

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on July 16, 2018**
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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, July 16th, 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 – Pennington, Hudson, Matz, and Thomas
11 Village President Sterling M. Burke
12 Village Administrator/Deputy Village Clerk, Cynthia Saenz
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14 Absent: Trustee Gibson and Trustee Oliver.
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16 **Prayers for Trustee Gibson and Trustee Oliver** - Village President Burke stated that as Cindy
17 indicated, two of our Trustees are absent. Trustee Gibson is in California. Her brother is gravely
18 ill and is going to have an operation. He stated that Trustee Oliver's daughter is ill. He is away
19 and has spent the last three-weeks at her bedside. Our prayers are with both of them that they
20 will be able to return soon.
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22 **READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
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24 **Motion by Trustee Thomas, second by Trustee Pennington to Dispense with the Reading of**
25 **the Minutes from the June 11th, 2018, Board Meeting, and Approve the Minutes from the**
26 **June 11th, 2018, Board Meeting as Presented.**

27 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**
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29 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**
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31 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Thomas to Approve the Payment of Bills**
32 **for July 16th, 2018, in the Total Amount of \$311,257.19.**

33 **Roll Call: Ayes (4-0) Motion Carried.**
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35 **Change in Agenda** – Village President Burke stated that we have changed the Agenda around
36 slightly. The President will give a Report. The Village Administrator will give a Report. The
37 Department Heads will talk about those items that we discussed at the last meeting. This is going
38 to be considered Old Business. The Trustee Reports would be next, if they have a Report that
39 they want to give in the area of their responsibility. After that it will be open for Public
40 Comment. The reason we moved Public Comment down to this section is because the next
41 section after that is going to be "New Business." If the public has something that they are
42 interested in that they want the Village to take up and discuss, this would be an opportunity for
43 us to do that under New Business. In looking back at some of the previous Board Agendas, there
44 was very little, if any, New Business conducted like that. We do want input from the public. We
45 also want the Board to have an opportunity to discuss those things that are of importance to
46 them. That will be an opportunity for the Board Members to talk about things that they may want
47 to put on the Agenda for the staff to participate in.

1 Trustee Matz stated that we have a guest in the audience that is on a time constraint, and that is
2 Debbie Meyers-Martin. She wanted to give a quick 10-minutes on how we can save money with
3 our property taxes. Trustee Matz stated that she did not realize that we had moved that down.
4 Could we make an allowance for her because she has another appointment that she has to get to?
5 **Motion by Trustee Thomas, second by Trustee Matz to Suspend the Rules and Allow**
6 **Public Comment only for one, Miss Debbie Meyers-Martin, and then we will Resume the**
7 **Meeting after her Public Comments and then other Public Comments will follow.**
8 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**
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10 Village President Burke opened Public Comment at 7:08 P.M. for Miss Debbie Meyers-Martin.

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12 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
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14 **Appealing Property Tax** – Miss Debbie Meyers-Martin stated she is here to inform the
15 members of the audience, as well as the rest of the residents that there will be a Property Tax
16 Appeal Workshop hosted by Larry Rogers, who is the Commissioner of the Board of Review.
17 That will take place on Monday, July 23rd at Victory Church starting at 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.
18 The address is 20801 Matteson Avenue in the Village of Matteson. She has been working with
19 Larry Rogers to put on those workshops throughout the southland. She is sure that members will
20 get a robo call regarding that information. She has been visiting Villages and letting them know
21 that their township and the Board of Review will be hosting that workshop next Monday, July
22 23rd. The Township Assessor should be there as well. If you are appealing, you do that through
23 your township, as well as the Board of Review. You can do them together. You can do them one
24 at a time. This is in preparation of the township beginning the acceptance of filing the appeals.
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26 Trustee Matz inquired if the residents miss that date, is there another date. Miss Meyers-Martin
27 stated that there are many dates. You can go to the Board of Review Website. They have one
28 tonight in Country Club Hills. That was for Bremen. Rich Township is next week. If you go to
29 their website you will see other locations as well.
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31 Miss Debbie Meyers-Martin stated that she just wanted to make that announcement. She wanted
32 to thank the Board, the Village President, and the residents of Olympia Fields for allowing her to
33 be the Village President, and for giving her that foundation that she will definitely need as she
34 pursues her new role as State Representative of the 38th District of which Olympia Fields is a
35 part of it. (There was a round of applause). She is meeting with the Mayors of the 15-towns that
36 she will be representing. She does not have an opponent in November. She will be sworn-in in
37 January. She stated thank you for that foundation. She stated 17-years serving the Village of
38 Olympia Fields. (There was a round of applause).
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40 Mr. Leon Francisco stated that you are going around to all of the Villages to talk about abating or
41 refuting the tax increases. Could you give us a little background as to what you think happened
42 that the taxes went up? Miss Meyers-Martin stated that she absolutely could not tell you. There's
43 a new Assessor Candidate that will be taking office soon. In terms of why there is a rise in the
44 property taxes she has no idea. Mr. Francisco stated so it just went up arbitrarily. The thing that
45 we have to do is go in and try to abate them. We don't have a foundation as to why they went up.
46 Miss Meyers-Martin stated that is probably something that you should ask the Assessor's Office.
47 They are responsible for property tax values. Mr. Francisco thought that is what she came

1 prepared to address. Miss Meyers-Martin stated no, she was only referring to the fact that they
2 are having the Appeal Workshops going on. They started in Dolton. They have been in
3 Glenwood. They are now in Country Club Hills. They will be in Matteson next week. They will
4 be in Lansing.

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6 Mr. Francisco inquired whether or not the Appeal Workshops are sponsored by the County or the
7 State. Miss Meyers-Martin stated that it is sponsored by Larry Rogers Office which is the Board
8 of Review. Your Assessor should always be there, because that is sort of a dual application to
9 appeal both on the township level, as well as with the Board of Review. Mr. Francisco stated that
10 Cook County is sponsoring this. Miss Meyers-Martin stated yes. Mr. Francisco inquired
11 somebody that is doing the workshop is working for Cook County. Miss Meyers-Martin stated
12 that's right. Mr. Francisco stated so Cook County is raising the taxes and giving us an
13 opportunity to come in and appeal. Miss Meyers-Martin stated that the Board of Review has
14 nothing to do with property tax and the amount that you pay. It is giving you the opportunity to
15 appeal them.

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17 Mrs. Pope stated that she employs a tax attorney to deal with her tax reviews. He has been
18 advising her for several years that it is because of the expenses of this Village that her taxes are
19 so high on her home. If she were to dig up her house and put it in Chicago, her taxes would be
20 far less. She is really happy to see our expenses in this Village that a handle is being put on them,
21 because we can't afford to continue to pay rising taxes.

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23 Miss Myers-Martin stated that she thinks that every Village in the south suburban area has
24 experienced high taxes. She was just in Country Club Hills. The place was packed nose to nose.
25 It is not just one particular town. It is a problem that the entire southland is experiencing. Mrs.
26 Pope stated that she agrees with that. However, each individual Village does control what they
27 raise taxes for, each Municipality.

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29 Village President Burke stated that the Village is only about 11% of the tax bill. The majority of
30 the tax bill is the schools. The School Districts are roughly 75%. We have done a lot of things to
31 reduce expenses in the Village to the point that it is painful in many ways. It's not the Village.
32 It's really 227 and 162, and depending where you live it could be 161. We did an analysis on
33 this. It looks like some people had astronomical increases. He has seen taxes in some homes at
34 \$28,000.00. There are some people that it has gone up \$3,000.00, \$4,000.00, \$5,000.00, which is
35 just ridiculous. On his tax bill it only went up \$100.00. He appealed. The real killer for us all is
36 the actual School Districts. We have six School Districts that overlay the Village of Olympia
37 Fields. If you look at your tax bills you will see that those School Districts are the ones that are
38 the biggest offenders. The other good thing is the Village of Olympia Fields assessment in terms
39 of property values went up a little bit. As a result of that, that contributed significantly, as well as
40 the expenses that the individual taxing bodies had. He stated make sure you come to the
41 workshop to do the appeal. The appeal is not a panacea. If there's 100 people in the box and a
42 fourth of them appeal, then the %25% that appealed, their taxes are going to slide over to the
43 other 75%. We need to do what we can to work with the taxing bodies to get them to cut their
44 expenses.

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46 Mrs. Pope stated that the lack of retail contributes to that too. Village President Burke stated yes,
47 without a doubt.

1 Mr. Fred Veazey stated that if you take a look at the detail on your tax bill, 162 and 227 are the
2 vast majority of the expense. He stated that on his bill, 162 was \$400.00 more than 227. He is not
3 saying that they are getting more than they should get. If our taxes are going to be lowered, that's
4 where it has to come from because that is the majority of the costs. We don't have the retail. We
5 are not getting the tax dollars from businesses. When companies do come in, they often come in
6 with an abatement, or if they are here already they get abatements. If a business gets a discount,
7 that has to be made up with everybody else. It doesn't reduce the costs. The revenue that the
8 entities get stays the same. What they have been abated has to get spread out with everybody
9 else. We are getting hit two times. We are getting hit with the fact that we don't have the retail or
10 the property tax revenue from businesses. When decisions are made to keep a business, or to
11 bring a business in and they get an abatement, we get hit with that too. It's a big issue. His
12 business is also in real estate. People aren't buying homes here in great numbers. It is not just
13 because of the performance of the schools. That's a fact. They can't pay the taxes. When you get
14 a loan, you figure out how much you will pay for the principal and interest and your
15 homeowners' insurance. You have to be able to pay the taxes. The taxes often times are greater
16 than the principal and interest. That's what we have to deal with. He looked at Tinley Park. It's
17 between \$300,000.00 and \$350,000.00. The tax on a property in Tinley Park is probably 40%
18 less than the property over here for the same value. It is just information.

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20 Mr. Robert McCullough stated that the initial problem with the formula that is used to calculate
21 the assessed valuation on the property is, it is a confusing and a real complex formula that is
22 being used. They control the formula. If the formula is not changed, or if it's changed, we don't
23 have a say in the matter of how the dynamics would change the formula. There's a formula. If
24 you don't understand what it is, just go to the workshops to find out how the formula is used to
25 determine the values to determine the taxes. That's where the problem is, the formula. If it is 1%
26 this week, or 2% next week, 3% the next week, and over time it creeps up. You know how the
27 Legislatures do. Before you know it, everybody is getting a raise and your taxes are increased
28 and you can't reconcile where the money goes. That's all he is saying, it's the formula.

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30 Miss Meyers-Martin stated that you will hear everyday that the south suburbs formula has been
31 discriminatory from day one. You will hear that time and time again. We are victimized by the
32 Assessor's Office and the formula that they use. Hopefully, now that we have a new Assessor
33 who is more sensitive and in-tune to what has been going on, and what is wrong with that
34 formula. President Preckwinkle has proposed a new formula for the Assessor's Office to use.
35 Hopefully, that will begin to mitigate some of those issues.

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37 Mr. Francisco stated that our State Legislators should help us in that regard. Miss Meyers-Martin
38 stated definitely the Legislature, if there is a School Funding Bill that would address some of the
39 high tech that's going to schools and evening the playing field. She plans on certainly supporting
40 that and the appropriation for the State to do more of the funding as opposed to an overreliance
41 on property tax.

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43 Mr. Lee Langon stated that we are happy that you are going to the State Legislators to look at
44 this tax situation. He has to put \$1,500.00 in an Escrow Account just to pay his property taxes to
45 live here in the Village of Olympia Fields, which the Appraisers say his house is worth
46 \$300,000.00. Our School Districts, 162 and 227, they are spending money like drunken sailors.
47 Each School District has gone up \$1,000.00 each over last year. His taxes are up \$2,700.00 from

1 the year before. This just isn't sustainable. The last one out turns off the lights unless we do
2 something about it. Everybody in Olympia Fields needs to appeal their taxes. This needs to go
3 out to every resident that they need to appeal their taxes. Keep appealing them. The Village
4 should appeal every year because this isn't sustainable. We have to start going to these School
5 Board Meetings. We have to get people in those spots on those Boards that are going to be
6 fiscally responsible because they are killing us. We are in the top 10 percentile we spend per
7 student, and we are in the bottom 10 percentile as far as performance is concerned. Most of you
8 in this room are educated. This isn't acceptable and we have to fix it.

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10 Mr. Langon stated that he has asked our other State Representative, DeLuca, to please sponsor
11 some State Legislation to take short sales and foreclosures out of the appraisal process because
12 they are killing our neighborhoods. If you can co-join into that effort, and Deluca says that he
13 will move that forward, you would help the entire southland immediately. Miss Meyers-Martin
14 stated absolutely. She will certainly have that discussion with him. We are looking to work on
15 the same Committee for City and Villages. Mr. Langon congratulated Miss Meyers-Martin. He
16 stated that hopefully, you will be a great success. (There was a round of applause).

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18 Trustee Matz stated that the name of the Rich Township Assessor is Sam Brown. Get to know
19 your Assessor of Rich Township.

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21 Village President Burke inquired whether or not it makes a difference if we appeal downtown or
22 in the township. Trustee Matz stated that it doesn't matter. Trustee Hudson stated that she was
23 told it makes a difference if you do your homework as well. Get your own appraisal and take that
24 with you, then you have a better chance. Village President Burke stated that he has been
25 successful in going out and looking at all of the homes around him that sold. The staff put it
26 together. He went downtown and gave his pitch to them. He inquired whether or not it is better to
27 work with the guys downtown, or the people out here to do that. He stated that he doesn't know.
28 Trustee Hudson stated that it is faster downtown. Trustee Matz stated that a lot of people can't go
29 downtown. You will still get the same service and the same paperwork.

30 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Matz that we Move back into Regular**
31 **Session at 7:28 P.M.**

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

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34 **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:**

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36 **Report of the Village President:**

37 **Resolution #2018-05** – A Resolution Approving A Memorandum of Understanding with the
38 Cook County Land Bank Authority (CCLBA) and the Village of Olympia Fields – Village
39 President Burke stated that he has a Resolution. In our economic development efforts, what the
40 Village is attempting to do is in lieu of giving tax breaks, we have a TIF that we gave Wal-Mart
41 \$6.9 Million. That definitely affects your tax bills. They are getting 90% if their taxes back. The
42 flip side of that is, if there are ways you can incent people without giving them tax abatements he
43 has been trying to find that. One of the ways that we are doing that, we are utilizing the Cook
44 County Land Bank. He stated that where there are properties that we can pick up because of tax
45 issues, we are partnering with the Cook County Land Bank and with the South Suburban Land
46 Bank to do that.

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1 Village President Burke stated theoretically, if we can get a piece of property who has not paid
2 their taxes the property gets conveyed into the Land Bank. The Land Bank has control over who
3 gets to use it. The Village, through Cindy Saenz as our Administrator, she can determine yea and
4 nay who gets to be put into that space. We can trade the actual tax abatement. In this case, if we
5 use the Land Bank there is no tax abatement and we get to trade off the land, or lease the land at
6 the very minimum amount and then be able to incent people to come in. The Resolution that he
7 has, is a Resolution that approves a Memo of Understanding between the Cook County Land
8 Bank and the Village of Olympia Fields. This Memo of Understanding basically is a way that
9 sets up our ability to do business with the Land Bank, and them doing it on our behalf. When we
10 find a piece of property through the work that Betty is doing, we give that PIN Number to the
11 Land Bank. The Land Bank will then use that PIN Number to research what kind of back taxes
12 there are. If there are back taxes, the Land Bank can pick it up after three-years and it becomes
13 the property of the Land Bank, and the Village will basically own it and control it.

14 **Motion by Trustee Pennington second by Trustee Thomas to Approve Resolution No. 2018-**
15 **05 – A Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cook County**
16 **Land Bank Authority (CCLBA) and the Village of Olympia Fields.**

17 **Roll Call: Ayes (4-0) Motion Carried.**

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19 **Request to Veto a Line Item Veto -** Village President Burke stated that as President he doesn't
20 get to vote unless there is a tie. He can veto a line item veto. He has a line item veto of \$381.47
21 payable to Trustee Cassandra Matz. This expenditure, which was for reimbursement for travel
22 conference expenses was approved by the Board at the June 11th Regular Meeting. Our
23 Ordinance, established a Travel Policy. The Reimbursement Policy requires that prior to
24 incurring any expense, the registration information and the project travel expenses must be
25 submitted to the Village Administrator for verification of funds available, justification for
26 attendance and approval. Trustee Matz failed to follow that Ordinance. She did not obtain
27 preapproval for that expense. According to the Village, the Village should not be reimbursing her
28 for that expense. He is respectfully requesting that the Village Board uphold his veto at the next
29 Regular Board Meeting. He passed out the background and details on the State Statute, as well as
30 the Village Ordinance. There is no action that needs to be taken today. At the next meeting, with
31 a two-thirds vote the veto can be overridden if the Board feels to do so.

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33 Trustee Matz stated that veto of her going to Springfield representing the Village happened to be
34 that it wasn't in writing that she goes. It was verbal that she goes. She took the time from her
35 schedule. She took personal days to go down there to be with other Municipalities so that she can
36 make sure that we are in the loop and that we know what is going on, and that we are not in the
37 dark. There are no funds available in our Budget for any further education. She doesn't know
38 about anyone else on the dais, she thinks that education is important. We were trusted to be
39 elected Trustees and President. There are no funds for educating us. She wants to be better than
40 she was yesterday so that she can represent the residents as you expect her to represent you. It is
41 not just her knowledge. It is not just her being a civil citizen. It is not just her showing up. She
42 has to make sure that she can make decisions and also her fellow Trustees. She has been on
43 Boards before but she has never been a Trustee. If she is willing to utilize her time to go and
44 make sure that she is the best that she can be for everyone who gave her the honor of being here
45 sitting on this dais, a technicality of her not putting it in writing that she is going, she doesn't
46 understand it. We spent more money talking to lawyers than the 300 and something dollars that
47 she is being vetoed. We have spent well over the \$381.00 over a technicality, and she has no

1 further education. She stated that Trustee Thomas is new to the Board. Trustee Matz thinks that
2 they should be afforded the opportunity to go to seminars, to go to training, to go to conferences.
3 It is not costing us much. She utilized her money. She didn't get an upfront dollar from the
4 Village. She is not treating it as a drunken sailor just whiling out. She is here for the Village. She
5 is giving her time for the Village. She could be doing other things, but if she is trusted enough to
6 be in this seat, she wants to make sure that she is the best that she can be representing the
7 members of Olympia Fields, the home of where she lives. The Mayor decided that he wants to
8 veto this over a technicality so she respects that. She stated go right ahead and veto it.
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10 Trustee Pennington stated that this is not the first time this has happened. This happened last year
11 as well. Trustee Thomas inquired of Trustee Pennington whether or not he is talking about last
12 year with Trustee Matz. Trustee Pennington stated correct. We have a Policy and Procedure
13 Ordinance in place that addresses this very topic. He has no objections to anyone on this dais
14 becoming informed on what he or she does with respect to this Village and the surrounding area.
15 He has no objections to that. He does object to not following procedure. We do have procedures
16 in place. Those procedures have been voted on unanimously by this Board and it needs to be
17 followed.
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19 Trustee Matz stated that this funding was approved from the Budget of the last Board Meeting. If
20 procedures were looked at as not being followed properly, then it wouldn't have made it to the
21 last Board Meeting that was passed. This is something that is now snatched off the table. Since
22 she has been on this dais she has been asking for monies to be put in place where every last one
23 of the Trustees could get better at what they do. How do you not champion for someone to be
24 their best? Every corporate America trains everyone. They hire you because of your skill level.
25 But they want to continue to train you and send you for your growth. There are no monies
26 allocated for growth. It is a shame. Especially when we talk about keeping the Village solvent,
27 finding new businesses to come in. How do we do that? How do we know how to do that? How
28 do we not continue to grow mentally? She is sorry. She just thinks that the \$381.00 that she is
29 asking is like chump change compared to what she spent with her time taking the days off to go.
30 If she is given a task, she wants to be 200% at what she does. The only way for her to be 200% at
31 what she does is to continue to educate herself so she can be better the next day. She doesn't
32 think that practice makes perfect. Practice makes better. The only way she can do that is to
33 educate herself as well as her other fellow Trustees. She is not asking for anything indigenous
34 just to her. She is asking for all of her fellow Trustees to have the ability to go to events, and
35 have the ability to reach out to other Municipalities who have a Budget. We don't even do team
36 building activities. How do we get to know each other if we don't even do team building
37 activities? It's a shame. That's her story.
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39 Trustee Pennington stated that some of us know several Trustees in surrounding Villages. Some
40 of us know State Legislators. It is not really necessary to have a continuous Meet and Greet when
41 all we need to do is pick up the telephone and call if we have a question, or if there is an issue.
42 He does it all the time.
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44 Trustee Matz stated this is why there is no money in the Budget, because they deemed that it's
45 not necessary.
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1 Trustee Thomas stated that she had some questions for Trustee Matz because she understands at
2 the next Board Meeting we have to vote to uphold the veto or not. She is not taking a position.
3 She is going to ask the questions because she needs to understand as she goes through the
4 process of making her decision. She is looking at the information that is provided here. Doing
5 what she does, working for government, 20 plus years and having to answer to a Board, when
6 you went to Springfield you said it was verbal. Who did you talk to? She thinks it is important to
7 understand what we are voting on. Who did you talk to? When you went to Springfield was there
8 an Agenda? In her role, she is responsible for the Community Affairs function of our agency that
9 is working to make sure that she keeps all of the politicians happy on a Federal level, State level,
10 and a local government level. She knows when they go to Springfield or Washington there is an
11 Agenda that we are pursuing. We are trying to get support mainly from Metra for funding. We
12 don't just go to learn. She does a lot of traveling for her job. They pay for her other learning
13 things. What was the Agenda? Was it a certain deal or something here, funding, that we were
14 trying to get support for? Is it that you just didn't understand the protocol for requesting the
15 authority to go when you went? She needs Trustee Matz to help her understand. What was your
16 purpose and who did you talk to on behalf of the Village? Who did you talk to when you said
17 you had verbal authority?

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19 Trustee Matz stated that the first one she talked with was Cindy. She let her know that this was
20 coming up. The Mayor also gets it. Whenever there is something that is going on, seminars,
21 conferences, it comes here. She also gets it as well in her personal e-mail. Since last year she has
22 been sounding the alarm, "Can we have funding for opportunities like this to go to different
23 conferences, to go to different seminars?" It is as your schedule permits. Not everyone can take
24 off and go. Not everyone wants to take off and go. She stated that some things are free. She
25 stated going down to Springfield is IML, Illinois Municipal League, Lobby Day at the urging of
26 SSMMA, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association which we are members of both.
27 When she says, "we," the Municipality is members of both. Those organizations champion for,
28 and they collectively put the Municipalities together so they can have strength in numbers so
29 when they go to Springfield it is one voice. Even though we pay into SSMMA, we pay into IML,
30 they still want us to show up. It's like you having a party and you send the money for the party
31 and you don't show up. That's not speaking volumes. They want you to show up. They do have
32 an Agenda. She doesn't have that in front of her. This happened April 25th. We are like four-
33 months now. She doesn't have the Agenda in front of her. You are given an Agenda. They brief
34 you on what it is they want you to talk to the Legislators about. The Governor came in to speak
35 to everyone. The Lieutenant Governor. We had different departments that came in to speak to us.
36 We had all of that information at our fingertips. Then we went out in numbers and we talked to
37 the Legislators. Everybody talked to Representatives and Senators to say that this is what we
38 want as a Municipality. We had to do that in numbers. She saw no problem with that. There were
39 other vendors down there like AT&T, ComEd, Comcast. You have other vendors there that want
40 to tell you about their products and how they can help your Village. She is not just down their
41 hobnobbing. You are getting information and you are talking to other Municipality leaders. You
42 are talking to other Mayors. You are talking to other Trustees. You are getting best practices.
43 You are asking them how is it that in Homewood their economic development is booming. What
44 we don't know is that they started on that 20-years ago. We are seeing the fruits of that right
45 now. It looks like they just did it yesterday. There's a lot to this. She just wants the opportunity,
46 if everyone deems fit, to have the opportunity to experience, or to go and to talk. She can pick up
47 the phone and call a Legislator. She can pick up the phone and call another Mayor in another

1 town. It is nothing like being there, talking on another level other than on the phone. You are
2 getting to know them. You can't do that over the phone.

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4 Trustee Thomas stated that you went to the IML Lobby Day. Trustee Matz stated that it is all of
5 the Municipalities over Illinois. It wasn't just indigenous to Olympia Fields. All of the
6 Municipalities throughout Illinois came that day to kind of march on Springfield to let them
7 know that we don't want you to mess with our money. Trustee Thomas stated that there is an
8 Ordinance or procedure that we are suppose to follow. One of the things that we don't want is to
9 have a small dollar amount. She sees some examples in here of some small things, and being
10 identified in an Audit as not following the process. It is unfortunate that it is coming out this
11 way. She doesn't know what the decision is going to be. The takeaway for all of us up here
12 should be before you obligate the Village to spend money, we need to go through the process.
13 She believes that is the Number 1 intent here. She is not saying yes. She is not saying no. Before
14 you spend the money go through the process. She doesn't know what happened the first time.
15 She doesn't know anything about it. The second time she doesn't know. Now we are at a
16 crossroad where you are out \$300.00 and something has to be decided. Also, in the end, if there
17 is an Audit, it will be documented that this has been discussed publicly. It was not something that
18 was done in the dark. Everyone is aware of what has happened. She suggested to Trustee Matz
19 that in the future if she talks to our Village Administrator or our Mayor, to her what is in writing
20 is what is golden. That's why you have to follow the process to avoid this kind of scrutiny. She
21 stated what we don't want in Olympia Fields, we don't want any negative pushback on little
22 simple things. She knows lesson learned. 20/20 is hindsight. That is her direct advice to Trustee
23 Matz. Trustee Thomas stated that she believes in following the rules to the T. This is something
24 that happened and we have to go through this process. She stated toughen up and keep to the
25 process and we will see what the outcome is. Trustee Matz stated that she appreciates that.

26
27 Village President Burke stated just so everyone understands what the process is, if you are going
28 to make a trip according to State House Bill 4379, Public Act 0990604, Section 10, "Regulation
29 of Travel Expenses. All public agencies shall, by Resolution or Ordinance, regulate
30 reimbursement of all travel, meal, and lodging expenses, for officers and employees." It goes on
31 to say that, "The Municipalities have to establish a Policy and Procedure to ensure that those
32 necessary Rules and Regulations are put in place." On March 13th of last year, the then last
33 Board, voted unanimously as Trustee Pennington indicated that there would be a Village
34 Ordinance that would manage, and control, and laydown what the Policy is for any kind of
35 travel. In that Ordinance of March 13th, 2017, it laid out clearly that you needed to get an
36 approval from the Village Administrator. The Village Administrator sent out two e-mails
37 reminding all of the Board Members that this Policy was in effect and that you had to get written
38 approval to go do this trip. All the Board Members got a copy of the e-mail. Trustee
39 Pennington's role as Finance Liaison is to review all expenses that are associated with all of the
40 Elected Officials including the Village President. Trustee Pennington flagged this particular
41 situation as something where we did not have the appropriate paperwork saying that we are
42 going to take this trip. In the background we have been doing everything that we can to reduce
43 the taxes in the Village. We have gone from \$35,000.00 in potential surplus to Half a Million
44 Dollars in surplus. We have cut all the expenses out that we possibly can to make sure that we
45 are building up a big enough surplus so that we can go and rebuild streets, and do the necessary
46 caring and feeding of the Village. We had a situation where our 911 Center, the Village, and
47 three other towns were putting in \$30,000.00 a year into a pot for a Lobbyist in Washington to

1 talk to our local representatives. We decided that we aren't going to do that anymore. He stated
2 that \$381.00 is not a lot of money. There are two issues here. We are trying to do everything that
3 we possibly can to reduce expenses which will affect our overall taxes. At the same time, the
4 process as laid out requires by State Statute and by Village Ordinance, that we follow certain
5 procedures. It is unfortunate that this happened. At the same time, we cannot go and disburse
6 Village money, resources, without potentially opening ourselves up for Audit. Trustee Matz
7 stated that this was not flagged. Village President Burke stated that the Auditor told us that we
8 couldn't do this. John Murphey, our lawyer, told us that we could not do this. We will hear from
9 our Treasurer later on and his job. He stated that what he is focusing on is to make sure that all of
10 our Rules and Regulations, and Audit Rules are being followed properly so that we won't have
11 any exposure to anybody coming in and looking at it and saying that the Village of Olympia
12 Fields is not being run properly. Hopefully, we won't have this issue anymore. It isn't that we
13 don't want people to go and get educated.

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15 Trustee Matz stated that this was not flagged. This was just flagged. You gave me a piece of
16 paper to sign that was not legal in order for me to get my check. Now, we are backpedaling. And
17 we spent a lot of money talking to the attorney about this, well over \$381.00. That's not fiscally
18 sound.

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20 Village President Burke stated that we can have the debate. He can provide the Board with the
21 Agenda for the IML Lobby Day. They had three specific things that they were going to go down
22 and talk about. One of the things that we ask for is to give us a Report. Anytime that somebody
23 goes on a trip, you come back and give a Report on who you talked to, and what you talked
24 about, and did you get the desired results. We did not get any of that.

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26 Trustee Matz stated that is not true. Who have we had that gave us a Report that had been
27 somewhere and went to a seminar? She hasn't heard a Report.

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29 Village President Burke stated that anybody on this Board who has gone to do that they are
30 suppose to give a Report. Trustee Matz stated, "Mayor, come on now." Village President Burke
31 stated that the bottom line is that there is no vote that goes on here. At the next meeting there can
32 be a discussion. Any materials that anybody wants they can go look at it. It is about following the
33 processes and the Rules. We are not going to waste anymore time on this discussion right now.
34 We can go into a discussion at the next Board Meeting after everyone has had a chance to dissect
35 and understand what is in the law, both the State Law and the Village Ordinance. He stated for
36 all practical purposes, we are going to cut it right here unless there is something really important.
37 He stated with that, we will move on.

38
39 **Report of the Village Administrator:**

40 **Electrical Aggregation Update** – Village Administrator Saenz stated that at the last Board
41 Meeting there was a Resolution presented that gave the Village Administrator and an Ad Hoc
42 Committee authorization to negotiate with suppliers for electric rates. This fell under the
43 Village's Electrical Aggregation Program working with NIMEC as the broker for the Village.
44 The authorization gave the Village Administrator the authority to sign a contract with the most
45 optimal bidder. That would be the bidder that had the lowest rate, because our current contract
46 ends in October of 2018. She stated that June 21st was our scheduled Bid Day. The Ad Hoc

1 Committee had a phone conference with the broker. He presented rates for us for the upcoming
2 year for the Electrical Aggregation Program.

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4 Village Administrator Saenz stated that to give you a little background on the program, in 2012
5 the Village had a Referendum and we entered into that program. At that time, the supplier rate
6 that the Village was able to secure was 4.98 cents per kilowatt, compared to the ComEd rate at
7 the time which was 7.99 cents per kilowatt. In 2015 the supplier rate increased to 6.52 cents per
8 kilowatt, compared to the ComEd rate of 7.15 cents per kilowatt. Throughout the years the
9 Village has experienced a savings when it came to the electricity. The Village's current rate for
10 2017 through October of 2018, the rate is 6.53 cents per kilowatt. It is currently with Dynegy.
11 That was compared to the ComEd rate of 7.25 cents per kilowatt. When we had the Bid Day on
12 June 21st, the lowest bid came in with Dynegy again with a 12-month rate of 7.36 cents per
13 kilowatt, and a 24-month rate of 7.23 cents per kilowatt. The current rate with ComEd is 7.36
14 cents per kilowatt. Our savings is virtually dissipating.

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16 Village Administrator Saenz stated that on the day that the bids were submitted, the Ad Hoc
17 Committee got into conversations because we were comparing the rates of ComEd with the rates
18 that were supplied by the broker. We got into a conversation about what if the residents were
19 given the opportunity to research this themselves and look for a supplier. Could they find a better
20 rate than what we were being presented with? We discovered that yes, we can. On Bid Day on
21 June 21st, we discovered that there was a supplier out there online. We went online on the
22 website. The rate for a 12-month period was 6.89 cents per kilowatt. That is compared to the
23 ComEd rate of 7.36 cents per kilowatt, and a 24-month rate of 7.23 cents per kilowatt with
24 Dynegy. We got into a conversation with the broker about the households that were actually a
25 part of the Electrical Aggregation Program. We started the program in 2012. It is now 2018. One
26 of the things that we discovered, is that there are about 1100-households that are part of the
27 program. That's about 64% of the residents. What the Committee agreed upon and decided is
28 that it would best serve our residents to let them make the decision, especially now that we see
29 that there is a cheaper rate out there than what we can provide as a whole, and to let the residents
30 do the negotiations on their own behalves. Olympia Fields has pulled out of the Electrical
31 Aggregation Program. Our term ends in October 2018. She stated that with the October readings
32 of the electrical meters, all of our residents will convert back to ComEd. Commonwealth Edison
33 will send out a "Confirmation of Drop." It is a letter letting you know that you will no longer be
34 with Dynegy if you are on the Electrical Aggregation Program. You will revert back to ComEd.

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36 Village Administrator Saenz stated that they want to try to give the residents a heads up on this
37 so that they can do their own research. There are cheaper rates out there. We are devoting our
38 Newsletter for July and August to the Electrical Aggregation Program. We are going to have
39 some historical information in there for you, as well as the process. Where you can go to get the
40 rates and what it is that you need to do. That Newsletter will be out by the end of the week. We
41 will also put that information on the website, and we will have copies out in the lobby for
42 everybody. At our last Board Meeting, Bonita Parker was here from Commonwealth Edison. She
43 talked about some Residential Programs that are available to help you cut your electric costs. We
44 will have information in the Newsletter as well on those various programs and what you can do,
45 and what those programs entail. Hopefully, with the choice of selecting a supplier that has a
46 cheaper rate and reaching out to Commonwealth Edison for these residential inspections and
47 these other programs, the residents in the Village will come out better than we could have helped

1 you do in the end. She went back out today online for electrical suppliers for residential
2 customers. The company that had a cheaper rate for us on June 21st the name is Clearview, their
3 rate is still cheaper today. It is 6.89 cents per kilowatt. There is also another company out there
4 as well. It is called "Frontier Utilities." Their rate was 6.99 cents per kilowatt. It is cheaper than
5 the ComEd rate that is posted at the top of the website at 7.36 cents per kilowatt.

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7 Village President Burke stated that in going through this process, the Village's civic contribution
8 was two-tenths to four-tenths of a cent that was added. It was kind of like a tax. We have
9 eliminated that altogether. Instead of passing this tax onto the Village, that's another tax we tried
10 to eliminate just like when we lowered the water bills. When he went home for dinner he found a
11 letter from an Aggregator. These guys are sniffing around. They know when our contract is up.
12 Don't get fooled by some of the stuff that you may get in the mail. They had 11.6 as a rate which
13 was three-cents greater, almost four-cents greater than the one we found online. You have to do a
14 little bit of shopping around just like you shop for rates with your cellphone. You can shop for
15 rates with this electrical aggregation. It makes sense for the Village to step out of this because
16 there are rates equal to, if not better than what was available through our Aggregator. We were
17 told that in two-years the projected costs of electrical rates will be coming down. You don't
18 necessarily have to get into a long contract with somebody. There is so much competition out
19 there that the rates are actually better. What you may find for 12-months at 6.89 was a very good
20 rate. It might even get better in a year if you just take it for 12-months. You should see a flier
21 that will be included in your water bills about the aggregation and also something about the item
22 that Trustee Matz had Bonita Parker come in and talk about. Both of those items are in there.
23 There are some potential savings that you can do on your own that everyone in the Village could
24 take advantage of.

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26 Trustee Pennington stated that he believes that this has been covered really well. Given the
27 advances in energy technology, you will ultimately see your prices go down in the cost of
28 energy.

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30 Village President Burke stated that Stan, our Treasurer, was on the Committee. Mr. King stated
31 that he wanted to make sure that he was clear on one of the points that we found out. If we were
32 to stay with the Aggregator, the new rules would allow them to include everyone in the Village.
33 You would have to proactively opt-out. Those who never wanted to be in, or didn't want to be in
34 it now, if we were to stay with them, unlike in the past, everyone would be in and you would
35 have to personally opt-out. Village President Burke stated that roughly half of the people were
36 not in this. That would be forcing everybody to get back into the pool. What is crazy about it is
37 that NIMEC has 150-Municipalities that they work with. Why don't they do a bid for all 150-
38 Municipalities. We may have 1,500,000 or 2,000,000 people, or some large number that could
39 give you a better rate. We were given one day, three-months out. Whatever the price was on that
40 particular day was not necessarily a true aggregated rate. After digging into it deeper and deeper,
41 it made better sense to opt-out. There were cheaper rates on the Internet. If there are senior
42 citizens, or other people that may have trouble surfing in the Village, we want to try to help the
43 citizens if they need help in researching to get a good rate. If you do nothing, you just go back to
44 Commonwealth Edison and their rate. It wasn't that much different from what the Aggregator
45 had.

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1 **Use of Mobile App at the Metra Parking Lot** - Village Administrator Saenz stated that we had
2 a resident ask some questions at the last couple of Board Meetings. One question had to do with
3 the Metra Parking Lot in investigating and considering utilizing and implementing the Mobile
4 App. She wanted to update the Board to let them know that she, along with Betty Zigras, the
5 Finance Director, and Reggie Ford, the Code Enforcement Officer did attend an Open House
6 with a company called "Total Parking Solutions." They partner with another company, "Passport
7 Mobile Pay." Migrating over to the App does not seem to be a difficult task. We have to do a
8 little bit more analysis. One of the things that we found out is that there is a Processing Fee of
9 37-cents per transaction to utilize this App. Right now, to park at the Metra Station it is \$1.25. If
10 you use that App it is \$1.62. We have some internal analysis that we have to do because we do
11 have a part-time Code Enforcement Officer that handles the collections. Now in incorporating
12 this Mobile App we have software that has to be purchased. There is a new program that there
13 has to be training on integrating the Report and potentially increasing our salary line item. There
14 is analysis that we are doing. It sounds like it could be a good move for us if we can change the
15 payboxes and possibly get some pay stations. Pay Stations are expensive. There is no electricity
16 over there. Metra controls how many Pay Stations we have per parking space. She just wanted to
17 update the Board and let you know that we have started this analysis. Hopefully, we will be
18 coming back with a recommendation in the next couple of months.

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20 **Uploading the Entire Board Packet to the Website Prior to Meetings** – Village Administrator
21 Saenz stated that the other item that has been brought up at a few of the Board Meetings has to
22 do with uploading the entire Board Packet to the website prior to the meetings. We have had
23 some concerns about this. We have had some conversations with the Village Attorney. She stated
24 that for those of you that do check the website on a regular basis, you saw probably today, or
25 over the weekend, that we have added some hot buttons. There are some links out there for items
26 that we make transparent already. We have also made the Resolutions and the Ordinances
27 available as well, so that prior to the meeting if you would like to review that information or
28 print it, you will be able to do that. This is a work in progress. We will continue to hopefully get
29 to the point where we are adding more and more prior to the meeting.

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31 Trustee Thomas inquired with our Village Attorney, are we currently compliant with the Public
32 Meetings Act requirement as far as the information we share. She needs to know for herself.

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34 Village Administrator Saenz stated yes. Through the Open Meetings Act what is required is to
35 just have the Agenda posted on the website and at the physical address of the property. She
36 stated having the entire Board Packet is not a requirement of the Open Meetings Act. There are
37 Municipalities that do upload all of their information, but they have special software. They use
38 BoardDocs. It is easier to do that. It is very expensive. We are doing all of this internally through
39 Naomi who is our Webmaster. She stated that we are in compliance.

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41 **DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS:**

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43 **John McDonnell – Building Commissioner**

44 **Recognition of Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Gray – 203rd Street Metra Station Life**
45 **Saving Incident** – Mr. McDonnell the Building Commissioner, asked the President and the
46 Board of Trustees to recognize tonight our Metra Station Collector/Code Enforcement Officer,
47 Anthony Gray. He is in the audience. (There was a round of applause). A couple of weeks ago,

1 Anthony was instrumental in a life saving event on the 203rd Street Metra Platform. A woman on
2 the platform collapsed from most likely a breathing problem. He believes that she was asthmatic.
3 He stated that Anthony and two other gentlemen assessed the situation and contacted help
4 immediately, most likely saving her life because they acted so quick. (There was a round of
5 applause). Mr. McDonnell stated thank you for looking out for our Village residents. He doesn't
6 know if she was a resident or not.

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8 Mr. Gray stated that she was not a resident but she was fine. She recovered after she got
9 breathing treatment. She is going to be okay. Mr. McDonnell stated that's great. Mr. Gray stated
10 that he thanks God he was put in a place to help her that day.

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12 Village President Burke stated that Anthony has a lot of training. Before he retired he was a
13 former Police Chief. He is not just a guy who collects the money. He also has some other very
14 impressive background. Thanks again. He is sure that the lady that he saved will be sending him
15 a Christmas present. Thanks again.

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17 **Ordinance #2018-15 – An Ordinance Amending Sections 9-41, 9-42, and 9-44 of the**
18 **Olympia Fields Village Code Proving to Increase Water and Sewer Fees [First and Second**
19 **Reading]** – Mr. McDonnell stated that at the last Board Meeting the Homeowners Association
20 President from the Maynegaite Subdivision came in and spoke to everybody. She wanted us to
21 change the Ordinance as it pertained to water taps in the Village. They want to put in a water tap
22 for their Sprinkling System to beautify their entranceway into their subdivision. They spent a lot
23 of money watering that from a water truck he is assuming. The Board was unanimous in that
24 decision to advise him to move forward to go ahead and make those changes.

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26 Mr. McDonnell stated that he did put together a redline document for our attorney to make it
27 pretty straight forward and simple to change our Ordinance. He stated that before you is
28 Ordinance #2018-15 which changes that Fee Schedule for that Ordinance.

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30 Village President Burke stated that if he remembers correctly, it was like \$9,000.00. It was
31 originally setup for developers that were building subdivisions. That was just an astronomical
32 number that we didn't think was appropriate. We revised it to make it appropriate to what a
33 resident would have to pay. That's what the new Fee Schedule is all about. Mr. McDonnell
34 stated that's correct.

35 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Matz to Waive in First Reading and**
36 **Approve in Second Reading Ordinance #2018-15 - An Ordinance Amending Sections 9-41,**
37 **9-42, and 9-44 of the Olympia Fields Village Code Providing to Increase Water and Sewer**
38 **Fees.**

39 **Roll Call: Ayes (3) (Trustee Hudson Abstained) Motion Carried.**

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41 **Jim Landini – Public Works**

42 **Consumer Confidence Report** – Mr. Landini, Director of Public Works, stated that the last
43 week in June everybody should have received the Consumer Confidence Report in the mail. It is
44 all the data on the water testing that we do throughout the year. We test the water every two-
45 weeks and submit it to the Arrow Laboratory. This document shows our Water System, where
46 we get our water from, and how it is distributed. It has the results of all of our testing. He is just
47 going to give a brief explanation in laymen's terms. There is a lot of detailed information in here

1 that a lot of people don't quite understand. This format is EPA regulated. That is why it has to
2 come out this way.

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4 Mr. Landini stated that first and foremost we get our water from Chicago through Oak Lawn to
5 us. Those two Water Systems are two of the most advanced Water Systems in the world. We get
6 very good water coming into town. The most important thing which everybody is concerned
7 about is what is our lead levels in our water. We test 26-sites evenly spread out throughout the
8 Village to test for lead. Our lead levels are miniscule to nil at .00457 parts per billion. The action
9 level of where it adversely affects health is 15 parts per billion. We are nowhere near that. We
10 are in really good standing with that. That is how it comes to us. All we do here to treat water is
11 add chlorination to the water and that kills any access bacteria where it travels from Chicago.
12 Everything else we have is well under any action levels. Mr. Landini stated that he would like to
13 draw your attention to the back of the document. We have a table on there that shows a leak rate
14 from a quarter-inch leak down to a one-sixteenth inch leak. This is about saving money. If you
15 have a leak of one-sixteenth of an inch which could be a constant trickle from a faucet, toilet
16 running, that could add up to about 49,000-gallons all the way up to 787,000-gallons every two-
17 months if it goes unchecked. That is an issue we do have in the Village with a lot of older homes.
18 It may be things that you can't hear or see. Home humidifiers are a big proponent of this. Most
19 of them have a drain that goes down in the basement that runs right into your floor drain. You
20 will never see it, but that could constantly be running just like a faucet being turned on. That
21 would be something you can check.

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23 Mr. Landini stated that you can always call us. You can come by Public Works if you have any
24 questions about this and he can give a more detailed explanation. In the front of this there are
25 contact numbers to the U.S. EPA if you have questions about contaminants and what the affects
26 are on the human body and things like that. He is always here to answer any questions. His
27 contact information is in the back of this. He would be happy to sit down with anybody and talk
28 about our water quality. Rest assured, we have very high-quality water in this town.

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30 Mr. McDonnell stated that he had to point out one thing that was pointed out to him. There's a
31 typo in our Agenda under Ordinance # 2018. It says, "An Ordinance Amending 9-41, 9-42, and
32 at the bottom it says, "Providing to Increase Water and Sewer Fees." No, that is a typo. We are
33 not increasing water and sewer fees.

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35 Village Administrator Saenz stated that is what the title of the Ordinance says. Is that the Section
36 of the Code? That's not what we are doing, but is that the Section of the Code? Mr. McDonnell
37 stated that how it ended up at the bottom of the Ordinance he has no idea. It says, "Providing to
38 increase water and sewer fees." We are not.

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40 Village President Burke stated that the old Ordinance had "increase" on it. We are making an
41 Amendment to the original Ordinance. The original Ordinance did use the word "increase." Mr.
42 McDonnell stated that it just didn't get redline stricken from there. We just need to strike it out.
43 He just wanted to clarify it to the audience that we are not raising the sewer and water fees.
44 Village Administrator Saenz stated that we are not increasing fees.

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46 Trustee Hudson stated that this sounds like we are going to increase the fees. That's why she
47 abstained.

1 Village Administrator Saenz stated that Article actually says “water and sewer connections.” The
2 title for the Ordinance was incorrect. We need to make that change. We need to change the
3 Motion.

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5 Trustee Pennington stated that we need to rescind what we have done because we have already
6 voted on it in order to change out to the new one.

7 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Hudson to Rescind the Ordinance**
8 **Amending Sections 9-41, 9-42, and 9-44 of the Olympia Fields Village Code Providing to**
9 **Increase Water and Sewer Fees.**

10 **Roll Call: Ayes (4-0) Motion Carried.**

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12 Village Administrator Saenz inquired of Mr. McDonnell didn’t we add the fees specifically for
13 the Homeowners Associations. Mr. McDonnell stated yes, we did. Village Administrator Saenz
14 stated so it is a new fee. Mr. McDonnell stated that it is a new identifier. It is not a new fee. It
15 was already there but for a lot of money. We changed the identifier. We added in “Homeowner
16 Associations.” Trustee Thomas inquired of Mr. Langon whether or not that is going to benefit us.
17 Mr. Langon stated no.

18 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Hudson to Waive in First Reading and**
19 **Approve in Second Reading Ordinance #2018-15 - An Ordinance Amending Sections 9-41,**
20 **9-42, and 9-44 of the Olympia Fields Village Code.**

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22 Village Administrator Saenz stated that the title of the Ordinance was incorrect. We need to
23 correct the Ordinance.

24 **Roll Call: Ayes (4-0) Motion Carried.**

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26 **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

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28 **Beautification – Hudson**

29 **2018 Summer Landscape Winners** – Trustee Hudson stated that the Beautification Committee
30 has finalized the viewing of all of the submitted nominees for the Summer Beautification
31 Certificates that we normally give to the winners. We went around the Village and we saw some
32 beautiful yards. Some of them were beautiful because they were well taken care of. We saw
33 some that might need a little touch up. We also had a little problem with some of them because
34 they were really beautiful and we have to make decisions. We have to make sure that the
35 beautification matches the house spread. There are times when we have to make decisions that
36 we don’t want to make but we have to. We made a decision with regard to the residents and the
37 merchants that we have here.

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39 Trustee Hudson stated that the business we voted to be the best is Davis Staffing. It is right off of
40 Lincoln Highway. It is not far from Perros Brothers. It is across the street from Red Lobster.
41 Theirs was very beautiful. We were very happy to give them something for doing that. We want
42 to encourage all of the businesses so when you go to their entrance you are greeted with some
43 beauty. One business we didn’t give anything to is Walgreens. They have picked up their litter
44 much better than they did before. They keep asking Trustee Hudson when she goes into
45 Walgreens whether or not they are doing better. They are doing better. We want to see some
46 color to what they are doing as well.

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1 Trustee Hudson stated that the first-place winner is Debra Scanlon of 20311 Harding Avenue. It
2 is close to the Train Station. She has won once before. If you get a chance go by there you can
3 see how beautiful she keeps her yard every year. The second-place winner is Thomas Essig of
4 209 Wysteria. The Wysteria houses are right together. She stated that 208 and 209 kind of share
5 the beauty. We decided there was more beauty on the 209 side. The third-place winner is Kim
6 Walker of 16 Graymoor. They did an awful lot of work just this year. We thought they deserved
7 to receive third place so that they can continue to work and next year we expect it to be even
8 more beautiful.

9
10 Trustee Hudson reminded everyone that the next awards will be the Holiday Awards. She stated
11 that we love to see the beauty that each and every one of you are bringing to the Village.

12 13 **Finance – Pennington**

14 **April 2018 Financial Statements** – Trustee Pennington stated that he will be reporting on the
15 preliminary financial results subject to audit adjustments for the period ending April 30th, 2018.
16 This is our Annual Report. He stated starting with the General Fund, our realized operating
17 revenue for the month ending April 30th, 2018, was \$7,403,406.00, against a budgeted figure of
18 \$7,202,632.00, a difference of \$200,774.00 or 2% favorable to the Annual Budget Plan. Trustee
19 Pennington stated that our General Fund Expenses for the 12-month period was 4% favorable to
20 Budget. Our actual expenses on April 30th, were \$6,901,463.00. The budgeted expenses for this
21 period was \$7,156,991.00. Our current month fund balance actual is a surplus of \$255,523.00, or
22 4% of Budget Plan. Our Fiscal Year to Date Actual Plus Encumbrance in the General Fund is a
23 surplus of \$501,944.00.

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25 Trustee Pennington stated with respect to our Water Fund, water revenue over the past 12-
26 months was unfavorable to Budget by \$212,163.00, or 8%. Our Annual Revenue Budget was
27 \$2,808,994.00. The Village realized \$2,596,831.00 in actual revenue during the 12-month
28 period. Our year end expenses in the Water Fund were 4% favorable to Budget Plan. Our annual
29 Budget in the Water Fund was \$2,767,159.00. The Village incurred \$2,667,688.00 in actual
30 expenses. This resulted in a fund surplus of \$99,471.00. However, our Fiscal Year to Date Actual
31 Plus Encumbrance in the Water Fund is a negative \$70,857.00.

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33 Trustee Pennington stated with respect to our Sewer Fund, our Annual Revenue Budget was set
34 at \$1,690,291.00. The Village realized actual revenue in the amount of \$1,810,706.00 or 7%
35 favorable to Plan. Sewer expenses were favorable to Budget Plan by 5%. Our Annual Budget in
36 the Sewer Fund for 12-months was \$1,559,288.00. The Village incurred \$1,568,946.00 in actual
37 expenses. This resulted in a total fund surplus in the Sewer Fund of \$85,320.00. Our Fiscal Year
38 to Date Actual Plus Encumbrance in the Sewer Fund is a surplus of \$241,760.00.

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40 **Cash Balances of Treasurer’s Report** – Trustee Pennington stated that we have our cash in the
41 financial institutions, which is pretty much the same as it was in prior Reports. The Village has
42 \$7,908,640.80 distributed throughout eight different banking institutions. This number is pretty
43 much consistent with past Reports relative to this item. The Olympia Fields Cash Net of
44 Interfund by Fund lists all 16 cash accounts that the Village has, Interfunds, i.e. loans. It is
45 roughly \$7,938,099.72 in the Cash Net of Interfund by Fund. That takes care of part of the
46 Treasurer’s Report of cash balances. Trustee Pennington asked Mr. King to give his overview of
47 the finances of the Village.

1 **Village Treasurer’s Report/Update Stan King** – Mr. King, Village Treasurer, stated that he
2 had a couple of things that he wanted to convey to you. He stated that as he embarked on this
3 position he wanted to make sure that he understood clearly the scope of the Treasurer, regardless
4 of how it functioned before and how it should be. He read the Illinois Code to see what the
5 definition of the Treasurer was in the Municipalities. That was limited as to what his job is. He
6 read the Illinois Treasurer’s Investment Policy. There are specifics as to what the Treasurer’s
7 duties are with respect to investments and cash. He reviewed the Village of Olympia Fields
8 Investment Policy. The document was last updated in 1999. He has some edits and some
9 comments on that. If you look at the terms and conditions in there and what is required, we are
10 pretty much in compliance. There are no issues with respect to this old document. He is going to
11 recommend that we update it and get it signed into the Ordinances here. There are some edits
12 that are required.

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14 Mr. King stated that the Investment Policy that is enforced now is almost identical to the State of
15 Illinois Treasurer’s Investment Policy. “Section 13, Internal Controls. The Treasurer shall be
16 responsible for establishing and maintaining a written internal control structure designed to
17 ensure the assets of the Village are protected from loss, theft, and misuse. The internal control
18 structure shall be designed to provide reasonable, he is going to change “reasonable.” The cost of
19 the control should not exceed the benefits.” It talks about establishing controls over spending and
20 making sure that they are formalized, and they are adhered to. It is almost like auditing, if you
21 will. It is not an audit function, but it is an oversight function. He stated that working with Betty
22 and Cindy we have looked at a lot of things like: How are we spending money? Unfortunately, a
23 situation came up that we talked about already that falls in line with that. It is like establishing a
24 Policy. He has written up a few comments on a document that Betty put together that speaks to
25 this subject. He doesn’t think in the past that the Treasurer might have been as actively involved
26 in that kind of matter. It is more operational. It is a part of the scope and he takes that very
27 seriously.

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29 Mr. King stated that the obvious part is dealing with the cash and the investments. On Page 83,
30 where you talk about the \$7,908,000.00 of the cash and investments we have on hand as of April
31 30th, there are nine financial institutions that we have been dealing with over the years. We also
32 have 21 different accounts that Betty has to reconcile every month. That’s unreasonable, and it is
33 unwieldy for a staff of basically one with a little help from the rest of the people. We both agree
34 on pooling a lot of the accounts into one bank, if you will. He is not saying nine down to one. He
35 is saying there are several of these banks that need to be consolidated into an account that our
36 Accounting System can clearly segregate, and keep it in the right buckets. Some of our monies
37 are restricted. They can’t be commingled. We do that on the Accounting System already. It is not
38 necessary to have a corresponding separate bank account when we have already identified
39 monies that belong to water, or to a Grant, or to Capital Projects, or Debt Service where you
40 have to keep it separate. Rather than having 21 accounts over nine institutions, we are looking
41 for the best fees that we can get and the best interest rates on those investments that we have. We
42 have four CDs that are coming due. There is one tomorrow and one in a couple of days. We are
43 meeting with that institution. We will have to roll those CDs over. The rates today are much
44 better than what we had two-years ago when we entered into them. Less than a half percent
45 versus 2% now. Since he has gotten onboard, he has talked to four of our nine banks. We have
46 two more tomorrow and two more the next day that we will be talking to, to get a sense of what
47 they are offering to get the best rates. The process that is mandated in our Investment Policy says

1 that once we get all of that together we present it to the Finance Committee, and present it to
2 Trustee Pennington, and to the Board to get any approval on any actions we might take. He is
3 doing all the legwork. He stated that Betty is knee deep in this Audit. He just wants you to know
4 the following: 1. We have CDs that have to be rolled over. 2. We have too many bank
5 institutions. We can get the best rate from some that are in the Village which is the other thing
6 that we wanted to do. Our Policy suggests that we try to deal with local institutions which we
7 currently do. He stated that with Chase leaving that throws one of them off the table. We talked
8 to them as well. We are interrogating all of them to get the best rates for us moving forward. We
9 have a lot of money that can be invested. The Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund and the
10 Illinois Funds those are the two largest on the sheet. It is not the greatest rates, but the safest and
11 where most of our money goes. The other institutions we deal with our accounts payable, paying
12 all of the bills, checks, or payroll. They are pretty stable. Some places we may want to stay. We
13 are looking at the rest of them to determine who should be on the docket and who should
14 possibly be removed. We will make those recommendations.

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16 Mr. King stated that to stay in compliance with the Policy, our Policy says that you can invest in
17 this type of stock or instrument, commercial paper, Treasuries, Government Agencies, CDs,
18 Money Markets and so forth to a certain interest percentage. Our Policy doesn't tell you a target.
19 We want to put 20% in U.S. Treasuries which pays virtually nothing. He stated 10% in CDs. He
20 stated what our Policy says, you can put no more than 90% in Treasuries. Nobody is ever going
21 to put that much in there. How do we have an Investment Policy if we don't say let's have some
22 way of having a mixture that we can reach a certain type of return for monies that are going to sit
23 around for six-months, nine-months, 12-months? We are currently in the process of doing a
24 Comprehensive Cash Flow Analysis of all these 21 accounts over the nine institutions so we can
25 get our arms around who belongs to what money. Then we can determine what the excess money
26 is that can be invested for more than 12-months, or for two-years. We cannot go beyond three-
27 years per Policy. That's another thing we are looking at. More importantly, the two biggest,
28 \$4,000,000.00 of the \$8,000,000.00 that we have on an average monthly basis is in the Illinois
29 Funds and the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund. If you look at what they invest in, we have
30 to be mindful of what our limits are in our Policy and drilldown. If you find they have Money
31 Markets for example, or CDs, we have to be mindful. We also have some CDs separate and apart
32 from that. You have to look at the two combined and make sure we don't exceed our Policy or
33 we have a violation there. This kind of drilldown doesn't always happen. He is trying to take this
34 responsibility literally. He stated that pooling is one thing that we are going to do, which means
35 we will be eliminating some of these banks. We will bring all of that to the Board and have some
36 decisions about it, and reduce the amount of the accounts, and rolling over the CDs.

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38 Mr. King stated back to the controls and procedures situation, since he has had a lot of
39 experience with Pensions, he sat with the Pension Board. He sits on the Finance Committee, not
40 as a member, but just to keep them apprised of some things that they should know. It is very
41 clear in our Policy that they should be kept in the loop. On the Pension side we are very
42 interested in how are these investments being monitored? What are our goals? If the Pension is
43 not earning, the Village has to pay more. He is very much concerned about any kind of monies
44 going out, and what is happening with the monies that we have. The Pension Board is separate
45 and apart from this Board. It is an obligation of the Village and the Trustee has the responsibility
46 of staying apprised of what they are doing which we did today. We had our first meeting today.
47 He was pleased at how that is being run. The investments are doing a lot better than when he first

1 looked at their past performances over the last three or four-years. That's good. You are up to
2 like \$9,000,000.00 in that fund, up from \$8,000,000.00 a year or so ago. That's positive. That
3 helps reduce the Pension obligation that the Village has to put in its Budget which affects
4 property taxes, big time. That and the School District. The Police Pension and the School
5 District, that's a big part of our property taxes. He is very much concerned about that as he is
6 about how we pay bills on a regular basis. In light of some of the discussions he thought it was
7 important that everybody understood that it goes beyond just reporting how much we have in the
8 bank, and what investments we have. It is also the internal controls over the spending, over the
9 assets. It says, "assets." That could be police cars, trucks, whatever. We will be looking at that.
10 There are a couple of other schedules beyond that page where it maps out all of the investments.
11 The investments are covered by FDIC. The amounts that exceed \$250,000.00 they are covered
12 by collateralized arrangements as well. We are also looking at a new public unit deposit. It's a
13 Letter of Credit. This is something that the bank would do. They say it is part of best practices so
14 we are looking at that as well. Mr. King thanked Betty for her help in between the Audit. We are
15 going to freeze those CDs that are rolling over. It is a Half a Million Dollars. We want to talk to
16 others. The best rates are online. He doesn't deal with online banking. He is really not looking at
17 that. We are trying to compare those rates. Some of these banks are fighting hard. He doesn't
18 mind asking for more money. That is where we are at.

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20 Village President Burke thanked Mr. King. He stated that Stan has worldwide accounting
21 credentials. He lives in our Village. He is treating our money like it is his money. He has done an
22 outstanding job of digging through and trying to find every penny he possibly can to keep the
23 Village of Olympia Fields in the right financial shape. He thanked Mr. King for the Report.

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25 **Human Resource – Thomas**

26 **IRMA 2017 Zero Accident Recognition** – Trustee Thomas stated that she wants to
27 acknowledge the Public Works Department for a recognition from IRMA zero incidents for
28 2017. That is a great accomplishment. We want to work smart and we want to work safe. As we
29 say, "No slips, trips, or falls." Please convey to your staff we very much appreciate that. It does
30 help us when it comes to our Risk Assessment. Kudos to you and your staff. She knows that it is
31 Mr. Landini's team behind him. Give them our congratulations. (There was a round of applause).

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33 **Human Resource Personnel Manual** – Trustee Thomas stated that she has in her hand a
34 finalized draft of the Human Resource Personnel Manual. She was charged with working on this
35 when she came onboard. She knows the Committee, Mr. Owens, and others have been
36 wondering where are we. She took the approach of saying to Cindy at the time who was in a
37 different role and then she became our Village Administrator, "You all are going to do this
38 work." She met with Cindy, Mr. McDonnell, Chief Krull, and Mr. Landini. They did a good job
39 of going through it. We wanted to make sure that we have the input of those who are responsible
40 for managing the work force. There were things that we needed to make sure that we have in
41 here when it comes to nepotism, evaluations for performance, how do we do increases. It
42 includes benefit time, and how you do call in. All of those things, and discipline. It covers an
43 array of things that we need. This is a necessary Manual in order to manage the day-to-day
44 personnel.

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46 Trustee Thomas stated that we will be meeting with our President and with the Village
47 Administrator one last time to bless this. We will have a meeting with our Human Resource

1 Committee. She needs them to come with their glasses on ready to read. She stated that we are
2 not going to do a lot of debating on this. She understands that the residents have been waiting on
3 a Manual for a very, very long time. We want to finalize this so that we can now start to hold the
4 staff accountable for doing the things that they are already doing and should continue, and if they
5 are not to implement immediately. We will have another opportunity to discuss it at length. The
6 hour is late.

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8 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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10 Village President Burke opened Public Comment at 8:55 P.M.

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12 **Graymoor Ponds** - Mr. Leon Francisco stated that he is the President of the Graymoor
13 Homeowners Association. He has been coming up here for several years talking about a
14 particular issue that is very near and dear to the Graymoor Homeowners Association. He was
15 glad to hear our Treasurer talk about all of the accounts that he is going to try to consolidate. The
16 Treasurer and Trustee Pennington were talking about the \$7,000,000.00 or \$8,000,000.00 that we
17 have. He stated and Jim Landini talking about the water. He guesses that he had not looked at
18 some of the ponds, and the water, and the overall quality of that water out there in the ponds,
19 which is the reason for him being up here. He has talked extensively with several Trustees, and
20 several Presidents. He is still on the campaign to improve the Graymoor Ponds. He has been in
21 discussion with our Village President. The Village President is looking at trying to help us in that
22 regard.

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24 Mr. Francisco stated that what he is here to do tonight is to request and to challenge this Board,
25 and maybe you Mr. King, to take a look at an Ordinance that was passed back in 2007. It was
26 looking for funds for the Graymoor Ponds and a couple of other communities out there. That
27 Ordinance passed. It was going to be commingled with another \$1,000,000.00 or \$2,000,000.00
28 that the Board was requesting from the Federal Government. He doesn't know whatever
29 happened to the funds coming from the Federal Government. He knows the Ordinance did pass
30 getting funds for the Graymoor Ponds. We never got that money. If we are talking about that
31 \$7,000,000.00 in all these banks out there, he would like to know what happened to it. He would
32 like somebody on this Board or the Treasurer to give a full accounting to Graymoor at the next
33 Board Meeting as to what happened to those dollars and when is he going to see any kind of
34 results from them. He has a FOIA that he pulled. He is going through it right now to try to
35 understand what happened to those dollars as you went through various discussions over the
36 course of the years. He stated since 2007 and nothing has been done for it. He is making an
37 official request of this Board to give a complete accounting of that 2007 Referendum that was
38 passed, the funds that came in, and where those funds were distributed and are allocated. That is
39 his request.

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41 Village President Burke stated that we will definitely look into what that actual Referendum was,
42 and where things actually are. He stated that Leon had indicated that we have been discussing the
43 Graymoor Ponds on the Board. Those ponds, you can almost walk on them. It is not the Village's
44 responsibility to fix those ponds. We are trying to work out some kind of proposition.

1 Mr. Francisco stated that he doesn't say that it is the Village's responsibility to own or do
2 anything. He just wanted to know that when the residents of this community said, "We are going
3 to pass a Referendum to get funds to repair the ponds," what happened to the money?
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5 Village President Burke stated that is very fair. There have been a number of situations where
6 money has been raised. We are in the process of trying to backtrack on some of those things. He
7 knows which Referendum Mr. Francisco is talking about. We have talked about it. Mr. Francisco
8 stated that he just needs to know what happened to it. Village President Burke stated that we will
9 do that. He stated that with Mr. Landini, and Trustee Pennington who is on the Finance
10 Committee, and Betty, we will backtrack on it to see exactly what happened. There has been a
11 number of Referendums. The last of which was the Non-Home Rule Tax, 1% tax. It was like
12 \$72,000,000.00 worth of projects that were initially floated. He stated that exactly where they
13 are, and where we are on some of those things, there is a fund that we cannot touch for certain
14 things. He is not 100% sure exactly what was articulated in that Referendum. We will get that
15 and we will have a Report for the next time.
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17 Village President Burke stated that this new format is the objective of what he was trying to do.
18 There are people who have something that they need the Village to give you an answer on, or
19 just like Maynegaite wanted us to look at an Ordinance. This is the time to bring those things up
20 and we will get somebody on the Board that we can assign to look into it.
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22 **Graymoor Ponds** - Mr. Kelvin Gilchrist stated that he resides at 82 Graymoor. He takes issue
23 with the comment that the Village President made in terms about the ponds are not the
24 responsibility of the Village. When did that change? He was President of the Graymoor Land
25 Association 20-years ago. It was a commitment by this Trustee Board to take care of those
26 ponds. We received numerous promises that the ponds would be taken care of. That is not why
27 he is here today. He just wants to know when did the philosophy change? Was it with this Board,
28 or prior to this Board.
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30 Village President Burke stated that in preparation for his meetings with Mr. Francisco, we went
31 back and looked at communications within Graymoor with the Board, all the way back to 1997,
32 1998. Mr. Gilchrist stated that you should have had my communications. He was President of the
33 Board back then and there was a commitment. That is our Drainage System in Graymoor. It is a
34 unique Drainage System and we are the only place like that in Olympia Fields. Village President
35 Burke stated that we understand. We have already done some staff work on that. Village
36 President Burke stated that he and Mr. Francisco, and some of the other Board Members have
37 already been going through this. We are trying to work out a solution on how to deal with it. He
38 believes that we kind of have an idea of something that we can do. As far as his request, we will
39 come up with the specifics.
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41 **Resurfacing Roadways in Graymoor** – Mr. Gilchrist stated that he is here for another issue. He
42 was just piggybacking on that because he had some prior knowledge of that. He was shocked to
43 hear you say that you had no commitment to our Drainage System in Graymoor. That's
44 interesting.
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46 Mr. Gilchrist stated that he would ask the Board to reprioritize its commitment to the roadways
47 of Graymoor. It appears to be a very low priority. He is not saying that it is with this particular

1 Board. He was here 20-years ago as President representing Graymoor and had a request that
2 somehow, someway, you resurface our roadways. He has watched those roadways deteriorate
3 over the last 20-years. He has come back to plead with this Board to have some kind of
4 reconsideration in terms of the resurfacing of our roadways in Graymoor.

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6 Mr. Gilchrist stated that Robert's Cove was a vacant field 20-plus years ago. He has been in
7 Graymoor a long time. They are going through a total resurfacing of a new development that sits
8 right behind us. The rest of us butt up against that back. We are the only area there. They are
9 going through a total resurfacing of a fairly new development. He has been in Graymoor for 30-
10 years. There has been no resurfacing of any of the roadways in Graymoor. It is just an
11 observation.

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13 Mr. Gilchrist stated that he had a conversation with a friend of his who was interested in buying
14 a house and was sold on the house. William is the owner of that particular house. The house was
15 primarily sold to a young couple who is Vice President of a small corporation in Chicago. It is a
16 beautiful home. The wife happened to walk out into the public roadway. She fell because the
17 stones, the gravel in the roadway is in deplorable condition. If he comes out of his driveway he
18 has to skip and make sure he is balancing himself because of the uneven roadway. When we
19 walk at night he is flash lighting down so that he and his wife don't trip and fall. His neighbor
20 walks with a stick. He is not sure of his expressed intention of the stick is to not prop himself up
21 from falling down because of the deteriorating road. He asks the Board to reconsider looking at
22 our roadways because they are deplorable at this time.

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24 **Ponds in the Village** - Mr. Lee Langon stated that he lives in Olympia Club. He has to take issue
25 with this pond deal here. He stated for the past 10-years he has been begging, not this Board, but
26 previous Boards to take care of our ponds. These are not aesthetic ponds. These are working
27 Storm Water Management entities. He is dismayed that the Village President stated it is not a
28 Village responsibility, because it absolutely is. We have to stop kicking this down the road. If we
29 have to go into Court action for the Village to take care of their responsibilities, trust me, we in
30 Olympia Club will do it. This is low hanging fruit. This is something that we ought to take care
31 of. We shouldn't even be talking about this. All the years that have gone by, if we continue to
32 kick this down the road our ponds will be like Graymoor's which is going to get a lot of
33 sediment and everything else, and it is going to lose its ability to hold the volume of water that it
34 was designed to do if we don't start to do something now. He can't sit here and listen to this isn't
35 the Village's responsibility. He is not signing onto that. This is low hanging fruit. We need to
36 take care of it.

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38 **Token System at Metra Lot** - Mr. Carlando Owens stated that to save time he will reserve his
39 comments regarding the Personnel Manual for the HR Committee Meeting. He wanted to
40 comment regarding the Metra Lot and the parking. Sometime last year, maybe the year before
41 last he submitted a suggestion to the former Village President and former Administrator
42 regarding using a Token System instead of cash at the payboxes. That way no time is spent by
43 the Village Staff having to unfold all those dollars and count all that change. People can come to
44 Village Hall and buy rolls of tokens. You can have them specifically made that will fit the
45 existing payboxes. That is just his comment.

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1 Village President Burke inquired of the Village Administrator whether or not there was any
2 discussion with that group about doing something like a Token System. Village Administrator
3 Saenz stated not exactly tokens, but she remembers coupons. She believes that New Lenox and
4 Mokena uses coupons. That was about four-years ago.

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6 Village President Burke stated that the token approach, the only issue that he can see possibly
7 with that is people have to come over here to buy the tokens. How would they get the tokens? He
8 believes that it would be competing technologies to use tokens.

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10 Village President Burke inquired of Trustee Thomas since she works for Metra, whether or not
11 they have anything in their system to use tokens. Trustee Thomas stated that she doesn't believe
12 that we have such a process. We have electronic and we have cash. She has asked Cindy to make
13 sure when we present on the electronic option, that we all understand that someone is going to
14 pay the costs for that processing fee everyday we are using that. She knows that we want the new
15 technology, but it costs. She believes that Cindy mentioned it. We want to make sure that is
16 clearly defined so when we go down this pathway, Trustee Thomas doesn't want to hear anyone
17 complaining that the fee went up. There is a cost incurred for having that Electronic Payment
18 System. We don't have tokens. It is a good suggestion, but with the new technology you either
19 have money or the App.

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21 **Comments by Mr. Chandler** - Mr. George Chandler stated that he is the President of Vienna
22 Woods. He did call ComEd and he had an evaluation done on his house. He did get immediate
23 savings because he got about 30 or 40 lightbulbs changed, and approximately \$300.00 savings
24 per year so they say. We will see. He recommends that you get that done. He stated that it was
25 great when the gal came here at the last meeting and said that you should do that because it
26 worked.

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28 Mr. Chandler stated that if you are going to go to the tax meeting next week do some homework.
29 Make sure you bring your PIN Number. He stated to bring some comps that are similar to your
30 house. There will be paperwork there for you to fill out and you turn in an Appeal Application
31 that day. You will be able to talk to the people. It is great that it is going to be over here in
32 Matteson because that is an air-conditioned spot. He stated that two-years ago he went to the one
33 in Country Club Hills and it was about 95-degrees out in a tent. It was very hot. Take your
34 homework over there when you get it done.

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36 Village President Burke stated that Trustee Matz hit a homerun on that one with the ComEd Bill.
37 It will be in the next water bill so that you can make that phone call. He stated that there is an
38 extra fee for the thermostats. They will install a new eco friendly thermostat. That would help
39 you also. It is not just the electrical piece of it, but they also help with the gas bill too with that
40 program that they have. That was a good catch.

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42 A woman in the audience inquired whether or not it would be e-mailed to people that get their
43 water bills electronically instead of their water bills being mailed to us.

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45 Village Administrator Saenz stated that once the e-bills are released, you should receive an
46 electronic copy of the Newsletter as well. Village President Burke closed Public Comment at
47 9:12 P.M.

1 **NEW BUSINESS:**
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3 **Ordinance #2018-16** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18, “Streets and Sidewalks” of the
4 Village of Olympia Fields Code of Ordinances to Add New Article VI, “Regulation of Small
5 Wireless Facilities” thereto [First and Second Reading] – Village President Burke stated that
6 John had a bit of heatstroke yesterday. He is a little red right now. Village President Burke
7 thanked John for coming in and being able to talk about these things because people miss your
8 expertise on this.
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10 Mr. McDonnell stated that what we have before you is something that the great State of Illinois
11 did for us. They put an Act out for small wireless facilities. They put that Deployment Act into
12 place on June 1st of 2018. They gave the Municipality two-months to get an Ordinance together
13 to adopt this Act from the State of Illinois. You have a pretty lengthy Memo in front of you from
14 the Village Attorney that basically states why we had to do this. The State adopted this Act for
15 small wireless facilities that are now going to be allowed to go into public rights-of-way.
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17 Mr. McDonnell stated that you also have in front of you a very large, 64-page Ordinance that we
18 have to adopt according to the State of Illinois for this Deployment Act. Small wireless facility
19 technology is here. It is not going away. They are already up in private parking lots that rent to
20 some of those facilities. He believes that a lot of people went to the State and stated that we want
21 you to make this a ruling for all Municipalities in the State of Illinois, and that is what happened.
22 They say that these small cell towers are not ugly. He thinks they are ugly. We have to adopt this
23 Ordinance to satisfy the State Requirements. Mr. McDonnell inquired whether or not the Board
24 Members had any questions about the Memo from the Village Attorney.
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26 Trustee Pennington stated that he did. We were in negotiations with Crown Castle about a year
27 and a half ago, two-years on the establishment of a small cell facility by the Post Office. Mr.
28 McDonnell stated that is correct. Trustee Pennington stated that we wanted consistency of the
29 lighting standards that we had in the Metra Parking Lot. Crown Castle had difficulty in providing
30 that pole for us. They couldn’t find a supplier that supplied that type of pole. He believes that is
31 where the negotiations fell off. He stated with the implementation of this Ordinance, it seems to
32 suggest to him that those negotiations could be ramped up again and started if the Village so
33 desires. He inquired whether or not he is correct in assuming that. Mr. McDonnell stated that you
34 are correct, but it is not going to be a negotiation process. Trustee Pennington stated that the fees
35 that are set within this are set fees and we cannot negotiate whatsoever. Mr. McDonnell stated
36 that is correct. Trustee Matz stated that her understanding is the State put this into law so that
37 everybody is on the same playing field so that it won’t be one town that doesn’t have 5G, or
38 bidding against another for a higher price to have it. Mr. McDonnell stated that is correct. They
39 wanted to take the negotiation off of the table so that everybody was playing from the same deck
40 of cards. That’s why they put it in place.
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42 Village President Burke stated isn’t it also because it’s limited distance that these things could
43 travel. He doesn’t know if it would make that big a difference from town-to-town. He thinks it is
44 a sweetheart deal for the people who want to do this. Somebody negotiated the price upfront and
45 the people in Springfield agreed to it to let them do that. But they can only radiate so far. It
46 wouldn’t necessarily go from town-to-town. It is really just in that immediate area. Mr.
47 McDonnell stated that is correct.

1 Trustee Thomas stated that it is another way that Springfield has made it easier for the cellphone
2 companies to capitalize and not benefit us in anyway. There is nothing we can do about it. Thank
3 you for the information. Good job.

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5 Trustee Pennington stated that to a degree it clearly demonstrates that cellphone towers are
6 obsolete. We don't have to worry about cellphone towers anymore.

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8 Village President Burke stated that some people might remember that was one of the arguments
9 that was made about putting up that Christmas Tree over by Wysteria.

10 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Matz to Waive in First Reading and**
11 **Approve in Second Reading Ordinance #2018-16 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18,**
12 **“Streets and Sidewalks” of the Village of Olympia Fields Code of Ordinances to Add a New**
13 **Article VI, “Regulation of Small Wireless Facilities” thereto.**

14 **Roll Call: Ayes (4-0) Motion Carried.**

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16 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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18 **Appointment – Geraldine Tyler to the Public Safety Committee –** Village President Burke
19 stated that in the Board Packet you have information on Miss Geraldine Tyler. She has been a
20 longtime resident. She has a Master's Degree in Corrections and Criminal Justice. Her first
21 choice is to be on the Police and Fire Commission.

22 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Thomas to Approve the Candidacy of**
23 **Geraldine Tyler to the Public Safety Committee, for a Term Continuing until a New**
24 **Appointment is made by the Village President.**

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

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27 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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29 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Thomas to adjourn the Board Meeting**
30 **at 9:23 P.M.**

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

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33 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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