, as to the original origin of the whole thing. The good news is that it ends in two-years. This
36 is one of the dangers of getting into some of these TIF and Class 8 type propositions. Sometimes
37 they lose.

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39 Mrs. Zigras stated that \$35,000.00 is what we levy. We don't usually receive \$35,000.00. We
40 receive way less than that. That's what we give back. We levy \$35,000.00 but we are not getting
41 \$35,000.00.

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43 Trustee Thomas stated that there is a way to make sure that we know in advance. She knows that
44 for their Board Meetings that they have on her job, they have to make sure that their Board
45 Members all understand before. She thinks that you all can figure that out. That would help. So,
46 we know the information as much as we can. Just tell her the story, how it begins, the middle,

1 and where we are trying to go and she can get onboard without taking this much time to get to a
2 place where we need to vote. Trustee Matz stated that she agrees.

3 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Thomas to Waive in First Reading and**
4 **Adopt in Second Reading Ordinance #2017-25 - An Ordinance for the Levy and**
5 **Assessment of Special Service Area Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1st, 2017, and**
6 **Ending April 30th, 2018, of the Village of Olympia Fields, Cook County, Illinois, in and for**
7 **Special Service Area Number One.**

8 **Roll Call: Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.**

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10 **Ordinance #2017-26** – An Ordinance Adopting the 2017 Tax Levy for Village of Olympia
11 Fields Special Service Area No. 3 [First and Second Reading] – Mrs. Zigras stated that the final
12 Ordinance is for Special Service Area No. 3. The SSA was established on September 12th, 2011.
13 This area was Oak Lane from 207th Street to approximately 1100 feet south of 207th Street for the
14 removal of the existing culvert under Oak Lane of 207th Street. It is construction of new asphalt
15 and pavement. Primarily what happened is the Village financed this, or paid this expense with
16 the contract that the residents of this SSA would reimburse the Village via the property tax levy.
17 This is currently \$7,500.00 annually. That is the amount we are levying for this Special SSA.
18 Trustee Oliver inquired when it ends. Acting Village Administrator Saenz stated that it ends in
19 2027. It was a 15-year assessment.

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21 Trustee Thomas stated we don't give that money back. Acting Village Administrator Saenz
22 stated no. The Village paid for this project. We are getting reimbursed. Trustee Gibson stated
23 that the understanding of that SSA is that the people only have a trail to get back into the area
24 where they live. They wanted a better situation for themselves. They had to all agree that they
25 would put that amount of money on their taxes. Trustee Thomas inquired it is just on their taxes.
26 Trustee Gibson stated that it is just on their taxes. Any group can have an SSA if they feel that
27 they need a better situation for themselves. It is just that they all have to vote yes. You can't very
28 often get that. Trustee Thomas stated that everybody has to vote yes, it is not the majority rules.
29 Trustee Pennington stated 51%.

30 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to Suspend the Rules and Open it**
31 **up for Public Comment.**

32 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**

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34 Mr. Langon stated that it is his understanding that SSA's, the residents pay 50% of the SSA and
35 the rest of the Village pays the other 50% of SSA's. That hasn't come out and we need to discuss
36 that. People need to know that when we go into these SSA Agreements.

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38 Trustee Pennington stated that is not quite correct. In this particular SSA No. 3, the residents of
39 Oak Lane are paying us back. We paid for the improvements. They are just paying us back for
40 what we had advanced. Mr. Langon stated that he understands that. He inquired there isn't no
41 50/50? Trustee Pennington stated no. Mr. Langon inquired but isn't that generally and commonly
42 what happens with SSA's? Trustee Pennington stated that it depends on the SSA. What you are
43 referring to came about a few years back with respect to the Graymoor Ponds. There was an
44 attempt to float an SSA, to clean up the Graymoor Ponds. It was brought to the residents of
45 Graymoor that the Village would pay 50%, if they paid 50%. That's where the 50% demarcation
46 line comes in. It was only on that particular SSA. It is quite possible that depending upon the
47 project, depending upon the need, that an SSA could be crafted in that manner. The SSA's that

1 we have currently on the books are not crafted in that manner. That was only designed for the
2 Graymoor Ponds. Trustee Thomas inquired what happened to that? Trustee Pennington stated
3 that it never went anywhere.

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5 Mr. Langon thanked Trustee Pennington for that clarification. He stated that Olympia Club was
6 approached with a 50/50 SSA, which our residents said, “No way. No how.” Trustee Gibson
7 inquired wasn’t that for your ponds. Mr. Langon stated that it was for the Olympia Club Ponds.
8 These Storm Water Management ponds are not any different than lift stations all around the
9 Village. It’s to alleviate flooding. It’s to make sure that our sewers are operating properly. This is
10 basically a Municipality’s responsibility. He just wanted to clarify SSA’s and what we are doing
11 with them. He is happy that you brought up backroom deals, because developers in these
12 Municipalities have made a whole lot of backroom deals as far as developments are concerned
13 with charging the residents that have no expertise with Storm Water Management. They have
14 been struck down in Courts all over the country. So, something for us to look at. He stated
15 thanks.

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17 Trustee Gibson stated that she has a concern in some of that, that was said. She inquired of
18 Trustee Pennington whether or not Graymoor was a PUD. Trustee Pennington stated no. Trustee
19 Hudson stated that a portion of it is. Trustee Pennington stated the newer part. Trustee Gibson
20 stated that when there is a PUD, which means “Planned Unit Development,” and you sign a
21 contract after you buy, or before you buy, that you are going to handle all of the infrastructure
22 that has not been put in, because when they started these PUD’s, the people who owned them
23 had to do everything. When you break your promise and you don’t take care of part of your area,
24 and you let it go, and go, and go, until it gets to a point where it’s highly impossible for the
25 residents to have that amount of money, then that is sometimes a problem. She doesn’t
26 understand why it is so hard to understand, that if you signed that contract like in Wysteria and
27 say, “This is our pond. We are going to take care of it. We have to take care of it to keep
28 people’s homes from flooding.” We have done that. Wysteria went on their own and spent over
29 \$50,000.00 to dredge their pond, to do some other very interesting things, to have a well dug so
30 that it can keep their pond at the level that it is, and at the same time irrigate their front
31 entranceways with well water. There really is a lot of different things you can look at, and they
32 don’t all cover the same structure.

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34 Mr. Langon stated that you guys took it upon yourselves to improve your pond. It really wasn’t
35 your responsibility. You may have been told it was. But it really wasn’t. The contracts that we
36 signed in Olympia Club was to buy our homes. We didn’t sign anything else. The Covenants in
37 Olympia Club was put together by the City Administration when Olympia Club was built and
38 this developer to write Covenants, and to hold the Village harmless to take care of Storm Water
39 Management. He doesn’t know if that sounds crazy to you, but it sounds crazy to the Courts
40 because they struck them down. It is basically the developer’s way to come in and say, “This
41 isn’t going to cost you anything, Village. The residents are going to pay for it.” We have doctors.
42 We have lawyers. We have business managers. We have executives. We have Tier 5 Executives
43 in Olympia Club. We don’t have engineers. We don’t have any pond expertise. It has cost us a
44 lot of money that we’ve spent that we didn’t have to spend. We are looking at saying, “Hey, we
45 need help with this. This is Storm Water Management.” Are you going to assess the folks that
46 have Lift Stations? We are not going to solve this tonight, but he just wanted to talk a little bit
47 since we are on SSA’s.

1 Village President Burke stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission with Teska and
2 Murphey's Office, are going through certain zonings to ensure that we have the proper language
3 and the proper zoning to mitigate some of these issues going forward. What happened in the past,
4 yes, we probably have to figure out a way to resolve some of this. There's a huge effort that is
5 underfoot to ensure that we have an open process that is on the books for people to see it, to
6 ensure that we don't have some of these problems going forward. Once the Planning and Zoning
7 Commission gets through going through all of that, somebody from the Planning and Zoning
8 Commission, Victor Blackwell, or someone like that, will come forward and give a presentation
9 and talk about some of those issues. Trustee Pennington is on that Commission.

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11 Trustee Thomas stated that she knows that there are some residents in Graymoor who have a
12 concern about their ponds. She stated that there was a tax that was put forth for the residents of
13 Olympia Fields to vote on some years ago. It was their understanding it would take care of their
14 ponds.

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16 Trustee Pennington stated that you are referring to our property tax increase of 2007. It would
17 take at least an hour for him to go through the history of that. We can get together. Trustee
18 Thomas stated that your residents are asking her about that. They are trying to understand what
19 happened to any commitment from that tax that the Village was suppose to take care of. We
20 don't have to discuss it now. She would like to talk about it since we talked about ponds. Trustee
21 Pennington stated that we will do that.

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23 Mr. Collier stated that as long as we are talking about the Village's part and the finances of the
24 areas, a couple of months ago he brought up the fact that in Olympia Fields East we had to pay
25 for landscaping. It is a big part of our Budget. We felt that it should be a part of the Village's
26 Budget instead of ours. You indicated at that time that within a month or so you would get back
27 to us with a resolution. Trustee Hudson was a major part of that. Nothing has been said about it.
28 He is just wondering where are with that? Did you put it on the backburner, or where are we with
29 that?

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31 Trustee Hudson stated that we have identified those areas. We need to identify them a little bit
32 more than what we have received. We have asked Public Works to work with us to try to make
33 sure that we know the exact locations so when we come to you we can say, "It is this corner here.
34 That is the Village's, and this one is yours." We want to be clear when we get the answer.

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36 Mr. Collier stated that he can't understand how any of that can be theirs. Trustee Hudson stated
37 that is why we are checking it out to see. She doesn't understand it either. That's why she is
38 trying to get the information.

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40 Village President Burke stated that Trustee Hudson gave a list at the last meeting of PIN
41 Numbers. We are looking at those PIN Numbers to see who actually owns them. Some of them
42 are generic. Some of them are a little bit more specific. He asked Mr. Landini and his guys to go
43 out and look at each one of those and make an assessment of where they are. They will get back
44 to Willett to let her know.

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46 Mr. Collier inquired that if the Village doesn't have a PIN Number to own those areas, and if the
47 residents don't have a PIN Number to own those areas then what happens? The residents own

1 their area with a PIN Number and a survey. The rest belongs to the Village, streets, parkways,
2 cul-de-sacs. Village President Burke doesn't think that a parkway has a PIN Number. Some of it
3 goes back to some of the things Mr. Langon talked about earlier and that is, historically how
4 some of these pieces of land, who was given the right to it and who wasn't. Right now, we have
5 two blocks of land that people want to deed to us. Before we accept it for free, we are reviewing
6 whether or not those properties have any back taxes owed on them. From time to time there are
7 pieces that pop up like that. They want to donate it to the Village. Before we say, "Yes," and
8 make any kind of recommendation, we have to go through to make sure that all that glitters isn't
9 necessarily gold. We have some situations like that. If we really got down to the history of all
10 these things, this is not the first time this has happened. These things happen a little bit at a time.
11 We are interested in trying to do this. Willett took the steps and collected some information. We
12 gave it to Mr. Landini. He can research it. We aren't going to have an answer in the next month
13 or so. We are looking at this. We said that we were going to try to look at it to be able to come up
14 with some kind of resolution by the time we do our budgeting for next year. We will start that in
15 a couple of months. Betty is in the middle of that right now with this levy.

16 **Motion by Trustee Thomas, second by Trustee Pennington to Close the Public Comment at**
17 **9:13 P.M.**

18 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**

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20 **Motion by Trustee Thomas, second by Trustee Matz to Waive in First Reading and Adopt**
21 **in Second Reading Ordinance #2017-26 - An Ordinance Adopting the 2017 Tax Levy for**
22 **Village of Olympia Fields Special Service Area No. 3.**

23 **Roll Call: Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.**

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25 **Trustee Reports:**

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27 **Finance/Planning:**

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29 **2nd Quarter Report – Don Theobald, Village Treasurer** – Trustee Pennington stated that the
30 Village's Treasurer, Don Theobald, will give a Report on the 2nd Quarter Finances of the Village.
31 Mr. Theobald stated that he will give the Treasurer's Report for the 2nd Quarter of the Fiscal
32 Year of the Village of Olympia Fields. We start on May 1st and we go through October 31st for
33 six-months. He stated that when Betty worked for him she did a great job. As of October 31st, the
34 Village has \$7.1 Million invested in various institutions. The pie chart shows you those
35 allocations of where the proportionate share of those deposits is located. In your Report is what
36 we call a "Snapshot." It's a quick view of the progress of the Village for the first six-months.

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38 Mr. Theobald stated that the General Fund is the first section on the top of the page. It starts with
39 the "Annual Budget" for the General Fund. He stated \$7.2 Million of revenue compared to
40 \$7,156,000.00 of expenses. You are planning to have a surplus of \$45,641.00. The Budget for
41 the six-months is shown in the second column alongside the Actual Results for the first six-
42 months. If you go down to the "Excess Revenues over Expenses," the Budget for the first six-
43 months was projecting a \$124,000.00 surplus. The actual results show that you had a
44 \$413,743.00 surplus. Through six-months the Village is tracking ahead of Plan.

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46 Mr. Theobald stated that below the "General Fund," you will see the "Water Fund" and the
47 "Sewer Fund." Each of those two are tracking positively in comparison to where you had

1 planned back when you did your Budget. The actual results of the Water Fund for the first six-
2 month shows that you have an excess of \$90,031.00, when in essence you were planning for
3 those six-months to have an excess of \$62,000.00.

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5 Mr. Theobald stated with the Sewer Fund, the actual results for six-months would be “Excess
6 Revenues over Expenses” are \$187,000.00. Your Budget for the first six-months planned a
7 \$103,000.00 surplus.

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9 Mr. Theobald stated that the last Report he would like to discuss with the Board is the small
10 Snapshot Report. It has four quadrants to it. A lot of this will come back to comments made
11 earlier by Betty or someone else. In the upper left is the “Fund Balance.” This is just tracking
12 where your Fund Balance has been for the last several years. It is trending at that level of
13 approximately \$3,000,000.00. That is where it is projected that it will end April 30th of 2018. We
14 talked about this Report about a year ago. It is brought up every so often to give you an update.
15 In the upper right quadrant is the trend line of the cost of your Police Pension. The red line is
16 very clear that the trend line is moving up. You have all heard that before. If you were to have
17 been levying at the recommended GASB level if you will, the red line would have gone off of
18 the chart, \$300,000.00 more. The bottom left-hand corner tracks the tax rate of the Village for
19 the last 11-years. Alongside of it, it tracks the assessed valuation of the combined properties in
20 the Village. His only point to make here, if you look at the 2016 year the assessed valuation is
21 \$126,000,000.00. That’s the first increase you have had in several years which is a huge thing to
22 see that turn around finally. Every year you never thought it was going to go down lower but it
23 did. When the assessed value goes down, your tax rate mathematically goes up. Your tax rate did
24 jump quite a bit, you also saw it drop a little bit as it went to 2016. On the bottom right-hand
25 corner is a schedule that was well received. We are repeating it to give you a sense of how much
26 debt the Village has. It lists each of the Bond Issues. The first column is the debt that is
27 remaining. The second column is if you struck an Agreement with any other external entities to
28 pay a part of your debt, like for instance the Olympia Fields Country Club. That is shown as an
29 offset to show your last column which is your remaining debt. Your remaining debt is just a
30 notch under \$8,000,000.00. Trustee Pennington thanked Mr. Theobald.

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32 **Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting** – Trustee Pennington stated that he didn’t have it
33 on the Agenda, but he wanted to report on the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting that
34 was held on December 7th. As was discussed earlier, and as he has discussed in past Reports to
35 the Board and to the residents, the Planning and Zoning Commission is going through a
36 comprehensive review of all of our zoning laws, as well as our Ordinances. Some of the
37 Ordinances are antiquated and required some degree of change. We are going through each one.
38 The meeting that we had last week was very comprehensive. We are going through every Zoning
39 Ordinance. We should have something more definitive probably sometime after the first of the
40 year to be presented to the Board and to the residents. He assured Trustee Thomas that before we
41 do anything, you will get a Report, as well as all of the other Board Members. Trustee Thomas
42 stated that she would appreciate that. Trustee Pennington stated that we are diligently looking at
43 this. It is nothing more than to enhance the quality of this Village, to protect this Village from
44 anything that might come in to disrupt the harmony that we have. He just wanted to report on
45 that.

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1 Village President Burke stated that at a future time as we move forward with the budgeting
2 process, a more in-depth, open session to discuss the actual budgeting process and where we are
3 with some of these finances, to make sure that the Board, as well as the public understands our
4 current state. At the last meeting he had stated that it was very important to look at trends year
5 over year. They indicated our expenses from 2016 to 2017 at 9.1%. We need to do some things
6 to get that under control. We have some graphs that will be very telling that we can discuss. He
7 believes that will require a Workshop completely on that. Sometime in the next 60-days we will
8 have an open session to discuss where we are financially from a trend standpoint, and where we
9 need to go.

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11 Trustee Thomas stated that could be a Special Meeting that you had stated that you could call.
12 Village President Burke stated that is correct.

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14 **Holiday Awards** – Trustee Hudson wanted to announce that the Presidents of the Homeowners
15 Associations have until December 14th to get that information to the Beautification Committee.
16 The Beautification Committee will be coming around on December 20th to make their decisions
17 as to who wins the First, Second, and Third Place Awards.

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19 Trustee Gibson stated that in the information that you sent to the Presidents of the Homeowners
20 Associations, it says December 15th, which is Friday. Trustee Hudson stated that is okay. You
21 still have time.

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23 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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25 The Board did not have any Unfinished Business to discuss this evening.

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27 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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29 The Board did not have any New Business to discuss this evening.

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31 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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33 **Appointment – Ethel Collier to the Community Relations Commission** – Village President
34 Burke stated that he did not have any Resignations this evening. We have two people, Ethel
35 Collier, and Carl Hill who are going to be Appointed to the Community Relations Commission.
36 Village President Burke stated that Ethel is in the audience. She has been on a number of
37 Committees. Trustee Oliver stated that she was on the Educational Commission. Village
38 President Burke stated that Ethel was on the Community Relations Commission before. She
39 wants to come back. She had such a good time. She expressed an interest in this.

40 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to Approve the Candidacy of**
41 **Ethel J. Collier to the Village of Olympia Fields Community Relations Commission for a**
42 **Term Continuing until a New Appointment is made by the Village President.**

43 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**

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45 Village President Burke welcomed Ethel to the Community Relations Commission.

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1 **Appointment – Carl Hill to the Community Relations Commission** – Village President Burke
2 stated that the other person is Carl Hill.

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4 Trustee Hudson stated that the Application does not say that he wanted to be on the Community
5 Relations Commission. His first choice was the Enhancement Organization. She is just saying
6 what his Application says. She doesn't know what the Village President's conversation was with
7 him. She is just looking at the Application.

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9 Village President Burke stated that he is interested in being on the Community Relations
10 Commission. It says the first choice is the Community Relations Commission.

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12 Trustee Gibson stated that based on the Commission which was created by a legal Ordinance,
13 she voted yes but with reservations. Primarily, because of the procedure by which these fine
14 citizens were selected, and brought, and presented to the Board. She thinks that Mrs. Collier and
15 Mr. Hill are fine citizens of our community. She commends them for volunteering. She has an
16 issue with the fact that not all the time do "we" as Trustees, have a Democratic opportunity to
17 have some say-so. She inquired then why are here? Why are "we" part of an organization which
18 sometimes doesn't give us anything to go on. She is very happy that we are doing this tonight,
19 because we haven't done it before when someone comes forth and wants to volunteer. It's just
20 okay. The President has the opportunity and he has the right he says to do it, so it is done. It is
21 not that she is against Mrs. Collier or Mr. Hill. It is the way that it was done.

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23 Village President Burke stated that by Statute he, as President, can appoint people to Committees
24 and he can remove people from Committees. He has a number of other suggestions that he is
25 going to make. The Trustees have the ability to either vote them up or vote them down. This is
26 going to be just the beginning of a number of changes and improvements that he thinks are
27 necessary to move forward on what we are trying to do. This will be an opportunity for each of
28 you to discuss people who are on these Committees. There are new people who will be on the
29 Finance Committee. There are new people who will be on a number of other Committees that we
30 are going to move forward with. He thinks he has only made three other appointments. He has
31 the right to appoint all the Committee Members if he wants to at this time. You will have a
32 chance to vote. If there is someone that you don't want to be on a Committee, then you have an
33 opportunity to do that. This is a Democratic process that we are going through.

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35 Trustee Thomas stated that you said that you have the right to appoint. You can appoint, but it
36 still has to be voted on. Village President Burke stated that is correct. Trustee Thomas stated that
37 if we vote nay, then you have to appoint somebody else. Village President Burke stated that is
38 correct.

39 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to Approve the Candidacy of**
40 **Carl Daniel Hill to the Village of Olympia Fields Community Relations Commission for a**
41 **Term Continuing until a New Appointment is made by the Village President.**

42 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**

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1 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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3 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Thomas to adjourn the Board Meeting**
4 **at 9:30 P.M.**

5 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**

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7 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

**VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

ORDINANCE #2018-01

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A POLICY PROHIBITING
SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC ACT 100-0554**

**ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT
AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS, COOK
COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THIS 16TH DAY OF
JANUARY, 2018.**

**Published in pamphlet form
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and Board of Trustees of the
Village of Olympia Fields, Cook
County, Illinois this 16th
day of January, 2018.**

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COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-01

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A POLICY PROHIBITING
SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC ACT 100-0554**

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly has recently enacted Public Act 100-0554 (“Act”), an Act concerning government, which became effective immediately, dated November 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, all governmental units are required to adopt an ordinance or resolution establishing or amending an existing policy prohibiting sexual harassment that is in compliance with the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, in order to be in compliance with the Act, the President and Board of Trustees have determined that the Village adopt a new Sexual Harassment Policy that incorporates the provisions of the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION 1: Adoption. The Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment, attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby adopted.

SECTION 2: All prior existing sexual harassment policies adopted by the Village shall be superseded by the Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment adopted by this ordinance.

SECTION 3: Should any section or provision of the Policy Prohibiting Harassment, attached hereto, be declared to be invalid, that decisions shall not affect the validity of the Policy as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared invalid.

SECTION 4: Personnel Manual. This Policy shall be incorporated and made a part of the Village of Olympia Fields Personnel Manual.

SECTION 5: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

THIS ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS THIS 16TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2018.

First reading waived.

Passed on second reading this 16th day of January, 2018.

VILLAGE CLERK

Roll Call Vote:

Voting in Favor: _____

Voting Against: _____

Not Voting: _____

APPROVED this 16^h day of January, 2018.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

PUBLISHED in pamphlet form this 16th day of January, 2018.

VILLAGE CLERK

PREPARED AND APPROVED AS TO FORM:

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-01

**A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED
BY RESOLUTION NO. 2017-10**

WHEREAS, the Village of Olympia Fields obtains its water from the Village of Oak Lawn; and

WHEREAS, Section 21-21(c) of the Village Code, "Rate Adjustments," provides that any rate adjustments enacted by Oak Lawn will be automatically passed on to Olympia Fields water customers; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2017, the Village adopted Resolution No. 2017-10, which imposed a moratorium on enforcing the Oak Lawn rate adjustment for the 2017-2018 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Village has received notification from Oak Lawn as to another rate increase; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees have determined that based on economies achieved in the Water Department during the past year, the Village is in a position to absorb this rate increase; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees have further determined that it is appropriate to extend this moratorium indefinitely so that any decision to pass on a future Oak Lawn rate increase will be made openly in a transparent fashion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION 1: Recitals. The Recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2: Extension of Moratorium. The moratorium imposed by Resolution No. 2017-10, is hereby extended indefinitely. No Oak Lawn water rate increase will be passed on absent an affirmative vote taken by the Village Board at an open meeting.

SECTION 3: Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED this 16th day of January, 2018.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

Abstain: _____

STERLING M. BURKE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

VILLAGE CLERK