

1 applause). Mr. Essig stated that they wanted to make sure that they had a nice view for our
2 Trustee and the President of our Homeowners Association. (There was a round of applause).
3 Trustee Hudson stated that it is very beautiful.

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5 Trustee Hudson stated that the first-place award goes to the address of 20311 Harding. It is the
6 Scanlon Family. Mrs. Burke stated that they are receiving a \$100.00 Gift Certificate. She stated
7 congratulations. (There was a round of applause). Mrs. Sharon Bean the Homeowners
8 Association President joined Mr. Scanlon. Mr. Scanlon stated that it was a lot of hard work and it
9 paid off so well in the end. (There was a round of applause).

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11 Trustee Hudson stated that this is something that we started because we want to make sure that
12 we try to get as much of Olympia Fields looking as beautiful as possible. This year they added
13 the businesses in the Village. They found one that was pretty nice and beautiful. It is the Davis
14 Staffing Group. (There was a round of applause). Mrs. Burke congratulated Miss Davis. Mrs.
15 Burke presented Miss Davis with a plaque. She stated that you have to go by and see their
16 landscaping. It is outstanding. Miss Davis stated that it is at the corner of Governors and Route
17 30. (There was a round of applause). Trustee Hudson stated that we are hoping that we have
18 more people next year.

19 **Motion by Trustee Thomas, second by Trustee Pennington to Close the Beautification**
20 **Session and Resume the Regular Board Agenda.**

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

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23 **READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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25 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Matz to Dispense with the Reading of**
26 **the Minutes from the July 16th, 2018, Board Meeting, and Approve the Minutes from the**
27 **July 16th, 2018, Board Meeting as Presented.**

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

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30 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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32 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Pennington to Approve the Payment of Bills**
33 **for August 13th, 2018, in the Total Amount of \$229,990.73.**

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

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36 **VETO OF EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT (Trustee Matz)**

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38 Village President Burke stated next there is a Veto of an expense reimbursement. Trustee Gibson
39 apologized for not being here for the last Board Meeting because of her husband's and her
40 brother's health challenges which happened at the same time. She stated not only here, but where
41 her brother lives in California. She sincerely thanked Cindy and Stoney for their support, as well
42 as many others who have sent cards, phone calls, food, and flowers.

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44 Trustee Gibson stated that whether she is here at the meeting or not, she reads and studies the
45 entire Board Minutes and information. She is a bit perplexed about the information related to
46 Trustee Matz's inquiry and the discussion that continued. Trustee Gibson stated that her
47 comments relative to that discussion are based on her service to the Village over the past 18-

1 years. She stated not only has she served as an Elected Trustee, but as the Village Clerk for about
2 two-years with the responsible task of reporting the information and other important business
3 received and discussed in the Board Meetings. She sincerely requests if you will abide with her
4 during her concerned statements.

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6 Trustee Gibson stated that she does believe in staff development for the President, the Trustees,
7 and Department Heads. This development has to do with gathering formal education to
8 understand the necessary tools needed to enhance our Village. These worthwhile meetings are all
9 descriptions and are on a continuum basis. They are attended by many from the Village,
10 particularly those persons who are in an office. During the years which she has served, there
11 have been meetings in Las Vegas, Washington, D.C., Springfield, Chicago, and other locations
12 attended by Village personnel. To this moment, she cannot remember any of our members who
13 have attended these very important business sessions, that they have reported back to the Board
14 of Trustees.

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16 Trustee Gibson stated that we are elected by the citizens as Trustees, which means in her
17 opinion, that it is a trust by the citizens of this Village. As one member of this Board, for her to
18 vote yes to uphold the Veto, it says that she does not trust Trustee Matz, or that she is lying over
19 a mere trivial 300 plus dollars. She stated having known Trustee Matz over the years, she cannot
20 betray the trust that has been granted to her by the people of this Village. Trustee Gibson stated
21 that her vote will be to restore and grant Trustee Matz all expenses for the meeting attended for
22 her to become more informed and gathering information that is very pertinent.

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24 Trustee Hudson stated that she looked at the information. She is trying to determine if there was
25 an outline of what a new Trustee must do, or should go through in order to prepare them to be
26 the best that they can be for the Village. She doesn't have any program or outline that was given
27 to her, or any other new Trustee. She had been on a Board before and she had a little bit of
28 knowledge of what she was doing at another place. She was also given the opportunity to do
29 outside learning from some organizations. She doesn't know if we have provided that
30 information. And if we provided that information, she did not get the outline. Her understanding
31 is that we not only made the decision on our own, we actually incurred some additional expense
32 in order not to reimburse Cassandra Matz. She stated that to her, it was not enough for us to use
33 the Village money to pay that instead of letting her receive her reimbursement for what she is
34 trying to do, and that is to make herself more knowledgeable so that she can serve this Village
35 the best that she can. Trustee Hudson stated that her vote would be no, we will not allow the
36 Veto, because she thinks that Cassandra Matz deserves to have it if she is trying to improve her
37 knowledge so that she can help the Village be what it can be.

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39 Trustee Matz thanked Trustee Gibson and Trustee Hudson. She stated that all she is here to do is
40 to do the best job that she can do for the Village of Olympia Fields who entrusted her in this seat.
41 It was monies that she used out of her own pocket upfront to be reimbursed. As Trustee Hudson
42 said, there were monies used, hours used, consulting the Village Attorney to stop from
43 reimbursing her her money, and more money was spent, almost \$500.00 was spent to stop
44 \$381.00. That's unfortunate. It just doesn't make any sense. Trustee Matz stated that she is just
45 perplexed. She is trying to make sure that she is better today and tomorrow. The only way she
46 can do it is if she attends seminars, conferences, and that she lobbies on behalf of the Village that
47 she loves. She is the Ambassador. She is the Trustee. The Mayor stated that he can pick up the

1 phone and he can call any other Mayor. That's just not how it is done because eventually they
2 will stop answering the call. If you don't build a relationship with them, then they don't feel any
3 urgency of answering your questions. She believes that we should all have an opportunity to go
4 to seminars, to go to conferences to just better ourselves. Every last one of us should have that
5 ability to do that. Trustee Matz stated that she votes no to the Veto, and yes to reimbursing her,
6 her \$381.00.

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8 Trustee Thomas stated that it is her understanding, as it was explained to her, because she asked
9 a lot of questions about this. She wanted to understand why a decision was being made. It was
10 explained to her that it is not about the process of going to Springfield. It is about following the
11 outlying rules on how you travel. It must be approved upfront. She stated that being a rules
12 person, she believes that you are suppose to follow the rules. She also believes that what was
13 presented was a Letter of Instruction to say, "This is what happened. If you acknowledge that
14 you didn't follow the rules, which are outlined in some paperwork that was given to us."
15 Admittedly, there wasn't a sticker put on it saying, "You need to make note of this." It has been
16 defined on how you should request to travel. Also, it was a Lobby Day. She stated that being
17 responsible for all political interaction in her agency, those things are planned. If we went for
18 Lobby Day, what was our agenda? What did we lobby for? What did we bring back? This is not
19 personal about Trustee Matz's ability and respect that the residents had when they voted. It is
20 about holding everyone accountable to follow the rule. She stated don't make it personal. It is not
21 personal. This is about following the rules. It is not about emotions. It is not about being
22 personal. It is about a process that clearly says that if you are traveling and you want to be
23 reimbursed, you must get that approved first. She asked the question to Cindy and to the Village
24 President, "Was there a conversation prior to?" Cindy stated no. The Village President stated no.
25 Trustee Thomas spoke to Trustee Pennington to understand what did we do to try to assist Miss
26 Matz in getting her money back. She advised Miss Matz that it is a Letter of Instruction that
27 anyone would have to sign if it has been brought to attention. She stated and to say that it never
28 happened before, there was a lot of things that didn't happen before that are now happening. She
29 wants everyone to walk away understanding that this is not a personal attack. It is about the
30 rules. She stated that she doesn't have a personal agenda. She doesn't have a dog in this fight. It
31 is about following the process period. Trustee Thomas stated that she is saddened by it. She hates
32 that she has been put in this situation to have to take a hard line. It's just like when your
33 employees do something wrong and you have to deal with it. She hates having to take the
34 position. Trustee Thomas stated that at the same time, you would expect her to take a position to
35 stand up for the best interests of the Village. The money was spent to protect the Village for any
36 pushback if this becomes a different kind of Agenda item later, we have it documented that this
37 is the process and the protocol that you must follow. If you are going to tell the story, you must
38 tell the whole story so that everybody walks out understanding that this was about process and
39 procedure. If you are not going to follow them, throw them in the garbage can and cancel them.
40 That's all she has to say about it.

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42 Trustee Matz stated that the process and procedure was followed. We don't get information
43 about seminars that are coming up. It stops with the President. She did let Cindy know that
44 Lobby Day was coming up. The Mayor knew Lobby Day was coming up. We don't get any of
45 that in our in-box. We don't get any of that forwarded to us. The only reason she knows is
46 because it comes to several other e-mails that she has.

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1 Trustee Pennington stated that it is clearly evident to him that the Policy that we have established
2 in this Village was violated. We have a Policies and Procedures Manual outlining and detailing
3 what one needs to do to get reimbursed for an expense. This was enacted on March 13th, 2017.
4 All of the sitting Trustees on the Board at that time executed this document. He stated that
5 Trustee Matz was one of the executor's who voted aye towards this adoption. She violated the
6 Policies and the Procedures. That's all. Once a Policy has been violated, there is no recourse.
7 There is absolutely no recourse. This is not the first time she has done it. She did it last year too.
8 Trustee Matz stated excuse me. Trustee Pennington stated that he isn't finished yet. He has the
9 floor. She may comment once he is done.

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11 Trustee Pennington stated that this is the second time that this has occurred. He made that known
12 in his remarks last month. He has nothing personal against Cassandra Matz. We must all follow
13 Procedures since we have adopted them. Furthermore, in his initial discussions with her, when he
14 told her about this before we had this scenario develop, she told him that she goes down to
15 Lobby Day every year in her capacity with her position with Senator Michael Hastings. She
16 knows when these events are coming up. It would be incumbent upon her to let us know. He has
17 nothing against education and learning the best from those that are presenting these elements to
18 us. He cannot abide by a violation of Public Policy. A Policy that is in effect with instructions on
19 how to proceed, how to present your documents for reimbursement. It's quite simple. He stated
20 that to that end, since everyone is taking a vote, and with all due respect to Trustee Matz, he
21 would have to vote yes on the Veto.

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23 Trustee Matz stated yes, she goes every year to Lobby Day in the capacity for the State of
24 Illinois. This time it was in the capacity for our local Municipality for Olympia Fields. The two
25 cannot mix. It's called an "Ethics Violation." She took the days off to represent our Village, so
26 that her total focus would be on the Village and she would not be crisscrossing because you
27 cannot do both. It's a violation. She stated to Trustee Pennington's statement, that's false.

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29 Trustee Matz stated that the issue came when she was given a document to sign after it was
30 approved. If she violated everything totally to the max, it never should have gotten past his
31 Committee. It got past his Finance Committee. They approved it. It got to the Board's bills. It
32 was approved. It wasn't approved until the President presented her with a document that she
33 said, "What is this document?" It didn't look like a legal document. Nobody else had to sign this
34 document in order for her to get her check. All of this was approved. Trustee Pennington had the
35 check. There was a document for her to sign. She is like, "No one has ever had to sign this
36 document before. What is this? Is this legal?" She stated that because she didn't sign this
37 document, not knowing if it was legal or not, it was at this point she had not contacted our
38 Village lawyer to see if this document was legal. She did mention that she was going to Lobby
39 Day. She did not sign that she was going to Lobby Day. That \$381.00 went through Trustee
40 Pennington. He is the Chair of the Finance Committee. Saw nothing wrong with it. It went
41 through the Finance Committee. It made the approved bills. We all voted on it. We approved her
42 money. It wasn't until Trustee Pennington had the check. He said, "I have the check right here.
43 You explain to me why you went down there." He threw that document at her saying, "Did you
44 read this? Tell me what it says." She couldn't believe what she was going through to get the
45 money that she used to represent the Village. It wasn't until she would not sign that document
46 until she was sure she wasn't signing away her first born, second, and third, that this Veto came
47 about. In the history of this Village, a Veto has never been used. She stated for \$381.00 we spent

1 two and a half hours talking to the lawyer at the tune of \$462.50 for \$381.00. That's the real
2 travesty here.

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4 Trustee Pennington stated that he needs to follow-up. He takes exception to the tone of Trustee
5 Matz's assertions that he threw something at her. Trustee Matz stated you did. You threw that
6 document that you had in your hand at me and said, "Read this. What is this? What does this
7 mean? Tell me what this is saying." Trustee Pennington stated talk about false news. Trustee
8 Matz stated no, that's the facts. Trustee Pennington stated that he won't go any further. He
9 knows what he did., and that he did not do. Trustee Matz stated and she knows what he did.
10 Trustee Pennington stated that's he said, she said.

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12 Village President Burke stated that we can dispense with the drama with this. Everyone has had
13 their say-so. He's the one that did the Veto. He is going to explain why it was a Veto. There is a
14 State Law that requires that every Municipality in the State of Illinois put in place an Ordinance
15 that outlines how people are reimbursed for expenses. He stated that as Trustee Pennington
16 indicated, that law caused or prompted to have a Village Ordinance enacted last year. When that
17 Ordinance was enacted, it laid out the Policy of how people would be reimbursed for expenses.
18 You had to have prior proof, and you had to have prior approval from the Village Administrator
19 to make a trip and to go and spend Village funds. As a result of that, an Ordinance was put in
20 place that outlined exactly what you needed to do. That is what was not done.

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22 Village President Burke stated that Ordinance was voted upon with what was the then Board,
23 which included Trustee Matz, Trustee Hudson, Trustee Pennington, and Trustee Gibson. They all
24 signed and voted that that was the Policy and the Ordinance that got put in place. As far as the
25 trip for education, when people take a trip they come back and give a Report. There is yet to be a
26 Report on that particular excursion. Trustee Matz stated not true. Village President Burke stated
27 that the purpose of Lobby Day had some specific things. South Suburban Mayors and Managers
28 Association (SSMMA) wanted people to get together to go down to Springfield and lobby on
29 behalf of the area to get certain things to happen, or to convince Senators and Reps down in
30 Springfield that they would do that. This was not an educational venture. When he took office,
31 and when Trustee Oliver, Trustee Thomas, and Trustee Matz took office, (IML) the Illinois
32 Municipal League had a Training Program for Clerks, Trustees, Mayors and everybody else to
33 attend. Village President Burke stated that he and Trustee Matz attended an all-day session on
34 how to conduct ourselves as officials for our respective Municipalities. There was a Training
35 Class for all elected people to attend. He and Trustee Matz attended that session. This particular
36 session in Springfield was not an educational opportunity. It was a lobbying thing that South
37 Suburban Mayors and Managers pooled together people to go down and do that and lobby. He
38 chose not to go. If Trustee Matz chose to do so, she was suppose to get permission from the
39 Village Administrator and she did not. He stated that to tell somebody, "I'm going," that's not
40 getting permission to do it. The purpose for getting permission is to see if the money was
41 available, and if that was something that we wanted to do.

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43 Village President Burke stated that in addition to that, he got a text while Trustee Matz was in
44 route at approximately 10:30. At the time, Cindy Saenz, and two other individuals, along with
45 the Village President were in a meeting when the text came across. The text said, "Do you need
46 me to do anything in Springfield?" He responded, "No." That was not a request to take the trip
47 because you were already in route to take the trip. Initially, it did get passed. What happened was

1 the Auditors. We get audited every year. The Auditors were in. Every Board Member got this
2 questionnaire. In that questionnaire it says, “What is fraud? Auditors consider fraud to be any
3 intentional act that causes the Financial Statements to be materially misstated, or the theft or
4 inappropriate use of assets. How is fraud committed? There are two types of misstatements
5 relevant to our consideration of fraud.” Every Board Member has to sign-off on one of these.
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7 Trustee Matz inquired of Village President Burke are you saying that this was fraud. Are you
8 saying that this was fraud? Village President Burke stated that you spoke. It is his turn to speak
9 right now. What happened? What happened is each one of us had to sign this document and fill
10 out exactly if we saw something. He is not going to go into all of the details on every question
11 here. “Are you personally aware of any fraudulent activities, actual or suspected, and what affect
12 it has on the Village?” The Auditor told him personally that if there are any situations where
13 anybody is not necessarily following the law and the rules of the Village of Olympia Fields, you
14 cannot sign or you would be complicit in breaking the law. The document that was given to
15 Trustee Matz, it says: “Per your conversation with Trustee Pennington, by signing this form you
16 acknowledge that: The attached travel expense reimbursement was approved by the Board of
17 Trustees at the June 11th Board Meeting. During the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Process, there were
18 no funds allocated for Board Members to attend seminars or conferences. Per Ordinance #2017-
19 03, elected officials, officers, and employees of the Village must obtain prior approval to attend
20 seminars or conferences when tax dollars are expensed. In the future there will be no
21 reimbursement if prior approval is not obtained per the process outlined in the Ordinance.”
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23 Village President Burke stated that the second part was, “I also understand that prior to attending
24 any function/event as a representative of the Village of Olympia Fields, I will discuss and obtain
25 approval from the Village President in advance if there are fees associated with the function or
26 event.” There was an attempt on behalf of Trustee Pennington, Miss Saenz, and the Village
27 President to say okay, “We are going to put this in a file and make sure that you understand what
28 the law and the rules are, and that we will not have this issue again.” We gave that to Trustee
29 Matz. Trustee Matz said, “I want to sit on this.” You took the document, and it was
30 approximately three or four-days before she got back to Miss Saenz. Miss Saenz stated that she
31 thought so, yes. Village President Burke stated then you came back you said, “This was a bogus
32 document and you weren’t going to sign it.” This bogus document was an effort on our behalf to
33 pay Trustee Matz her \$381.47. Then what happened was, John Murphey, the Village Attorney
34 was consulted and was asked if we sign this check, even if Trustee Matz had signed this other
35 document, then we would be party to disseminating Village funds without the proper
36 documentation according to the law. That is when the Village President and Miss Saenz decided
37 that they can’t sign this document. That’s when the Veto came about.
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39 Village President Burke stated that what this is all about is not whether or not somebody can go
40 get education. We did have the education. Trustee Matz and the Village President went to an
41 IML Class shortly after they were elected and got sworn-in. There was training. None of us,
42 other than those individuals that have been on this Board for many, many years, we will make
43 mistakes. We will do things that we hope to be able to rectify. This particular trip didn’t have
44 anything to do with any education.
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46 Trustee Matz stated that it had everything to do with it. Village President Burke stated let me
47 finish. Trustee Matz stated that it had everything to do with education. Village President Burke

1 banged the gavel and stated that Trustee Matz is out of order. He stated that what this was all
2 about was a group of politicians going to Springfield to lobby. He stated that Trustee Matz made
3 a comment in the Board Minutes that you met with people who were vendors. It is illegal to go
4 and talk to vendors about things that we are doing in this Village. The purpose of it was to lobby
5 other elected officials in Springfield. We have yet to hear what you lobbied about. There was a
6 preset Agenda for what was supposed to be lobbied. SSMMA put together a list of about eight
7 items that they wanted people to fan out and talk to those Legislators about. We have yet to hear
8 what those items were. Where we are right now is that our legal counsel, Mr. Murphey, was
9 consulted. He put in place, and everyone got a copy of that document that went along with the
10 Veto that was done. He indicated that under Section 31-4-45 of the Illinois Municipal Code,
11 “The President has the right to Veto any appropriation of an expenditure provided he files his
12 written objection commonly referred to as a “Veto” at the first regular meeting occurring after
13 the passage.” That’s today. “The July 16th meeting is an appropriate meeting for the President to
14 submit his Veto.” Which he did. “Under Section 31-40-50 if the President does issue a Veto, the
15 Village Board should reconsider the action at the next regular meeting following the regular
16 meeting at which time the Village Board received the President’s written objection. In other
17 words, the Village Board does not vote to override the Veto at the same meeting where the
18 President issues a Veto. The overriding Veto must take place at the next following regular
19 meeting. The override vote requires a vote of two-thirds of all the Board Members then holding
20 office. Since we have six Board Members, a vote of four Board Members is sufficient to
21 override the Veto.”

22 **Village President Burke asked Village Administrator Saenz to take a Roll Call to see if we**
23 **have four votes to override this Veto.**

24 **Roll Call: (Trustee Thomas & Trustee Pennington Voted Aye) No (3)**

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26 **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:**

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28 **Report of the Village President:**

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30 Village President Burke stated that last week we had the PEW Charitable Trust visit the Village
31 of Olympia Fields. They were in meetings back in Washington. One of the things that they were
32 trying to get some clarity on was in doing some research, they had heard a lot of wonderful
33 things about the Village of Olympia Fields. One of the things that they saw that they couldn’t get
34 their head wrapped around was the fact that the Village of Olympia Fields has 98% of the people
35 who live in this Village that are black own their own homes. He stated that 61% of the white
36 residents own their home. This was the only community in the whole United States that they had
37 ever seen. They couldn’t understand why this occurred. They called him and they sent him an e-
38 mail. They talked about it. He told them he could give them a plausible reason why it is that way.
39 Our town is full of a lot of very accomplished people, both black and white. The people who are
40 white that live in our Village own their homes. They have owned their homes for many years.
41 Some of which have moved out of their single-family homes and moved into the one and only
42 rental facility that we have in the Village and that is Brookdale. He stated that Brookdale is
43 roughly 95% white. As a result, that is the reason why we have more blacks who live in their
44 own homes, whereas white residents, 39% or so live in Brookdale. They said that is marvelous.
45 They got on a plane and they flew out here. He gave them a tour of the Village. He took them to
46 Flossmoor and Matteson, and a number of the communities around here. He gave them an
47 opportunity to speak to a number of people who live here, for them to see and meet some of our

1 residents. They were blown away with how professional the people are who live here. They were
2 blown away by how neat and clean our community was. He was hoping to get the Village to be
3 written up by PEW. PEW Charitable Trust sponsors NDR. They do research all over the United
4 States looking at things that are good news stories. They are non-partisan. They spoke with the
5 Gibson's. They spent two-hours at their house. They had an opportunity to speak to Terry
6 Brown, who is a long-time resident and Chairman of the Board at the Hospital. There were six or
7 seven other people that they had a chance to talk to. He is hoping that what will happen is that
8 we might get on the national news. Several months ago, we were recognized as one of the 10
9 best places to retire in the whole United States. This was another one of those things that
10 hopefully we are getting positive recognition, and it's going to help our economic development
11 effort that we have going forward.

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13 **Presentation of Volunteer Appreciation Certificate to Arcadian Students** – Village President
14 Burke inquired whether or not the students are here. Mrs. Smith stated no. Village President
15 Burke stated that Arcadia is one of our fine Homeowners Associations. The President of the
16 Homeowners Association and some of the other members of the community put together a
17 special program to work on beautification in their neighborhood. He was at Buona Beef. He ran
18 into Mr. Robert McCullough. He was having a Pizza Party. There were five or six young people
19 sitting at the table. Mr. McCullough introduced the Village President to the young people. The
20 purpose of the Pizza Party was that these young folks had done a marvelous job of cleaning up
21 their community, painting, and doing some other things. He wants to recognize the Arcadian
22 Beautification Committee and these young people as volunteers to improve their neighborhood.
23 We heard earlier about individuals whose homes were outstanding and they got an award, first,
24 second and third prize. This was a perfect example of how the whole community comes together
25 to work together to improve their neighborhood. We have: Penny Smith, Charles Durley, and
26 Doris. Mrs. Smith stated that the Committee is McCullough, Charles Durley, and her. The
27 Treasurer is Dell Taylor, one of our residents. We have Mr. Beard. And another one of our
28 residents is Williams, and Mr. Taylor who is the husband to Dell Taylor.

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30 Village President Burke stated that he and Mr. McCullough thought it would be a good idea to
31 recognize those young people who have done such a good job. A Pizza Party is one thing, but we
32 wanted to publicly talk about them at the next Village Meeting. We have a Certificate here. "The
33 Village of Olympia Fields Volunteer Appreciation Certificate awarded to Julian Garcia in
34 recognition for your extraordinary service, dedication, and support to volunteer in your
35 community. Dated: August 13th, 2018. Sterling Burke, Village President." We have a Certificate
36 for each of the young folks. The students are: John Jordan, Julian Garcia, Justin Garcia, Josh
37 Smith, Emmitt Smith, and Amiri Young. Please let them know that the Village of Olympia
38 Fields really appreciates the work that they have done.

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40 Mrs. Smith stated that our entranceways were completely dilapidated over the years. When you
41 don't have a covenant for you to get your dues, it is strictly volunteers. The money was slow
42 coming in. We started improving and we still have a lot more to do. By the end of the summer,
43 you should see a great improvement with the landscaping and everything else.

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45 Village President Burke stated that there has already been a great improvement because of the
46 spirit of all of the people who come together to take care of their neighborhood. We want to
47 make sure that we pass that spirit on and get everybody in the Village to do the same thing.

1 Thank you very much for coming. He stated that you have a meeting coming up Thursday night.
2 He inquired whether or not the young folks will be there. Mrs. Smith stated that we will try to get
3 them there. Village President Burke stated that maybe we will do this all over again. (There was
4 a round of applause).

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6 **Resolution #2018-06** – A Resolution Declaring August as Gift of Hope’s Minority Donor
7 Awareness Month – Village President Burke stated that next is a Resolution for the Gift of Hope.
8 The Resolution is: **“BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**
9 **VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS** as follows:

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11 **WHEREAS**, the Village of Olympia Fields, the State of Illinois, and our community
12 continues to confront the challenge of organ and tissue donation; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, an awareness of a positive donation culture and practices is a powerful way
15 to save and enhance the lives of as many people as possible through organ and tissue donation
16 among all people regardless of race, color, culture, class, language, faith, age, gender, sexual
17 preference or other apparent differences; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, August 2018 marks Minority Donor Awareness Month; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, this month will kick-off and culminate with observances in hundreds of
22 cities and other locales around the state; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, during the period between August 1, 2018 and August 31, 2018, Gift of
25 Hope will sponsor projects and programs to create greater awareness and consciousness of the
26 need to register to become organ and tissue donors; days of dialogue, artistic and cultural events;
27 donor registration drives; and special activities for all communities; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, in Olympia Fields, a Village in the State of Illinois, has a great opportunity
30 to focus the hearts and minds of our citizens on organ and tissue donation in recognition and
31 celebration of Gift of Hope’s Minority Donor Awareness Month;

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33 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Village President Sterling Burke and the Board of
34 Trustees do hereby declare the period from August 1, 2018 through August 31, 2018 as “Gift of
35 Hope’s Minority Donor Awareness Month in Olympia Fields; and

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37 **THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Village of Olympia Fields supports
38 programs and projects conducted in the spirit of organ and tissue donation during this season and
39 honors the organizers of these activities on their commitment to creating a positive culture about
40 organ and tissue donation; and

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42 **THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that suitable copies of this Resolution be
43 presented to the Gift of Hope for Minority Donor Awareness Month.”

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45 Village President Burke stated that this is Olivia Fox. Your mother has been given an organ.
46 Miss Fox stated that she is a kidney transplant recipient. Village President Burke stated that we
47 will sign this.

1 Miss Fox thanked the Village and the Trustees. She sees so many familiar faces up here. It is so
2 good to see you all, Trustee Pennington from Jack and Jill, Trustee Matz, and Trustee Hudson
3 from church. We are so glad to be here and be a part of the Olympia Fields community. She is a
4 Community Outreach Specialist for the Gift of Hope Organ and Tissue Network. They are here
5 to provide public education on the topic of organ and tissue donation. She stated that for many
6 years there have been many myths and misconceptions circulated, especially through minority
7 communities in regards to this topic. Since it is 2018, it is really important that all of our
8 communities are well-versed on the facts about this topic. The fact of the matter is that there are
9 currently 4300 people in Illinois that are waiting for a life-saving organ and tissue donation.
10 About 38% of those people are African-American. About 20% are Hispanic and Latino. Most of
11 those numbers are coming from minority communities. It's important that the people in those
12 communities are educated with how to participate in this process. She hopes that everyone is
13 registered on their driver's license to be an organ donor. If you are not, she would love to have a
14 conversation with you on the facts about it and why it is important for you to join this registry.
15 Miss Fox stated that she is the daughter of a kidney transplant recipient. That is her personal
16 connection to this journey. In her professional job, they would love to be here and be supporters,
17 and participate in anything that the Village has going on, if there is anything that we can sponsor
18 and support. If there are any other community organizations, healthcare organizations, or anyone
19 that would just love for us to educate your group about organ and tissue donation we would love
20 to be a part of that and sponsor that. Let us know where we can be of assistance. She will leave
21 her information here. Let us know where we can join you. (There was a round of applause).

22 **Motion by Trustee Matz, second by Trustee Pennington to Approve Resolution #2018-06 –**
23 **A Resolution Declaring August as Gift of Hope's Minority Donor Awareness Month.**

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

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26 Miss Fox stated that with it being 2018, 16 and 17-year olds are now able to join the Donor
27 Registry. She stated that before you had to be 18. They want to make sure that our young people
28 are very well-versed in this topic, and know what type of decision they are making when they go
29 to the DMV. (There was a round of applause).

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31 Trustee Thomas stated that it is a great program. Her cousin lost her eyesight at 36 due to
32 Diabetes and high blood pressure. She was a college grad, normal person. This all happened at
33 once. She received a kidney earlier this year. There is no more dialysis for her. Miss Fox stated
34 awesome. Thank you for sharing that. (There was a round of applause).

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36 **Report of the Village Administrator:**

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38 Village Administrator Saenz stated that she did not have a Formal Report this evening.

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40 **DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS:**

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42 **John McDonnell – Building Commissioner**

43 **Building Department – Year End Report**

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45 Mr. McDonnell stated that you have before you a Building Department Report for Fiscal Year
46 2017/2018. The Fiscal Year ended April 30th, 2018. He provided Building Permit Stats, Tree
47 Removal Stats, Code Enforcement actions, some lawn maintenance, and fees and fines collected.

1 There is some general information about the St. James renovation and expansion that is
2 continuing to go on, and will continue to go on throughout the rest of 2018, most likely halfway
3 or partway through 2019. The new intersection at 203rd and Crawford, hopefully that
4 construction will be completed in late fall. He believes that they want to get that done before
5 winter comes. It is a long-awaited stop and go light. There are always traffic jams over there.
6 There are plenty of potential accidents to happen over there. He knows for himself, that it is
7 pretty difficult to get out of there and make a left turn. It will be definitely better for all of the
8 residents in the Village and anybody passing through.

9
10 Mr. McDonnell stated that he provided stats. In Fiscal Year 2016/ 2017, 498 Building Permits
11 were issued. In Fiscal Year 2017/2018 there were 586. That is a 15%, 20% increase in Building
12 Permit activity as far as the number of them are concerned. We are always keeping steady with
13 Code Enforcement action, maintaining vacant properties. In 2016/2017, we maintained
14 properties to the tune of \$36,000.00. We did collect with Liens on properties that we did take
15 care of those properties. We took in \$65,000.00. It doesn't cost the Village anything for us to
16 take care of those vacant properties at this time. The Village eventually collects those fees. Some
17 years we collect more fees. Some years we collect less fees. He stated that he has been here since
18 2009. We have never collected less than what we have spent for that year. In Fiscal Year
19 2017/2018, we spent \$36,000.00 again on maintaining vacant properties. Our vacant properties
20 between those two Fiscal Years are about the same. We have about 100 vacant homes in the
21 Village at any one time. They could be vacant due to foreclosures, or just vacant because the
22 people have moved to their new home and they haven't sold their home yet. We list them as
23 vacant.

24
25 Mr. McDonnell stated that in Fiscal Year 2017/2018 we collected \$44,000.00 in fees on top of
26 what we spent. This year you will see an improvement in Code Enforcement actions. We have
27 taken the Code Enforcement Officer off of the Metra Coin Collection activities. We now have a
28 part-time person that does that for us. The increase for lawn maintenance tags, or any type of
29 property maintenance tags went from \$873 in Fiscal Year 2016/2017, to \$1,836.00 in 2017/2018.
30 That's a pretty large increase.

31
32 Mr. McDonnell stated that the construction at Franciscan St. James continues. He stated that
33 within the next week or two, he will get a schedule from the St. James representatives for the
34 construction over there. They are going to give him a schedule of what areas of the outside of the
35 hospital are going to be completed, and their schedule as far as it pertains to roadway conditions,
36 parking lot renovations and landscaping renovations at the hospital.

37
38 Mr. McDonnell stated that a few people have asked about the big pile of dirt. It is pretty much a
39 three-year project. The pile of dirt has been there for quite some time. They are going to give him
40 a schedule on moving that dirt as well. He is going to see if he can get it moved out of here
41 before the end of the year.

42
43 Village President Burke stated that the Village Staff has meetings every other week. They talk
44 about everything that is going on in the Village. They try to make sure that they maintain the
45 quality of life and the quality of the environment. One of his three Guiding Principles was to
46 maintain the nature of the Village of Olympia Fields. He stated that John and his staff are doing a
47 great job of making sure that we try to cutdown trees. If someone does not cutdown those trees,

1 then we will step up and inform you to do it. We will step up and cut them down and put a Lien
2 against them. The number of Building Permits that he talked about, in 2017 there were 498 and
3 in 2018, 586. That means that a lot of people are improving their houses. A lot of people are
4 making sure that their investment is maintained in a way that is consistent with what we want to
5 see in the Village of Olympia Fields. We want to make sure that the word is out that the Village
6 is trying to do everything it possibly can to ensure that we keep housing values as high as
7 possible. Please don't get upset with us when we are, what some people think are "hounding"
8 people. We are not trying to hound people. We are trying to make sure that what we have all
9 invested in stays up. When you go from 498 to 586, that is almost a 100 increase in the number
10 of Permits. People are putting their money into taking care of their homes. (There was a round of
11 applause).

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13 **Ordinance #2018-17** – Rezone Property Southside of Vollmer Road & West of the
14 NICTD/Canadian National Railway & Contains Approximately 13.09 Acres from R2 to B3 [First
15 and Second Reading] – Mr. McDonnell stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission had a
16 Public Hearing on July 17th to consider an Application for a zoning change of 13-acres of
17 property located south of Vollmer Road, between Kedzie Avenue and the west side of the
18 Canadian National Railway. The Public Hearing was to change that property from a
19 Residentially Zoned District to a Business District or Commercial District, if you want to call it
20 that. That property has been zoned Residential for quite some time. It is a failed subdivision that
21 started. In 2008 when things went down for housing, it never got completed. The roadway is not
22 completed. The public improvements aren't completed. There are definitely no brand new,
23 single-family homes there. The bank that owns the property has been trying to market that piece
24 of property to see if they could get somebody to take the subdivision over and complete the
25 public improvements and start building some new homes there. That just didn't come to fruition.
26 During a lot of the meetings in the past nine-years about a Town Center Project over by the
27 Olympia Fields Post Office and the redevelopment of that area, we came to the conclusion that
28 that property, due to other Commercial properties developing on Vollmer Road, that we rezone
29 that property to a Commercial area. Hopefully, we will get some prospective buyers. The
30 property on the corner directly off Kedzie Avenue and Vollmer Road has already been zoned
31 Commercial. Now that entire Corridor that is on Vollmer Road will be Commercial property. He
32 stated that tonight he has before you the Ordinance to do the final approval to change that
33 property from an R2 District to a B3 District.

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35 Mr. McDonnell inquired whether or not there was anybody here from the Bank of Delaware, or
36 the Bank of Wintrust. There was no response. Mr. McDonnell stated that he is guessing that
37 there are no objections to it. We did not hear any objections at the Public Hearing. We heard
38 testimony from the Planning and Zoning Commission. We heard testimony from the Village
39 President. There was nobody there for the Public Hearing to represent the bank.

40

41 Village President Burke stated that part of the Economic Development Plan that we are
42 implementing is to develop all of Vollmer Road from the railroad tracks all the way down to
43 Crawford. It was very important that this piece of land that is between the railroad and Kedzie,
44 and that is what we are talking about here, is turned into potential revenue generators for the
45 Village. Mrs. Britt-Johnson who is our coordinator and consultant with economic development,
46 has put together a very Comprehensive Plan on how we plan to roll out businesses up and down
47 Vollmer Road. This is just a piece of what we are doing. It is very important that we get this

1 piece of property in play. We have been able to pickup several pieces of land around the Village
2 via the Land Bank. That will give us the opportunity to further invest in businesses in the
3 Village. We now own one piece of property from the Post Office around to the entrance to the
4 Train Station. We are going to ultimately do a Transit-Oriented District that will go in there. The
5 new Town Center for all practical purposes is this Office Park. He stated that up and down
6 Vollmer Road will be very valuable real estate as we move forward.

7 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Thomas to Waive in First Reading and**
8 **Approve in Second Reading Ordinance #2018-17 – An Ordinance to Rezone Property on**
9 **the Southside of Vollmer Road & West of the NCR/Canadian National Railway &**
10 **Contains Approximately 13.09 Acres from R2 to B3.**

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

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13 **Event Permit – Cathedral of Joy Family Life Center – “Community Day Fun Fest!” –**
14 **August 18, 2018/Rain Date August 19, 2018 from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. – Mr. McDonnell**
15 stated that he has a couple of Event Permits before you tonight. There is an Event Permit from
16 the Cathedral of Joy Family Life Center Church. There is a representative for the church here.

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18 Mrs. Rosie Greer stated that we are hosting an event at COJ Family Life Center Church on
19 Saturday. It is an annual event. They have been in the Village for 10-years. They do various
20 events and outreach supplying school supplies for the youth in the community. They have done
21 this since the very beginning. Prior to this they have done it in Flossmoor. They relocated from
22 Flossmoor to Olympia Fields. They are asking for the Permit. The event is this Saturday from
23 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. This is their first time to get a Permit. It is something new for them.
24 Village President Burke thanked Mrs. Greer for coming.

25
26 Mr. McDonnell stated that you have the layout of what their event is going to look like at the
27 church. It is a rough draft. They have had this event before. We heard about it after the fact of the
28 event. The event is during a short period of time on a weekend. Mr. McDonnell wanted to point
29 out that there is a sketch that they gave us. It shows some traffic flows that do not appear on this
30 sketch to be on paved surfaces. They are going to have food vendors there. They are not going to
31 require a licensing, but they will require an inspection by our Health Inspector. That inspection is
32 going to cost the Village \$45.00. Our Health Inspector is not on staff. He is only paid on-call. He
33 wanted the Board to know that. He inquired whether or not you want to impose a fee on this
34 event, or at least the fee of the inspection.

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36 Trustee Thomas stated that she would say no fee. She thinks it is a great event. She stated that
37 anything positive that you can have in the community where you want to involve children, young
38 people, she thinks it is positive and a good look for the Village. She thinks the Village will be
39 fine with \$45.00. Trustee Thomas stated that she is just speaking for herself as Trustee.

40
41 Trustee Gibson stated that if they are going to have the inspection, she doesn't understand why
42 the Cathedral of Joy Family Life Center can't pay for that inspection, so they could be not
43 vulnerable to anyone who might get sick.

44
45 Trustee Thomas inquired whether or not the Village requires the inspection. Mr. McDonnell
46 stated yes. Trustee Thomas stated that she offers in the future for next year, as soon as you know
47 that you are going to do this, the Village should provide you with the Guidelines of what steps

1 you need to go through. You should get your Permit before the week of the event. She stated
2 speaking as herself as Trustee, she thinks this time around the Village could pay the \$45.00. She
3 stated that next year that may be a part of your process. It's \$45.00. It's a good event.
4

5 Village President Burke inquired of Robert Lewis and Ernie Gibson who represent Wysteria
6 which is adjacent to this, whether or not they have any objection to the event. It will be during
7 the daylight for the most part. Do you have any objection to this event?
8

9 Mr. Robert Lewis stated that we have worked with the United Methodist Church for a similar
10 event last year. They have one upcoming. You folks put us in contact with them and we worked
11 out everything, no problems. The only issue is we just had another event Saturday at the church
12 right near the borderline, and the speakers were turned toward our houses from 11:00 A.M. until
13 dark. We knew they were there. Let's put it that way. He stated that because of where they are
14 located, we won't have any parking issues or trespassing issues that we anticipated with the
15 United Methodist Church. If they turn the speakers toward the crowd, then we will have no
16 problems at all. We welcome the event here in the area.
17

18 Village President Burke stated that is a legitimate concern. Make sure the speakers are back
19 toward Western and not back toward the community that is right adjacent to you.

20 **Motion by Trustee Thomas, second by Trustee Hudson to Approve as Submitted with the**
21 **Differences that we Just Discussed, the Event Permit for Cathedral of Joy Family Life**
22 **Center – “Community Day Fun Fest!” on August 18th, 2018, and the Rain Date is August**
23 **19th, 2018, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

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

26 Village President Burke stated that he hopes you guys have a very successful event. He stated to
27 give us at least a month heads up. We can't do things five-days, or seven-days ahead of time.

28 **Motion by Trustee Thomas, second by Trustee Matz to Waive the \$45.00 Inspection Fee for**
29 **the Food Vendors this Year.**

30 **Roll Call: Ayes (3) (Trustee Pennington and Trustee Gibson Voted No) Motion Carried.**
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32 **Event Permit – Olympia Fields United Methodist Church – “Church-A-Palooza Music**
33 **Fest” – September 15, 2018/Rain Date September 22, 2018 from 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. –**

34 Mr. McDonnell stated that the United Methodist Church has applied for an Event Permit. Their
35 event is on September 15th. The rain date is September 22nd. There are representatives from the
36 United Methodist Church here.
37

38 Mrs. Ellice Herman stated that we are doing an event called “Church-A-Palooza.” It is really a
39 Music Fest. The idea is to bring together a whole bunch of different types of music. We have
40 smooth jazz. We have gospel and a Christian Rock. And to bring in some businesses that talk
41 with people about how to establish credit. There will be a couple of things for your health. There
42 will be a couple people who are Chiropractors who will be there. Other people that run
43 independent businesses are going to be vendors. There will be a dessert company, hopefully, and
44 a popcorn company, and some food trucks. They all have licenses. It is a day to get together and
45 reach out to the community. There will be kids there, hopefully, playing frisbee. She stated and
46 just a good time.

1 Mrs. Cheryl Helbert stated that we were before you last year. This is our second Annual Event.
2 Last year was wonderful. We had 100 or 120-people come out. We were dancing in the field. We
3 had the DJ out their praising God and doing all kinds of fun things. It was a great day. You know
4 that you have a good event when all the exhausted people are tearing it down and talking about
5 next year's event.

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7 Village President Burke inquired of Robert Lewis and Ernie Gibson if they had any objection.
8 Dr. Gibson stated that we had no problems. Pastor Richard Wagner stated that he is the new
9 Pastor at the church.

10
11 Mr. McDonnell stated that you are going to have food trucks this year. Mrs. Herman stated yes.
12 Mr. McDonnell stated that the food trucks will require a Health Inspection on the day of the
13 event. The Village has to pay that \$45.00 fee.

14
15 Trustee Thomas stated that you can't say yes to one, and no to the other. Trustee Thomas stated
16 that she heard her say that they have a license. What does that license cover? She thinks that we
17 need to do a little more research on our part as well. If they already have a license, does that
18 license cover any kind of inspection, or if someone got ill, or anything like that? We need to
19 understand where the license came from. What does it cover? You don't pay for the Permit. If
20 you only have to pay \$45.00 she thinks that is more than fair and reasonable. She stated that until
21 we organize it better, she is not saying staff is not, be timelier with your request. She knows
22 theirs is in September. She stated when you come back, don't scream if we now say, "You need
23 to pay \$50.00." Maybe they go up on their price.

24
25 Mrs. Helbert stated that one of our food trucks is Aurelio's and the other is Enzos so we are not
26 running rattrap trucks. Mrs. Herman stated that with the licensing they take a class. They are
27 pretty well-vested in understanding how to prevent food poisoning and that kind of thing. She
28 thinks the class is like eight-hours.

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30 Trustee Thomas stated that it is a State class. She understands the Village's position. We have to
31 talk through it some more on where the responsibility lies. She is not the attorney, but if you give
32 a Permit, the language in that Permit should well transfer responsibility to the entity that is
33 hosting that event. We just authorize you to be in the public space. If someone gets sick from the
34 food, or if someone injures themselves, the Village should have a good document that clearly
35 defines we are giving you this Permit, but the responsibility for anything else is on you and the
36 vendors. Trustee Thomas stated that she is a great cook. She just can't come up and put up a
37 station because she doesn't have the proper licenses, and the Permit, and the class that you have
38 to go through. She thinks that the Village needs to talk about that. She stated that for this year,
39 \$90.00 is not going to make or break our Budget.

40
41 Mr. McDonnell stated that any inspections are done on the basis of the safety, health, and
42 welfare of our residents. We recognize other licensing agents, but the only licensing agent that
43 we are guided to go by is the licensing agent of the Village of Olympia Fields, which is myself.
44 He didn't write the Ordinance. It is a requirement for any Event Permits to come before the
45 Board more than 30-days before the event. We saw the fliers on the event for the Cathedral of
46 Joy. There has not been a whole lot of discussion with them because he just got it. He stated that
47 with President Burke's help we were able to get it on the Agenda for tonight so that we could get

1 it approved and get them moving along. In the Village Ordinance, any business is required to be
2 looked over by the Village. A Health Inspection is done for anybody that is serving any type of
3 food.

4
5 Trustee Pennington stated that he had a question relative to both churches. Does either church
6 have liability event insurance to cover this event? Pastor Wagner stated yes. Trustee Pennington
7 inquired whether or not they have listed the Village of Olympia Fields as a named insured on
8 that Policy? Pastor Wagner stated no. Trustee Pennington stated that he is looking at the potential
9 liability issue. We want to make sure that there is effective event insurance in place which names
10 the Village of Olympia Fields as an additional insured on that Policy to cover any potential
11 liability. The Cathedral of Joy needs to look into that possibility before Saturday of getting that
12 event insurance.

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14 Village President Burke inquired of Trustee Pennington whether or not that is a condition.
15 Trustee Pennington stated that it is a protection. It's a condition preceding the events. They really
16 should have the protection.

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18 Trustee Thomas stated that she understands Trustee Pennington's position. It seems like these
19 little pop up things are happening right here. The Village needs to outline its process, create a
20 checklist before it is a requirement, so that when the requests come you know. She is just being
21 fair. You didn't know what to do when you saw the signs. Instead of sitting back and then you go
22 to your event and then we come and stop you, you went through the process to get here today to
23 approve it. You are here today to approve it. We are going to pray that there is not a situation
24 where someone gets ill, and you turn around and say, "It is the Village." It is clearly not the
25 Village's event. We just gave you permission to have the event. She is not the lawyer. What if
26 you go back and you don't have it? Now, what are we doing? Is that a requirement, Mr.
27 McDonnell, the insurance?

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29 Mr. McDonnell stated that it is not a requirement in our Village Ordinances that pertain
30 specifically to the Event Permits. You may make it part of the Event Application if you so
31 choose.

32
33 Village President Burke stated that you have a to do to include at probably the next meeting.
34 Village President Burke would like Mr. McDonnell to include the insurance requirement for any
35 of these events. Mr. McDonnell stated okay. Trustee Thomas stated that she wanted to look at it
36 first to make sure we are not making it too hard. Village Administrator Saenz stated that there
37 should be some type of requirement through IRMA for those Certificates of Insurance. Mr.
38 McDonnell stated that it will be our generalized liability just like we require any contractors that
39 are working in the Village. It just basically has a threshold cap for liability insurance. It just
40 names the Village as hold harmless. Trustee Thomas stated okay.

41 **Motion by Trustee Thomas, second by Trustee Pennington to Approve as Submitted, an**
42 **Event Permit for the Olympia Fields United Methodist Church to hold a Family Musical**
43 **Fest on Saturday, September 15th, 2018, with a Rain Date of September 22nd, 2018, from**
44 **11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

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

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1 **Motion by Trustee Thomas, second by Trustee Hudson to Waive the \$45.00 Inspection Fee**
2 **this Year for the Church-A-Palooza.**

3 **Roll Call: Ayes (4) (Trustee Pennington Voted No) Motion Carried.**
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5 Trustee Thomas inquired of the representatives there on behalf of the United Methodist Church
6 on whether or not they would be mailing out information to the residents.
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8 Mrs. Herman stated that they are going to handout postcards. There will be some fliers posted in
9 the local churches. Mrs. Helbert stated that we are not doing a mass mailing.
10

11 **Jim Landini – Public Works Director**

12 **Water Meter Exchange Project Update** - Mr. Landini, Director of Public Works, stated that
13 this is information only for the Board. It is an update on the Water Meter Exchange Program
14 which we started in July and August of 2016 with the Commercial Meters. The Commercial
15 Meters are 100% complete. They are about 65% complete through Residential. Part of the reason
16 why this is taking a long time, we decided to do the full meter exchange in-house in lieu of
17 saving about \$400,000.00 of contracting that work out. So far, we have realized a 4% reduction
18 in water loss. He stated that by the end of the Residential, he expects to add another 2% to 3%
19 reduction in water loss, six to 7%. It doesn't sound like a whole lot, but when you pump 175
20 million gallons a year, we would be saving about 12 million to 13 million gallons with that
21 reduction. He stated for the residents we are going out and handing out letters. We are in
22 Graymoor at the moment, and going down Country Club Drive in Oakwood. He stated to look
23 out for those letters. It will say to make an appointment for your meter exchange. You call Public
24 Works and setup an appointment between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. It takes about a half hour.
25 Someone has to be home. It must be an adult 18 or older. There are no costs to the residents. It is
26 just a new meter. The purpose of all of this is to get more accurate billing, realize the savings in
27 water loss, and to help the residents because the new meters have the technology where they can
28 pull information off the meter to find leaks in your home, hourly information. If you have any
29 questions just contact Public Works and we will explain the process to you. His goal is to get this
30 done by the spring of 2019.
31

32 Trustee Pennington inquired of Mr. Landini when the Graymoor letters went out. Mr. Landini
33 stated that not everybody has gotten them. We are kind of taking them blocks at a time. He's not
34 exactly sure where we are in Graymoor. He stated that the staff knows. He only has a staff of six
35 that can do this. It is really one to two-people. They get about four or five a day done. He stated
36 that you will be getting your letter soon.
37

38 Trustee Gibson inquired of Mr. Landini whether or not they were finished in Wysteria. Mr.
39 Landini stated yes.
40

41 Village Administrator Saenz stated that Jim mentioned with the exchange of the new water
42 meters in place, that we are going to see the water loss. She wanted to mention to the residents
43 that with your billing this month, beginning with August 15th, you will see a reduction in your
44 water rates. That information went out in the Newsletters in June. We wanted to allow some time
45 for the Commercial Users because there was a change in the escalator for Commercial. All of the
46 Residential Customers should see a decrease in your water bills beginning with August.
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1 **TRUSTEE REPORTS: (Continued)**

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3 **Finance – Trustee Pennington**

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5 Trustee Pennington stated that he does not have a Formal Financial Report this evening. At the
6 last meeting, our new Village Treasurer, Stan King, gave us an overview of what he wants to
7 develop with respect to our Investment Policy for the Village. That was Phase I. Trustee
8 Pennington invited Mr. King to the podium to give us Phase II of our Investment Policy as it
9 relates to the Village. He stated that Mr. King will give you an in-depth analysis of how our new
10 Investment Policy will work.

11
12 **Investment Policy Financial Update – Stan King, Village Treasurer** – Mr. King stated that
13 you have a copy of the Investment Policy in your Board Packet. This will not be the normal,
14 formal Treasurer’s Report with all of the Financials. It is merely to target the Investment Policy
15 update. Since the Policy was last done in 1999, we needed to have it reviewed and make sure it
16 was still appropriate and applicable to what we want. You have the Investment Policy in front of
17 you. He has gone through and made edits and cleaned up the spelling, and a few other things that
18 are in there. There are no material changes. There are a couple of recommendations. He wants to
19 target Sections 8 and 11. In the handout that he gave you, he is going to refer to the spreadsheet
20 as he goes through Sections 8 and 11.

21
22 Mr. King stated that in Section 8 it talks about the authorization and suitability of investments. It
23 outlines what we can invest in and by omission what we can’t. If you look at Section 8.5, he
24 made edits there in italics. One of the things that he and Trustee Pennington recognized is our
25 Policy in Sections 8 and 11 really didn’t give a whole lot of guidance as to how to invest what
26 we have available to invest. He stated whether it is money sitting around for 30-days, 90-days, or
27 120-days, it doesn’t matter. We want to enhance it.

28
29 Mr. King stated that per our Policy, he covered the updates with the Finance Committee which is
30 required. After making all of the changes and discussing it with them, we have what you see in
31 front of you. There may be some additional changes if everybody decides that we need to have
32 more guidance as to what we can and can’t do. This pretty much mirrors what the State Treasurer
33 of Illinois has in their Investment Policy, what the Illinois Funds has in its Investment Policy,
34 what Illinois Metropolitan Investment Trust has in its Investment Policy. We are pretty much in
35 line with the language, the Sections, and everything else. He just wanted to refine it a little more.
36 In 8.5 it says that we can invest in bonds, stocks, and all of that. We can invest in the Illinois
37 Funds Investment. It is a pool where all of the Municipalities in the State go together and they
38 get the economies of scale by investing huge amounts of money. They have \$5 Billion in the
39 Illinois Funds and about \$500 Million in the Illinois Metropolitan Fund. We are investing in both
40 of those. Most of our money was invested in the Illinois Funds. You don’t get much in earnings.
41 He is not a proponent of staying in that fund very heavily. We are still there. We will continue to
42 be there because a significant amount of our property tax and so forth flows through those
43 agencies, and we transfer them out to our checking account and so on. They are part of the
44 Investment Policy. In Section 8.5, he wanted to make sure for everyone because it wasn’t clear,
45 that you can invest in the Illinois Funds. You can invest in the Illinois Metropolitan Fund, these
46 pools. You will see on the spreadsheet how much we have in there as of April 30th. What we
47 don’t realize, is if you don’t drilldown into what they are investing in, you don’t realize whether

1 or not you have exceeded your own Investment Policy Limits. We can only invest so much in
2 certain types of instruments which is in Section 11. The same is true with the Illinois
3 Metropolitan Fund, and the Illinois Funds. You have to look at what they are investing in. He
4 will show you on the spreadsheets where they invest our share of the money.

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6 Mr. King stated that our Investment Policy in Section 11 says, we have to diversify as any
7 prudent investor would do. He stated so much money in this level and you can't go more than
8 90% of the investable money in U.S. Treasuries. Most of it is covered or collateralized by the
9 U.S. Government, or a bank, or other types of securities that particular institution would provide
10 us in collateral, FDIC and so forth. That establishes a limit for us or at least a max. He is going to
11 show you on the spreadsheets what our money looks like and where it is actually invested.

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13 Mr. King stated that in prior years we had a little under \$2 Million in CDs. Unfortunately, they
14 were allowed to just rollover without being managed and monitored. When that happens, you get
15 maybe .05%. In looking at all of that, he met with the eight or nine banks. He has quotes from all
16 of them. He has them working against each other to get the best rates we can. He wants to build a
17 CD Ladder with the portion of the monies that we can set aside, six-months, nine-months, 12-
18 months, 18-months, 24-months, and of course, Illinois Funds and IMET. On the spreadsheets
19 you will see a bunch of interest rates for those CDs.

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21 Mr. King stated that one of the things that he thought was important in talking with the Village
22 President and others about our economic development, our Investment Policy suggests that we
23 try to stay local with our money. We have Fifth Third in the Village and we have Bank Financial.
24 We deal with Bank Financial and it was a small amount. The reason is they could not
25 collateralize over that \$250,000.00. So, we kind of pulled back. He talked to them and he got the
26 President of the Bank to agree to cover us. He felt since that was a TIF area, Bank Financial and
27 Fifth Third, which we don't deal with, it made some sense to try to help that TIF area by putting
28 some of the monies in those two banks, \$500,000.00 in each in CDs. They competed very well
29 with Wells Fargo once we finished. We will be establishing a greater presence in those two
30 areas. U.S. Bank, another one of our banks. Currently, we have a checking account. We are
31 going to maintain what we have there. Chase is leaving so they get nothing. Everything will be
32 pulled out of there. The best deal was MB Financial. They are a South Holland Bank. The good
33 thing is Fifth Third is buying MB Financial. Rather than just keeping all the money that we have
34 in MB Financial, he decided that he had to give Fifth Third some of the money. They are here
35 and they are acquiring the other bank. These banks are consolidating. They are getting rid of a lot
36 of retail sites. We are losing Chase. It would be a sad state of affairs if we lose Bank Financial
37 and Fifth Third sitting in our TIF, an area that we want to develop right across from Wal-Mart.

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39 Mr. King stated that he believes that the spreadsheet speaks for itself. We had a little meeting
40 already. The 8½ x 14-page lists all of those banks. He met with every one of them. He reviewed
41 everything that they do and what they are going to do for us. He tried to spread the money
42 around, but keep in mind we have the FDIC insurance limits. Where we exceed that, they will
43 either collateralize us or we will get under the Public Unit Deposit Letter of Credit. We are
44 covered in that respect. He stated that Cindy and Betty will be involved in that. He worked with
45 Betty together on some of this. Most of this is already done except for two things. We will be
46 opening an account at Fifth Third. We will fund them. That money will be coming from the
47 Illinois Funds because we have excess money there. U.S. Bank is an existing CD that matures

1 October 16th. Those that we had already that matured, we flipped them over and got rates. They
2 are more like 2%, 2.5%. That's huge dollars over and above what we have expected for this
3 fiscal period. On the left side of that big page, you will see the first yellow box. Our Investment
4 Policy says that we can put no more than 90% in Treasuries, 20% in Agencies, 75% in CDs and
5 so on. If you took the monies that we had as of this date over in the far right, those are the dollars
6 in that yellow box, no more than 90%. That's our max based on the money on-hand at that point
7 in time. The spreadsheet left to right, Illinois Funds across to Bank Financial, is where all of the
8 dollars are by investment instrument. And in total by investment instrument, we do not exceed
9 our Investment Policy. What is important here is the Illinois Funds, the Illinois Metropolitan
10 Convenient Fund, and the Illinois Metropolitan one to three-year Fund is invested in certain
11 securities that we are not investing in on our own. We are not duplicating. We are not exceeding
12 the FDIC Limit. We are fully collateralized. It is spread across. It is heavily targeting
13 governmental agencies which pay little to no interest. That is why he tried to push more money
14 into the CDs, and build a ladder that would generate exceeding \$100,000.00. We currently have
15 \$30,000.00 in our Budget for this year. This right here is going to make that number go over
16 \$100,000.00. All of this is already done except for those two that will be funded next week once
17 we get the Application for Fifth Third done, and the maturity of the U.S. Bank has taken place.

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19 Mr. King stated that on the short page, this is really important. He noticed that people got excited
20 when we started talking about money the last time where you have \$7,000,000.00 sitting around.
21 He wants to make this real clear. It is not \$7,000,000.00 that can be free, easily spent. The big
22 box on here is the summary of where all of the money is as of that point in time. That's mixing
23 the Illinois Funds Investment, their different types of holdings, and the Illinois Metropolitan
24 Fund holdings, and our CDs. We are only doing CDs. They are doing all of the other kinds of
25 investments. We can go buy bonds if we wanted to and so forth. But then you have to deal with a
26 manager and pay him a fee. You don't have to pay anything to these guys. It's a big pool so we
27 stay there. That's where the money is at.

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29 Mr. King stated that the middle column where those arrows are going, that number there is the
30 April 30th amount. Below that you see some restrictions. We have another Policy called "Fund
31 Balance Reserve." That Policy says that we have to keep five-months of our General Fund
32 dollars. If you look at our General Fund Budget, 40% of that has to be kept in reserve. That is the
33 first number that you see there. That's the \$2.8 and of that \$7.9, \$2.8 must be maintained. We
34 have certain restricted funds, Governmental Funds that you cannot use just willy-nilly. Debt
35 Service, Motor Fuel, Metra Parking Lot, and our TIF. Our TIF arrangement says that we have to
36 kick that back for the development of Wal-Mart. If you take those dollars that are actually in
37 those funds, those monies we cannot just willy-nilly use. We can invest them. We just have to
38 make sure they are available for those different purposes. He stated that of that \$7.9,
39 \$4,600,000.00 has to be set aside and maintained, leaving us with investable monies of the
40 difference. One of the things that we are going to do is to streamline operations. He and Betty
41 totally agree. We are pooling all these 21 accounts, nine banks that we currently hold. We have
42 already struck out probably 11 of those 21 accounts. She is going to refine that once she gets
43 back. He thinks she returns tomorrow. Village Administrator Saenz stated tomorrow. Mr. King
44 stated Praise the Lord. We have reduced that. The reason you see all of these different banks is
45 because of the FDIC Limit. No one bank will hold more than \$250,000.00, even if we gave them
46 \$750,000.00 as we did with one. They collateralized us for over \$3,000,000.00 or \$4,000,000.00
47 because of the checking account, all of the money that rolls in every month and goes right back

1 out mind you. The others will take maybe Half a Million. They will keep \$250,000.000 and they
2 will collateralize with the FDIC, and they will go and buy another CD with Bank of India. We
3 have a CD right now with the Bank of India. The rating isn't all that great, but that's where
4 Wells Fargo put it. All of these banks will shop that money somewhere else. That's what's
5 happening. He wanted to make sure that you are aware of that much detail. He knows it is a lot
6 of stuff. He gets excited about it.

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8 Trustee Thomas inquired of Mr. King, that \$30,000.00 that you said in a year will grow to
9 \$100,000.00, when you come back next year at this time is that the Report you are going to give
10 us. Mr. King stated yes. Village Administrator Saenz stated that he will give that Report April
11 30th. Trustee Thomas inquired of Mr. King that on April 30th he is going to give us that Report
12 with the increase. Mr. King stated right. He cut the spreadsheet off with the column that
13 calculates what these CDs will do until April 30th. He stated that Stoney wanted me to drop that
14 on you later. He is excited about this. He has been running around to the banks and reading
15 everything under the sun to get it done. He is excited about increasing our investment income
16 from \$30,000.00 to over \$100,000.00 this year. He is locking in some rates for three, six, nine-
17 months into next year already. He stated that from now until the six-month CD rolls over he is
18 going to capture another 2%, 2.5%, 3%, whatever.

19
20 Trustee Gibson inquired of Mr. King whether or not he trusts the Wells Fargo System. Mr. King
21 stated that they gave us the best rate. They have problems. They had issues. He has a good friend
22 that works there. He is one of the big-time investment brokers. He has concerns because of the
23 history of what has happened recently. He is not excited about staying there. They had the best
24 rate. The CD is with Morgan Stanley, not with Wells Fargo. The one that comes due next week
25 on the 22nd, he is going to stay there because they have a good rate to make this ladder work and
26 to get that \$100,000.00. Otherwise, he is putting so much more into Bank Financial who is
27 already strained to do \$250,000.00. They are local and would love to. The second best is MB
28 Financial. A lot of real estate tax money flows through them and our checking and operating
29 accounts. They have \$750,000.00 in CDs. They would have a load of this money and they are
30 not in Olympia Fields. His preference is to give it to Fifth Third. Fifth Third is here. We don't
31 have an account. We have to move all of that money over. He stated that Betty was just cringing.
32 Fifth Third now owns MB Financial. He figured stay there. He stated maybe we shouldn't renew
33 that one next week. He is having second thoughts. He can get almost that same rate somewhere
34 else. He stated to answer your question, he has his doubts. He won't tell you how he feels about
35 them. He just has his doubts.

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37 Trustee Gibson stated that she isn't going to tell him how she feels about them either. Mr. King
38 stated that he can read between the lines. That's what is happening there. It is very important that
39 everybody understands all that money is committed or restricted for various reasons and we have
40 to always be mindful of that. He stated that he certainly is as are Betty and Cindy as well.

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42 Village President Burke stated that since he has been in this office, he had an opportunity to walk
43 around and talk to people. One of his objectives was to make sure that we tap the talent that is in
44 our Village. He stated that Stan is a perfect example of having somebody who lives in our
45 Village who has expert knowledge. He has done an outstanding job of going through where our
46 money is. This \$100,000.00 will probably grow to something greater than that. This has never
47 been done before. It's his money because he lives here. Village President Burke stated that he

1 appreciates all of the time that Stan put into this. He has been an irritant to some people around
2 Village Hall. At the same time, he is trying to look out for our money. He stated that he
3 appreciates that. He thinks that the Village appreciates that also.
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5 Mr. King stated that he apologizes to the staff here. He stated that Cindy represents them. He was
6 rushing. He wasn't waiting for anybody as he said. He will do the legwork. He will do the grunt
7 work and he will push. He was trying to lock in these rates because they were changing every
8 day. That is about the eighth spreadsheet that he had to do. Every time he tried to do it and lock it
9 in, by the time he got money and got somebody to approve it, because he doesn't approve any of
10 the banking. He doesn't have signature authorization and that is fine. Every time he had it
11 locked, he would get a call from one of the banks. He was in Harris Bank and he had three other
12 banks calling him while he is standing there locking that up and everything changed. He pushed
13 the staff big time for that reason.
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15 Village Administrator Saenz stated that we have not seen rates like this in years. She was e-
16 mailing banks for Stan when she was on vacation last week. It is for the good of the Village and
17 that revenue is going to help us tremendously. The staff, they don't mind. Everybody
18 understands. There is no need for an apology. It's a good thing for us. Mr. King stated that they
19 understand his spirit. Trustee Pennington stated well-done, well-done.
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21 **Thank You to Mr. Landini** - Trustee Thomas stated that she wanted to publicly acknowledge
22 our Public Works Director, Mr. Landini, for meeting her at the Metra Station at 6:40 in the
23 morning to answer some of her questions, complaints that she had herself, along with some of
24 the commuters. We are going to see some of that being addressed about the landscaping over
25 there in a couple of spots. She really appreciates that.
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27 **Thank You to Mr. McDonnell** - Trustee Thomas stated that she wanted to publicly
28 acknowledge Mr. McDonnell for following up with her complaint about the sign at GFS. It is an
29 obstruction when you are trying to make a left turn. You have to almost pull into the street to
30 turn. Mr. McDonnell went over and took a look at it. He is going to be addressing that soon.
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32 Trustee Thomas stated that for those of you that live over in the Lakes, you will see that there
33 was some mowing over there. She also addressed an issue with the pond. She thanked Mr.
34 McDonnell for following through with that. She wants to make sure the residents know that you
35 did follow-through.
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37 **Human Resource Committee Meeting on August 20th, 2018** - Trustee Thomas stated that for
38 those of you on the HR Committee, an e-mail went out to you the week before last week from
39 Gladys. The meeting is scheduled for August 20th. We will presenting you with the HR Manual.
40 The Village President will also be attending the meeting. We will discuss, and go through it so
41 that we can hopefully finalize that at our September Board Meeting. She wanted to give a shout
42 out to Mr. Landini and Mr. McDonnell for being prompt in responding to her e-mails and
43 actually getting up and meeting her at the Train Station.
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45 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
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47 Village President Burke opened Public Comment at 9:03 P.M.

1 **Thank You to Mr. Landini and the Public Works Department** - Mrs. Beverly Sokol stated
2 that she wanted to commend Mr. Landini and Public Works. They had an inordinate amount of
3 water usage. She stated that Jeff was kind enough to make several trips to the house. Problem
4 solved. She was part of the problem. We are definitely going to have a big stake in the Village
5 when we get our water bill. She hopes that they don't go under water with it. Mrs. Sokol thanked
6 Mr. Landini. She stated that was just great. She stated that Jeff was just fantastic. She can't get
7 over it.

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9 **Question on the HR Manual** - Mrs. Sokol wanted to ask Trustee Thomas if the Manual will be
10 finalized. We are seven and a half months past the time that you thought it would be ready.

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12 Trustee Thomas stated that the Personnel Manual has been finalized. We need to meet with the
13 HR Committee and go through it, and highlight the recommended changes that were
14 incorporated. At our September Board Meeting it is our intention to present the finalized HR
15 Manual. It will be up to our Village Administrator and the Village President on where that is
16 housed. Normally, that is not a document that is necessarily public. It is really for the
17 Administration and the day-to-day of the employees. How do you manage time? How do you do
18 Performance Reviews? How do you handle leaves of absence? She stated and all other kinds of
19 hiring processes. It will include some of the valid points that the residents were concerned about,
20 and then how that is administered will be up to our Village Administrator. She will be the one
21 that we will be holding to the fire to make sure that all of those components are being
22 administered in the HR Manual.

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24 Mrs. Sokol stated so we are talking another few months. Trustee Thomas stated not a few
25 months. Even though we have not finalized the actual Manual, there are operational processes
26 that are already in place where things have been addressed as far as how we are going to do
27 Performance Reviews. She doesn't know if Mrs. Sokol was here, but we did our IRMA
28 Assessment. We got a very good ranking this time. A major part of that was the work that the
29 Directors put in. The Chief of Police was already at 100% and he couldn't improve too much
30 more. It was those areas that they worked on to make sure that we had addressed the concerns
31 from our IRMA Assessment. We have the Manual but we have not presented it to the public.
32 Those processes and procedures are in place.

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34 Village Administrator Saenz stated that our increase in our IMAP Assessment through our
35 General Liability Insurance Company, they used the HR Manual. They referenced that Manual
36 because we knew that we would be finalizing it within the next couple of months. A lot of what
37 is in that Manual was taken into consideration when we were assessed this year. Mrs. Sokol
38 stated congratulations. That's great.

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40 **Question on the Village Center** - Mrs. Sokol wanted to clarify something because she isn't sure
41 that she understood. On Vollmer Road where you passed the Resolution, are we still talking
42 about a Village Center there?

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44 Village President Burke stated that it is here. The new Village Center is going to be right here in
45 this Office Park. This Office Park is going to be rejuvenated. Office Parks are dying all over
46 America. What we have been working on for months is to redesign and layout how the Office
47 Park is going to look, and have activities, restaurants, and all kinds of things. Where we are right

1 now with the Village Hall, this is right on the edge. What would have been in the old days the
2 Village Center over there where Trustee Thomas lives, and the Lakes, that has been moved here.

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4 Mrs. Sokol stated that is all going to be Commercial where you are. Trustee Thomas stated
5 behind her. Village President Burke stated no, no. It is going to be over where Trustee Thomas
6 lives, over by the Train Station. Those are going to be single-family homes only. Trustee Thomas
7 stated that behind her is going to be Commercial. That is what we just voted on. Behind her is
8 going to be Commercial. The intent for the Metra, that area over there is a TOD, Transit-
9 Oriented District. Village President Burke stated that from the hospital back up to Vollmer Road
10 is going to be a new walkable area for the Village, and people can come in and shop and go to
11 restaurants. This is going to be our so-called "Downtown." We didn't have a real downtown. He
12 stated that over there we have acquired land, via the Land Bank in donations. All but one piece
13 of property by the Post Office is owned by the Village now. That is going to be this Transit-
14 Oriented District. We are looking at putting cleaners, grab and go restaurants for people who
15 want to get on the train, and things like that. That is just this one little strip right south of where
16 you go into the parking lot over to the Post Office. Our main economic development Corridor on
17 the north side of town is going to be up and down Vollmer Road.

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19 Trustee Thomas stated that she thinks that this change in the Ordinance will be good for the
20 Village, because the original Plans you were looking at single-family homes and the possibility
21 of Section 8 Housing. That was not going to help our Village, and was not going to per se help
22 with the initiatives we are trying. We are trying to generate revenue here when they calculate our
23 tax number. We want to have things that will hopefully generate some businesses that we want to
24 also shop at as well. She is kind of excited especially behind her, because she knows we didn't
25 want, and she thinks she speaks for The Lakes too, we did not want any Section 8 Housing
26 behind, and we didn't want any at the Metra Station. She stated that when developers say if you
27 put that kind of development there, they are going to ride the train. She stated that Section 8,
28 most of them are not working, or if they are retired they are not working and not riding the train.
29 Now you have to think of other purposes around the TOD's. This is why there has been this
30 change.

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32 **Question on the Roundabouts and Lowering the Road** - Mrs. Sokol inquired whether or not
33 anything has happened with your plan with the roundabouts and so forth. Village President
34 Burke stated that all of that belongs to the County. That is not our road. He stated that Flossmoor
35 and Olympia Fields have told them what we are interested in. It is up to the County to make a
36 final determination on what they want to do. It is their road. We spent money on stuff that we
37 had no business dealing with. It was a total waste of money. It was not the Village of Olympia
38 Fields. We do not own Vollmer Road. That belongs to the County of Cook. Anything that you
39 heard in the past was just a bunch of made up stuff that didn't make any sense. It's gone. The
40 County owns Vollmer Road, not us.

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42 Mrs. Sokol inquired what about the stability of the bridge. What's being done? Village President
43 Burke stated that the Illinois Central/Canadian Railroad has Billions of dollars an hour going
44 across that bridge. They were the ones that would have to spend maybe \$30,000,000.00. That's
45 not our problem. We don't have anything to do with that. Mrs. Sokol stated so nothing is being
46 done about the stability of the bridge. Village President Burke stated that what the County owes
47 us back, the Village of Olympia Fields and the Village of Flossmoor, they are going to get back

1 to us with a Plan on how soon they can get to lowering, not widening, but lowering and repairing
2 Vollmer Road between Kedzie and Western. Mrs. Sokol inquired whether or not it is going to be
3 lowered, or it is not going to be lowered. Village President Burke stated that it is going to be
4 lowered. Mrs. Sokol stated but we are not involved in that. Village President Burke stated that
5 we are not involved in that. The County owns that. He stated that all of the major roads around
6 the outside of the Village, Crawford, Lincoln Highway, Western, and Vollmer Road, are all
7 owned by other State and County organizations. We have no ownership of any of those roads.
8 We only have the ownership of what is inside of our box. Anything outside of our box, they own
9 and they are responsible for taking care of it. This past week Vollmer Road was shut down. He
10 stated that Flossmoor and Mr. Landini's team worked on cleaning that up because we thought
11 that was the right thing to do because the County had not done it. You should have gotten some
12 kind of Code Red Alert to that affect. That was something that the two Villages took upon
13 themselves to go do. The care and feeding of Vollmer Road are not the Village's responsibility.
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15 Mrs. Sokol stated that she is concerned about the bridge, and the safety of the bridge. Trustee
16 Thomas stated that it wouldn't hurt for the residents to start to make their concern about Vollmer
17 Road known to the County. It is a County Road. Just like with any other political Agenda, the
18 residents have to start reaching out to the Office of the President, or making it known about the
19 concern for Vollmer Road, particularly from Kedzie up to Western. Mrs. Sokol stated thank you
20 so much for your time. She appreciates it.
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22 **Thank You to the Village President and the Board** - Mr. Ernie Gibson stated that he resides at
23 208 Wysteria Drive. Mr. Gibson thanked the Village President and the Board of Trustees for
24 your support in his recent health concerns. He really appreciated it. Mr. Gibson asked the Village
25 President to point out to his beautiful bride, that he is still enjoying those rolls. Village President
26 Burke stated not to say that too much because she has to make rolls for him, and if everybody
27 knows about them they are going to want them too. Mr. Gibson wanted to remind the Board and
28 the audience that Mr. King resides in Wysteria.
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30 **Concern on Trees in Chicago Heights** - Mr. Gibson stated that we have a problem in Wysteria
31 and he thinks the Village can help us out. Our property, our footprint is very unorthodox in the
32 way that it is laid out. We are graced with four different religious institutions. We are very proud
33 of that. We have extended an olive branch to all of them. We try to work with them as much as
34 possible. At the southern end of our property, we have the Lutheran Church. It has been dormant
35 for the last three or four-years, or even longer. They have new tenants now. He doesn't know if
36 they are buying it or renting it. We extended an olive branch to them. We invited them to our
37 Quarterly Meeting. We pointed out to them that they had some trees, four, five, or six of them.
38 He is sure that Mr. King is aware of it because one of those is right in the back of his home. Mr.
39 Gibson stated that we are very concerned. We are concerned from the standpoint of inclement
40 weather, storms, and what have you. (At this time the power went off for a few seconds). In the
41 case of inclement weather, we are finding out that not only will it damage our fence, but also
42 some of our homes. We have had some discussion with the Pastor over there but to no avail. It is
43 just basically, he is listening. We checked with our attorney. We are at a point now that we have
44 not disclosed this to the church as such, but we are at a point now that certainly we will pay for
45 removing those trees. He doesn't know if Mr. Landini can help him. Those trees are located in
46 the Village of Chicago Heights. We can't go into Chicago Heights and start cutting down trees

1 even if we are going to pay for them. Mr. Gibson would like to know if we can get some help
2 and what are their Ordinances in reference to trees.

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4 Mr. Landini stated that he will reach out to the Public Works people over there. Mr. Gibson
5 stated then we will go back and ask our attorney to produce a contract where all concerned will
6 sign-off on it so that we will not get into any liability problems and things of this nature. He
7 would like to know if Mr. Landini can help them with that and get into that discussion. Mr.
8 Gibson inquired of the Village President what he thought.

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10 Village President Burke thanked Mr. Gibson for bringing it up. Mr. Landini is going to go and
11 talk to his counterparts over there in Chicago Heights. He knows that Gonzalez is after us trying
12 to get us to do some things with him. We will use what he wants to try to make sure he does
13 something with that church over there. He doesn't want to say in a public forum. Let's just say
14 we have them on radar. We will follow-up. Mr. Gibson stated that we appreciate it. Thank you.

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16 **Shortage of Handicap Parking at the Old Village Hall** - Mrs. Taylor stated that you don't
17 have to act on this right now, but whenever there is an election, the people who have to vote at
18 the Old Village Hall, because we have all those vehicles from Rich Township and Xfinity and so
19 forth, she noticed that they park right up close. There is not enough handicap parking up close to
20 the Old Village Hall where people who need to have their steps shortened to park their cars. She
21 understands when there is not a lot of stuff going on over there, you could keep the parking
22 arrangements that you have with Rich Township and so forth. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have talked
23 about this quite a bit. He has mentioned it in previous meetings over the years. People will say
24 they will look into it, and yet they never do. She wants to raise the question that whenever there
25 is an election where you have people coming into Old Village Hall to vote, if they could make
26 the arrangement with Rich Township to move their vehicles and park them away from the Old
27 Village Hall during the election time so people can park with handicap placards up close. And
28 then later if you want to go back and let them park when there is nothing going on over there that
29 is fine. She stated during election time, give us a little more space so that those of us who now
30 find themselves needing that shortened amount of steps we have a place closer to park. That's
31 all. We brought this up before, but no one ever looked into it. She is just asking for you to look
32 into it now.

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34 Village President Burke stated that he is glad that she brought that up. We've had discussions.
35 There's a Xfinity Truck that is parked there. He doesn't know why it is there. We can get rid of
36 it. Those other trucks that are there, Rich Township should move them down to where their
37 offices are. He stated that is Landini's base over there. You are getting a lot of these. Mr. Landini
38 stated that he is writing it all down. Village President Burke stated that in the worst case for the
39 elections we will make sure it is cleared out. We have to work it out with the Rich Township
40 people. We have to figure out how to get them to take their cars and put them someplace else.
41 Our garage area in our Old Village Hall should not be the parking place for people who are not
42 part of the Village of Olympia Fields. We will work on that. Mrs. Taylor stated thank you. We
43 appreciate it.

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45 Village Administrator Saenz inquired of Mr. Landini what it will take to make some of those
46 spaces handicap spaces. Is that just something that we designate? Mr. Landini stated yes, we can
47 do that. Village Administrator Saenz stated we can do that now. Mr. Landini stated that he has

1 never seen the Rich Township cars move in the four-years that he has been here. He never sees
2 them go out to anywhere. They occasionally come by and jump the vehicles, but they don't move
3 them. Village Administrator Saenz stated that she can reach out to the Director over there. If you
4 designate a couple of the spaces handicap, she will let them know now that they have to move
5 them, and then we can work on getting them out of there on a permanent basis. Mr. Landini
6 stated that won't be a problem. Village Administrator Saenz stated that we will take care of that.

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8 Village President Burke stated where all those cars are designate them handicap. Village
9 Administrator Saenz inquired whether or not he meant all along the side of the building. Village
10 President Burke stated yes. Trustee Thomas stated and, on the front, facing Governors, unless
11 there is an Agreement that we don't know about. Why are they storing their vehicles that they
12 don't drive there? Village Administrator Saenz stated that there was some type of an Agreement
13 years ago. Mr. King inquired if it is possible to do a flex type handicap situation since we are
14 only talking about one time in two-years that this occurs.

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16 Village President Burke stated that there are Homeowners Association Meetings and people meet
17 there all the time. Village Administrator Saenz stated that we just need to designate some and
18 just have them handicap.

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20 Trustee Gibson inquired whether or not the Village gets paid for Xfinity having their truck there.
21 Village Administrator Saenz stated no, or Rich Township. Village President Burke stated that he
22 has been on this for a while. They have to go. Trustee Gibson stated that she has been on it for
23 the last 18-years. Village President Burke stated that Rich Township gets about 50% of our tax
24 bill. They have their own facility. We have a complaint. We have had other people complain
25 about not having parking. The cars don't move. They just sit there. Trustee Hudson stated that
26 the ones on that side don't move. The ones facing Governors Highway, they do move every now
27 and then because they are the biggest trucks. The ones on the side of the building they don't
28 move.

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30 Trustee Hudson inquired of Mr. Landini whether or not what he said he was going to do at the
31 Train Station is that the same thing that she asked about two-months ago. Mr. Landini stated yes,
32 with the landscapers. It's more extensive though too. Trustee Hudson stated but you are going to
33 cover those two areas. Mr. Landini stated yes. Trustee Hudson inquired when is that suppose to
34 be. Mr. Landini stated hopefully tomorrow. Depending on their schedule, possibly Wednesday.
35 If it rains Wednesday, then Thursday, but this week. Trustee Hudson stated that she just wanted
36 to make sure. What company is that? Mr. Landini stated Beary Landscape. Trustee Hudson
37 stated that they were there today and they said that they didn't know anything about it. Mr.
38 Landini stated that they didn't. Trustee Thomas stated that truck that parks there is a Commercial
39 truck. They park in the Metra Lot overnight. It is like a landscaping truck. Trustee Hudson stated
40 that she is talking about Andy's truck. Trustee Thomas stated that they park their truck overnight
41 at the Metra Parking Lot. Are they paying to park their truck there? They park along the last row
42 by the pond. Sometimes they move over on the road where you come in from the Post Office.
43 They park their vehicle there all the time.

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45 Village President Burke stated to Chief Krull that they should be ticketed and gotten out of there.
46 We don't have any arrangements. There should be nobody parking overnight in there unless they
47 are a commuter car. Maybe we should tow it and impound it.

1 Trustee Hudson stated that it appears to her that he is positioning himself to be within the 24-
2 hour limit. He normally would park it on his driveway. She stated to make sure that his driveway
3 does not have the truck for 24-hours, he moves it over to the Metra Parking Lot at night.
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5 Village President Burke stated so it is somebody who lives in the Village. Trustee Hudson stated
6 yes. Village President Burke stated it is a Commercial Truck. Trustee Hudson stated yes. Trustee
7 Thomas stated it is Andy's Landscaping. It's not a pickup truck. It's a Commercial Truck.
8 Trustee Hudson stated that Andy lives on Hellenic. Village President Burke stated tow it. Trustee
9 Hudson stated that it is pretty big to tow. Village President Burke stated that they have big tow
10 trucks. Trustee Hudson stated that she doesn't know if anybody has talked to him about it. It is a
11 resident. Village President Burke stated that this is the first it came up. Trustee Hudson stated
12 that it is a resident, so let's talk to him about it first.
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14 **Parking Lot at Lincoln Highway in Park Forest Closing for Commuter Parking** - Trustee
15 Thomas stated that the parking lot at Lincoln Highway east of the station is closing. Park Forest
16 decided to close that. She stated that may mean that more people will either start parking across
17 from the CVS, or come to the 203rd Train Station. Right now, we have no problem getting in and
18 out. Sometimes we do see the police. The other morning, she had to get on the train at 4:26. She
19 was a little nervous about going that early. There were other commuters getting on. People take
20 for granted, they know travel. They know patterns. We pretty much operate that we are safe here.
21 Police attention may not be paid to that. People are up to no good. There was a shooting in Park
22 Forest and Richton Park today, and another one in Harvey and one is on the loose. She is praying
23 they find them. Sometimes we need a little more presence. She thinks it will be official
24 September 1st, and she is sure that people will either start to park more on the other side of CVS,
25 or they may come over to 203rd Street. She just wanted to put that out there.
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27 Trustee Gibson inquired of Trustee Thomas what the reason is for getting rid of the parking on
28 the south side of 30. Trustee Thomas stated that the reason they cited was it was costing them too
29 much to maintain it. And there wasn't a lot of parking there. As a result, what they were making
30 off of the parking came nowhere near what it was costing them to maintain the lot. The one in
31 Old Matteson is staying. You have the other one across from CVS. We have a few empty spaces
32 at ours, not a lot. They already come and took our handicap because they don't have to pay.
33 People already vouch for those spots early. They are handicap but we don't charge them for
34 handicap. They don't have to pay to park. That's her understanding.
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36 Mr. King stated that a resident just told him about this today. You mentioned about all of those
37 commuters coming out of 203rd and shooting down. Now there may be even more shooting down
38 Kedzie going south to Route 30 well beyond the 25, 30 miles-an-hour every day. Trustee
39 Thomas stated that they are going to be flying, and they won't know that if you come out of the
40 lot, not the Post Office way, you can only turn north. She sees people all the time in the rush
41 almost causing an accident. People will go in and turning that way. Even though the sign says
42 you can't turn.
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44 Chief Krull stated that he will take care of it. Village President Burke stated put some tickets on
45 people making those turns.
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1 **Blocking of Sight to Turn at Governors and 207th, Scott Drive** - Mr. Robert McCullough
2 stated that since we are on the topic of traffic, at the intersection of Governors and 207th, Scott,
3 the speed limit on Governors Highway is 50 miles-an-hour. If you pull out at the intersection
4 going west on Scott at that intersection, on the east side of Governors when you make a left-hand
5 turn there, that intersection, you can't see the traffic coming. There might be a 250-foot sign that
6 says, "Beware that there is traffic at the intersection. There is oncoming traffic." The way that
7 the intersection is configured, people heading west to the intersection right where the Municipal
8 Building is, the way that is configured, you have to pull out almost into Governors Highway to
9 make a left-hand turn, or a right-hand turn. You can't see the oncoming traffic coming northeast
10 on Governors Highway. You can't see the traffic because of all of the trees and things is
11 growing. Who owns that?

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13 Village President Burke stated that he forgot that Governors Highway is a State Road. The
14 Village President and George Chandler have had a discussion about this very subject, that blind
15 section. Periodically, our Public Works Department clears it so that you can have a better line of
16 sight. Maybe we just need to make it on a regular basis because the State is not necessarily doing
17 it. Mr. Landini stated that they will do it once a year. Village President Burke asked Mr. Landini
18 to put it on a regular schedule to go and knock the bushes and trees down so people get a better
19 sight.

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21 **Speeding on Governors Highway** - Mr. McCullough stated that will solve some of the problem.
22 The other problem is the speed limit is 50 miles-an-hour. Village President Burke stated that we
23 can't do anything about that one. Mr. McCullough stated that he knows. The problem is, 50
24 miles-an-hour, you have people out there doing 80 miles-an-hour. When they make that turn
25 coming into Governors Highway, when they get past the Walgreens, you can hear them. He lives
26 in Arcadia on Parthenon. Governors is about a block west of his house. He can hear them coming
27 from the Walgreens on Governors Highway. They are racing all the way down to the stoplight at
28 203rd and Burke. We can't do anything about that?

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30 Village President Burke stated that we can do something about that. Chief Krull is going to put a
31 car there for a while, even if it is just a dummy car. It will let people see the presence of the
32 police there. Trustee Hudson stated that they will know it is a dummy. We tried that. People get
33 to know that is a dummy car. Village President Burke stated that we need to give some tickets at
34 that intersection. We will take care of that. Village President Burke closed Public Comment at
35 9:35 P.M.

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37 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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

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41 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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43 Village President Burke stated that he did not have any Resignations or Appointments this
44 evening.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Thomas, second by Trustee Hudson to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:35 P.M.

Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.