

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on June 11, 2018**

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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, June 11th, 2018, 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. Village
8 Administrator/Deputy Village Clerk, Cynthia Saenz called the roll.

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10 Present: Trustees – Gibson, Oliver, Pennington, Hudson, and Matz
11 Village President Sterling M. Burke
12 Village Administrator/Deputy Village Clerk, Cynthia Saenz

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14 Absent: Trustee Thomas.

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16 **READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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18 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to Dispense with the Reading of**
19 **the Minutes from the May 14th, 2018, Board Meeting, and Approve the Minutes from the**
20 **May 14th, 2018, Board Meeting as Amended.**

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

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23 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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25 **Motion by Trustee Matz, second by Trustee Hudson to Approve the Payment of Bills for**
26 **June 11th, 2018, in the Total Amount of \$317,980.14.**

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

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29 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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31 Village President Burke opened Public Comment at 7:05 P.M. Village President Burke stated
32 that we have a guest, Miss Parker, from Commonwealth Edison.

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34 **Residential Inspection Program – Bonita Parker, Commonwealth Edison** – Miss Parker
35 stated that she wanted to expound upon some of the programs that ComEd has that they would
36 love to share with the residents in the Village of Olympia Fields. Miss Parker thanked Trustee
37 Matz for asking her to come and share the information with the residents in Olympia Fields. She
38 stated that they go across their service territory at a broad variety of community events and share
39 information about the different things that ComEd does. Miss Parker stated that she is here to
40 talk about one of the initiatives that comes out of their Future Energy Jobs Act that was enacted
41 by our State Legislators in the fall of 2016. One of the components of that gives them the
42 financial predictability to share with all of their customers some of the programs and incentives
43 they have around energy efficiency, for allowing us to be more efficient and to reduce our
44 electrical bills. Miss Parker stated that through their Homeowners Energy Assessment Programs
45 if you allow them to come into your home, they will do an inspection of your home. They
46 produce a Report that shows some of the things that you could do as a homeowner to help further
47 reduce your electric bill. They deliver energy. She stated that whoever you decide to get your

1 commodity from it doesn't matter. Due to the fact they are good, corporate citizens, they are
2 concerned about the environment and the Eco System. They are trying to reduce the emissions so
3 that they can do their part on being a good responsible citizen.

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5 Miss Parker stated that they will come into your home. They will give you a Report. They tell
6 you the things that you can do differently. She stated that for allowing them to come into your
7 home, they will provide you with a free, programmable thermostat, a free showerhead, and a
8 kitchen faucet aerator to make your water usage more energy efficient. They will provide you
9 with a free, power surge protection strip. They will swap out all of your common area lights with
10 energy efficient lights. In most cases it will be the LEDs. They do all of that for free for allowing
11 them to come into your home and to tell you how you can save on your electric bill. They offer
12 similar processes for the businesses in the area. She stated that for any facility that utilizes
13 electricity, they have a Free Energy Assessment Program.

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15 Miss Parker stated that the Village President, the Village Administrator, and the Board have
16 approved ComEd coming out and setting up a table on Saturday, July 14th, from 11:00 A.M. to
17 1:00 P.M. All of the residents would have the opportunity to interface with their Energy
18 Efficiency Team to learn more about energy efficiency. That is an opportunity that is out there. If
19 you want to take advantage of it she will be happy to make sure that they have the appropriate
20 representatives there. Trustee Matz stated that date isn't firm. We are trying to get that date into
21 our water bills so the residents will know that they will be able to come out that day. Miss Parker
22 stated whatever date you select let her know, and she will make sure that she has a team here to
23 share that information with the residents.

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25 Village President Burke stated that we appreciate that. He doesn't see a reason why we would
26 not want to do that. He stated that Miss Parker shared with him and Cindy a Report that they give
27 every year on things that are going on from Commonwealth Edison's standpoint. He asked Miss
28 Parker to set up a special meeting with the Commonwealth Edison people at Willis Tower. Miss
29 Parker stated to learn more about "Smart Cities." Village President Burke inquired of Miss
30 Parker whether or not she could talk a little bit more about that.

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32 Miss Parker stated that she met with the Village President and they talked about the Energy
33 Efficiency Programs that ComEd has and some other programs that they have. The Village
34 President expressed to Miss Parker the interest that he has in the technology arena. She shared
35 with him a demonstration that they have with one of the consultants that they work with at
36 ComEd that is helping them to bring our communities into what they call "Smart Cities." There
37 is a lot of cutting-edge technology that many Villages are not tapped into yet. Your Village
38 President wants to be the forerunner. He likes technology. Miss Parker told the Village President
39 that they will come down and do a demonstration so that he can see everything. They will look to
40 see how many components of that they might be able to incorporate into the Business Park.

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42 Village President Burke stated that we are going to have quite a few high-tech type businesses.
43 Anything that we can do that is going to allow them to take advantage of the future, we want to
44 try to do that. He stated that we will appreciate any help you can give us to help us do that. Miss
45 Parker stated absolutely. She is committed.

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1 Trustee Pennington inquired of Miss Parker whether or not Commonwealth Edison gives an
2 assessment on residential solar panels. Miss Parker stated that they have subject matter experts
3 that can help with discussions you may be having with solar vendors. They are trying to
4 encourage people to look at renewable energy sources, whether it be solar or any other type. The
5 role they have is more on the back-end with the bookkeeping and the recordkeeping. They are
6 not necessarily in the business of installing solar panels. She has subject matter experts. Trustee
7 Pennington stated that he understands that part. He is just thinking about what she said earlier
8 with respect to doing an assessment for a homeowner or a business with respect to their design to
9 have a solar panel put in. Miss Parker doesn't believe that they have subject matter experts that
10 would be able to come to your house and say here is how you should design your solar panels.
11 She can look into that and get back with Cindy if she finds something. She is not aware of that at
12 all, but she will look into it.

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14 Village President Burke inquired that some states out west that have a lot of sun, as people
15 moved into using alternative energy and solar, is Commonwealth Edison going to do a reverse
16 charge in any way on people who might want to put solar in? He stated that in Arizona they get a
17 lot of sun. They have a lot of solar panels. Some of the new businesses that we have been talking
18 to are interested in high-tech, alternative energy. Is there anyway that we can use that as a carrot,
19 so to speak, to get them to come? If so, is there any penalty from the power company that if
20 people put in solar or alternative energy, that they have to pay a flat fee?

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22 Miss Parker stated that you raise a very good question. It is the complete solar opposite. They are
23 incentivizing people who are coming in and building buildings that have solar panels on them,
24 and/or any Villages that might want to look into Solar Farms, Solar Communities. Anything and
25 all things solar, they are offering incentives for that right now. They tend not to necessarily
26 promote the home piece because it is so expensive to convert your existing home into solar. If
27 you do it, they will give you incentives. She stated that definitely for new development, they are
28 offering incentives for solar and any other type of energy efficiency lead certifying that they
29 want to do. They are offering incentives for that as well.

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31 Trustee Pennington inquired of Miss Parker who someone contacts with respect to Solar Farms.
32 Miss Parker stated that you can call the 1-800-EDISON-1 Number. Let them know that you are
33 interested in a Solar Farm. They will route you to the appropriate department.

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35 Trustee Gibson stated that she likes the idea of the energy efficiency that Miss Parker talked
36 about first. How do you go through the process of getting an appointment? Miss Parker stated
37 that there is a number that will be on all of the material. If you don't have a direct number to any
38 programs that you hear about with ComEd, if you call 1-800-EDISON-1 and say this is what you
39 are interested in they will route you to the correct department. She stated whatever date we come
40 out to the Village, they will have brochures with direct phone numbers. Everything that she is
41 talking about tonight you can find on their website and/or call 1-800-EDISON-1 and they will
42 route you to the appropriate department. Trustee Gibson inquired of Miss Parker about how long
43 the Energy Assessment takes. Miss Parker stated that it depends on the size of your home. Miss
44 Parker stated that her home is a modest size home. It took about an hour. They gave her a full
45 Report of everything that she needed to do to become more energy efficient. She has cut her
46 electricity bill in half since she has been working for ComEd because she is learning all these
47 tricks of the trade on how to be more energy efficient. Anything that she promotes, she tries it

1 first. She feels better about promoting something if it is something that she has gone through
2 herself. The energy assessment was quick. It was professional. She hasn't done everything on the
3 Report yet. She got some of the things done. While he was there he changed out the lightbulbs.
4 He covered up her hot water pipes and gave her more strategy. The more that she is around her
5 Energy Efficiency Team and picking up things, it has helped her over the duration of her time
6 being there and reduced her bills in half.

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8 Miss Parker stated that they have the A/C Cycling Program. They have rebates for refrigerators
9 and old air conditioning units that are just sitting around collecting dust. She is on a mission to
10 try to get as much of this information out to the general public as possible, so that folks can
11 benefit the way that she feels she has.

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13 Trustee Matz stated that the programs that ComEd has people don't know about them. That's
14 why she wanted Miss Parker to come out. She stated that we are going to have a hot summer and
15 if we can reduce our electric bill it would be fantastic. Trustee Matz stated that when Miss Parker
16 comes out with her team, she is pretty sure that the residents could sign-up at that point to have
17 ComEd come into their homes. She stated that if we can get this information out as quickly as
18 possible, we can all be reducing our electric bill.

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20 Trustee Gibson stated that she has to commend ComEd. She recently bought a new refrigerator.
21 It was an energy efficient one. She got the rebate very, very fast.

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23 Village President Burke stated that ComEd could try to partner with our local high school. He
24 has had several conversations with other people who live in the Village that talk about Special
25 Grants where Commonwealth Edison may be partnering with schools to teach students how to
26 take advantage of the new technology in power. Village President Burke inquired of Miss Parker
27 whether or not she knew who we needed to talk to about that. Are there any summer jobs that are
28 available via ComEd? If we are going to have the Energy Efficient Experts come in, can we have
29 some of the kids that live in the Village participate in internships?

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31 Miss Parker stated that you asked her some really good questions. They are definitely promoting
32 Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math throughout their service territory. Anytime there
33 are resources needed, whether it be an engineer coming to speak to a group of students, or if
34 there is a project. She stated that as your External Affairs Manager for ComEd, she serves all of
35 the southeast suburbs. She can assemble whatever kind of team of experts, in whatever aspect of
36 ComEd you would want her to get to come to interface and speak with students or interact in any
37 kind of way.

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39 Village President Burke stated that Kelvin is the Liaison to the Educational Commission. He
40 asked her to work with Kelvin. Miss Parker stated that she will give Trustee Oliver one of her
41 cards and they can have a follow-up discussion. She stated with respect to the internships, every
42 summer they hire over 200-students. There is a nice chunk that comes from the suburban area.
43 She will check to see if any of the ones they have in this year's program are from Olympia
44 Fields. If so, she will let Cindy know. She stated that however you want to showcase that they
45 can. The window of opportunity to apply for internships is usually in November of the year prior.
46 She stated that 2018 is already closed. Those kids are already on property working. She stated for
47 2019 we should talk, or she can send you the link now and you will know you can go into it

1 around November of this year for any students that might want to internship for 2019. Village
2 President Burke stated that we will be at the head of the class to try to take advantage of that for
3 next year. He stated that Kelvin is the Liaison to the Educational Commission. He will probably
4 be the one reaching out to you about doing that. Miss Parker stated that's great.

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6 Miss Parker stated that we do an Ice Box Derby with the little girls in particular. We take the old,
7 recycled refrigerators that we picked up. We have little girls disassemble them. It is about an
8 eight-week program. We work with them and show them how to build an engine. They take the
9 shell of the refrigerator and that is the body of the car. When they are done with their projects
10 they have an opportunity to race them. The first-place winner gets x amount of dollars. The
11 second-place winner gets x amount of dollars and so on. That's an exciting program. Last year
12 they gave us what we needed to promote it. She will make sure that you get in for the upcoming
13 year so that you can take advantage of that program.

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15 Village President Burke stated that we will take advantage of the check in the homes. We will
16 get something out for that. Miss Parker stated that she will get on your calendar to get on the
17 Smart Cities Tour. Village President Burke thanked Miss Parker for coming. Miss Parker
18 thanked the Village President and Trustee Matz for the invitation to come this evening.

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20 **Inquiry on Water Purity Report and on the Water Bill** - Miss Bridges stated that the summer
21 months are approaching now and she wants to save on her ComEd Bill. She also wants to save
22 on the water bill. Miss Bridges remembers that we had a Purity Report a while back. She
23 inquired whether or not we will be seeing that again. She hasn't seen one in a while. The water
24 purity she wants that. When is the water bill going to go down? She knows that we kind of
25 promoted that. She is curious as to what month she will see it, especially with it being
26 summertime and you water grass. The teens are taking more showers now because they are out
27 playing basketball all of the time.

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29 Village President Burke stated that it is once a year in the fall when the Water Purity Report
30 comes out. As far as the water bill, it was originally scheduled for June 15th. It has been pushed
31 back to August 15th. He stated that starting on August 15th is when the reduction will take effect.
32 Miss Bridges inquired do we know about what percentage. Village President Burke stated
33 10.6%. He stated that hopefully, by the end of the year, we will reduce the sewer bills by maybe
34 a similar amount. We are working on that.

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36 Mrs. Zigras stated that it will be on the August 15th bill. The June and July usage are on the
37 August 15th bill and you will see that reduced water bill. Miss Bridges stated thank you.

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39 **Inquiry on Payments at the Metra Lot and Posting the Board Packet Online** - Mr. Charles
40 Durley stated that he wanted to review two things that he had requested previously about the
41 Metra Lot. He inquired of Village Administrator Saenz whether or not she met with them so that
42 we can pay our bill via text message, phone, or App. Village Administrator Saenz stated that is
43 on our to do list. We will be handling that project this Fiscal Year. We have not begun that
44 project yet. Probably within the next couple of months we will be setting up a Committee with
45 Trustee Thomas because she works with Metra, and the Village Administrator, and Mrs. Zigras.
46 We will work with the Village's Code Enforcement Officer because of the collection aspect. Mr.

1 Durley stated that the Fiscal Year ends in September. Village Administrator Saenz stated that it
2 ends April 30th. It is May 1st through April 30th.

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4 Mr. Durley stated that he had requested that you post the Packet that the Trustees get so we
5 would be able to see it, so that we would be informed on what you are discussing in-depth other
6 than bullet points. He stated that Mrs. Zigras thought it was already online. Mrs. Zigras stated
7 that she was referring to the Budget. Mr. Durley stated that he is talking about the Packet that the
8 Trustees get. He believes that information is important and that, we, as citizens know what is
9 being discussed in-depth so that when we come here we are informed.

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11 Village Administrator Saenz stated that we have not discussed that as a Board and made that
12 decision. She stated that Mr. Durley is referring to the entire Board Packet that the Trustees have
13 access to. He is asking that all of that information is posted online prior to the Board Meeting.
14 Right now, we just post the Agenda. That is something that we need to discuss.

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16 Village President Burke stated that we will discuss it at our next Planning Meeting to see how
17 the Board wants to do that. Mr. Durley inquired whether or not at the next Board Meeting he will
18 get some feedback on that. Village President Burke stated that we have to have a Planning
19 Session probably before the next meeting. They will discuss it at the Planning Session. Mr.
20 Durley stated thank you.

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22 **Request for an Amendment to an Ordinance** - Mrs. Shiree Bush-Giblin stated that she is the
23 President of the Maynegaite Homeowners Association. As a Board, they were looking into
24 getting an Underground Sprinkler System for their entranceway. In doing so, they learned that
25 the former Mayor, Judge Linsey Jones, had put in place years ago an Ordinance Section 9-41.
26 The Ordinance was designed for developers at the time subdivisions were being built. It was for
27 revenue for the Village. It was never designed for homeowners to eat this expense. She comes
28 before the Board to ask if the Board could amend the Ordinance, Section 9-41 where the
29 homeowners won't feel the burden of this expense. They also ask if you can waive the water
30 center supply. Mrs. Bush-Giblin supplied the Board with copies of the drawings of their
31 entranceway. They spoke with the contractors for the plumbing and the Sprinkler System. She
32 stated that there is a line going down in the back of the west wall. It will allow the contractor to
33 be in regulation of the IDOT. She met with Jim Landini, the Director of Public Works, and John
34 McDonnell, the Building Commissioner, as well as the Village President. After looking at the
35 drawing, Jim Landini and John McDonnell agreed that the line would meet regulations for
36 IDOT.

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38 Mrs. Bush-Giblin stated that tonight we are asking if you all can vote on this matter this evening.
39 She was at one of the Board Meetings last year and you became so transparent with the vote on
40 the wages if we wanted to opt-in or opt out. She believes that was the first vote she had ever seen
41 on the floor in front of the residents. She stated being that this is an urgent matter that we have
42 put almost \$8,000.00 worth of work in front of that entranceway, we are in need of this
43 underground sprinkler to be put in immediately. She stated that last year they endured a price of
44 close to \$3,000.00 just for a water tank. They found a contractor that is willing to put in the
45 plumbing and do the sprinklers for almost \$9,000.00. If they endure that \$3,000.00 again this
46 year, that is going to set them back and their work, their money, and their effort that they have
47 put in front of that wall in Maynegaite at Orchard and Lincoln Highway. The beautification in

1 front of the walls and all down the aisle would be in vain. Whichever way you go with this, she
2 urges you for a vote this evening if they can have one to start this project immediately.

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4 Village President Burke stated that when we met, what we agreed to do, because what you were
5 asking the Village to do was to grant you a \$9,000.00 credit for reduction in the cost to change a
6 \$9,000.00 reduction in what these fees were going to be. He stated that what we did as a group,
7 you were included, and Mr. Landini, and Mr. McDonnell, and myself said that you should come
8 to the Board and propose this to the Board. The Board would vote on this. If the Board agreed to
9 this, we would have our attorney write up an amendment to the existing Ordinance. This would
10 reduce your overall fees to do this from roughly \$9,000.00 down to about \$1,200.00. The Board
11 has to make a determination whether or not they want to make an amendment to this. We would
12 have our attorney put together the appropriate amendment. At the next meeting, we will vote on
13 that amendment. He stated to change an Ordinance on the fly like that, and vote on it, it has to be
14 on the Agenda. It is not on the Agenda. We are supporting it. If we took a vote right now, we
15 would be able to do what you want to do because it makes sense in order to give you that kind of
16 a relief. We have to go through the process and have the attorney write the appropriate
17 amendment to do that.

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19 Mrs. Bush-Giblin stated that we gladly accept that. We thank you all. Trustee Gibson stated that
20 we could not vote on it tonight because it isn't listed on the Agenda. Trustee Matz stated that we
21 are hearing this for the first time tonight. It makes sense that this Ordinance was put in place to
22 make sure that the expense went to the appropriate builders and not a burden on the residents.
23 She stated when you talk about beautification, and to dump that type of money onto our residents
24 is unfair. She believes that an amendment should be revisited.

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26 Village President Burke stated that he is for it. He even suggested it. He stated as Trustee Gibson
27 stated, we can't vote on anything that is not on the Agenda. He asked for a Motion that John
28 Murphey write an amendment.

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30 Mr. McDonnell stated that you could just direct him to change the Ordinance and provide that to
31 the Village Attorney to draft that up.

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33 Village President Burke stated that he believes we need a Motion to have him do that. Village
34 Administrator Saenz stated or have a consensus of the Board.

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36 Trustee Pennington inquired of Mr. McDonnell whether or not the change of the Ordinance
37 would affect in anyway what we have done with respect to the overall Ordinances of the Village.
38 Mr. McDonnell stated no. What we would do is we would basically add an amendment that
39 would not include a Homeowners Association Sprinkler System to abide by the fees that are set
40 forth in the Ordinance. Trustee Pennington stated that's fine.

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42 Village President Burke stated that in essence what we discussed is that the HOA would get
43 relief and would be treated as if they were a homeowner. If a homeowner wanted to tap into the
44 Water System, they pay a rate that is significantly different than what the original developers
45 would have been paying.

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1 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Matz to direct John McDonnell to change**
2 **Section 9-41 of the Ordinance and add an Amendment that would not include a**
3 **Homeowners Association’s Sprinkler System to abide by the fees that are set forth in the**
4 **Ordinance and provide that to John Murphey, the Village Attorney, to draft that up.**

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

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7 Village President Burke asked John McDonnell to take care of that since it is unanimous. He is
8 sure that since it was unanimous, that the next time around you will get it. Mrs. Bush-Giblin
9 stated that’s great. Thank you so much.

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11 **Committee Name Change and Christmas Party** - Mrs. Shiree Bush-Giblin stated that the
12 Village of Olympia Fields Event Committee is no longer the “Village of Olympia Fields Event
13 Committee.” We cannot use “Village.” She wants that on the record that they cannot use
14 “Village” any longer for their Committee. She invited everyone to come out. It is in the interest
15 of keeping our residents together and having a good time. They are having another Christmas
16 Party this year on Saturday, December 8th, at the Olympia Fields Country Club. They would like
17 all of our residents to participate in that.

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19 **Invitation to the “All White Party”** - Mrs. Bush-Giblin stated that they are having an “All
20 White Party” this summer for the first time. They would like everyone to come out dressed in
21 white and join them at the Olympia Fields Country Club on July 28th. Village President Burke
22 closed Public Comment at 7:40 P.M.

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24 **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:**

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26 **REPORT OF THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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28 **Report of the Village Administrator:**

29 **Resolution #2018-04 – A Resolution Authorizing the Participation in the Northern Illinois**
30 **Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC), to Secure Competitive Pricing for Energy**
31 **Rates to Operate the Village’s Residential and Small Commercial Customers; and**
32 **Authorize the Ad Hoc Committee to Negotiate Contracts with the Most Optimal Bidder;**
33 **and Authorize the Village Administrator to Sign a Contract with the Optimal Bidder –**

34 Village Administrator Saenz stated that what you have in front of you is Resolution #2018-04.
35 It’s a Resolution Authorizing the Participation in the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric
36 Collaborative (NIMEC), to Secure Competitive Pricing for Energy Rates to Operate the
37 Village’s Residential and Small Commercial Customers; and Authorize the Ad Hoc Committee
38 to Negotiate Contracts with the Most Optimal Bidder; and Authorize the Village Administrator
39 to Sign a Contract with the Optimal Bidder.

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41 Village Administrator Saenz stated that this Resolution is a Resolution to renew the contract that
42 we have currently for electrical aggregation. The contract is scheduled to end September of 2018.
43 We have to begin the process of securing another contract for another 12-months, or another
44 two-years. This Resolution will allow us to use the broker that we currently have. We have
45 established an Ad Hoc Committee. It states in the Resolution that it consists of the Finance
46 Trustee, the Village Administrator, the Treasurer, and the Finance Director. We will meet at the
47 end of this week to discuss the program and get an understanding where the program is going.

1 Next week we will setup this Bid Day where we will have access to competitive bids and
2 compare them to the rates that Commonwealth Edison has right now. This program is an
3 initiative for us to secure a better rate for the residents of Olympia Fields when it comes to an
4 electrical supplier. The Resolution is a three-part Resolution. One is to secure the broker which is
5 NIMEC. We have worked with him for the last two contract renewals to establish the Ad Hoc
6 Committee and give the Committee authorization to select the lowest and best bid. And also, to
7 allow Village Administrator Saenz to sign-off on the contract once that bid has been secured.
8 **Motion by Trustee Oliver second by Trustee Matz to Approve Resolution No. 2018-04 – A**
9 **Resolution Authorizing the Participation in the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric**
10 **Collaborative (NIMEC), to Secure Competitive Pricing for Energy Rates to Operate the**
11 **Village’s Residential and Small Commercial Customers; and to Authorize the Ad Hoc**
12 **Committee to Negotiate Contracts with the Most Optimal Bidder; and to Authorize the**
13 **Village Administrator to Sign a Contract with the Optimal Bidder.**
14 **Roll Call: Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**

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16 **DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS:**

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18 **John McDonnell – Building Commissioner**
19 **Ordinance #2018-14 – An Ordinance Adopting an Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan**
20 **for the Village of Olympia Fields (Future Land Use Map) [First and Second Reading] –**
21 Village Administrator Saenz stated that in front of you on the dais is a copy of Mr. McDonnell’s
22 Report. It was included in the Board Packet. We had a mix-up in the back office and the
23 Ordinance Number was listed incorrectly in your Electronic Packet. This Packet is the exact
24 same information except the Ordinance Number has been corrected.

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26 Mr. McDonnell stated that the Building Department has been working with the Planning and
27 Zoning Commission on a new Land Use Map for the Village of Olympia Fields. It hasn’t been
28 updated in quite some time. It has taken some time and some work. Teska Associates, Mike
29 Hoffman, has been working on it diligently with the Planning and Zoning Commission. The
30 Economic Development Commission has been working with the Planning and Zoning
31 Commission as well.

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33 Mr. Mike Hoffman from Teska Associates stated that he had a home audit from ComEd about a
34 year ago. His bill is down about 20%. It is a good program and a good effort. The
35 Comprehensive Plan is a guide for future development in the community. Most of Olympia
36 Fields is already developed so there is not a lot of things that radically needed to be changed in
37 there. The Village is looking at a lot of economic development opportunities. We are looking at
38 the Business Park that we are sitting in now. We are looking at the areas around the train
39 stations. We are looking at the Medical District in and around the hospital. We wanted to make
40 sure that we had a current Plan that we were working off of so when we take the next step and
41 update the Zoning Ordinance which we are close to being able to do, we have something
42 accurate to go by and to work off of. Right now, your existing future Land Use Plan in your
43 document is black and white and very difficult to read and hard to interpret. The current one that
44 we are proposing is in color, and easy to read, and easy for anyone in the development
45 community, or any of the residents, or anyone on the Board to use and implement. We are
46 certainly recommending that this be adopted as an amendment to your Comprehensive Plan. A
47 Public Hearing was held on this before the Planning and Zoning Commission on May 17th. They

1 unanimously supported the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. This is a guide to zoning
2 which is what this Future Land Use Plan is. There were a number of properties that we wanted to
3 ultimately see rezoned by the train station, the Business Park, or maybe along Vollmer Road.
4 This is a guide that sets the stage for future rezoning.

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6 Trustee Oliver stated nice job. Trustee Pennington stated that he wanted to make a comment with
7 respect to the diligence of the Economic Development Commission, as well as Mike’s team in
8 terms of putting this Future Land Use Map together. As Mike said, it hasn’t been updated since
9 1997. If you look at the map on the wall, it’s the original map for all intense purposes for this
10 Village. What we have before us today is the map that will enhance the Village and its land use
11 infinitum. As long as this Village is together, this map will take care of all of the issues that we
12 face and that we want to clear up. Trustee Pennington thanked Mike and his team. He thanked
13 the Economic Development Commission because they were instrumental too in giving the
14 Planning and Zoning Commission guidance and council as related to the economic development
15 issues that they see, as well as the Medical Campus. Kudos to everyone. This is very much
16 needed. It’s going to really place the Village of Olympia Fields in a stellar position going
17 forward.

18 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to Waive in First Reading and**
19 **Adopt in Second Reading Ordinance #2018-14 - An Ordinance Adopting an Amendment to**
20 **the Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Olympia Fields (Future Land Use Map), under**
21 **the direction of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Chapter 22, Article II, Division 6,**
22 **Section 22-108. The new Village of Olympia Fields Land Use Map and Land Use**
23 **Categories.**

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

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26 **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

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28 **Public Safety – Gibson**

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30 **Graduation from Northwestern University Center – Public Safety School of Police Staff**
31 **and Command – Detective Corporal Mark Akiyama –** Trustee Gibson stated that she has one
32 Report this evening for Public Safety. She is the Liaison Trustee for Public Safety.

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34 The Olympia Fields Police Department is proud to recognize Detective Corporal Mark Akiyama
35 on his graduation from Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff
36 and Command on May 11th, 2018, in Plainfield, Illinois. Detective Corporal Akiyama and his
37 classmates are graduating as members of the (428th) four hundred and twenty-eighth class to
38 complete this prestigious program.

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40 The School of Police Staff and Command is a nationally recognized upper level management
41 program which exposes police personnel to many critical concepts including resource allocation,
42 staffing, legal review, budgeting, personnel issues, discipline and other topics designed to assist
43 students in effectively managing their agencies.

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45 Detective Corporal Akiyama should be recognized and commended for completing this intensive
46 ten-week course of study. As part of a strong leadership foundation, Detective Corporal Akiyama

1 joins other Department personnel who have graduated from the School of Police Staff and
2 Command.

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4 The other officers that have done that are: Detective Corporal Garrick Amschl, Class 402 in
5 2017. Sergeant Scott Metzger, Class 373 in 2015. Sergeant Derrick Blasingame, Class 365 in
6 2014, and Deputy Chief Scott Morgan, Class 354 in 2014, and our Chief of Police John Krull,
7 Class 123, in 1997.

8 Trustee Gibson stated that there is no need for a Proposed Motion. It is for information only.
9 Village President Burke stated congratulations to Mark.

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11 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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13 **Cutting Grass in the Village** - Trustee Hudson stated that the things that we had to sign-off on
14 for keeping the Village beautiful has been really large. We have a lot of grass that we have to
15 cut. Some people are living in those houses and they are not cutting their grass. She was
16 wondering if everyone is aware of how tall your grass can get before we will assess a penalty
17 when we cut it. If you are not, call the Village and you can get that information. If you are
18 having a problem where you can't do it, call and let us know that as well. Sometimes it gets so
19 heavy that there are people that are not in the houses, and we are not having enough time to get
20 to every place so that you will know that we are doing our job. We are just overloaded. We are
21 not in a position to hire additional help to do that all the time, but we have to because we just
22 cannot staff for just the times when we have a large amount of grass that is growing like it is
23 now. There is a way that you can check on that if you are not aware that you have to keep it that
24 way. Your property will be assessed that amount if you are not in a position to pay it. We are
25 trying to give you a warning before we do it.

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27 Trustee Matz stated that former Trustee Byrd asked her today to find out about cutting the
28 common areas. Normally, the Village cuts once a week. It seems that now the Village is cutting
29 the grass every other third week.

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31 Village President Burke stated that unfortunately Jim Landini is out this week. In our every other
32 week meeting there has not been an issue where this has been raised. He stated that if Trustee
33 Byrd has a complaint, the staff understands that they are to get back to any complainant in 24-
34 hours, and a resolution in 72-hours. We will check into that tomorrow to find out. You are
35 talking about the common areas. Trustee Matz stated the areas that the Village is responsible to
36 cut. Village President Burke stated that we are cutting grass every week. That's what we
37 understood. Every week grass is being cut. If it is not being cut by the Village, there are third
38 parties that are cutting the grass on our behalf. Trustee Matz stated maybe they are missing that.

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40 Village Administrator Saenz stated that Jim Landini is at a conference. She will call over to
41 Public Works tomorrow and get back to Trustee Matz to find out what the schedule is. Village
42 Administrator Saenz stated that she knows that they have taken over more common areas. She is
43 not sure if it is every other week now or every week. She will get back to Trustee Matz on that.

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45 Trustee Oliver stated that he wanted to follow-up on both comments recently made. The Park
46 District had a Sock Hop 5K two-weeks ago. It's an event which goes along with one of their
47 basic tenets, keeping Olympia Fields an attractive and inviting place to be. That Saturday that

1 they had the race with all of these people here, it was also a rainy day. The common area along
2 207th which for the first time was part of a route that the runners took past his house was kind of
3 embarrassing. There was some tall grass. There were a lot of Dandelions that were really tall. He
4 thought that was probably not the best light for Olympia Fields that weekend. He supposes that
5 was because the Park District had not communicated to the Village so that: A. Our Public Works
6 people could have addressed it; and B. To let people know the running route so we could come
7 out and applaud and that kind of thing. The Park District might have just dropped the ball in
8 communicating that weekend that that was the plan.

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10 **Certificates to Businesses for Keeping Up their Landscaping** - Trustee Oliver inquired of
11 Trustee Hudson whether or not the Beautification Committee provides any incentives or any
12 kinds of programs for the businesses, Landscape Awards, or anything like that. He noticed that
13 the CVS corner, if you drive past that, they are not doing very well in taking care of their
14 landscaping. He stated that we put a lot of pressure on our residents to take care of their homes.
15 Some businesses are not doing that great. There are some businesses that he has seen that are
16 very nice.

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18 Trustee Hudson stated that one of the things that we are doing this year, and we have done it in
19 the past, but we were a little lax in continuing with the businesses. We are going back to the
20 businesses this time. We are sending them letters that we will be evaluating whether or not their
21 landscape in front of their business is up to par. The ones that are, we are going to give them a
22 Certificate this year just to let them be aware that we are watching them and we are expecting
23 them to keep their surroundings beautiful. If you notice that there are areas that have been
24 neglected, you can let her know. She has gone into CVS several times because there is a little
25 plot there. They are always accommodating when she goes in and asks. Trustee Oliver inquired
26 of Trustee Hudson whether or not she is talking about the entryway. Trustee Hudson stated right
27 off of Governors Highway. They take care of it when she goes in and asks.

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29 Village Administrator Saenz stated that Trustee Oliver is talking about where the Gateway Sign
30 is right on Governors. The "Welcome to Olympia Fields" sign. Trustee Hudson stated that she is
31 not talking about that. She is talking about right next to GFS there is a big piece of land there
32 where you drive up into GFS. She stated that sometimes people decide it is a place to throw out
33 their stuff. Village Administrator Saenz stated that the program that Trustee Hudson is speaking
34 of, Gladys is handling that program this year. She started that task today. Those letters should be
35 out by the end of the week to the business owners.

36 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to Suspend the Rules.**

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

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39 Mrs. Arlene Burke stated that she is the Chairperson of the Beautification Committee. She stated
40 that when businesses do not keep their property up, that should be Reggie's job to cite them.
41 Members of the Beautification Committee do report businesses when we see them. Any resident
42 of the Village who is unhappy with how any of the landscaping looks, or any property looks, or
43 if there is litter around any business, they can email Reggie, or call Reggie, and he will talk to the
44 business, cite them, and make sure that it is taken care of.

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46 Trustee Pennington stated that we did do that. He believes that Trustee Gibson will remember
47 when the Jewel/Osco was in place we always had a problem with them. We always cited them

1 for their negligence in keeping the property up. That's something that we have done in the past.
2 Certainly, we are all in favor of having it done again.

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4 Trustee Hudson stated that in addition to the outside, we also went inside. Trustee Gibson stated
5 yes, we did. Village President Burke stated that it comes up in our Staff Meetings. He stated that
6 John McDonnell and Reggie are aware of the Jewel Plaza. Even though the land is in the Land
7 Bank we have given them a list of things they need to do to clean up that corner.

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9 **Muffler Shop is Closed** - Village President Burke stated that the Muffler Shop is now closed. It
10 was right on the corner at an entrance into the Village. We had been talking to them about
11 cleaning that corner also. Whoever is going to come in there is going to have to make sure they
12 come in and fix it and make it look nice. That's an FYI.

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14 Trustee Matz stated that she is shocked that the muffler place is closed. She busted her muffler
15 on 207th Street. When she was looking for a muffler place, she decided that she might as well use
16 the establishments that we have in our Village. He did a great job. She is shocked that he is
17 closed. We have gas stations here. She fell prey to that too looking for the cheapest gas. It won't
18 be cheap if that gas station goes away. She makes every effort to time her empty tank around
19 getting gas in Olympia Fields. It could be \$4.00 and she will bite the bullet and she will get the
20 gas. It's easier to maintain our businesses and add to them, then to replace our businesses and
21 add to that. She just pleads and asks everyone to just utilize our businesses that we have so that
22 we can keep them and show them that we want them here. Village President Burke stated
23 without a doubt.

24 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to go back into Regular Session.**

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

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27 **Village President Burke Recognizes Scout Troop 112 from Olympia Fields** - Village
28 President Burke stated that he noticed in the audience there is a group of young people that look
29 like they belong to a Scout Troop. Are you guys here to observe and get a badge for watching
30 Village Government? Mrs. Robinson stated yes, they are. Village President Burke asked if
31 someone could stand up and tell us where you are from.

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33 Mr. Marco Sanchez stated that we belong to Troop 112. We are here in Olympia Fields. Village
34 President Burke stated so you are a Troop from here in the Village. He thanked them for coming.
35 Village President Burke inquired of Mr. Sanchez who their Troop Leader is. Mrs. Juanita
36 Robinson stated that she is the Committee Chair. We meet out of the Olympia Fields United
37 Methodist Church. We have a Pack and a Troop.

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39 Village President Burke stated that having young people involved is a very important
40 opportunity to see how local government works. Thank you for coming. (There was a round of
41 applause).

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43 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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45 **Resignation – Stanley King from the Finance Committee and Public Safety Committee –**

46 Village President Burke stated that Stanley King who is now the Treasurer for the Village has
47 resigned from the Finance Committee and the Public Safety Committee.

1 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to Accept the Resignation of**
2 **Stanley King from the Finance Committee and the Public Safety Committee and Authorize**
3 **a Letter to be Sent on Behalf of the Village Board of Trustees.**

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

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6 **Appointment – Naomi Amegashie to the Beautification Committee** – Village President Burke
7 stated that next is the Appointment of Naomi Amegashie to the Beautification Committee.
8 Village President Burke stated that Naomi is a new resident to the Village. In April there was a
9 combined meeting of our new residents, as well as a “Thank you” to those that have been on
10 Committees. She was so moved to step up and she wanted to join a Committee. It is with great
11 pleasure that he would like to nominate her for the Beautification Committee.

12 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Pennington to Approve the Candidacy of**
13 **Naomi Amegashie to the Beautification Committee, for a Term Continuing until a New**
14 **Appointment is made by the Village President.**

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

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17 **Appointment – Gregory Washington to the Finance Committee** – Village President Burke
18 stated that next is the Appointment of Gregory Washington to the Finance Committee. You have
19 his background and his Resume. He has been a banker. He worked with Capital Markets.

20 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to Approve the Candidacy of**
21 **Gregory Washington to the Finance Committee, for a Term to Continue Until a New**
22 **Appointment is made by the Village President.**

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

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25 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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27 **Motion by Trustee Hudson, second by Trustee Gibson to adjourn the Board Meeting at**
28 **8:08 P.M.**

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

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31 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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