

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on September 8, 2008**

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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, September 8, 2008,
6 at the Olympia Fields Village Hall and was called to order by President Jones at 7:33
7 P.M. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called the roll.

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

14 Absent: None

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16 **MINUTES:**

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18 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to approve the Minutes**
19 **of August 25, 2008, as presented.**

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

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22 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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24 President Jones stated the Board received a Cover Memo regarding the bill for Fire
25 Protection Services to the Village of Matteson in the amount of \$95,000.00.

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27 Trustee Ormsby had a question in regard to one of the bills from Baxter & Woodman for
28 Map Modernization in the amount of \$6,289.00. She inquired whether or not the bill had
29 to do with the Sewer Rehabilitation Project or something that FEMA required.

30 Administrator Mekarski stated there were two additional FEMA Map Panels that were
31 added to the Village's data base that the Village had acknowledged by Ordinance.

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33 Trustee Pennington stated that the \$2,100.00 to Sikich, Gardner & Co., for their auditing
34 of the Police Pension has to be subtracted from the total amount of the bills to be paid. He
35 stated the Police Pension pays for its own audits. President Jones inquired as to whether
36 or not Trustee Pennington discussed this with Cindy Saenz. Trustee Pennington stated he
37 did speak with her, and they are both in agreement on this matter. Trustee Pennington
38 stated the new total for the bills for approval would be \$207,054.69.

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40 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to approve the payment of**
41 **bills for September 8, 2008, in the total amount of \$207,054.69.**

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

1 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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3 President Jones opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:36 P.M. President Jones
4 stated that Ron Bean would be making a short presentation to the Board. He stated if
5 anyone else wished to address the Board they could do so after Mr. Bean's presentation.
6 President Jones thanked Mr. Bean for coming this evening.
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8 **Governors State University – The GSU Promise** – Mr. Ron Bean passed out some
9 materials to the Board. Mr. Bean thanked President Jones and the Board for allowing him
10 to make his presentation this evening. Mr. Bean stated he comes this evening, in his
11 capacity as Director of Major Gifts for Governors State University. He stated Governors
12 State is a Senior University. Students transfer in from other universities, or from
13 community colleges in their junior year. The students complete their junior and senior
14 year at Governors State University. They obtain a Masters Degree or PhD. Governors
15 State University now has a PhD in OT, PT Nursing, and soon an individual will be able
16 to obtain a Doctorate in Education. Mr. Bean stated 15% of the students that attend a
17 community college would eventually receive a Bachelors Degree. One of the reasons the
18 remaining 85% that attend a community college do not obtain a degree, is due to the cost.
19 The students that do graduate often have student loans that they have to pay.
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21 Mr. Bean stated the "GSU Promise" is a commitment by the university to provide
22 financial assistance to a qualified community college student who transfers into
23 Governors State University. The student would receive a Bachelor's Degree debt free.
24 Students who qualify receive assistance with Pell Grants and the Illinois Monetary
25 Assistance Program. The GSU Promise would meet the gap between the funding. Many
26 of the students that attend Governors State University are GSU residents. Over 186
27 alumni are residents of the Village of Olympia Fields. Mr. Bean's presentation is on
28 behalf of the university to the Village itself. Individuals may make a personal
29 contribution as well. Mr. Bean stated the South Suburban Mayors And Managers
30 Association made a commitment that they would attempt to provide assistance to the
31 project. Park Forest is going to provide assistance to the project.
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33 President Jones asked Mr. Bean to help the Board understand the rationale for
34 redistributing tax dollars paid to the Village of Olympia Fields for those corporate
35 purposes, and distributing it to the university. Mr. Bean stated research shows that those
36 with Bachelor's Degrees in the community, increases the economic development and
37 stability of the community.
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39 Trustee Ormsby was surprised that only 15% that enter a junior college go on to obtain a
40 degree. Mr. Bean stated the students receive little or no assistance from their families.
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42 Trustee Ormsby inquired as to how much money was needed in the Endowment Fund in
43 order for it to be successful. Mr. Bean stated it has to be a Million Dollars. They would
44 like to build it up to Five Million Dollars over time. Currently, there is over \$200,000.00
45 in the Endowment Fund. Mr. Bean stated it would probably take a year to get to the
46 Million Dollar level. Trustee Ormsby inquired as to the typical dollar amount that is

1 donated by a Village. Mr. Bean believes if the communities are able to contribute, they
2 will give between \$1,000.00 and \$5,000.00.

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4 Mr. Bean stated the students have to qualify for this with their grade point average and
5 financial need. It is a two-year commitment to meet the gap between the Pell Grants and
6 the Illinois Monetary Assistance Program.

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8 Trustee Pennington inquired as to the \$200,000.00 that has been raised, if that was from
9 the GSU Endowment Fund or the GSU Promise. Mr. Bean stated that is for the GSU
10 Promise. He stated that is separate from the Endowment that the university provides for
11 other scholarships.

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13 Trustee Meyers-Martin inquired as to whether Governors State University could access
14 funds from the MacArthur Foundation, or any other foundations. Mr. Bean stated most
15 foundations do not give funds to Endowments.

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17 Trustee Gibson inquired as to whether or not there are any legal problems that the Village
18 might encounter relative to a not-for-profit organization of taxpaying citizens giving to
19 another not-for-profit Endowment. Mr. Bean stated the fact that the Village is giving to a
20 not-for-profit Endowment; there is no legal problem. He has attorneys checking into
21 whether or not it is a qualifying purpose for a corporate body, a government. He believes
22 it is.

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24 Trustee Oliver inquired as to whether or not the money that is being raised is earmarked
25 for the students only, or if there was an Administrative Fee attached to it. Mr. Bean stated
26 there is no Administrative Fee attached to it. In the other scholarships and funds that are
27 setup, there is a 1% Administrative Fee.

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29 Trustee Pennington inquired as to whether or not there was a timeline that the GSU
30 Promise Endowment would like to receive the money from the communities. Mr. Bean
31 stated there is no timeline.

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33 Trustee Nale inquired as to whether or not there is an assessment of financial need, or any
34 guidelines to reach that conclusion. Mr. Bean stated there is a Federal Form that the
35 students fill out for financial aid.

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37 President Jones suggested that the Board take up this matter during the budget cycle in
38 the spring. Mr. Bean stated he would appreciate that. Members of the public were present
39 in the audience. However, no one wished to address the Board. President Jones closed
40 Communications and Petitions at 7:51 P.M.

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42 **FINANCE:**

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44 **2008/2009 Health Insurance Renewal** - Trustee Pennington stated in the Board Packet
45 is the analysis of the Health Insurance Renewal Rates. He stated it is time for the Major
46 Medical Insurance Program for the Village employees to come up for renewal. Trustee

1 Pennington stated this year the Village received proposals from the current carrier, Blue
2 Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, United Healthcare, Humana, and Aetna. Unicare was
3 approached, but they did not provide the Village with any background information, or
4 actuarial rates, or studies.

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6 Trustee Pennington stated the Village has been with the current carrier, Blue Cross and
7 Blue Shield for many years. There is a full-blown Major Medical Program in place with
8 them. Trustee Pennington stated there has been a steady increase in their rates. He stated
9 they have fluctuated. One year it was high and the next year it was low. There is an
10 increase in the rates this year at 9.4%. This is due to the nature of the Health Insurance
11 Industry.

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13 United Healthcare, Humana, and Aethna have only provided the Village with projected
14 rates. They cannot give hard written numbers until they do an analysis of the Village's
15 Program. The Finance Committee has decided to stay with Blue Cross and Blue Shield
16 for one more year. There is a \$12,000.00 cushion in the budget to cover any rate
17 increases. The 9.4% rate increase is covered in the budget for 2008/2009. The Finance
18 Committee is looking at additional benefits for the employees. He will discuss that in
19 more detail once he receives more information from Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

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21 Trustee Pennington stated with respect to United Healthcare, a lot of the hospitals and
22 physicians are not renewing their contracts with United Healthcare because of the claim
23 experience that they have had with them.

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25 Trustee Pennington stated there are 24 employees on the PPO Program, and 12
26 employees on the HMO Program.

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28 President Jones stated that he spoke with Fred Veazey, and Trustee Pennington is aware
29 of that. President Jones suggested that Trustee Pennington and Trustee Nale, as Liaison to
30 the Human Resource Committee, meet with Fred Veazey within the next 60 days to
31 discuss the concepts and strategies that the Village might consider in regard to the
32 Healthcare Programs. President Jones also suggested speaking with some of the
33 employees on this issue. He said the Village continues to see increases on average, of
34 10% every year. President Jones stated the Village currently provides an 80/20 split. The
35 Village taxpayers pay 80%, and the employee pays 20% plus any co-payment if
36 necessary. President Jones stated this has not been looked into for approximately five
37 years. He said perhaps there wouldn't be any change made. He feels now is the time to
38 look into other things and it gives time for an analysis to be done, if necessary. President
39 Jones stated if a change will be made, it allows time to explain the reason for the change
40 to the employees, and to explain in detail how the change will benefit the employees.

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42 Trustee Pennington stated it takes about eight months in order to do a full-blown analysis
43 for the Village.

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45 President Jones stated perhaps Mr. Veazey could speak to the Board during the budget
46 cycle in January, February, or March.

1 Trustee Pennington stated that the Finance Committee should be included in this as well
2 as the Human Resource Committee. President Jones stated he would agree but, initially,
3 he would just like Trustee Pennington and Trustee Nale to meet with Fred Veazey.

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5 **BUILDING:**

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7 **Sales Trailer Lease Agreement – Olympia Club** - Trustee Ormsby stated the Ad-Hoc
8 Committee did not receive the information they had previously requested, and for that
9 reason, there will be no action taken by the Board this evening.

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11 **PLANNING:**

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13 Trustee Gibson stated she did not have a formal report this evening. President Jones
14 stated the Plan Commission has not met in a while. He would like Mr. Peterson to
15 prepare a short status report for the Plan Commission Members to update them on what
16 has been happening. Trustee Gibson agreed that the Plan Commission Members should
17 be updated on what is going on.

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19 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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21 **Robinson Engineering** - Trustee Oliver stated he has one brief item on his agenda.
22 Trustee Oliver stated in the Board Packet is a Memo from Robinson Engineering
23 regarding investigations of the Sanitary Sewer in Graymoor, Hawthorne Hills, Suburban
24 Woods, Arcadia, Olympia Woods, and Athenia Park. Robinson Engineering is asking for
25 a partial payment for the services rendered.

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27 **Motion by Trustee Ormsby, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to approve payment**
28 **to Robinson Engineering in the amount of \$159,145.50, for partial work done on the**
29 **Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project.**

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

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32 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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34 **Grand Prairie Choral Artists – Christmas Carols** – Trustee Nale stated in the Board
35 Packet is a proposed Motion for the Grand Prairie Choral Artists Group to perform at
36 either the 203rd Metra Street Station or the 211th Street Metra Station. She stated the
37 proposed Motion is to approve Trustee Nale to evaluate and reserve the Grand Prairie
38 Choral Artists Group to perform at the 203rd/211th Metra Stations on Tuesday, December
39 16, 2008, from 5:00 P.M. to 6:15 P.M. with said expenditure of \$300.00 to be debited to
40 the Human Resource Budget.

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42 Trustee Nale stated last year was the first year this was provided for the residents. She
43 stated the Human Resource Committee has debated which station to have the caroling at.
44 It depends on the number of trains that stop at each station, and the type of area available
45 for the choral group to stand in to perform.

1 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to approve Trustee Nale to**
2 **evaluate and reserve the Grand Prairie Choral Artists Group to perform at the**
3 **203rd/211th Metra Stations on Tuesday, December 16, 2008, from 5:00 P.M. to 6:15**
4 **P.M. with said expenditure of \$300.00 to be debited to the Human Resource Budget.**

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6 Trustee Ormsby inquired if the \$300.00 was coming out of the Human Resource Budget.
7 Trustee Pennington stated the Human Resource Committee has a budget.

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

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10 **Holiday Lights** - President Jones inquired of Trustee Ormsby as to the status of the
11 holiday lights for the light poles. Trustee Ormsby stated she couldn't get a representative
12 to come to speak with her. She has a lot of books to look at. She stated Northern Light is
13 the company that Helsel Jepperson recommended. Trustee Ormsby stated it is new
14 territory. Trustee Gibson stated they want to be able to see what they are getting. Trustee
15 Ormsby stated she might not be able to get all the poles lit. It may be a project that will
16 take a couple years. Trustee Ormsby stated she would try to meet with Trustee Gibson
17 this week. She will bring it to the Board at the next meeting. Trustee Pennington stated he
18 has money earmarked in the budget for that.

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20 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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22 **Asset Forfeiture – Treasury Customs Account Analysis** – Trustee Meyers-Martin
23 stated she has two items on her agenda. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated in the Board
24 Packet is the Asset Forfeiture – Treasury Customs Account Analysis. The cash balance in
25 the account as of July 31, 2008, was \$233,199.13. President Jones was thrilled to hear
26 this.

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28 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated in the month of August, and the beginning of September,
29 there were additional seizures. There are monies that are subtracted from that account.
30 \$30,249.53 was credited to the wrong account. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated there are
31 two accounts in the police department. The first account is the Department of Justice
32 Account. This account is for any funds obtained from seizures that Officer Guy makes
33 through the DEA. The second account is the Treasury Account. That account is for funds
34 obtained from all the Customs Seizures. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated the 30,249.53
35 should be credited to the Department of Justice Account. \$73,651.84 is for the debt
36 service for the building. There is reimbursement to the General Fund for Officer Guy for
37 2005/2006 and 2006/2007. There is the new vehicle and setup, and the radios. There was
38 a new rifle that was purchased. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that amount should be
39 corrected. Instead of \$1,149.00 for the purchase of the new rifle, it should reflect
40 \$1,400.00. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that according to Chief Chudwin the cash
41 balance for the Treasury Account and the Department of Justice Account is \$48,000.00.
42 President Jones stated that does not add up to him.

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44 President Jones stated we would be able to reimburse our taxpayers in this Village for
45 amounts that have otherwise been paid for by them. Approximately, \$151,000.00 will be
46 coming back to the General Fund for the cost the Village incurred for the Customs

1 Officers in the earlier years, due to the fact; the Village didn't have the funding from
2 Customs to reimburse itself. He went on to state that for the first time this fund would pay
3 its portion of the debt service on this building. Otherwise, the taxpayers of the Village
4 would have had to pay for it. President Jones stated this is excellent news.

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6 President Jones stated there are other amounts that are owed to the Village that have been
7 pending for a few years. President Jones thought there was approximately, \$300,000.00
8 to \$400,000.00 in cash payments that are still owed that are not reflected on the Memo.
9 Trustee Pennington stated there is \$375,000.00 that has been signed off on, but not
10 released.

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12 Trustee Gibson stated there should be a little more than \$50,000.00 left in both accounts.
13 President Jones agreed with that. Trustee Gibson thinks it is wonderful.

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15 **Motorola Portable Radios** - Trustee Meyers-Martin stated the second item on her
16 agenda is the authorization for the Chief of Police to purchase the 16 Motorola Portable
17 Radios in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated this issue
18 was tabled from the last meeting. She is bringing it before the Board for approval this
19 evening.

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21 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to approve the purchase of the**
22 **Motorola Portable Radios from the Asset Forfeiture Treasury Customs Account for**
23 **an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00.**

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25 Trustee Pennington stated that Chief Chudwin did provide him with an itemized line-by-
26 line breakdown on the radios.

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

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29 **Community Alert** – Trustee Meyers-Martin stated last week the Community Alert went
30 out to all the homes in Olympia Fields. There was a concern that not everyone received
31 the alert. Chief Chudwin wants the residents to know if they have the commercial
32 blocking, or if a resident has not given a proper home telephone number or cell phone
33 number to SouthCom that operates the 9-1-1, then residents will not receive the
34 Community Alerts. The phone numbers should be given to the front office at Village
35 Hall.

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37 Trustee Gibson stated she use to receive the Community Alerts. She does not have a
38 block on her phone. She did call the Federal Do Not Call Register, and requested that
39 solicitors not telephone her. She no longer receives the Community Alerts. President
40 Jones stated that was not mentioned as a factor. Trustee Ormsby stated she has the Do
41 Not Call for Solicitors and she received the Community Alert.

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43 Administrator Mekarski stated in regard to the Community Alert, the Village did put the
44 notice on the Village's Website, and there were 1,095 hits. He encouraged the residents to
45 go to the Website. There is a photograph, and the descriptions of the suspects are on the
46 Website. President Jones stated it was also on Channel 4. President Jones stated that he

1 and Trustee Meyers-Martin would speak with Chief Chudwin to find out exactly what
2 will prevent residents from receiving the Community Alert via telephone. Administrator
3 Mekarski suggested that President Jones have a conference call with Ron Bonneau from
4 SouthCom regarding that matter.

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6 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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8 **Oak Lawn Project – Southwest Water Distribution System – Project Update -**

9 Administrator Mekarski stated the first item on his agenda, is additional information that
10 he received on the Southwest Water Distribution System regarding the Capital
11 Improvement Study for Oak Lawn. Administrator Mekarski provided a copy of a
12 PowerPoint prepared by Camp Dresser and McKee (CDM) in the Board Packet. He
13 suggested that this be brought up during the budget cycle for Capital Improvements and
14 an increase to Oak Lawn. He also suggested at that time that Baxter & Woodman, and
15 Joe Alexa, give a more detailed explanation on the matter to the Board.

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17 **Land Donation** – Administrator Mekarski stated the second item on his agenda is
18 regarding a possible land donation of property that is currently owned by Venterra
19 Realty, the Developer for the Gateway Development. The property is depicted on the
20 Board in front of the dais. Mike Rourke from Venterra is here this evening.

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22 The Board directed Administrator Mekarski to investigate the legal and liability issues
23 with IRMA, as well as with the Village's legal representatives. In the Board Packet,
24 Administrator Mekarski provided the Board with e-mail from Dan Latourneau from
25 IRMA, stating there is limited liability, providing the land is maintained in conservancy
26 and not used for any kind of public purpose in terms of building a structure.

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28 Administrator Mekarski also provided the Board with a Memorandum from John
29 Murphey, the Village Attorney, verifying the limited risk and liability. Administrator
30 Mekarski stated if the Board decides to go forward with this land donation, Mr. Murphey
31 cautioned that at the time of the donation, the title should be free and clear of any
32 encumbrances. Both Mr. Latourneau and Mr. Murphey stated that the Developer should
33 provide the Village with an Environmental Audit.

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35 Administrator Mekarski stated if the Board is interested in pursuing this, he would ask for
36 authorization for his office to coordinate with the Village's Legal Advisor on drafting a
37 Letter of Intent toward the future acceptance of 4 acres of forested wetlands north of the
38 CVS/Gateway Project to be held as "Open Space" and protected in conservancy for
39 perpetuity. The actual donation would not take place for months thereafter.

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41 Mr. Mike Rourke from Venterra stated the Site Plan was approved in May. They have
42 been laboring with the Army Corps of Engineers for years. The first issue is the land
43 donation. The second issue is Venterra has some impacted waters, about a quarter of an
44 acre that they need to mitigate with the Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Rourke believes
45 they will be doing that with the Friends of the Forest Preserve. He thought that approval
46 was coming last Thursday. But that won't be taken up until next month. After those two

1 issues are addressed, then Venterra can obtain the Permit from the Army Corps of
2 Engineers and move forward with marketing and developing this project.

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4 Mr. Rourke stated there are approximately 3.6 acres that are left completely unprotected.
5 These are the highest quality lands on the property because they are closest to the creek.
6 Some of the better trees and specimens are back in this area. Irons Oaks has been pulling
7 up some of the vegetation and transplanting it at their facility with Venterra's permission.

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9 Mr. Rourke stated the Army Corps of Engineers has expressed that this acreage be put in
10 the hands of a not-for-profit organization or a conservancy group that will ensure it will
11 not be developed. It is Venterra's intent that the property not be developed. Mr. Rourke
12 stated they asked the Park District if they wanted the land, because the Park District owns
13 25 acres to the north. The Park District does not want the property. Mr. Rourke stated it
14 makes sense for the property to stay within the Village. Venterra is asking for a Letter of
15 Intent, or a Letter of Understanding, or a Letter of Agreement, that in the future when the
16 improvements are in, and this area can be platted and defined, Venterra is asking that
17 they enter into a Letter Agreement with the Village to do that at a future date. If the
18 Village wants to hold onto it, or work with the Park District, it is at the Village's
19 discretion. The Army Corps of Engineers is asking for a Letter of Intent so that they can
20 be comfortable that this acreage will be put in the hands of a conservancy group or a not-
21 for-profit organization.

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23 President Jones inquired as to whether or not Venterra would be willing to bear all of the
24 Village's costs, legal and otherwise, to process this transaction by the Village Attorney.
25 Mr. Rourke stated yes, within reason. President Jones stated to draft the letter it would
26 probably be less than a couple thousand dollars. He stated the Board would not want the
27 taxpayers bearing that expense.

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29 President Jones inquired as to whether or not there were any Ash Trees on the property,
30 due to the fact if there are, and they are invested with the Emerald Ash Borer, there
31 would be an expense to the Village to remove those trees. Mr. Rourke stated a Tree Study
32 was done. He would have to get back to the Village as to what species of trees are on the
33 property.

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35 President Jones inquired as to whether or not an Environmental Audit was done on the
36 property. Mr. Rourke stated one was done about four or five years ago. The property is
37 very clean with the exception of one corner. Speedway had an incident back in '96. They
38 have been remediating that for quite some time. Venterra receives semi-annual updates.
39 Venterra's property is very minimally impacted. In the right-of-way there is more of an
40 impact. There is nothing on the rest of the site. President Jones stated that whatever
41 conditions the Village feels are appropriate after speaking with the Village Attorney, will
42 be put into the Letter of Intent. Mr. Rourke stated absolutely. Venterra can provide the
43 Village with an updated Phase I, or Phase II if warranted. Venterra will pay for, and
44 create the plat of subdivision, and come up with a proper legal description for the parcel
45 to be conveyed, with clean title, and everything else that was discussed.

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1 Trustee Oliver inquired as to what happened in '96. Mr. Rourke stated it was his
2 understanding that Speedway, and it is public record, had leaking underground storage
3 tanks. He is not sure what year, but one of the tanks did leak. There was some soil and
4 ground water impact. Speedway is working towards a clean Bill of Health from the IEPA.
5 Trustee Ormsby stated she is excited to have something the Village can put under its
6 name. It is very good PR for the Village. It helps the Village's reputation as a green Tree
7 City. Trustee Ormsby stated she does not see a down side to this. She thinks this is good
8 news.

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10 Administrator Mekarski asked Mr. Rourke to explain to the Board what is down the pike
11 in terms of the vacation of the right-of-way, and how it interacts with this property. Mr.
12 Rourke stated in his discussions with the attorney for the Park District, there is a 60-foot
13 right-of-way that was addressed in the Ordinance that was approved in May. The
14 vacation grants in this instance, the northern half of the vacated property to the northern
15 property owner, and the southern half to the southern property owner. Because of the way
16 everything has been engineered and designed, the detention is on what is really the
17 eastern portion of the vacated right-of-way. Venterra had proposed that after they do the
18 customary north/south split, that they actually resubdivide that, and do an east/west split.
19 The southern 30 feet of the right-of-way does not do Venterra much good. Mr. Rourke
20 stated with the Park District having the northern 30 feet, the Park District could capture
21 the entire 60-foot strip and that would flow better into their property. Then Venterra
22 could capture the northern 30 feet of the Park District's property to use for detention.
23 Venterra only needs 30%. Venterra is willing to give the Park District more of a vacation.
24 This is still being discussed with the Park District. Administrator Mekarski stated the
25 Village Attorney stated the split could be east/west instead of north/south, and the Park
26 District could then dedicate that portion back to the Village, and include it in the 3.7 acres
27 to make it all one tract. Mr. Rourke expressed his thanks to the Board.

28
29 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Ormsby to authorize the Village**
30 **Administrator's Office to coordinate with the Village's Legal Advisor on drafting a**
31 **Letter of Intent toward the future acceptance of 4 acres of forested wetlands north**
32 **of the CVS/Gateway Project to be held as "Open Space" and protected in**
33 **conservancy for perpetuity.**

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

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36 **ICC Southland Bicycle Event** – Administrator Mekarski stated he went to the meeting
37 with the participating communities which included Blue Island, the City of Chicago,
38 (Beverly neighborhood), and Richton Park. Rather than have a contract with each
39 participating community, the discussion was to have a unified contract. The fee to
40 participate would come from a single sponsor, or a series of corporate sponsors. The
41 participating communities would work together to obtain a sponsor. Each community
42 would make a deposit of \$2,500.00 up to \$5,000.00. That fee would be reimbursed to the
43 communities with donated money. There would be a clause in the contract that if the
44 community was not able to obtain a sponsor, that community would be able to pull out of
45 the contract without any ramifications. Administrator Mekarski stated everything is not
46 worked out. He is hopeful that in two weeks a draft contract will be prepared in order to

1 submit it to the bicycle organization. He stated the participating members had good ideas
2 for sponsors.

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4 President Jones stated that Administrator Mekarski should meet with the leadership of the
5 two Homeowners Associations for the neighborhoods of the Village this race would
6 impact, so they have an understanding of what this entails.

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8 Trustee Ormsby stated she didn't know whether or not the Board was interested in
9 pursuing this event. She stated that none of it appeals to her. Trustee Ormsby does not
10 understand what the PR will do for the Village, and the expense makes her nervous. She
11 does not understand what the benefits would be for the Village. Trustee Ormsby stated
12 this is a tremendous undertaking.

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14 Trustee Pennington stated he agrees with Trustee Ormsby. He inquired as to whether or
15 not the other communities have benefited from hosting the race. Administrator Mekarski
16 stated the representative from Beverly informed him that they did receive a profit every
17 year they have held the race. The neighborhood enjoys the race. Beverly feels it helps
18 with their economy.

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20 Trustee Meyers-Martin inquired if the race was held in Arcadia, whether or not the
21 people would be standing on the sidewalks in Arcadia to watch the race. She stated when
22 the race was held in Olympia Club she didn't see any people watching the race.
23 Administrator Mekarski stated the race that was held in Olympia Club was not
24 advertised. He stated if the race were held in Arcadia, the public would watch the race
25 along 203rd Street. The residents in Arcadia would watch the race from their yards, and
26 perhaps invite friends over to watch the race. Administrator Mekarski stated the
27 communities that have participated in the past are excited about the race.

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29 Trustee Gibson inquired as to whether or not the Village would have to go out and solicit
30 sponsors. Administrator Mekarski stated the Village would work in tandem with the five
31 communities to obtain a sponsor or sponsors. Trustee Gibson doesn't understand why
32 each Municipality that participates should have to come up with the money for the cash
33 prizes. She feels the bicycle organization should be the one to come up with the money
34 for the cash prizes, due to the fact the organization would be the one awarding the prizes.
35 Administrator Mekarski stated the prize money would come from the sponsor.

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37 Trustee Gibson stated the Village would work with the other communities to find a
38 sponsor for the prize money, as well as for the hotel rooms for the people from the
39 bicycle organization that are organizing the event. The Village is expected to provide at
40 no cost a lunch and dinner for the bicycle organizers, as well as 15 or 20 volunteers to
41 help with the setup and cleanup. She stated you have to consider the age bracket in the
42 Village's population. She stated there are not many young people that want to see a
43 bicycle race.

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45 President Jones stated he was not going to belabor this matter any further. He was going
46 to put it to a vote.

1 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Ormsby to terminate the Village**
2 **pursuing this event any further.**

3 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes (4) (Trustees Oliver and Nale passed) Motion Carried.**

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5 Administrator Mekarski stated he received a telephone call late today from the former
6 owner of The Traditions, who indicated the bank has secured The Traditions property.
7 The title has been cleared of all liens and encumbrances. Administrator Mekarski was
8 given the name and telephone number of the attorney to be provided to the Village
9 Attorney. Administrator Mekarski stated the former owner stated that all back taxes have
10 been paid, thereby securing the Club House property. President Jones stated the Village
11 will be bringing as many Developers as possible to the table, to buy the project from the
12 bank in order to get it back on track.

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14 Administrator Mekarski received a telephone call from the new Village President for the
15 Village of Matteson, Andre Ashmore, informing him that the Sanitary Sewer Agreement
16 between the Village of Matteson and the Village of Olympia Fields for CVS has been
17 approved. Administrator Mekarski has not received that in writing. He will verify that
18 this week.

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20 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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22 President Jones stated he has no report.

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24 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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26 **Diversity Dinner** – President Jones stated there are 10 people attending the dinner. They
27 are: Mr. and Mrs. Pennington, Mr. and Mrs. Nale, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs.
28 Mekarski, and President and Mrs. Jones. The Village is committed to a table of 10 and
29 the Village budgeted for a table of 10.

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31 **School Buses** – Trustee Ormsby stated the School Buses are speeding down 207th Street
32 again. It is occurring in the morning and at night. She stated she brings this up every year.
33 Trustee Ormsby stated perhaps tickets should be issued. President Jones stated it is the
34 beginning of a new school year. The Village will get control.

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36 **Speedway** – Trustee Ormsby stated she brought this up before, and perhaps
37 Administrator Mekarski and herself could have a meeting with Speedway. The Village
38 granted Speedway a Liquor License. Speedway has not cleaned up the property, and they
39 have not done any new landscaping. Trustee Ormsby wants the property to look a lot
40 better than it does. President Jones stated do it. Administrator Mekarski stated that is an
41 excellent idea.

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43 **Diversity Dinner** – Trustee Meyers-Martin reminded the Board that part of the request is
44 for items to be donated for the Diversity Elephant Raffle. President Jones inquired as to
45 what items they are looking for. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated anything. President Jones

1 stated if there is anything you want to donate, drop it off at Village Hall and Cindy Saenz
2 will see that it is given to the organization.

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4 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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6 **New Resident Reception – October 18, 2008.** President Jones stated the new resident
7 reception is on October 18, 2008. Trustee Gibson stated the Community Relations
8 Committee is coordinating with the Homeowners Association Presidents from 9 A.M. to
9 10 A.M. The reception will begin at 10:30 A.M. to noon. The Chairman of the
10 Beautification Committee has asked for a little bit of time during the Homeowners
11 Association Presidents Meeting. Trustee Gibson requested that the Chairman of the
12 Beautification Committee bring a flyer of the services and activities of the Beautification
13 Committee to hand out to the Homeowners Association Presidents. Also, the Chairman of
14 the Beautification Committee could speak with the new residents at the reception, and if
15 there were any openings on the Beautification Committee, perhaps the new residents
16 would be interested in joining. Trustee Gibson stated there are 67 new residents listed
17 from October 2007 to the present. The Community Relations Committee will be sending
18 invitations to the Homeowners Association Presidents as well as to the new residents.

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20 **Graymoor Picnic** – Trustee Pennington stated on Saturday, September 6, 2008, the
21 Graymoor Landowners Association held its annual picnic. They blocked off the street. It
22 was well attended. They had a Voter Registration Drive. The ladies of Graymoor formed
23 a new Women's Association. Trustee Pennington stated there were a lot of positive
24 responses about the Village. He stated the residents were really excited about the
25 Village's Triple A Bond Rating.

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27 **Entry Design at Graymoor** - Trustee Gibson stated she liked the new entryway at
28 Graymoor. It is very nice. Trustee Pennington stated at the Western Avenue entrance
29 there is a new entry design for Graymoor. He stated there would be one at the Vollmer
30 Road entrance to Graymoor, and at the Joe Orr entrance to Graymoor as well. Trustee
31 Ormsby stated she didn't see that before it went in. Usually, the Beautification Committee
32 reviews those before they go in. President Jones stated it is different from the other ones
33 in town. President Jones liked it. Trustee Ormsby was pleased that Graymoor is putting
34 those in.

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36 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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38 President Jones stated he has no resignations and appointments.

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40 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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42 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to enter into Executive
43 Session at 9:03 P.M.**

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

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1 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Pennington to return to Open Session**
2 **at 9:12 P.M.**

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

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5 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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7 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to adjourn at 9:12**
8 **P.M.**

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

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11 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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