



1 Village President Burke stated that the Boy Scouts do outstanding work. He is sure that there are  
2 a number of people in this community that have participated in the Boy Scouts at some time.  
3 Village President Burke inquired of Mr. Spann whether or not he works with the Girl Scouts? Do  
4 you know if there is a Girl Scout Troop around?

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6 Mr. Spann stated that they do not do direct participation with the Girl Scouts, unless the Girl  
7 Scouts wanted to work with the Boy Scouts. He doesn't have any information on their program.  
8 He is pretty sure that they are active in the area as well.

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10 Trustee Pennington inquired of Mr. Spann how large his management group is. Mr. Spann stated  
11 that his District is 23-cities. They have 16 Districts within their Council. It covers 55-miles going  
12 north and south, and 21-miles east and west. They cover the majority of Illinois, and a piece of  
13 Northwest Indiana. Trustee Pennington inquired of Mr. Spann whether or not they seek  
14 volunteers. Mr. Spann stated absolutely. They are always looking for qualified community  
15 leaders, participants, as far as adults who can get their hands dirty with the program. They would  
16 love for any type of assistance. Trustee Pennington asked Mr. Spann to leave some of his  
17 materials.

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19 Mrs. Doris Langon inquired of Mr. Spann whether or not they are working with the schools. Mr.  
20 Spann stated that they always try to get into the schools. He stated that if you have a connection  
21 to help us get in there sooner they would appreciate that. They try to work with all of the  
22 elementary schools. They service Kindergarten through fifth-grade for Cub Scouts. He stated that  
23 sixth-grade all the way through twelfth-grade is for Boy Scouts. Mrs. Langon inquired of Mr.  
24 Spann whether or not they are school-based or after school. Mr. Spann stated that they don't do  
25 programs during school unless the Pack decides to do that. They generally do after school  
26 participation. Some Packs or Troops might meet at a church right after school, but that is at the  
27 discretion of the Pack. Mrs. Langon inquired of Mr. Spann what about the Park District. Mr.  
28 Spann stated that they are always interested in getting in touch with the Park District, parks,  
29 schools, churches, and community organizations. Everybody is welcome. Village President  
30 Burke thanked Mr. Spann.

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32 Village President Burke stated that Trustee Matz is the Liaison to the Park District. You will  
33 want to get in touch with her. Make sure that she has your card. Mr. Spann stated thank you.

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35 **Completion of the Employee Handbook** - Mrs. Beverly Sokol inquired whether or not Trustee  
36 Thomas has any word on the completion of the Human Resource Manual.

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38 Acting Village Administrator Saenz stated that the Employee Handbook has been completed. It  
39 is being reviewed by the Department Heads and by Trustee Thomas. The Department Heads will  
40 be meeting at the end of the week, so that they can go over the Manual itself. She believes that  
41 Trustee Thomas has a meeting scheduled with the Human Resource Committee on March 22<sup>nd</sup> to  
42 discuss the Manual.

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44 Mrs. Sokol stated that Trustee Thomas had previously stated that it would be done in January.  
45 Does she have a completion date? Acting Village Administrator Saenz stated that the Manual is  
46 complete. We had some delays with the Village Attorney. The Manual is very comprehensive.  
47 It's 282-pages. It includes a lot of our Policies that we have implemented over the years. It has

1 the changes in the State Statute, and State Law, and things of that nature. It's very inclusive. It  
2 took a little longer than they had anticipated. Mrs. Sokol stated thank you very much.

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4 **Parking Inquiry** - Mr. Major Armstead stated that he is a resident in Olympia Club. He is  
5 having a protest moment, and an inquiry moment. He has been a resident for 10-years. He knows  
6 the community to be fair-minded, and very, very family-oriented and friendly towards the  
7 taxpayers and residents. His stepdaughter had her car parked in front of his home on the street.  
8 She was taking his grandson back to school. She didn't get back until the next morning and was  
9 ticketed. He believes in no sign, no crime, no fine. He has driven around and looked around our  
10 community. There is no sign posted indicating that there is prohibitive parking between 2 A.M.  
11 and 6 A.M. She didn't know. He was asleep and didn't know. She would have parked in his  
12 driveway had they known that the parking prohibitive sign was there. He hasn't seen it. His wife  
13 looked around. Other neighbors have looked around. The President of their Homeowners  
14 Association has looked around. He talked to Trustee Thomas and she had stated that she hadn't  
15 seen it. He doesn't understand. It's not about the money or the fine. He just doesn't want to be  
16 mistreated. He doesn't think that any of us would like to be mistreated. He is here to lodge his  
17 protest. You can tell him where to go from here. He hopes that it is not to go to hades, but thanks  
18 for listening.

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20 Village President Burke asked Chief Krull to address that. He inquired whether or not Mr.  
21 Armstead has spoken to Chief Krull. Mr. Armstead stated that he has not. He spoke to the  
22 Hearing Officer last Thursday. Mr. Armstead explained that there were no signs posted. He  
23 stated that the Hearing Officer pulled out his large book. He was trying to convince Mr.  
24 Armstead that there was something wrong with his vision. He has driven around this community  
25 quite a bit and he has never seen a sign. It should be prominently displayed. He mentioned it to  
26 him. He was very clear about the speaker who preceded him. She did not pay parking at the  
27 Metra Station. He said that "There are signs that are prominently displayed. Therefore, you  
28 should have known to pay before you got on the train." Mr. Armstead told him that he is  
29 delighted to know that there is a procedure. Sign, pay, no fine. If there's no sign, why should he  
30 have to pay? He didn't want her to have to pay for something that she had no knowledge of.

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32 Chief Krull stated that it is in our Ordinance. It has been in effect for quite a while. Chief Krull  
33 apologized for the lack of signage. He can work with Jim Landini and they can certainly add  
34 some more signage if that's what the Trustees would like. It is his understanding that they tried  
35 to strike a very fine balance with regard to having too many signs in the Village. In this case it  
36 seems like there are not enough. They can certainly address that for him.

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38 Village President Burke stated that after the Hearing we have a process that you go through with  
39 the Hearing Officer. Village President Burke will get together with Mrs. Saenz, Mr. Landini, and  
40 John, and talk about this and look at this matter. There is a process and the Hearing Officer is the  
41 one that is suppose to go through that whole process. We will go back and talk to him. Village  
42 President Burke would probably like to talk to Mr. Armstead. We will take some pictures. He  
43 stated that somebody will get back to you in 24-hours to let you know.

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45 Trustee Pennington stated that he wanted to state for the record, and for full disclosure, the  
46 subdivision of Graymoor has no parking signs. Trustee Gibson stated neither does Wysteria.

1 Trustee Pennington stated that it is just a matter of getting the signs erected in the places where  
2 they should be erected.

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4 Trustee Gibson stated that we have had a lot of signs in Wysteria. If, for some reason, when the  
5 snow trucks go by they hit the signs and they are on the ground, they never get put back up  
6 again. It is a law that has been in effect for a long, long time.

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8 Trustee Matz stated that she is wondering since Olympia Club is one of our newer subdivisions,  
9 did they ever put them up. Village President Burke stated that we are going to look into that.  
10 Trustee Hudson stated that is why people need to have more access to the Ordinances. You  
11 should have a way to know what the Ordinance is when you are talking about parking. Village  
12 President Burke stated that it sounds like the Hearing Officer went through the Ordinance. They  
13 will get together with the Adjudication Officer and look at the site over there. He can't say that  
14 they are going to erase it. They are going to look into it. If it looks like something that they did  
15 wrong, we will try to address that.

16 **Motion by Trustee Matz, second by Trustee Pennington to close Public Comments.**

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

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19 Village President Burke closed Public Comment at 7:22 P.M.

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21 **Administration Reports:**

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23 **REPORT OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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25 **Resolution #2018-02 – A Resolution Approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between**  
26 **the Village of Olympia Fields and Cook County for Additional Phase I Study Costs along**  
27 **Vollmer Road from Kedzie Avenue to Western Avenue –** Village President Burke stated that  
28 he has Resolution #2018-02. It is a Resolution Approving the Intergovernmental Agreement  
29 between the Village of Olympia Fields and Cook County for the Additional Phase I Study Costs  
30 along Vollmer Road and Kedzie Avenue to Western Avenue.

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32 Village President Burke stated that the Village had an Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook  
33 County who is the agency that actually owns Vollmer Road. There was some engineering that  
34 had been done. There was roughly \$993,000.00 expended in that original Agreement. There were  
35 some cost overruns. An additional Agreement needed to be put in place which is for  
36 \$350,000.00. He met with the Cook County Road Commissioner a couple of times. They talked  
37 with Toni Preckwinkle. They have given us the additional \$350,000.00, which would allow us to  
38 collect some money that had been allocated for doing some of the roadwork. They are moving  
39 from a four-lane road to a two-lane road on Vollmer Road. They are going to lower the pavement  
40 underneath the viaduct. It will keep the County from having to get into a lawsuit with Flossmoor  
41 because the land on the north side of Vollmer Road belongs to Flossmoor. Those homes would  
42 have to be taken out. There is a historic Power Plant that feeds electricity to the IC. That would  
43 have had to be moved or taken down. There is land along the south side of Vollmer Road that  
44 belongs to the Country Club. It would eat into two of their prestigious holes. That was going to  
45 be a lawsuit coming. They talked about putting these roundabouts at Kedzie and Western at  
46 Vollmer Road to enhance the nature of the Village. The deal that we have with the County is that  
47 we are going to close out this contract with this Intergovernmental Agreement. They will move

1 forward with working on lowering and improving Vollmer Road between Kedzie and Western.  
2 This would be the final contract that would be needed to close that contract out.

3 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Matz to Approve Resolution No. 2018-02 - A**  
4 **Resolution Approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Olympia**  
5 **Fields and Cook County for the Additional Phase I Study Costs along Vollmer Road and**  
6 **Kedzie Avenue to Western Avenue.**

7 **Roll Call: Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**

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9 **DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS:**

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11 **James Landini – Director of Public Works**

12 **MS4 Annual Facility Inspection Report NPDES Permit for Storm Water Discharge – Mr.**  
13 Landini stated that what you have before you is more or less procedural from the EPA. It is new  
14 this year. This is our MS4 Annual Facility Inspection Report for NPDES Permit for Storm Water  
15 Discharge. We do this every year. This is the first year that the Report had to be made available  
16 to the Board to look at and to put it in the Minutes. It is our Best Management Practices of  
17 preventing Storm Water Pollution to Butterfield Creek. You will see a list in this Report of what  
18 we have done. There are things on the website for the residents that they can look up on how to  
19 dispose of toxic items, pollution prevention, and things like that. The NPDES Permit, we got that  
20 in 2013. It is good until 2021. This is just the Annual Report to keep up that Permit. In 2021 we  
21 will have to be reissued another Permit. This is just for information only. There is no action that  
22 needs to be taken on this. Village President Burke thanked Mr. Landini.

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24 **Betty Zigras – Director of Finance – Mrs. Zigras stated that before you, you have a Schedule**  
25 **of the 2017 Tax Levy Abatements. This is an annual process. We typically do this around this**  
26 **time every year. We are abating our Alternative Revenue Bonds so they are not on the tax rolls.**  
27 **The only Bond that is on the tax rolls is the 2014A. Before you, you have Ordinances #2018-02**  
28 **through #2018-09, in which we will be abating the various Alternative Revenue Bonds, in which**  
29 **we have alternate revenue sources to pay for these Bonds.**

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31 Village President Burke stated that everyone understands that this is to stop any kind of taxation  
32 at the public level. This is to use existing dollars to pay for these Bonds.

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34 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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36 **A. Ordinance #2018-02 – An Ordinance Abating the 2017 Tax Levy for the General Obligation**  
37 **Refunding Bonds Series 2005 of the Village of Olympia Fields [First and Second Reading].**

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39 **B. Ordinance #2018-03 – An Ordinance Abating the 2017 Tax Levy for the General**  
40 **Obligation Bonds, Series 2005A of the Village of Olympia Fields. [First and**  
41 **Second Reading].**

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43 **C. Ordinance #2018-04 – An Ordinance Abating the 2017 Tax Levy for the General**  
44 **Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2008 of the Village of Olympia**  
45 **Fields [First and Second Reading].**

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47 **D. Ordinance #2018-05 – An Ordinance Abating the 2017 Tax Levy for the 2010 General**

- 1 Obligation Bonds of the Village of Olympia Fields [First and Second Reading].  
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3 E. **Ordinance #2018-06** – An Ordinance Abating the 2017 Tax Levy for the 2011 A & B  
4 General Obligation Bonds of the Village of Olympia Fields [First and Second  
5 Reading].  
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7 F. **Ordinance #2018 -07** – An Ordinance Abating the 2017 Tax Levy for the General  
8 Obligation Bonds, Series 2012A, of the Village of Olympia Fields [First and Second  
9 Reading].  
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11 G. **Ordinance #2018-08** – An Ordinance Abating the 2017 Tax Levy for the General  
12 Obligation Bonds, Series 2012B, of the Village of Olympia Fields [First and Second  
13 Reading].  
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15 H. **Ordinance #2018-09** – An Ordinance Abating the 2017 Tax Levy for the General  
16 Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2014B of the Village of Olympia  
17 Fields [First and Second Reading].  
18 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to Waive on First Reading and**  
19 **Adopt in Second Reading the following Ordinances: Ordinance #2018-02; Ordinance**  
20 **#2018-03; Ordinance #2018-04; Ordinance #2018-05; Ordinance #2018-06; Ordinance**  
21 **#2018-07; Ordinance #2018-08; and Ordinance #2018-09.**  
22 **Roll Call: Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**  
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24 **John Krull – Chief of Police**  
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26 **Ordinance #2018-10 – An Ordinance Declaring Certain Property Surplus and Authorizing**  
27 **its Sale and Disposition** – Chief Krull stated that he wanted to draw the Board’s attention to  
28 Pages 100 through 104 on your iPads. There is a Motion to allow the Police Department to  
29 dispose of a 2009 Lexus GS 300 four-door sedan. You have work product dated March 12<sup>th</sup> in  
30 front of you with further information. The vehicle was seized. He stated for the record, the  
31 vehicle was not seized from anybody in town. The vehicle was used to move large quantities of  
32 drugs. It has 175,000 miles on it. It is too expensive to try to repair it. The parts for a Lexus are  
33 expensive and it is not worth trying to fix it. He is suggesting that we auction it off at the South  
34 Suburban Mayors and Managers Auto Auction on April 24<sup>th</sup> in Crestwood.  
35 **Motion by Trustee Matz, second by Trustee Hudson to Waive in First Reading Adopt in**  
36 **Second Reading Ordinance #2018-10 An Ordinance Declaring Certain Property Surplus**  
37 **and Authorizing its Sale and Disposition.**  
38 **Roll Call: Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**  
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40 Village President Burke stated that he thought it would be appropriate if Chief Krull stated  
41 something about an incident that occurred last Thursday. He asked Chief Krull to give the public  
42 and the Board the latest status on the incident in Graymoor.  
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44 **Update on Incident of March 8<sup>th</sup> in Graymoor** - Chief Krull stated that on Saturday, March  
45 10<sup>th</sup> there was a Code Red sent out to everybody. If you are not signed up for Code Red, he  
46 strongly encourages everybody to do so. That’s the way the Village has chosen to get that  
47 information out. The subject of that Code Red was that on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> there were quite

1 a few shots fired into a house at 102 Graymoor. We have the shooter. We have an Arrest  
2 Warrant. It's a Statewide Arrest Warrant for that gentleman. He is also wanted by Dolton and  
3 South Holland for doing the exact same thing. There's no general threat to your community out  
4 there right now. Law enforcement is looking for that young man. It all stemmed from a verbal  
5 disagreement in reference to the sale of some items at that house. The shooter, so to speak, was  
6 invited over to that house at 102 Graymoor. He is not a resident of our town. Our resident invited  
7 that person over there. As he said earlier, there was a verbal dispute over some type of  
8 transaction that went bad. Village President Burke thanked Chief Krull.

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10 Village President Burke stated that when this occurred, we had at least six police officers on site.  
11 They did an outstanding job of going through the crime scene. Trustee Pennington, and the HOA  
12 President from there, and Village President Burke went door-to-door in addition to the police  
13 talking to some of the residents there. They were sure it was just an isolated incident.

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15 Mr. Leon Francisco stated that he is the President of the Homeowners Association for Graymoor.  
16 They are trying to take some corrective actions in the Village. He stated that it is coincidental  
17 that our Graymoor Board had just suggested putting cameras in the entrances to Graymoor  
18 because we had been seeing a lot of traffic going through. He thinks that they would have been  
19 able to assist the police in trying to apprehend the perpetrator if they had that ability to capture  
20 the license plates. It is his understanding that we still do not have him apprehended. Village  
21 President Burke stated that the Police Department has pictures. We know who the person is.  
22 There has been a Warrant issued for his arrest. Mr. Francisco stated that the word that they have  
23 is whether or not that individual will come back into Graymoor. He is not sure if the dispute was,  
24 in fact, settled. Whoever he shot at is still in Graymoor. We want to make sure that we are  
25 keeping an eye on that. The Homeowners Association is trying to take whatever actions they can  
26 to keep an eye on 102 and that individual out there as well. In addition to putting those cameras  
27 together, they are going to bring the entire subdivision together to kind of calm everyone and talk  
28 about some things that we can do as a community to make sure that we are looking out for our  
29 neighbors. They are going to be asking the Village President to participate with them when they  
30 have that meeting in the next couple of weeks and have the Chief there with them as well. Mr.  
31 Francisco stated thank you, and we hope you apprehend him quickly.

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33 Village President Burke stated that we want to be there. Village President Burke stated that he,  
34 along with Trustee Pennington and Mr. Francisco, went around with the police officers to try to  
35 assure the public that there was nothing to be concerned with. He stated that we know who the  
36 guy is. We have his picture. There is a Warrant out for him. He did not live in the Village. It was  
37 an isolated situation. He was invited in to go through with this transaction and it didn't go quite  
38 well. The public should feel comfortable that this is not where we were preyed upon. It was  
39 actually someone that was invited into that house.

#### 40 41 **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

#### 42 43 **Finance/Planning – Trustee Pennington**

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45 **January 2018 Financial Statement** – Trustee Pennington stated that he has three Reports  
46 tonight. He will start with the most comprehensive which is our Financial Report for the month  
47 of January. He will begin with the General Fund, the Corporate Fund. He stated that our realized

1 revenue for the month of January was \$383,449.00, against a budgeted figure of \$364,648.00, or  
2 9% favorable to Budget Plan. The Village's General Fund expenses for the month of January  
3 were favorable to Plan. The Village projected January expenses at \$815,680.00. Actual expenses  
4 incurred for this period was \$687,636.00, or 16% favorable to Budget Plan. Although our  
5 January Fund Balance Actual is a negative \$304,187.00, and our Year to Date Budget at nine-  
6 months is a negative \$546,748.00, our Fiscal Year to Date Actual plus encumbrance in the  
7 General Fund remains in surplus status at \$21,680.00. This is further contrasted with the  
8 revenues budgeted at nine-months and the actual revenues incurred and expenses incurred at that  
9 period, and that remains \$4,763,078.00 in revenues less \$4,741,449.00 in incurred expenses. We  
10 remain in surplus status by \$568,378.00.

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12 Trustee Pennington stated that with respect to the Water Fund, water revenue was 26% favorable  
13 to Plan in the month of January. The Village budgeted for the sum of \$192,070.00 in revenue and  
14 realized \$353,760.00 in actual revenue. Water expenses were 35% favorable to the Budget Plan  
15 for the month of January. The Village budgeted the amount of \$280,771.00 for expenses and  
16 incurred \$181,475.00 in actual expenses. Contributing factors leading to this expense favorability  
17 in the Water Fund was a 15% decrease in water purchases in January. Although our Year to Date  
18 Budget at nine-months is a negative \$182,263.00, our Fiscal Year to Date Actual Plus  
19 Encumbrance in the Water Fund for the month of January is a surplus of \$91,787.00 or for the  
20 total period \$2,198,689.00 actual realized revenues and fees, and \$2,106,901.00 in actual  
21 expenses incurred over the nine-month period. We continue to maintain a fund surplus in the  
22 Water Fund in the amount of \$274,050.00. It's important to note that during the month of  
23 January we had budgeted for deficits in these two funds. But as you see, they are in a positive  
24 position at this point in time.

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26 Trustee Pennington stated that with respect to the Sewer Fund, the Village's Revenue Sewer  
27 Fund Budget for January was set at \$132,941.00. The Village realized actual revenue in the  
28 amount of \$166,074.00, or 20% favorable to Plan. Sewer expenses were favorable to Plan by  
29 13%. He stated that \$128,376.00 was budgeted for sewer expenses. The Village incurred  
30 \$111,740.00 in actual expenses. This resulted in a fund surplus of \$54,335.00 in January. Our  
31 Year to Date Budget at nine-months is a deficit \$62,191.00. This represents projected Budget  
32 Revenues for nine months at \$1,196,468.00 and budgeted expenses at nine-months in the amount  
33 of \$1,258,659.00. Notwithstanding this budgeted month ending in deficit, our Fiscal Year Actual  
34 plus encumbrance for January is a surplus \$143,553.00, or \$1,316,626.00 actual revenues at  
35 nine-months, compared to actual nine-month expenses of \$1,173,074.00. We are trending  
36 positively in the Sewer Fund as it relates to the overall Budget. He stated with respect to the  
37 Non-Home Rule Sales Tax \$163,200.00 was budgeted for NHR in January. The Village realized  
38 \$198,734.00 in actual revenue or 18% above Plan. We did not incur any expenses in this fund in  
39 January. Our surplus in the NHR Fund is \$35,534.00.

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41 **Treasurer's Report of Cash Balances** – Trustee Pennington stated that also in your Board  
42 Packet you have the Treasurer's Report of Cash Balances. It is pretty much consistent with what  
43 we have had over the past two-months with very little change.

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45 Village President Burke stated that we are in the middle of going through the Budget work for  
46 next year. This year, there was originally going to be \$45,641.00 added to our General Fund, but  
47 we are projecting that by the end of this year instead of \$45,000.00, we will be \$338,000.00 to

1 the good. Some of the things that we have been working on has given us a lot of promise and  
2 hope that we will be able to continue to reduce expenses and provide self-funding of some of the  
3 projects that are needed in the Village, instead of us going out and borrowing money. The  
4 Department Heads have done an outstanding job of managing their Budgets appropriately. If  
5 things go as we are predicting, instead of having \$45,000.00, we will have an additional  
6 \$338,000.00. This is surplus dollars and it is great news. The Water Fund and the Sewer Fund  
7 are going to be equally as positive. That will allow us to not have to borrow money to do some of  
8 the capital projects that we have determined that we need to do. That's great. That's very, very,  
9 very good.

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11 **Planning and Zoning Commission** – Trustee Pennington stated that with respect to our  
12 Planning and Zoning Commission, the Planning and Zoning Commission met on Wednesday,  
13 March 7<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Economic Development Commission. We held a Joint  
14 Meeting to discuss certain zoning revisions regarding the Village's Zoning Ordinances, as well  
15 as reviewing the Design Guidelines for the Village's Transit-Oriented Development. He stated  
16 that Mike Hoffman of Teska Associates who is our Village Planner, led the discussion on the  
17 zoning changes, as well as on the TOD Project. This meeting was called to update the Economic  
18 Development Commission on the proposed changes in the Zoning Ordinances as it directly  
19 impacts and pertains to their mission on economic development. The Revised Zoning Ordinances  
20 are nearing formal approval. A full presentation will be presented to the Board very, very soon.  
21 We are anticipating something in the next four to six-weeks in terms of getting the overall  
22 Ordinance Directory out.

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24 Village President Burke stated that this Joint Meeting was very important. It was important  
25 because there are three ways in which you can balance a Budget. You can cut expenses and  
26 increase revenues by more taxes which we are not going to do, or you can raise revenues through  
27 economic development. The other way you can balance a Budget is through transfers. What we  
28 have chosen to do going forward is to focus on economic development. He stated that having the  
29 Planning and Zoning Commission and the Economic Development Commission working hand in  
30 hand, that's one way that will help us manage land and economic development opportunities  
31 through Zoning Ordinances, as well as a Comprehensive Economic Development Program.  
32 There is a Liaison from both of those Commissions that will be on each of the other  
33 Commissions to make sure that we stay in sync to do those necessary things to grow the  
34 economic development base of the Village. It was a great opportunity for all of us to get  
35 together. It was like four-hours of meetings back to back discussing this. He believes that we are  
36 all on the same page. All of our Ordinances are being brought in line to protect the Village.

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38 **Veterans Affair Committee Update** – Trustee Pennington stated that the Veterans Committee  
39 met on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at Village Hall. This year's theme "Is 2018 the Year for Growth?"  
40 Trustee Pennington stated that we are desirous to have all Veterans living in the Village of  
41 Olympia Fields to join our group. We are hosting a "Meet and Greet" affair, military style on  
42 Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at the Tim Bradford Barn from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. for Veteran  
43 residents of Olympia Fields. They have added 10 new members to their roster in the last 10-days.  
44 They hope this event will bring out more Veterans. They are preparing fliers for distribution, as  
45 well as other event planning opportunities that will be posted on the website. He stated that if  
46 you know a Veteran, please make him or her aware of this affair on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

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1 Trustee Pennington stated that one of our Charter Members of the Veterans Committee, Nicole  
2 Mandeville, a Veteran of the first Gulf War, will serve as a panelist at the Veterans Actions  
3 Monthly Meeting to be held at the Family Harvest Church, 18500 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Tinley Park,  
4 on March 19<sup>th</sup>. The topic for this particular event is “The Veterans Woman’s Issues.” He stated  
5 that Nicole is a Senior Program Manager at the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs. She  
6 serves as an advocate and change agent for women, Veterans, and services members, family, and  
7 community. She identifies, establishes, and manages strategic partnerships and resources for the  
8 Veterans community throughout the State of Illinois. We are proud to have her as a member of  
9 the Olympia Fields Veterans Committee. This meeting is open to the public. If you have time  
10 and would like to learn more about how Veterans Affairs effect women, be sure to attend the  
11 event on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Harvest Church in Tinley Park. It starts at 7:00 P.M.

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### 13 **Educational Commission – Trustee Oliver**

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15 **Educational Commission Update** – Trustee Oliver stated that for the past several months he has  
16 been reporting on the Olympia Fields Educational Commission’s efforts in charting a new course  
17 of direction focused on the three Guiding Principles as established by Village President Sterling  
18 Burke. 1. To maintain the beauty and charm of Olympia Fields. 2. To improve the efficiency of  
19 our government. 3. Protecting the Olympia Fields property values.

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21 Trustee Oliver stated that tonight he can tell you that the Commission has reached a consensus  
22 on its new mission, along with the goals of precision. At the next Village Board Meeting we  
23 intend to announce what these goals are, and the measurable objectives to achieve each one.

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25 **Recommendation for the 2018 Olympia Fields Mini Grant Awards** – Trustee Oliver stated  
26 that in your Board Packet tonight you were provided a Memo which details the process of  
27 completing the historic Olympia Fields Mini Grant Program. He stated that for the members of  
28 the audience who may be unaware of the program, the Commission was approved by the Village  
29 Board to award 10, \$1,000.00 Grants to schools that the kids of Olympia Fields feed into, K  
30 through twelfth-grade. In order to get this award, announcements were sent to the  
31 Superintendents of the various schools. The teachers would submit an Application developed by  
32 the Commission. The Educational Commission’s Mini Grant Subcommittee would review these  
33 Applications based upon the criteria they established and the Rubric. This year they received 25-  
34 Applications. The majority came from the Matteson Elementary School District followed by the  
35 Southland Charter Prep High School. It is important for the Board and the audience to note that  
36 although we had a Budget of \$10,000.00, the Educational Commission held a very serious  
37 discussion about being good stewards of the funding and spending it very wisely since it really  
38 comes from the citizens of this Village. We recognize that we only exist to provide assistance  
39 and to help advise those charged with educating our children. After careful deliberation, using  
40 the Rubric as their guide, the Educational Commission Members independently, and then jointly  
41 chose the educators as this year’s recipients of the Mini Grant Awards. In your packet you will  
42 note the particulars. Those that won include Jessica Chin from Matteson, District 162, Arcadia,  
43 first-grade for a STEM Project that she submitted with a cost of \$998.20. Mary Gray is an award  
44 recipient from Rich Central High School. She wanted to do an expansion on a Phlebotomy  
45 Program at her school for a cost of \$993.90. He stated that Angela Foushi is from Chicago  
46 Heights. She has a fourth-grade class. She is doing something in Reading, Science, Engineering,

1 and Language Arts. Her total cost was \$981.47. Out of the \$10,000.00 budgeted, the 2018 Mini  
2 Grant Awards total \$2,973.57.

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4 Trustee Oliver wanted to introduce the residents of the Educational Commission, some of whom  
5 are your friends and your neighbors. He stated that Fred Veazey is the Chairman Pro Tem of the  
6 Educational Commission. He stated that Dr. Doris Langon is here. He stated that Dr. Delores  
7 Woods is also here. (There was a round of applause). He stated that they truly work really, really  
8 hard. Typically, they would have spent that \$10,000.00. It was a knockdown, drag down fight  
9 not to spend every penny of it this year. He stated that we aren't doing that any longer. Out of the  
10 \$10,000.00 there is a little less than \$3,000.00 that will be spent for the Mini Grants this year.

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12 Trustee Matz inquired of Trustee Oliver how the monies are acquired for the Mini Grant. Why  
13 would you not want to spend the whole \$10,000.00 if monies are ongoing? Trustee Oliver stated  
14 those are two great questions. The Educational Commission began in 2006. In 2008 or 2009 the  
15 Board began funding the Educational Commission. It is based on whatever the needs are. At that  
16 time, we had a great deal of needs. It went from a \$15,000.00 Budget to in the last two-years  
17 almost \$25,000.00. He stated that \$10,000.00 was allocated specifically for the Mini Grant  
18 Program. In the last five or six-years, they have had this Mini Grant Program. It has had its ups  
19 and downs. A number of our educators throughout the area have applied for these Grants. They  
20 pretty much spent the whole \$10,000.00 a year. They have come to realize now that these  
21 schools have a Budget much larger than ours. We are going to go in a different direction in terms  
22 of providing the help and assistance that these educators have been asking for. That was the first  
23 question.

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25 Trustee Matz stated that you didn't quite answer the first question. Maybe she missed it. How do  
26 you get the money for the Mini Grants? She understands how you are distributing the money.  
27 Where does the money come from? Trustee Oliver stated that he was sorry. He must not have  
28 been clear. The money is actually budgeted and approved by this Board. Since 2008 or 2009, or  
29 thereabout, each year the Board has approved just like a number of the other Commissions and  
30 Committees that serve our Village, some of them have funding to do their work. He stated for us  
31 over the years it has been in the range of \$10,000.00 to \$25,000.00 that the Board approved.

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33 Trustee Matz stated that she heard him say that they have a larger Budget than we do. So, you  
34 decided to pull back on the monies that you were giving to the teachers. It was her  
35 understanding, that the teachers weren't really getting the monies that they needed to put back  
36 into their classroom, so you were giving them dollars where you didn't have to go through the  
37 beauracy of the schools and give the teachers the money for the projects for the children. What  
38 happened with that? Trustee Oliver asked Fred Veazey the Chairman Pro Tem of the Educational  
39 Commission to come up and say a few words and answer that question more succinctly.

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41 Mr. Veazey stated that the question was why we didn't spend the full \$10,000.00. We developed  
42 a Rubric. In the Rubric it outlined the specific areas in which we were going to judge all 25. In  
43 an effort to be fair, and to make sure that whatever Grant Applications we chose fit what we  
44 were looking for, we were very deliberate in our process. In our process we found that only three  
45 even met what he would call a minimal standard. There were eight of us in the room. Only those  
46 three had support from more than half of the people in the room. In a nutshell, we just didn't feel  
47 that they were good enough. As Trustee Oliver said if we are going to be entrusted with

1 \$10,000.00 of the Village’s money, then we are going to spend it wisely. We are not just going to  
2 throw it out because it is there. We are going to make sure that it fits what we think the citizens  
3 of Olympia Fields would want us to do. They just weren’t good enough. Trustee Matz thanked  
4 Mr. Veazey.

5 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Matz to Award Three Educational Grants**  
6 **totaling \$2,973.57 to the Districts/School/Instructor as listed in the attached and**  
7 **Recommended by the Village of Olympia Fields Educational Commission in their Meeting**  
8 **of March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018; and Authorize the Administration to Notify the Three Grant Recipients**  
9 **of their Award.**

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

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12 Village President Burke stated that there were 10 or 11-pages in this Ordinance. There were six  
13 different School Systems that we were trying to work with from what he understands. In doing  
14 so, it was kind of like watering the desert. You want to try to zero in on the best of breed and get  
15 people to come up with the best of breed type of programs to do what’s right for the children that  
16 live not only in our town, but the children that attend the schools in these six School Systems.  
17 When you have a Commission of about eight-people trying to do programs for all of them, that is  
18 kind of like watering the desert. He asked the Commission to pick three things that they would  
19 focus on and try to do those very, very well and that’s what they did. There was money being  
20 distributed that we didn’t necessarily have control. They made sure that the Program was  
21 administered by people who live in the Village and administered for all the right reasons. There  
22 was no intent to squeeze anybody out, but just try to find the best programs you possibly can. It  
23 looks like that is what they did. They went through a special process to identify the very best and  
24 that is the way it should be. You don’t get an award for just showing up. He believes that they  
25 did an outstanding job to make sure that did not happen. He appreciates and commends the  
26 Commission for the work that they have done. We look forward to them doing the same kind of  
27 thing next year.

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29 Trustee Gibson stated that she did not have a Formal Report this evening.

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31 Trustee Matz stated that she did not have a Formal Report this evening.

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33 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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35 Trustee Oliver stated that he is not sure if this is New Business. He would like to dovetail on  
36 something that was reported earlier. The Planning and Zoning Commission was meeting with the  
37 Economic Development Commission. He would like at some point in time to begin some  
38 conversations to include the Educational Commission as well. It is early in our infancy stage  
39 regarding how the School Districts should tie up into the Economic Development Commission,  
40 and Planning and Zoning as well. Now that there is more dialog and discussions within these  
41 Commissions, we would like to have the Educational Commission considered in the very near  
42 future. Trustee Pennington stated that he thinks that is doable. Village President Burke stated that  
43 we can make that happen.

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1 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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3 **Resignation – Ethel Collier from the Community Relations Commission** – Village President  
4 Burke stated that Ethel Collier volunteered to be on the Community Relations Commission. She  
5 has had some illness in her family. She sent the Village President a letter saying that she would  
6 not be able to participate. She is resigning from the Community Relations Commission. He just  
7 wanted to let the Board know that that occurred.

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9 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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11 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Hudson to adjourn the Board Meeting**  
12 **at 8:00 P.M.**

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

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15 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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