

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on June 9, 2008**

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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, June 9, 2008, at the
6 Olympia Fields Village Hall and was called to order by President Jones at 7:34 P.M. The
7 assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called the roll.

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9 Present: Trustees – Gibson, Ormsby, Oliver, Pennington, Nale, and Meyers-Martin.
10 President Linzey Jones
11 Village Clerk – Judi Kay Rangel
12 Village Administrator – David Mekariski

13 Absent: None

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15 **MINUTES:**

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17 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Oliver to approve the Minutes of May**
18 **12, 2008, as amended.**

19 **Voice Vote: All Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.**

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21 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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23 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the payment**
24 **of bills for June 9, 2008, in the total amount of \$232,692.98.**

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

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27 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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29 President Jones opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:38 P.M. President Jones
30 stated the first thing he wanted to take up is the discussion concerning the Village's
31 proposed participation in an international bike event.

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33 Administrator Mekariski stated he was contacted on June 5th, 2008, by the International
34 Cycling Classic Organization to host a bicycle race in the Village of Olympia Fields.
35 Originally, the International Cycling Classic Organization contacted the Village of
36 Homewood to host the race. The Village of Homewood would be celebrating their
37 Homewood Days that weekend, and cannot host the event. Mr. Todd Beele of the
38 Homewood Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Matteson Area Chamber of Commerce
39 suggested the organization contact the Village of Olympia Fields to find out whether or
40 not Olympia Fields would be interested in hosting the event. The race would be held on
41 Sunday, July 13th, 2008. The races would take place from 11:00 A.M. to approximately
42 8:30 P.M. The amateur races would be held until approximately 5:00 P.M. From 5:00
43 P.M. to approximately 7:00 P.M. the pro race would be held. The course has to be an
44 eighth of a mile to 1.2 miles. The amateur races consist of 20 to 30 laps and the pro race
45 consists of approximately 60 laps.

1 Administrator Mekarski stated after discussion with Chief Chudwin and Joe Alexa of the
2 Public Works Department, it was decided there were two possible places to conduct the
3 race. The first possibility would be to hold the race in the Olympia Club Subdivision. The
4 best scenario would be to utilize Bicentennial Park and have the spectators line up along
5 the curbside of Bicentennial Park. The races would be on 203rd Street and possibly
6 through Arcadia.

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8 Mr. Michael Garrison stated he is one of the three gentlemen that own, operate and
9 produce the 17-day series, which is called the "International Cycling Classic" and known
10 around the world as "Super Week." He introduced the two gentlemen that he brought
11 along with him. Andy Garrison takes care of Planning and Development for the event.
12 Otto Wentz is in the United States Cycling Hall of Fame. He started the International
13 Cycling Classic 40 years ago. Mr. Michael Garrison stated they would like to host the
14 event in the south suburbs. Currently, Beverly and Bensenville hosts the event in the
15 State of Illinois. The residents have parties at their homes during the event. A stage is
16 setup for bands. Beer and bratwurst is sold.

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18 Due to the fact certain streets would be closed, Trustee Meyers-Martin inquired as to
19 whether or not the residents would be able to leave their homes during the event. She
20 inquired as to how far up 203rd Street the spectators would be. Mr. Michael Garrison
21 stated they have a Pace Car and a safety crew that follows along with the races. He stated
22 there would be corner guards placed at the intersections that will help the residents have
23 access in or out of their homes. There are breaks at different times during the day and
24 vehicles will be able to go in and out during the breaks.

25
26 President Jones stated if the races were held at the Olympia Club Subdivision, the staging
27 area would be at the Metra Lot. Parking is available in the Metra Lot. There are nine
28 homes occupied currently in Olympia Club. If the event were to be held at Bicentennial
29 Park, 203rd Street would be closed to traffic. Fairfield Avenue, Achilles and Arcadia
30 would be closed to traffic. The stage area would be at Bicentennial Park along with the
31 food vendors and beer. President Jones stated Governors Highway would be closed to
32 Kedzie for the spectators. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated this would impact the homes
33 along 203rd Street. Mr. Garrison stated the spectators confine themselves to where the
34 Start/Finish Line would be. Most of the people would be in the park area.

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36 Trustee Oliver inquired as to the number of bikers that would be participating in the
37 event. Mr. Garrison stated throughout the day, there would be 500 to 700 bikers. Trustee
38 Oliver inquired as to the amount of roadway the bikers need. Mr. Garrison stated 23 feet
39 is the optimum width. He stated in the amateur races there are 60 to 80 riders. In the pro
40 races there are 100. They go between 23 to 30 miles per hour. Trustee Oliver inquired as
41 to the number of spectators anticipated for the event. Mr. Garrison did not know how
42 many people to expect. The 500 to 700 bikers will bring their family and friends. So right
43 there you will have around 2,000 people. He would estimate 3,000 to 4,000 people in
44 attendance. He stated this is something that grows over time.

1 Administrator Mekarski stated a community group would sell the food as a fundraising
2 event.

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4 Trustee Pennington stated his concern is the date. There is a short period of time to put
5 this together. He stated the only incentive for the Village is to provide the venue for the
6 event. Mr. Garrison stated every community pays a site fee. Trustee Pennington inquired
7 as to the cost of the site fee. Mr. Garrison stated for a weekend date it is \$25,000.00.
8 They will waive the site fee for Olympia Fields for this year. He stated Todd Beele from
9 the Homewood Chamber of Commerce is fundraising for Olympia Fields this year. Mr.
10 Beele stated he looks at this as a long-term event.

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12 Trustee Ormsby stated they are extremely late in presenting this opportunity to the
13 Village of Olympia Fields. President Jones inquired as to when Homewood was
14 presented with this opportunity. Mr. Garrison stated they spoke with the Village of
15 Homewood about six weeks ago. Trustee Ormsby inquired as to whether or not this is
16 typically how they operate. Mr. Garrison stated it is not how they operate. Trustee
17 Ormsby stated the event is wonderful. But it is such short notice and she is concerned on
18 where the people will park that attend the event. The staging area could be at the Metra
19 Lot, but that is where the people would park as well. Mr. Garrison stated there would be
20 approximately 100 vehicles belonging to the bikers and crew. Administrator Mekarski
21 stated the Metra Lot would hold 450 to 500 vehicles. Trustee Ormsby stated there is not
22 much time to notify the residents of what is going on. Trustee Ormsby inquired as to
23 whether or not the Village is liable for anything. Mr. Garrison stated their organization
24 has insurance with the United States Cycling Federation for One Million Dollars. Mr.
25 Andy Garrison stated they add the Municipalities as an additional insured. President
26 Jones stated that is something the Village Attorney and IRMA would have to look into.
27 He stated we don't know if Bicentennial Park is available that day. The Park District
28 could have events scheduled in the park for that day.

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30 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated there should be meetings with the Presidents of the
31 Homeowners Associations for the homes that will be impacted by this.

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33 President Jones stated the Board is excited about the event. The Board is excited to host
34 the event. The Village Staff, the police department and Public Works would have to focus
35 on planning and organizing this event. He stated there are many questions that need to be
36 addressed. This is short notice. The Village likes to plan and organize events and have it
37 done in a professional way.

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39 Willet Hudson stated we don't know if the park is available. She feels that because one
40 community could not host the event, she is being pushed to do it in second place. There
41 isn't much time to plan it. She wants to make sure her neighbors and the community feels
42 comfortable with it, because they will still be living here after the event is over. She does
43 not believe she can do that in the time that is provided.

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45 Beverly Sokol feels it is a great opportunity. She would be personally impacted due to
46 where she resides. She thinks it is a small price to pay for something that could be an

1 annual event. Mrs. Sokol realizes it will take a great deal of work. She thinks it is
2 wonderful that someone is raising the money for the Village. Mrs. Sokol will do her best
3 to help. She thinks it is fabulous.

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5 Mr. Joe Kunkel stated there would be an economic impact to the Village. He does not
6 feel there is adequate time to address the questions. He believes it is an excellent
7 opportunity. It is admirable and an honor they have chosen the Village. The police
8 department and Public Works would be overtaxed. He does not feel the Village should
9 pay to host the event; rather it is something the Village should be paid for.

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11 Trustee Ormsby inquired if the Village hosted the event this year, would the International
12 Cycling Classic Organization still have Olympia Fields host the event next year. Mr.
13 Michael Garrison stated they would come back next year.

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15 Trustee Nale stated she feels under great pressure to hurry up and do this. She does not
16 like that feeling. She would rather have advance notice to have time to plan the event and
17 let the residents know about it. She would rather have a top-notch event from the
18 beginning, rather than waiting several years for it to become a top-notch event.

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20 President Jones inquired as to when this matures as a successful event, how many
21 spectators could the Village expect to attend the event. Mr. Michael Garrison stated there
22 are a lot of unknowns. President Jones stated the infrastructure is limited in the amount of
23 parking that is available. Mr. Michael Garrison feels over time this could be attended by
24 5,000 to 10,000-spectators. President Jones stated there would be overtime involved for
25 the police department and Public Works during the event.

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27 Trustee Pennington believes there would be associated costs incurred in putting the event
28 together and it is not in the budget.

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30 President Jones stated if this was brought before the Board months ago, and the Village
31 had time to plan it as a community, it would be a welcomed event. The Village would
32 love to do it.

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34 Trustee Gibson stated there are many points to this proposal that are great, especially in
35 showcasing the Village internationally. There is no time to adequately prepare the event
36 in the way the Village likes to prepare events. There are too many unknowns. You cannot
37 sell alcoholic beverages in the park. If it is held in Olympia Club there is no place for a
38 stage. The food venues would have to be lined up. The Village needs time to speak with
39 the residents to get them on board with the event.

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41 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to authorize the Village**
42 **President to enter into an Agreement with the International Cycling Classic**
43 **Organization in connection with the Village hosting this event on July 13th, 2008.**

44 **Roll Call: All No (6-0) Motion Failed.**

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1 President Jones thanked the gentlemen for coming in and speaking with the Board. Mr.
2 Michael Garrison stated it was an honor to be able to speak with the Board. He may have
3 an opening on a Monday or a Tuesday next year if the Board is interested in hosting the
4 event.

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6 Arlene Burke brought to the Board's attention the proliferation of the awful signs popping
7 up in the Village. She stated they are not being removed quickly. Trustee Gibson stated
8 the Code Enforcement Officer, Sean Barry, and Jim Peterson went out for two days and
9 filled both of their trunks with similar signs, and two days later the signs are out again.
10 Mrs. Burke inquired as to whether or not there were fines for this. President Jones stated
11 there are fines for this but the ability to catch the people putting up the signs is difficult.
12 He stated the Village would continue to pickup the signs as soon as they are spotted.
13 Public Works will pickup the signs when they are driving around the Village.

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15 Betty Ruzich stated she thought that during a weather emergency such as a tornado being
16 in the area, the Village should institute the 9-1-1 system to notify the residents of the
17 weather emergency in case they were not watching television or listening to the radio.
18 President Jones stated the system does not work that way. He stated the Village's
19 Emergency Response System takes a couple hours to run through all the phone numbers
20 of the residents and is, therefore, not effective for a weather emergency. President Jones
21 stated the tornado sirens did go off. The Village does not have the resources to do more
22 than that. President Jones stated none of the Municipalities have the resources to do more
23 than that. All they can do is turn the tornado sirens on.

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25 She inquired as to what happened to the law enforcement officer the Village had years
26 ago that would drive his car up and down the streets finding the little difficulties that
27 would go on in the Village. President Jones stated the Code Enforcement Officer does
28 that. He is a full time officer. She stated the residents in her area don't see anything
29 getting done in regard to the grass issue and garbage cans being left outside. President
30 Jones stated the residents should call Village Hall if they have complaints on the grass or
31 garbage cans being left outside. He stated the Code Enforcement Officer may not see
32 everything.

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34 Betty Ruzich stated at 203rd Street there should be an unmarked squad car there to issue
35 tickets for people failing to stop at the stop signs. Administrator Mekarski stated that Mrs.
36 Hudson had brought up concerns with the traffic infractions on Kedzie Avenue. Chief
37 Chudwin had additional patrols at 207th and Kedzie Avenue. Numerous warnings and
38 tickets were issued. They will continue to spot check the area at 207th and Kedzie
39 Avenue.

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41 Administrator Mekarski invited Mrs. Ruzich to attend the Code Enforcement
42 Adjudication Court held at Village Hall. He stated the Judge is very hard on issuing
43 sanctions for those violations. He stated Sean Barry is a dedicated Code Enforcement
44 Officer. He goes to the homes and speaks with the residents. He stated those files are
45 open for public inspection. Administrator Mekarski invited Mrs. Ruzich to come to

1 Village Hall and visit with him, and the Code Enforcement Officer, and they would go
2 through the files with her. She was very glad to hear that.

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4 Mrs. Ruzich expressed concern over the new tax hike. She stated when the residents
5 voted for the tax hike it was much lower in percentages than what it is now. She stated
6 the one they voted in on the Referendum is lower. President Jones stated the levy increase
7 that was voted on by Referendum, is the one that was applied by this Board when it
8 passed its tax levy at the end of December of last year. That is the one the voters
9 approved. President Jones stated it sounds like a rumor is going around in the community
10 that this Board approved a levy that is higher than what the voters approved. She stated
11 that is what she heard. President Jones stated that is a lie. He stated whoever said it is to
12 come before the Board and defend it. He stated this Board has never done anything that
13 the voters did not approve. Mrs. Ruzich appreciated the answers to her questions.

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15 Joe Kunkel stated he resides in Graymoor and is on the Board of Directors of the
16 Graymoor Landowners Association. They appreciate the fact they are on the Agenda
17 regarding the drainage and Storm Water Management issues. He has 20 photographs
18 documenting what the culverts and ditches look like after a rainstorm. He would like to
19 share those with the Board. He also printed the photographs and he will leave those with
20 the Board. President Jones stated he would be able to present those in a little while when
21 the matter is up on the Agenda.

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23 Ruby Patterson stated she is Vice President of the newly formed Hawthorne Hills
24 Association. At the intersection of Rosalind Road and Lincoln Highway there is a piece
25 of property that is in foreclosure. There are two vehicles that have been there for
26 approximately five months. Due to the fact the driveway has an incline, the residents are
27 concerned the brakes may go out on those vehicles and cause an accident. Members of
28 the Association have spoken to Chief Chudwin about this. They would like to speed the
29 process up and have those vehicles removed.

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31 She also stated along Lincoln Highway a section of the fence has slid down on this
32 property. She stated whoever owns this property has to address this. She stated in her
33 neighborhood there are several properties where the trash cans have been out for several
34 months. She was told the matter is in Court. She is trying to ascertain how long the Court
35 process takes. She has spoken to the Code Enforcement Officer, as well as the Building
36 Commissioner, and she has written letters. Administrator Mekarski asked that she leave
37 her phone number and he will contact her tomorrow regarding the matter. He stated some
38 of the cases were being handled in Markham at the time the local Adjudication Court was
39 instituted and this may be one of those cases still being handled in Markham.

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41 Mrs. Hudson stated she was at the last Board Meeting regarding Commonwealth Edison.
42 She wanted to have a meeting with Toni Eberhardt of Commonwealth Edison. Ms.
43 Hudson contacted Ms. Eberhardt. Ms. Eberhardt instructed Mrs. Hudson to obtain the
44 addresses of the homes that didn't have power during a particular power outage and to
45 give that information to her. Mrs. Hudson did not feel that Ms. Eberhardt was very
46 responsive and she would like to have a meeting with her.

1 Sherrie Thornton stated she had a question regarding the fence between the Homeowners
2 of Oregon Trail and the businesses. Administrator Mekarski stated the Building
3 Commissioner informed the Board that part of the fence is on the single-family property,
4 and part of the fence is on the commercial properties. The Building Commissioner is
5 sending notices to Walgreens and the other commercial properties, as well as the
6 individual homeowners. Due to the fact Administrator Mekarski did not have the case file
7 with him, he requested that she leave her name, phone number, and address, in order that
8 the Building Commissioner and/or Administrator Mekarski could call her tomorrow
9 regarding this matter. President Jones closed Communications and Petitions at 9:08 P.M.

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11 **FINANCE:**

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13 Trustee Pennington stated he would be reporting on twelve months of revenue and
14 expense incurred by the Village for the month of April 2008. This report closes out the
15 Village's Fiscal Year effective April 30, 2008. In the Corporate Fund, total revenue was a
16 deficit in the amount of \$68,619.91 against a budgeted deficit amount of \$6,997.34. The
17 actual realized revenue for April was \$414,106.98, against a budgeted amount of
18 \$298,338.03, or 72% above plan. The budgeted expense actual was \$482,725.89 against a
19 budgeted amount of \$305,335.27. Our fiscal year to date actual, plus encumbrance is a
20 deficit in the amount of \$31,713.07. We attribute this shortfall to revenues received from
21 multiple sources that were received later than anticipated.

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23 With regard to the Water Fund, the total fund revenue in the Water Fund was a deficit in
24 the amount of \$11,420.70, against a budgeted sum of \$23,946.23. The total realized
25 revenue in this fund was \$51,978.00, against a budgeted sum of \$88,541.74. The total
26 budgeted expense actual was \$63,391.71 against a budgeted amount of \$64,595.51. A
27 difference of \$1,197.00. The fiscal year to date actual, plus encumbrance was a surplus
28 in the amount of \$62,217.51.

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30 In the Sewer Fund, the total fund revenue was a deficit in the amount of \$10,626.00
31 against a budgeted deficit in the amount of \$455,358.15. The actual fund revenues for the
32 sewer revenue and tap-in fees amounted to \$37,923.00 for the month of April. This was
33 against a budgeted sum of \$53,541.74. The total fund expenses actual, was \$48,549.37,
34 against a budgeted sum of \$508,899.89.

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36 Trustee Pennington stated the sewer inspection and investigation project was the driving
37 factor behind this deficit. The fiscal year to date actual, plus encumbrance for this period
38 is a deficit in the amount of \$202,983.00.

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40 **BUILDING:**

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42 Trustee Ormsby stated the Board received in their packet the quotes for consideration for
43 Long Term Maintenance for the Village. She stated at 6:00 P.M. this evening she
44 received a correction on the quote for DJ's Lawn Care & Landscaping, Inc. The amount
45 should be for \$9,490.00. The purpose of this is to have somebody in the Village that will
46 take care of the existing projects in the Village as well as the new projects. The areas will

1 be weeded and edged. The Village's Budget does not allow the Village to have a
2 landscaper per se in Public Works. She stated this is something the Beautification
3 Committee has wanted to do for a long time. The money is in the budget and she is
4 seeking the approval of the Board.

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6 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to approve the Landscaping**
7 **Contract with DJ's Lawn Care & Landscaping, Inc. for the fiscal year in an amount**
8 **not to exceed \$9,490.00.**

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10 Trustee Pennington inquired as to whether or not the Board could see the actual contracts.
11 Trustee Ormsby stated she was waiting until she got this finalized. She does have a
12 complete draft of the scope of the areas involved and what the three bidders will
13 accomplish. President Jones stated this does not cover grass cutting. This is for weeding
14 and watering the flowerbeds.

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16 Trustee Ormsby stated they did not bring a representative from the first bidder in for an
17 interview due to the huge discrepancy in the bid. A representative from Bruno Galatte
18 Landscape and the owner of DJ's Lawn Care and Landscaping came in for interviews.
19 Trustee Ormsby, Jim Peterson, Joe Alexa, Kay Mangan and Beverly Sokol conducted the
20 extensive interviews. Trustee Ormsby is looking for someone to have a long-term
21 relationship with this Village. She is looking for expertise and someone that is, basically,
22 at the beckon call of the Village.

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

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25 **PLANNING:**

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27 Trustee Gibson stated the Sign Committee along with Administrator Mekarski worked
28 two or three days this past week to draft a policy for the use of the Village owned light
29 poles to display cloth banners, particularly on Kedzie Avenue. She suggested that due to
30 the lateness of the hour, the Board review the draft of the policy and the matter could be
31 discussed at the next Board Meeting in June. President Jones stated when the Board is
32 satisfied with the draft of the policy he would like it to be approved on First and Second
33 Reading. He stated St. James Hospital is anxious to commence its Banner Program. This
34 matter will be up for discussion at the Board Meeting on June 23, 2008.

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36 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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38 Trustee Oliver stated there are two items on the Agenda. The first item is the Graymoor
39 Pond Rehabilitation Engineering Services Agreement. The second item is the Fairway
40 Estates (Olympia Fields East) Drainage Improvements Project. Trustee Oliver stated Joe
41 Alexa, Director of Public Works and Administrator Mekarski were involved with these
42 projects. Mr. Alexa is present this evening.

43
44 Administrator Mekarski stated in regard to the Graymoor Pond Rehabilitation Project he
45 submitted a brief Memorandum to the Board, which includes a copy of the Engineering
46 Services Agreement with Baxter & Woodman. The Agreement outlines the final phase of

1 engineering, and includes the construction drawings and engineering documents. The cost
2 is not to exceed \$54,900.00. This Agreement would allow Baxter & Woodman to proceed
3 with the bidding process for dredging and deepening the ponds. Administrator Mekarski
4 stated Steve Larson and Nathan Peck from Baxter & Woodman are present for any
5 questions the Board may have.

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7 Mr. Larson stated additional topography work has to be done. Included with the
8 Engineering Services Agreement, Baxter & Woodman have included a Grant
9 Application. The Scope of Services includes the necessary permitting that is required by
10 the Army Corps of Engineers.

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12 President Jones stated he is not asking the Board to take the matter up on a Motion this
13 evening. That will be done at the next Board Meeting in June. He wants the residents of
14 the Graymoor Subdivision that are in the audience to have a chance to review the Scope
15 of Services and have the opportunity to make any comments at the Board Meeting this
16 evening, or to contact Administrator Mekarski with their comments before the next Board
17 Meeting.

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19 Mr. Larson stated there is one Bid Package. There will be one set of drawings for
20 dredging the ponds to support a fish habitat, as well as for dredging the ponds and taking
21 the sediment down to the original constructed elevation. The contractors will submit
22 prices regarding the different methodologies to remove the sediment, as well as for the
23 two different levels of dredging the ponds. Mr. Larson stated there was previous
24 discussion regarding shoreline restoration. That work is not included in this package. The
25 estimated cost for the shoreline restoration of the ponds was half a Million Dollars.

26
27 Mr. Robert Marcus, who is on the Board of Directors of the Graymoor Landowners
28 Association, expressed his thanks to the Board for taking an interest in the situation of the
29 ponds. Mr. Marcus was under the impression that the analysis done by Baxter &
30 Woodman would include an investigation of the storm water drainage. Mr. Larson stated
31 the Engineering Services Agreement that is before the Board this evening is strictly to
32 dredge and deepen the existing ponds. Mr. Larson stated the phase Baxter & Woodman is
33 in now is getting bids from contractors to do the dredging and deepening of the ponds.
34 The bids from the contractors will be presented to the Board. The Board will then make a
35 decision.

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37 Mrs. Mary Ellen Harris a resident of Graymoor inquired as to what happens to the
38 overflow after the ponds are dredged. President Jones stated the residents of Graymoor
39 have spoken to the Board about two issues. One issue is the overland storm water
40 management. He stated the Village is not sure what impact dredging the ponds will have
41 on relieving the overland storm water management problems. President Jones stated the
42 ponds would be deeper and be able to absorb more water. He feels this will have a
43 general impact on the storm water management. Mrs. Harris inquired as to obtaining
44 County funds. Mrs. Harris believes the County should have some responsibility regarding
45 the overflow. She feels the runoff should drain into Butterfield Creek. President Jones
46 stated the Village has not asked Baxter & Woodman to prepare an Engineering Services

1 Agreement for the storm water management issue. President Jones stated the Village
2 works with the County regarding other problems with Butterfield Creek west of
3 Graymoor. The County helps in removing trees that fall into the creek.

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5 Trustee Ormsby inquired as to whether or not the ponds had been previously dredged.
6 Mr. Larson stated it was determined the one pond was dredged in 1991. The other pond
7 was dredged approximately 30 years ago. She inquired as to whose responsibility it was
8 to dredge the ponds. Mr. Marcus stated, historically, the Landowners Association
9 undertook the cost of dredging the ponds. He stated the swales and culverts have to be
10 dug out so the water can flow properly. He stated this has to be done for the entire
11 Village, due to the fact Graymoor is turning into a decaying area.

12
13 Trustee Ormsby inquired as to if the ponds were dredged, how often would they have to
14 be dredged in the future. Mr. Larson stated dredging the ponds is not a permanent
15 solution. He felt they should be dredged in another 15 to 20 years.

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17 Mr. Joe Kunkel stated he resides in Graymoor and is on the Board of Directors of the
18 Graymoor Landowners Association. He presented a PowerPoint Presentation to the
19 Board consisting of 20 photographs. He stated Graymoor has culverts, ditches that go
20 under the streets. Graymoor does not have a Storm Sewer System. Numerous
21 photographs depicted a culvert that was completely blocked by dirt and grass. When it
22 rains, water is left standing throughout their subdivision. The water backs up into the
23 basements of the residents. There are no curbs or sidewalks in Graymoor.

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25 Trustee Gibson inquired as to why the Graymoor Landowners Association allowed the
26 ponds to get in such terrible condition. Trustee Gibson stated the residents of Wysteria
27 have spent over \$200,000.00 to dredge the ponds in that subdivision, and to sink a well
28 there and to place rock around the area. Trustee Pennington stated not all the
29 homeowners in Graymoor are covenant members. Only the first 100 homes in Graymoor
30 are covenant members. There have been attempts to have the other homeowners in
31 Graymoor become covenant members.

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33 Mr. Marcus stated what he is hearing is why should the Village pay for it and not the
34 landowners. After hearing the costs involved, it sounds like the Village is saying it is too
35 expensive for the Village to deal with, and it is up to the landowners to deal with it. He
36 stated there is no way the landowners can afford it. Trustee Gibson stated that is not what
37 she or Trustee Ormsby was saying. They were questioning the history as to why the
38 ponds were allowed to get to this point. Trustee Gibson feels there would not be as many
39 yards flooded and other problems if the ponds had been maintained periodically. Mr.
40 Kunkel does not know why the curbs and gutters along the streets were not maintained.
41 He stated that is something Public Works would have to answer.

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43 President Jones stated we would do this together. President Jones requested that Mr.
44 Kunkel e-mail the photographs to the Village, so that Mr. Alexa, the Director of Public
45 Works, and the Village Engineers may review the photographs. Mr. Kunkel stated the
46 ponds have to be addressed. The ditches need to be cleared.

1 President Jones instructed the Graymoor residents in the audience to review the copy of
2 the Scope of Services, and any feedback should be given to Administrator Mekarski. This
3 matter will be up for a vote at the next Board Meeting.
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5 **FAIRWAY ESTATES DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**
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7 Administrator Mekarski stated individuals from Baxter & Woodman are present to
8 discuss the Status Report on the neighborhood drainage analysis for Fairway Estates,
9 which is, essentially, the Olympia Fields east area. Baxter & Woodman provided a
10 document outlining various options that are available to the Board, as well as a
11 photograph laying out some of the project elements.
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13 Mr. Steve Larson of Baxter & Woodman stated Emily Bergner the Project Engineer for
14 this study is present this evening. Emily Bergner stated she wanted to discuss things that
15 the residents could do to help solve some of the drainage problems. The residents should
16 clean; repair, and leak proof the gutters regularly. Make sure the gutters are at least 10
17 feet away from the house. The driveway culverts should be kept clear and open. Swales
18 should be kept open. Any yard waste, plantings, landscaping, such as bushes, should be
19 kept out of the swales in the backyard, side yard, and front yard. Sump pumps should be
20 cleaned regularly and residents should have a battery backup for the sump pump.
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22 Ms. Bergner stated the Village initiated this study due to a number of flooding problems
23 that were reported in the Fairway Estates Subdivision. Surveys were given to the
24 residents at Fairways Estates last summer. 20 individuals responded to the survey out of a
25 total of 55 individuals. The surveys asked the residents to describe problems with street
26 flooding, flooding in the yard, basement flooding, and sewage backups. Baxter &
27 Woodman did a Field Survey to identify any additional problems in the subdivision.
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29 The major drainage problem that Baxter & Woodman identified is along Promethian Way
30 in the cul-de-sac at the west end of Chariot Lane. Fairway Estates has about 45 acres of
31 offsite drainage. She stated there isn't any detention in this area. When this subdivision
32 was designed, detention wasn't required. Swales were used for drainage. There is a storm
33 sewer along the east side of Promethian Way. However, it doesn't have the capacity to
34 handle the flow. It is deteriorating. Due to the fact the storm sewer cannot handle the
35 flow, storm water collects in the cul-de-sac at the west end of Chariot Lane. There is
36 street flooding and basement flooding in this area. The inlets in the area are too small and
37 they need to be cleaned all the time.
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39 President Jones inquired of Mr. Alexa as to whether or not the Village cleans out the
40 inlets. Mr. Alexa stated they are cleaned out before every storm. Mr. Larson stated the
41 pipe that carries the water out of the subdivision to the north isn't large enough, and the
42 inlets are too small.
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44 Ms. Bergner stated there is a lot on Promethian Way where most of the offsite drainage
45 coming into the subdivision comes through this side yard. The land is fairly flat. There is

1 no well-defined swale there. The homes are almost at the same elevation. There are
2 flooding problems reported at the lot to the north.

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4 Ms. Bergner stated there is a problem with yards flooding and basement flooding, and
5 flooding in the backyard and side yards in the areas between Promethian Way and
6 Corinth, and between Corinth and Chariot Lane. Adding storm sewers in the area in order
7 to allow the water to flow out of the backyards would help. The land is flat in a lot of
8 areas so the water cannot travel, and for that reason there is a lot of standing water in the
9 area.

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11 Ms. Bergner discussed options that were previously provided to the Board, along with the
12 associated costs. Option 1 is to provide detention basins upstream of Fairway Estates. It
13 was the consensus of Baxter & Woodman that this option was not feasible. Option 2 is to
14 reinstate a swale system throughout the subdivision. Option 3 is to replace the pipes
15 along Promethian Way, up to the golf course, with round and elliptical pipes. An open
16 swale would have to be provided as well by two homes.

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18 Mr. Pat Collier who is President of the Olympia Fields East Homeowners Association
19 stated that the residents would prefer to have the pipe rather than a swale. President Jones
20 stated this is not something the residents can vote on. They may not have a choice.

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22 Ms. Bergner stated Option 4 is to replace the pipes along Promethian Way, up to the golf
23 course, with box culverts. She stated a temporary relief solution, and a less costly one is
24 to relieve the flooding in the Corinth Road cul-de-sac, by replacing the inlets and adding
25 larger pipes downstream. Another additional option is to resolve some backyard and side
26 yard flooding issues. This would include adding ditches and swales.

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28 President Jones informed Mr. Collier that he would be provided with multiple copies of
29 the documents the Board received from Baxter & Woodman, so that the Olympia Fields
30 East Homeowners Association would be able to review all the documents. President
31 Jones suggested having a meeting with the Olympia Fields East Homeowners
32 Association along with the Drainage Task Force from Baxter & Woodman. Mr. Alexa
33 should be in attendance as well. Mr. Larson stated that flood proofing the homes would
34 be another option. Baxter & Woodman will provide that information and forward it to
35 Administrator Mekarski so that the Homeowners Association will have that information
36 prior to the meeting. President Jones suggested having the meeting on June 25th, 2008, at
37 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Village Hall. President Jones expressed his
38 thanks to Joe Alexa and the representatives from Baxter & Woodman for attending the
39 meeting this evening.

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41 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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43 Trustee Nale stated that she would like to defer any report she had due to the lateness of
44 the hour.

1 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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3 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated the Board received in their packet a Memo regarding the
4 acceptance of an anonymous cash donation for the purchase of a Patrol Vehicle. She
5 stated, due to budget constraints, the police department did not purchase any new squad
6 cars last year. Three vehicles were budgeted for this year. The project was offset on the
7 revenue side by the projection of \$50,000.00 from Grant revenues, which the Village did
8 not receive. A couple of the squad cars have over 80,000 miles on them and this becomes
9 dangerous for the officers.

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11 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated an anonymous donor has offered \$25,000.00 to the Village
12 for the purchase of a squad car. She stated RedFlex will be coming on line for the
13 intersections at Lincoln and Orchard, which RedFlex had originally turned down, as well
14 as the intersection at Vollmer and Crawford. With those revenues potentially coming in
15 for the next fiscal year, the Village will be able to offset another \$25,000.00 towards the
16 purchase of those vehicles. She is asking for a Motion to accept the anonymous resident
17 donation in the amount of \$25,000.00, and to earmark said donation towards the purchase
18 of a 2008 police squad and associated police package.

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20 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to accept the anonymous**
21 **resident donation in the amount of \$25,000.00, and to earmark said donation**
22 **towards the purchase of a 2008 police squad and associated police package.**

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

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25 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated the second Motion would be to authorize the Chief of
26 Police to purchase a second patrol vehicle with the associated police package from
27 revenues gained from the RedFlex Stoplight Camera Enforcement System.

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29 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to authorize the**
30 **Chief of Police to purchase a second patrol vehicle with the associated police**
31 **package from revenues gained from the RedFlex Stoplight Camera Enforcement**
32 **System.**

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34 Trustee Pennington stated the funds from RedFlex are projected funds. The system does
35 not go online until September 1, 2008. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated RedFlex thought
36 they might be online in July 2008. Trustee Pennington stated he does not see an
37 additional \$25,000.00 in the budget for the second police vehicle. He does not see the
38 money in the budget until the money is received from RedFlex. He stated the Board does
39 not know how much money RedFlex will bring in for the first 60 or 90 days. President
40 Jones agrees with Trustee Pennington. He stated the projections are conservative. He
41 stated the police department does need the cars.

42 **Roll Call: Ayes (5-0) (Trustee Pennington abstained) Motion Carried.**

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44 Trustee Meyers-Martin expressed her thanks to the police department for their assistance
45 to Richton Park after the tornado.

1 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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3 President Jones stated they would pass on the report of the Village Administrator.

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5 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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7 President Jones stated they would pass on the report of the Village President.

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9 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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11 Administrator Mekarski reminded the Board to review the correspondence they received
12 today.

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14 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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16 President Jones stated due to the fact it is summer and people want to spend time with
17 their families and go on vacation, he inquired of the Board as to whether or not they
18 would like to cancel the Village Board Meetings presently scheduled for July 14, 2008,
19 and August 11, 2008. He stated the bills that need to be paid could be paid with one
20 meeting a month.

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22 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to cancel the Board
23 Meetings scheduled for July 14, 2008, and August 11, 2008.**

24 **Voice Vote: All Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.**

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26 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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28 President Jones stated he has no Resignations or Appointments.

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30 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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32 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to adjourn at
33 11:00 P.M.**

34 **Voice Vote: (All Ayes 6-0) Motion Carried.**

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36 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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