

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on September 22, 2008**

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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, September 22, 2008,
6 at the Olympia Fields Village Hall and was called to order by President Jones at 7:30
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, and Nale
10 President Linzey Jones
11 Village Clerk – Judi Kay Rangel
12 Village Administrator – David Mekariski

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14 Absent: Trustee Meyers-Martin

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16 **MINUTES:**

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18 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Oliver to approve the Minutes of**
19 **September 8, 2008, as presented.**

20 **Voice Vote: All Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**

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22 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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24 President Jones stated the total amount of the Bills for Approval is \$167,497.50. Out of
25 that amount, \$90,000.00 goes to Oak Lawn for water purchases and Bond payments. He
26 stated there is a Cover Memo in the Board Packet highlighting the more significant
27 proponents of that bill.

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29 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to approve the payment of**
30 **bills for September 22, 2008, in the total amount of \$167,497.50.**

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

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33 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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35 President Jones opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:33 P.M. Nancy Dietz who
36 resides in the Arcadia Subdivision stated she was speaking to clear Sharp's good name.
37 She passed out documentation to the Board. Ms. Dietz went on to say that in the Board
38 Minutes of June 9, 2008; a resident was questioning the referendum, in particular, the
39 percentage. The residents were telling people it was not what President Jones had said,
40 and that President Jones was calling them liars. She stated in the Board Minutes of June
41 9, 2008, President Jones stated that we should defend ourselves. In a letter to the
42 residents, President Jones stated the tax would be .992%. The voters approved that
43 increase by referendum. Ms. Dietz stated it was 1.075%, and not .992%. In the Villager,
44 President Jones stated the tax would be 1.029%. She doesn't understand how the residents
45 are lying, if the Village's numbers are all over the place, and the taxes are actually higher
46 than what President Jones stated they were going to be.

1 President Jones stated the taxes are not higher than what the Village stated they were
2 going to be. He stated the Village would review that with the Township and County
3 Treasurer's Office to see how they came up with that calculation.

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5 Ms. Dietz stated it is in President Jones writing. It is stated in the documents that
6 President Jones sent out to the Village residents. President Jones understands these are
7 documents that have been processed by various agencies. He stated the calculation was
8 done in accordance with the formulas that are determined by Statute. Counsel reviewed
9 all the information that was sent out in connection with this matter, and the numbers were
10 reviewed with the accountants that work for the Village of Olympia Fields. Based upon
11 their review and approval, that's when the numbers were put out there, and that is what
12 the Village understood to be the calculation. President Jones is confident in the
13 calculation the Village did. He stated as to what the 1.075% exactly means, is worthy of
14 some additional explanation.

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16 President Jones stated the tax levy consists of two components. There is the general levy.
17 The voters approved an increase in the general levy. There is an additional levy that is
18 associated with the Street Bond Issue that the voters approved of in 2001. Another
19 component may be related to the bond issued by the Village in connection with
20 retrofitting the new village hall, however that expense has been abated by the Board of
21 Trustees and is not collected through the property tax levy. President Jones stated when
22 you look at the 1.075% you are looking at a combined set of tax rates.

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24 Ms. Dietz stated the residents were under the assumption it would be .992%. President
25 Jones stated that the Village explained the general levy of the Village was going to be
26 raised to .992%. That does not take into account the levy for the Street Bond, which has
27 always been separate from the general property tax levy for the Village. It has always
28 been a separate amount. President Jones understands this is complicated, and there are a
29 lot of different components to the numbers. President Jones stated he knows the numbers
30 that were given to the residents in terms of what the Village would be increasing the
31 general property tax levy by, and that is what the voters approved, and that is what has
32 been levied.

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34 **Code Enforcement Officer** – Ms. Dietz inquired of President Jones whether or not the
35 Village would be hiring a full-time Code Enforcement Officer now that the Village
36 received its increase. President Jones stated the Village has a full-time Code Enforcement
37 Officer. Ms. Dietz inquired as to why most of the police force states he is part-time.
38 President Jones stated he does not know to whom she is speaking with. President Jones
39 stated part of the Code Enforcement Officer's duties include enforcing the two parking
40 lots.

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42 Ms. Dietz inquired as to whether or not the Village could have a full-time Code
43 Enforcement Officer who is not a part-time officer. President Jones stated it takes about
44 an hour and a half out of the day to enforce the two parking lots. Ms. Dietz stated things
45 are not being done. President Jones stated that could be Ms. Dietz's judgment, but he does

1 not believe that is true. He stated the matters that are enforced on, involve going through
2 the due process of the Administrative System the Village has in place.

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4 Ms. Dietz stated she has a problem with the way the neighborhood is looking. President
5 Jones stated these are challenging times. Ms. Dietz stated Flossmoor has two Code
6 Enforcement Officers. She stated that Flossmoor looks fabulous. President Jones stated
7 he is not in the business of being critical of his fellow communities. He stated there are
8 challenges in every community with respect to homeowners that are having difficulty
9 financially, and the ability to maintain their property. President Jones stated you have
10 property owners that do not comply with the Property Code. President Jones stated the
11 homeowners have to be taken through an enforcement process. He stated the Village is in
12 Court to demolish a house in the Village. The Village is also in Court against another
13 homeowner with respect to how they are using the home. All of this costs a great deal of
14 money to do. President Jones stated he does not agree with Ms. Dietz that the Village's
15 Code Enforcement is below a standard the Village can be proud of. President Jones stated
16 on this matter, I guess we agree to disagree.

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18 **Swales** - Ms. Dietz inquired as to whose responsibility are the swales. Administrator
19 Mekarski stated generally the swales are within the Village's right-of-way, and the right-
20 of-way is within the Village's public property. He stated the Code itself delineates some
21 responsibility of the homeowners to maintain the swales, and also maintain the culvert
22 under their driveway. Ms. Dietz inquired as to who was responsible if they are regrading
23 the pitch once it is filled in. Administrator Mekarski stated he would have to take a look
24 at the Code of Ordinance. Ms. Dietz stated Section 8.25 pertains to the maintenance of
25 the swales. President Jones stated we would review the Ordinance Book. Ms. Dietz stated
26 during the heavy rains her front yard is a little river and sometimes a lake. She stated the
27 people down the street have no swale at all and it is ponding in her yard. Administrator
28 Mekarski stated the Village is in Phase I of the drainage analysis in Arcadia. President
29 Jones stated the Village has many storm water and sewer projects in various stages. The
30 sewer project the Village is involved in right now in the first phase, is 2.8 Million-
31 Dollars. The Village expects that project to run close to 7 Million-Dollars when it is
32 completed in the three-year period. President Jones stated Arcadia is part of another
33 Engineering Study. The Village will not be able to do all the work at one time.

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35 President Jones stated in the General Fund, the Village operates on less than Five
36 Million-Dollars on an annual basis. The Village's resources are stretched. Administrator
37 Mekarski stated the drainage solutions for Suburban Woods and Fairway Estates that the
38 engineers have laid out range in the neighborhood of \$30,000.00 to Two Million-Dollars.
39 The Village has to make sure that the money spent will make improvements that are cost-
40 effective for the Village. Administrator Mekarski stated this is not an easy task. It
41 involves an analysis of the topography, and the amount of rainfall in Olympia Fields. It
42 also involves the absorption capacity in the entire Butterfield Creek System, which goes
43 into the Little Calumet River. The Village is in Phase II in Suburban Woods and Fairway
44 Estates for drainage improvements. The Village is in Phase I in Arcadia. The Village has
45 launched Phase I and is entering Phase II of the Village's Sewer Project. Ms. Dietz stated

1 she would not make President Jones apologize for calling the residents liars. She thanked
2 the Board for their time. President Jones stated any time.

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4 **Tax Levy** - Mrs. Nancille Broyls stated she is part of Sharp. She stated her husband,
5 Eugene, has been very active with that. Mrs. Broyls inquired as to why the residents were
6 not told about the different components regarding the tax levy. She believes there would
7 be less upheaval or distrust from this Village Government if the residents had been
8 informed of the components. All they were told about was one part. Mrs. Broyls stated
9 they read things and kept asking questions, and kept asking questions. Trustee Ormsby
10 stated the Board had approximately 15 to 20 open meetings regarding this matter. Trustee
11 Ormsby inquired of Mrs. Broyls how many meetings she attended. Mrs. Broyls stated she
12 did not attend any of them. She does not attend meetings because all you get is yap, yap,
13 yap, and you don't get what is promised. You do not get an answer. Trustee Ormsby
14 stated she finds it difficult to understand that Mrs. Broyls was not at a meeting, not one
15 regarding this matter.

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17 **Flooding** – Mrs. Laura Shinker stated during the heavy rain last weekend she had sewage
18 in her bathtub. She had three toilets she couldn't flush. For the first time she had seepage
19 coming up through the standpipe because there was so much pressure. She had to put old
20 towels around the standpipe to keep the sewage from flowing into her kitchen. All she
21 has been doing is disinfecting her house for two days. She understood that the Village
22 was writing a letter to the people that had the little red sewer flags in their yards. She is
23 one of them. Mrs. Shinker was inquiring if the Village was going to require them to
24 repair the pipes on their property. That is what she was told. President Jones stated that
25 this Board has not made a decision at this time. President Jones does not know who
26 conveyed that to Mrs. Shinker. He stated the purpose of the Smoke Test was to find out
27 about leaks in the Village's main part of the Sewer System. They also did Smoke Testing
28 on the laterals, which are the pipes that are on the property of the homeowner, and belong
29 to the homeowner. Some of the homes, the laterals had cracks in them and this would
30 cause infiltration of rainwater. The Board does not know the extent of the problem with
31 the laterals at this time. The decision has not been made as to who ultimately will be
32 responsible for repairing them.

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34 Mrs. Shinker stated across the street from her home at the corner of Woodland and
35 Greenwood, the sewer was shooting up about three feet. A resident in the neighborhood
36 called Public Works last Sunday afternoon. They left a message on the voice mail
37 requesting that Public Works send someone over to clean the sewage up because children
38 would be standing there the next day waiting for the school bus. There was no response
39 from Public Works. The resident cleaned it up. Mrs. Shinker stated the reason people get
40 so upset is because there is no response.

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42 In regard to the red flags in the yard, Mrs. Shinker feels if there is so much pressure
43 driving sewage into her house, and not that much pressure going out, she believes it is
44 due to neglect through the years, and the Village is responsible for the breaks in the
45 laterals, and they are responsible for at least partial payment on that. President Jones
46 stated it is a legitimate position and he does not disagree with Mrs. Shinker. He does not

1 know what the Board's decision will be. President Jones stated this situation is serious.
2 That is why the Village went to the referendum because it needed the funding to pay for
3 these infrastructure improvements.

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5 Mrs. Shinker feels that President Jones and the Board have to make it clear to the
6 residents that the frills have to go. Something has to be done to maintain the Village and
7 the infrastructure. The residents have to be convinced that they have to maintain their
8 homes. When they do not maintain their homes they should be fined.

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10 Mrs. Shinker inquired as to the total tax amount that the residents were going to receive
11 bills for. She inquired if it would be for 1.07%. President Jones does not believe it is
12 1.07%. He believes a portion of that is abated. President Jones stated the residents do not
13 receive a bill for the abated portion. In the spring, the Village passes a Resolution
14 annually to the County instructing them not to levy on that portion of the tax. He stated
15 this is the debt for Village Hall.

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17 Mrs. Shinker felt the Old Village Hall fit. She feels the New Village Hall is a Million-
18 Dollar monstrosity. She stated it looks exactly like what it is, a furniture emporium that is
19 masquerading as a Village Hall. She stated the last thing in the world the Village needed
20 is this ugly piece of architecture. It doesn't fit. President Jones stated he was not going to
21 respond to that. Mrs. Shinker told the Board to look at books on architecture and then
22 define what it is. She stated it is a store.

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24 President Jones stated it is 1800 square feet building that the Village bought for
25 \$500,000.00, less than half the actual value of the property, in order to provide the police
26 and building departments with adequate space. Mrs. Shinker inquired as to what it would
27 have cost to enlarge the Old Village Hall. President Jones stated Four Million-Dollars.
28 President Jones stated the Village looked into rehabbing the Old Village Hall. The
29 Village didn't want to buy another piece of property. He stated there are drawers full of
30 architectural analysis from that time period.

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32 Mrs. Shinker stated it is lovely we have a boulevard on north Kedzie, and the trucks go
33 along and water the trees. President Jones stated the County paid for 95% of that. Mrs.
34 Shinker stated she thinks the frills have to stop, and more attention has to be paid to the
35 substance in the Village. President Jones stated he hears what she is saying. President
36 Jones stated a Village tries to draw a balance. It also looks at quality of life issues. In
37 regard to the Holiday Lighting, the thought is that it does make people's lives a little
38 brighter. President Jones stated the Village has no other frills.

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40 Administrator Mekarski stated in the entire Chicago Metropolitan Area, there are only a
41 handful of communities doing a Comprehensive Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program
42 to its infrastructure. There are communities on the west side and north side that has
43 problems with an aging sewer system and are not doing anything about it. The Village is
44 doing a Comprehensive Seven Million-Dollar Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation to eliminate
45 problems. Mrs. Shinker inquired as to when. Administrator Mekarski stated right now.
46 She stated she has heard talk for several years, but she is still disinfecting her home. And

1 she doesn't want to see children standing or sitting in sewage. She stated the Public
2 Works people should have responded and President Jones should speak to Public Works.
3 Administrator Mekarski stated the Mayor, Public Works employees, and the Trustees
4 were out last Sunday. Administrator Mekarski stated during a flood emergency the
5 residents should call 9-1-1. President Jones will speak to Public Works about this.

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7 Ms. Tanya Brown who resides in the Arcadia Subdivision stated this is her first time at a
8 meeting. She inquired as to why it is hard for the businesses in Olympia Fields to
9 advertise their businesses, where people driving past can see the businesses. She feels if
10 more businesses come to Olympia Fields, the taxes could be less. President Jones stated
11 the Village did a redesign of the signage at Olympia Square. The Village gave the owners
12 a plan and they have not implemented that yet. The Village agrees the signage at that
13 location is not good. President Jones stated the Village has done new design guidelines,
14 but it is up to the businesses there to purchase and install new signs.

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16 Ms. Brown stated she was informed by one of the business owners that they are having a
17 hard time advertising. The only business that seems to be able to advertise is Bizios.
18 President Jones stated he does not know who that is. He knows they have not been in to
19 see the Board. President Jones stated the Village organized the Olympia Square Tenants
20 Group and brought the Farmer's Market there. The Village wanted a very good
21 monument sign built at the corner that would advertise the businesses and have more
22 visibility. The owner has not been willing to pay to build that sign. President Jones stated
23 there are 20 acres where Harold Motors use to be on Lincoln Highway, and the Village is
24 working on major redevelopment at that location.

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26 Ms. Brown inquired as to whether or not the woman that owns Kingsberry tried to
27 purchase the old restaurant next door to Village Hall to make it a steakhouse. Ms. Brown
28 stated the woman is having a hard time getting that. President Jones stated he does not
29 want to get into their business, but the Village met with the owner of Kingsberry. The
30 bank that owns the old restaurant wants to redevelop it as a strip center. The Village is
31 not interested in that. The Village wants a Class "A" Restaurant at that location.

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33 The Village believes redevelopment can occur where the Jewel is located. With the
34 current economic situation everything is slowed down. President Jones stated this Board
35 is not sitting around waiting for development to occur. The Board is pushing
36 development. He believes that will improve the quality of life for the residents of
37 Olympia Fields and for the people that come to Olympia Fields. Ms. Brown stated the
38 maturity level, with the laughter needs to be toned down a little on the part of the
39 audience, but it is nothing towards the Board. President Jones invited Ms. Brown to come
40 to other meetings. Ms. Brown stated that she would.

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42 Trustee Ormsby inquired if Ms. Brown was referring to the signage along Vollmer. Ms.
43 Brown stated that is where she was referring. Trustee Ormsby stated that she and Trustee
44 Gibson sit on the Sign Committee. There is a process in place. Applications are
45 submitted. Trustee Ormsby stated 99% of the time the Sign Committee has brought those

1 requests to the Board and asked for a variance, and most of the time the variance has been
2 approved. The Sign Committee is proactive in helping with any business.

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4 Ms. Brown stated when you have a big sign up, and you have the squares with all the
5 store names on it, when you are driving past, if you are not familiar with the area, you
6 won't stop in there. A lot of businesses will go out if they don't get the advertising they
7 need. Ms. Brown suggested getting a sign out there where everyone has the same type of
8 sign out there on the front. Trustee Ormsby stated she was confused as to whether she
9 was asking for a monument sign or each individual business asking for signage.

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11 Trustee Nale stated she hears a lot of frustration from the members of the audience. She
12 feels the residents are entitled to some upfront answers if they call the Village with a
13 complaint, and that complaint is not followed up within a certain period of time. She feels
14 whoever is responsible, should respond to the resident directly or within 48 hours.
15 Trustee Nale suggested in the Newsletter perhaps there could be a column outlining the
16 updates on what the Village is doing, and that the Village is aware of some of the
17 difficulties the residents are having.

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19 President Jones thought that is what the Newsletter was doing. He stated the Code
20 Enforcement Officer tries as much as he can to respond as quickly as the Sharp
21 Organization wants him to, to the Code Violation Notices they send the Village. Trustee
22 Nale inquired as to whether or not the public knows he responds. President Jones stated if
23 Trustee Nale wants to develop a database where all the Code Violations are put on the
24 Website, and then the Village tracks the enforcement that would have to be built into the
25 Budget for next year along with the other competing things. He feels what Trustee Nale is
26 getting to is an issue of transparency. Trustee Nale stated no. President Jones stated folks
27 want to know what you are doing and how you are spending the taxpayers' money. The
28 Budget is published. The Bills for Approval are available for anyone to take a look at.
29 The Newsletter is issued as often as the Village has the time to do it. There is a Board
30 Meeting every two weeks. President Jones feels the residents have an obligation to attend
31 the Board Meetings if they want to find out what is going on. He feels the Village does a
32 good job of informing the residents through Channel 4, the Website, through the Board
33 Meetings, and through the Minutes that are posted on the Website for residents to read if
34 they don't want to come to a meeting. The comments of the residents are included in the
35 Minutes. The Village is not hiding anything from the residents. Trustee Nale stated she
36 understands that. President Jones stated it comes down to a question of time, money, and
37 resources.

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39 President Jones stated he agrees that if Joe Alexa came in last Monday, and the storm was
40 on Sunday, and the tape was reviewed and this message came up, they should have been
41 on the phone with that resident. There should have been a truck there to make sure it was
42 cleaned up. He stated that would be taken up in the morning with the department. He
43 stated the next time there is a heavy rain, that manhole should be given special attention.

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45 President Jones stated he did not know what else Trustee Nale was suggesting that the
46 Village could do in regard to communication. Trustee Nale stated there should be a call

1 back informing the person that the message was received, and the matter will be taken
2 care of in the appropriate manner. President Jones agrees that the person that called
3 should be called back.

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5 Karen Kerr apologized for coming to the meeting a little late. She heard that the Code
6 Enforcement Officer tries to address issues that came to him via Sharp. Her concern is if
7 he does not receive anything from Sharp, does that mean he does not ride around like he
8 used to.

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10 President Jones stated the Code Enforcement Officer and the Building Commissioner are
11 out on the street everyday. They don't sit around in the office. They are out everyday
12 looking for Code Violations. Ms. Kerr stated she has seen a lot of homes that do not
13 appear to be maintained. She stated there is a house on Cambridge that has old tires in the
14 backyard and garbage. If you drive down Cambridge you can see this. This is in the
15 Maynegaitte Subdivision. Ms. Kerr stated there is a house on Paris where the yard is not
16 well kept. The grass, trees, and bushes are overgrown. She stated she has herself to blame
17 because she did not turn the form in. She stated in the past, the Code Enforcement Officer
18 rode around and was very vigilant on those kinds of things. She was wondering if that
19 was continuing.

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21 President Jones stated this has been continuing. Sean, the Code Enforcement Officer has
22 been doing this for three years. He is full-time. He is in a police uniform. President Jones
23 stated the Building Commissioner did that before the Village had a Code Enforcement
24 Officer. President Jones stated there just seems to be more Code Violations. Ms. Kerr
25 stated it looks like more and more properties are not being kept up, including ragged
26 fences. President Jones stated just like every community, the Village has more vacant
27 homes than it ever did. The Village is cutting more lawns than it ever did. It is very
28 difficult to enforce against the violations on the homes that are vacant. President Jones
29 stated the same thing is occurring in Flossmoor, Homewood, Tinley Park, Matteson, and
30 Frankfort, and the other communities. Ms. Kerr stated she wants to be proud of Olympia
31 Fields. President Jones stated no one is as proud of Olympia Fields than he is. The Board
32 works hard and puts in a lot of time. President Jones puts the Village's staff up as second
33 to none. President Jones stated the Village is enforcing against Code Violations. He
34 suggested that she attend the Adjudication Court. It is busy there. Administrator Mekarski
35 invited Ms. Kerr to attend the Adjudication Court. It is held the first Tuesday of the
36 month. He will notify her of the time.

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38 Mrs. Shinker is concerned about the corner of 207th Street & Kedzie Avenue. She stated
39 someone is going to get killed trying to pull out onto Kedzie Avenue from 207th Street.
40 She stated a three-way stop is needed at that location. People are using Kedzie Avenue to
41 avoid Governors Highway. Mrs. Shinker stated a three-way stop would slow traffic.

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43 President Jones stated it has been brought up to the Village Engineers and the police
44 department, but they do not support it. Their opinion is, that putting the stop signs in is
45 unsafe. They believe adding the stop signs will increase accidents.

1 Trustee Ormsby stated she believes a three-way stop sign should be at that location as
2 well. She has been working with the police department and the engineers for six or seven
3 months. She believes it is necessary to have the three-way stop. They believe it is not.
4 Trustee Ormsby stated their position is there has never been an accident at that location.
5 Trustee Ormsby agrees that you have to almost pull into the street to turn right or left.
6 She suggested that Mrs. Shinker contact Chief Chudwin and express her concerns
7 regarding the need for a three-way stop sign at that location. Mrs. Shinker suggested
8 drawing up a petition and submitting that. Mrs. Shinker stated people use 207th Street as a
9 thru street to get from Governors Highway to Kedzie Avenue. She stated there has to be
10 more Speed Limit Signs posted along 207th Street. Cars are speeding on 207th Street.
11 Trustee Ormsby stated she was in agreement with Mrs. Shinker. President Jones told Mrs.
12 Shinker she should meet with Chief Chudwin regarding her concerns.

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14 Ms. Brown stated she had a suggestion, maybe we can all just get along, because we are
15 all trying to reach the same goal here, and that is to make Olympia Fields the way it use
16 to be. President Jones stated he was registering an objection. He stated Olympia Fields is
17 better than it use to be. Ms. Brown stated she didn't know that because she hasn't lived
18 out here that long. She apologized and stated she did not mean to step on anybody's toes.
19 She suggested the Village follow the Code Violation List that Sharp has. It is posted on
20 the Website. President Jones stated the Village receives those notices from Sharp daily.
21 The Code Enforcement Officer reviews them. He determines if there is an alleged
22 violation. Citations or Warning Notices are issued. There is a form that the Code
23 Enforcement Officer states what he did in regard to a violation and that is forwarded to
24 the Sharp Organization. Mrs. Broyls stated they have not received any responses from
25 Sean since July.

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27 Mrs. Shinker stated she was going to take issue with something that President Jones just
28 stated. She has lived in the Village since 1961. When her children were small, the schools
29 were wonderful, and she can't think of a crime that was committed. She does not
30 understand how President Jones can state Olympia Fields is better today than it use to be.
31 She stated it is not better. You didn't see houses falling in disrepair. She is alone and has
32 an alarm system in her home. She doesn't understand how President Jones can state that.
33 President Jones stated he does say it and he believes it. Mrs. Shinker stated he is wrong.
34 President Jones stated we agree to disagree on that particular issue. He stated he is not
35 backing off on his views about the community. He stated people standing around nay
36 saying and trying to tear down the community doesn't help. He stated we are all about
37 being proactive dealing with these issues. He takes what Mrs. Shinker just stated as a
38 personal insult. She may not have intended it that way, but that is how he took it. Mrs.
39 Shinker told President Jones not to shout at her.

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41 Mrs. Shinker stated there is something wrong with President Jones if he cannot take
42 criticism. And he can't admit that he made a mistake. President Jones stated he did not
43 make a mistake. Mrs. Shinker stated she has lived here longer than President Jones and
44 she knows what the Village was like. They didn't have the problems that they have now.
45 President Jones stated the issues the Village is facing as a community, are being faced all
46 over this country. He stated the point is how are you going to deal with the situation you

1 are facing right now and not look back in the past. He stated in the past, African
2 Americans could not live in this community. It was a segregated community. Mrs.
3 Shinker stated that is not what she was referring to. President Jones stated that is what he
4 is referring to. He stated this is a diverse community of people who work together. There
5 are more people involved and working together in this community than there were back
6 then. President Jones stated he is confident of that. Mrs. Shinker stated when there was a
7 Board Meeting the place was packed. She has been coming to Board Meetings for 40 plus
8 years. President Jones stated he has been attending Board Meetings for 15 years, and he
9 had seen Mrs. Shinker at less than a half a dozen meetings. Mrs. Shinker stated she does
10 not want to see someone say the Village is better today than it was, because it isn't.
11 President Jones stated we agree to disagree.

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13 Trustee Gibson stated she has been on the Village Board about six years and she has only
14 seen Mrs. Shinker at a Board Meeting twice. Mrs. Shinker stated she used to come to a
15 lot of the meetings. Trustee Gibson stated she was Village Clerk before she became a
16 Trustee. Trustee Gibson stated this Board has done a very admirable job for this Village.
17 Mrs. Shinker stated she was not criticizing the Board. She inquired as to why the Board
18 takes everything so personally. Trustee Gibson was attempting to speak, but was
19 interrupted, so she told Mrs. Shinker to go ahead and speak and she would not try to say
20 anything more.

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22 Mrs. Shinker stated she feels that what is being shown is that the Board couldn't take
23 criticism. President Jones stated the Board could take criticism. He was under the
24 impression based on what Mrs. Shinker stated, that she was not being critical. Mrs.
25 Shinker told President Jones not to play his Chicago Lawyer tactics on her. President
26 Jones stated Mrs. Shinker has had an opportunity to speak to the Board. The Board has
27 been very open on everything she has had to say. If she wants to get down on personal
28 attacks that is her business. She stated she didn't make this a personal attack. President
29 Jones reminded Mrs. Shinker that she just made a comment about him being a lawyer
30 from Chicago. Mrs. Shinker stated it has nothing to do with race. It has nothing to do
31 with that. She stated don't mistake it is better today than it was then. It is not. President
32 Jones stated it is. Trustee Gibson stated we all think so. Mrs. Shinker stated it is not.
33 President Jones stated we agree to disagree. Mrs. Shinker stated not to take everything as
34 a race issue. It is not.

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36 Trustee Pennington stated in the 47 years that has transpired between the time that Mrs.
37 Shinker moved to this Village to the present, the Village never had a Triple A Bond
38 Rating. That speaks to the economic viability of this Village and this Board. Trustee
39 Pennington stated the quality of life is what it is.

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41 President Jones stated everyone must take ownership of that quality of life. It is not just
42 up to the Board to develop that quality of life. He stated it is up to the residents in the
43 community to commit and give time back to the community. He does not see that in a lot
44 of the residents. It doesn't mean that the residents just show up at a meeting because
45 something happened. What makes a community strong is when people work together, and
46 they contribute time and effort. President Jones has not seen that in Mrs. Shinker and in a

1 lot of the residents of the community. Residents have to speak to their neighbors. The
2 Homeowners Associations could drop a note to a resident and inquire as to why they
3 don't clean up their property. Trustee Pennington stated that shows the strength of the
4 Homeowners Associations if they take that type of action. He stated failure to do so, is no
5 action.

6
7 Trustee Nale shared an incident she had with a neighbor regarding a loudspeaker system.
8 Trustee Nale spoke to the neighbor about it. The neighbor did not realize the loudspeaker
9 system was intruding on his neighbor. Due to the fact, they spoke to each other; they
10 were able to amicably settle the matter. Trustee Nale urged the residents to speak to each
11 other about problems that concern them, and to volunteer at organizations within the
12 Village to gain the knowledge and input they do not have now.

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14 Mrs. Shinker stated she has been thoroughly scolded. She doesn't know what she is
15 supposed to do when she has a house two doors away that is going to fall down. She
16 inquired as to whom do you speak with.

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18 Administrator Mekarski stated that he had a 45-minute to an hour conversation with Mrs.
19 Shinker. She understood the complexity of the matter, and the state of foreclosure, and
20 not having an owner responsible. He stated Sean has been working on that through the
21 Court System. Mrs. Shinker stated she understands all that. But she is being told to talk to
22 people about the problems that she sees, and there is no one to talk to about it and the
23 house is falling down. Administrator Mekarski stated anytime someone calls his office he
24 makes sure the communications are forwarded and followed up with the staff. He stated
25 that she could call him and he could give her the disposition on the cases. Mrs. Shinker
26 stated this all started because President Jones claimed the Village was better today than it
27 was then. She disagreed and President Jones disagreed. She believes we can stop at that.
28 She stated it is getting petty and ridiculous. President Jones agreed.

29
30 Mr. Laveezz Middleton, President of the Suburban Woods Homeowners Association
31 stated he works for a law firm in Chicago that specializes in Code Enforcement. He stated
32 Sharp has to understand that Code Enforcement is not an instant gratification. When
33 properties are in foreclosure, there is nothing the Village can do. He stated most of the
34 properties are vacant homes and unkempt. The bank doesn't care. It is just looking for a
35 prospective buyer. He stated it sounds like the residents want the Board to go out and
36 paint the homes and cut the lawn. He stated the Board is doing what it can, when it can.
37 He stated we live in a beautiful community. He wishes every home could be pristine and
38 perfect, but it cannot. He stated people are losing their homes. Banks are going out of
39 business. We just have to try to work within the system. Mr. Middleton stated we elected
40 these individuals. We either chose to help and support the people that we put in these
41 positions, or remove them. It is hard for him to come to these meetings and listen to all
42 this aggression in a room of intelligent people. He stated it all comes down to frustration.
43 People that pay \$6,000.00 to \$7,000.00 in taxes do care about their homes. So he asked
44 that everyone move on.

1 Ms. Suzanne Heniff stated she resides at 3501 Ithaca Road. Ms. Heniff stated there is a
2 house next door to her at 3451 Ithaca. She has been sending pictures and comments for
3 the past two years asking to help the woman take care of the violations on her house. The
4 shed is falling down. The gutters are leaking from the bottom. Mold is growing on the
5 side of the walls. Water is gushing out of the bottom. The roof is full of holes. The birds
6 are going in and out of it. There are Carpenter Ants that have traveled 20 feet across to
7 Ms. Heniff's house. She has to pay \$700.00 a year to have her home sprayed inside and
8 out because of the Carpenter Ants due to a dying tree in the neighbor's yard. She paid to
9 have a huge limb removed from the tree, hoping that the tree would survive. The woman
10 moved five doors down and lives in a newer house. She rents the house out next door.
11 Her and her husband come to the property to speak to the renter. She has not received any
12 comments back from the Village or any remedies of the problems. The house is
13 deteriorating more and more because the renter doesn't have the money to fix it, or the
14 responsibility to fix it. She does not want to inflict this on the owner of the home or insult
15 her, or have hard feelings with her.

16
17 President Jones stated he thought he had a note on this house from the Building
18 Commissioner. President Jones stated the Village would check on that in the morning.

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20 Ms. Heniff stated there is an eight-foot Heineken poster that you can see from the street
21 in the neighbor's yard. President Jones stated here is the note I received today from Sean
22 Barry on this property. "The Building Department has received numerous complaints
23 concerning the maintenance of the property at 3451 Ithaca Road. Complaints range from
24 debris on the exterior of the property, structural issues affecting the gutters and down
25 spouts. As of now the current property owner and tenant remain most uncooperative
26 despite numerous Citations and Warning Notices. A separate letter will be sent to the
27 Sharp Organization regarding enforcement. Citations will be brought before the Village
28 Housing Court for both October and the November Hearings." President Jones stated
29 there are a number of Citations pending in the October and November Court Hearings
30 against this house. We are not at the point where the Building Department feels the
31 Village should seek to demolish the house. If the Building Department did want to
32 demolish it, President Jones stated he would. Ms. Heniff stated she didn't think it was that
33 bad. President Jones stated the Village would tear down a house if it is not maintained
34 and it is uninhabitable. Ms. Heniff stated it is not that bad. President Jones stated it is
35 expensive and time consuming to tear down a house but the Village has done it. Ms.
36 Heniff stated she does not want the Village to threaten the woman with that. President
37 Jones stated the Village would not threaten her. The Village just wants the home in
38 compliance.

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40 Mrs. Kerr stated she is not here to down the Board. She does not agree with the
41 gentleman that she is supposed to sit and take everything that comes and just wait. She
42 stated that is why we are in the position we are in this country because people sat and
43 waited and didn't say anything. She is not going to see her property going down and not
44 voice a complaint. She is a child of the 60s and she does not accept that. She is not here
45 to down the Board. She is here to find out what we can do as a people to help the Board,
46 and also have the Board respond to our concerns, as taxpayers and as human beings. She

1 is not going to sit on her thumbs. She didn't do that when she was in Mississippi or
2 anywhere else. President Jones stated he didn't think that was the gist of what the
3 gentleman was saying. She stated that is what she heard and she apologizes if she is
4 wrong. President Jones stated he loves it that they are all involved and getting involved in
5 the conversation. He wants them to come back to all Board Meetings. President Jones
6 closed Communications and Petitions at 8:56 P.M.

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8 **FINANCE:**

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10 Trustee Pennington stated he has no formal report this evening.

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12 **BUILDING:**

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14 **Holiday Lighting** – Trustee Ormsby stated in the Board Packet is a Memo regarding the
15 Holiday Lighting that was provided for in the budget. She stated she was able to get the
16 Holiday Lighting for Kedzie and Gateway at closed out pricing. Trustees Ormsby and
17 Gibson had a meeting with the Building Commissioner. They were able to save
18 approximately \$1,540.00. The total cost for the lighting is \$5,387.00. That is the amount
19 that was budgeted for the lighting. Trustee Ormsby is thrilled that Olympia Fields has the
20 Holiday Lighting now. as well as Homewood and Flossmoor.

21
22 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to approve the**
23 **expenditure in an amount not to exceed 5,387.00 for the purchase of the Holiday**
24 **Lights ordered from Northern Lights.**

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

26
27 **Tree Replacement** - President Jones requested that Trustee Pennington review the
28 possibility of purchasing trees for the exterior of Village Hall, in order to replace the trees
29 that had to be cut down because they were dead. President Jones suggested that Trustee
30 Ormsby and Trustee Pennington meet in order to discuss this. Trustee Ormsby stated she
31 had a bid, and she was going to discuss that with Trustee Pennington. President Jones
32 stated this matter could be taken up at the next Board Meeting.

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34 **PLANNING:**

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36 **Public Hearing -Variance Request** - Trustee Gibson stated she had a request for a
37 variance. There is a Memo in the Board Packet regarding the request for the variance.
38 Trustee Gibson stated she did not believe Mr. Tremayne Moss was present this evening.
39 She stated Mr. Moss was before the Board at a previous meeting, requesting a variance to
40 allow his home to encroach into an easement. That request, because it was a very small
41 encroachment was granted. Trustee Gibson stated Mr. Moss is back before the Board
42 tonight requesting three variances. The first variance is to build a masonry mailbox along
43 the roadway. Trustee Gibson stated he has already built the masonry mailbox along the
44 roadway. He built it before he requested the variance. Trustee Gibson stated there was no
45 variance granted for that, or a permit for it.

1 President Jones stated the Petitioners are not present this evening. President Jones
2 proposed that this matter be continued to another Board Meeting, and that the Village
3 requires the Petitioners to appear before the Board so they can respond to any questions
4 the Board may have, before the Board votes on the requested variances. The Board had
5 no objection to continuing the Public Hearing. Trustee Gibson stated she would meet
6 with the Building Commissioner regarding this matter.

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8 **PUBLIC WORKS:**
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10 **Sunset Paving, Inc.** – Trustee Oliver stated there are three items on his agenda. Two of
11 the items are housekeeping issues. The first item is a recommendation for final payment
12 to Sunset Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$55,566.81.

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14 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the final
15 payment to Sunset Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$55,566.81 for completion of the
16 work performed in conjunction with the 2008 Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Street
17 Program.**

18 **Roll Call: All Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**
19

20 **National Power Rodding Corporation** - Trustee Oliver stated the second item on his
21 agenda has to do with a partial payment in the amount of \$68,003.12, by way of
22 recommendation from Robinson Engineering. This expenditure is for the Preparatory
23 Cleaning and the Internal Sewer Television Inspection.

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25 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to approve partial payment
26 to National Power Rodding Corporation in the amount of \$68,003.12 for work
27 performed in conjunction with the 2008 Sewer Maintenance Preparatory Cleaning
28 and Internal Sewer Television Inspection.**

29 **Roll Call: All Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**
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31 **Change Order Number 1** – Trustee Oliver stated the last item on his agenda is a Change
32 Order Number 1, which is a request for approval of Dyed Water Flooding. Trustee Oliver
33 then turned this matter over to Administrator Mekarski for discussion.

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35 Administrator Mekarski stated this is a Change Order reflecting a change of sequence of
36 work. The Dyed Water Testing is part of the current contract the Village has with
37 Robinson Engineering. It was called for in Phase II. After Robinson Engineering
38 completed the house-to-house inspections, as well as the Smoke Testing, that analysis
39 revealed a number of deficiencies in some of the Village's main sewer lines within the
40 area of study. In particular, the lines in Graymoor and Hawthorne Hills.

41
42 Dyed Water Testing is a process where the engineers would flood the swale in front of a
43 section of a neighborhood. They temporarily dam it off, and flood it with water from a
44 hydrant and put a florescent dye in it. They use a camera to visually trace the seepage
45 through the line. Robinson Engineering would like to do this at this point in time to get a
46 more definitive indication of where the water is leaking into, and therefore refine their

1 engineering estimates and their construction estimates for repair. In the Board Packet are
2 the Smoke Testing Maps for Graymoor and Hawthorne Hills. Administrator Mekarski
3 stated in Graymoor the engineers found over 20 deficiencies in the main line. The
4 deficiencies are breaks in the sewer line where rainwater mixes with the raw sewage and
5 surcharges the sewers. The water entering into those lines is estimated to be 400 gallons
6 per minute above what the pump can handle. Sanitary Sewer Pipes are designed for sewer
7 flow. Due to the deteriorating pipes, rainwater is going into the pipes and overflowing the
8 capacity of those lines. Administrator Mekarski stated that is what is happening in Mrs.
9 Shinker's neighborhood. The storm sewer is surcharging because it is mixing with both
10 raw sewage and rain.

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12 Administrator Mekarski recommends that the Board approve the Change Order. In the
13 Board Packet is a Cost Analysis that is attached to the report from Robinson Engineering.
14 Due to the fact the Village was judicious in the house-to-house inspections, the flow
15 monitoring, and the Smoke Testing, there has been a savings in the amount of
16 \$78,000.00. The proposed Dyed Water Testing is estimated to cost \$40,000.00, leaving a
17 balance of \$25,467.00. Administrator Mekarski stated the Village is 3.49% below budget.

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19 Administrator Mekarski stated if the Village is successful in solving the infiltration and
20 in-flow in the Graymoor Subdivision, there is a good chance that the Village might be
21 able to eliminate the need for reconstructing the Country Club Drive sewer, which would
22 save the taxpayers over \$800,000.00.

23
24 Trustee Pennington stated it appears the pressure points are within the Graymoor
25 Subdivision with regard to the storm water. Administrator Mekarski stated it appears
26 from the preliminary analysis, that the pumps in Graymoor are overwhelmed with
27 rainwater due to main line defects. Initially, the residents have to disconnect their sump
28 pump lines from the sanitary sewer line. The sump pump just drains into the yard of the
29 resident. The second line of defense is to fix the Village's main line sewers. The third line
30 of defense is to look at the sewer laterals. Administrator Mekarski stated if the Village
31 could accomplish its full objective of maintaining a proper flow of sewage in the pipes
32 without doing the laterals that will not burden the taxpayer or the homeowner.

33
34 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to approve Change Order**
35 **Number 1, dated September 17, 2008, for the purposes of advancing into Phase I**
36 **from Phase II the Dye Water Flooding Testing at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.00.**

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

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39 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

40
41 **Video Surveillance Cameras** – Trustee Nale stated in the Board Packet there is a Memo
42 from Administrator Mekarski regarding the possible purchase of three Defibrillators and
43 two cameras for the police booking area. She stated that was requested for the budget in
44 2009. Trustee Nale stated President Jones has authorized this matter for continued
45 discussion this evening. This matter was previously discussed at the Board Meeting on
46 August 25, 2008. Trustee Nale stated since the Board Meeting of August 25, 2008, the

1 Village's Finance Director, Cynthia Saenz, has been reviewing the encumbrances and the
2 fund balances for the Village's Asset Forfeiture Account, and the Treasury Account, to
3 determine if adequate funds are available to pay for these expenditures this fiscal year.

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5 Trustee Nale stated President Jones has directed the use of these funds for the debt
6 service repayment for the police portion of the New Village Hall in the amount of
7 \$73,000.00, and repayment to the General Fund for personnel related services assigned to
8 the U.S. Customs Office.

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10 Trustee Nale stated Chief Chudwin would provide a Memorandum outlining both the
11 encumbrances and fund balances supported through a spreadsheet prepared by the
12 Village's Finance Director, Cynthia Saenz. Should monies be available this fiscal year, it
13 is the recommendation of the office to advance these critical, life safety enhancements.

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15 Trustee Nale stated the proposed recommendation is to authorize the Village
16 Administration to purchase and install two cameras and ancillary equipment for the
17 police booking area, and the purchase of three Defibrillators for a total cost of \$7,000.00
18 with said funds coming from the Village's Asset Forfeiture Fund.

19
20 President Jones inquired of Trustee Nale whether or not she had a specific, firm position
21 from the police department with regard to the Defibrillators. Trustee Nale stated she did
22 not. President Jones stated there is a recommendation from the police department with
23 regard to the cameras as outlined in the Memo from Administrator Mekarski, dated
24 September 22, 2008.

25
26 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Ormsby to authorize the Village to**
27 **purchase and install three cameras and ancillary equipment for the police booking**
28 **and Sally Port area for a total cost not to exceed \$2,000.00 with said funds coming**
29 **from the Village's Asset Forfeiture Fund.**

30
31 President Jones stated the Village, as a result of a partnership with the Federal
32 Government collects the Asset Forfeiture Funds. The Village loans them one of the
33 Village's police officers, and the officer participates in the confiscation of significant cash
34 assets from criminal enterprise. The Village derives a percentage of that. The Village has
35 been involved with this program for approximately six years. President Jones stated the
36 Village could receive some significant amounts of cash that it can use for police related
37 services, such as paying down some of the debt on the New Village Hall. The funds can
38 also be used for equipment needed by the police department.

39
40 President Jones stated that Trustee Nale made this recommendation, based upon a
41 recommendation by the Village's insurance carrier. The Public Safety Committee, the
42 Human Resource Committee, and the police department reviewed this matter. All three
43 entities have agreed to go forward with this recommendation.

44 **Roll Call Vote: All Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**

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1 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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3 **Vigilance by the Residents** - In Trustee Meyers-Martin absence, President Jones stated a
4 few weeks ago, Chief Chudwin issued a Telephone Bulletin Message regarding a suspect
5 the police department was looking for in connection with a Burglary. The thrust of that
6 message was vigilance. President Jones stated last week, a vehicle that was parked on the
7 street was broken into. The car alarm went off. No one called the police department. The
8 police want the residents to notify them if they notice anything out of the ordinary, or
9 hear anything out of the ordinary. President Jones stated the police officers are well
10 trained and they know how to handle themselves in any situation.

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12 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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14 **Annexation of Midwest Physician's Center into MWRD** – Administrator Mekarski
15 stated this Board previously annexed the Midwest Physician's Center into Olympia
16 Fields. The State Legislation had to annex the Midwest Physician's Center into the
17 Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. That required the adoption of a Public Act.
18 Administrator Mekarski stated he is in receipt of a letter from Joseph Rakoczy; the
19 Supervising Civil Engineer for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, indicating
20 that State Representative, Al Riley's Bill, Public Act 95-0923 became effective August
21 26, 2008. This allows the Agreement that this Board passed to terminate following two
22 ministerial matters. 1. The property owner has to convey the latest Equalized Assessed
23 Valuation of the property. 2. Submitting a final payment to the Metropolitan Water
24 Reclamation District. Administrator Mekarski stated the contract is not with the property
25 owner. It is with the Village and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District.
26 Administrator Mekarski sent a letter to the current owners of the Midwest Physician's
27 Center Building, asking them to comply with the two ministerial matters in order to
28 complete the Service Agreement. When the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
29 notifies Administrator Mekarski that those two items have been fulfilled, he will notify
30 the Board that the Service Agreement is officially terminated.

31
32 **Insurance Coverage and Issuance of an ID Card – Animal Control Officer -**

33 Administrator Mekarski stated the Village's volunteer Animal Control Officer; Lola
34 Prouix is in the audience this evening. The Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency
35 (IRMA) informed Chief Chudwin, that the volunteer Animal Control Officer is not
36 officially on the Village's Liability Insurance. In order to correct that, an Insurance Rider
37 must be activated at a cost of \$575.00 annually. This Rider will cover Lola Prouix with
38 any of her activities regarding Animal Control, as well as any volunteer of the Village
39 acting as an agent in an official capacity assigned by the Board. Once the Insurance Rider
40 is activated, the insurance agent recommends issuing a formal ID Card to Ms. Prouix.
41 The police department would issue the formal ID Card.

42
43 Administrator Mekarski is asking for a Motion to issue an Insurance Rider in an annual
44 amount of \$575.00, and to issue an ID Card to Lola Prouix. Later on in the Agenda,
45 President Jones will adopt the Resolution naming Lola Prouix as the Animal Control
46 Officer.

1 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to approve the purchase of a**
2 **Rider to the Village's IRMA Coverage, to cover volunteers on behalf of the Village,**
3 **for an amount not to exceed \$575.00.**

4 **Roll Call Vote: All Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**

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6 **Report on Flood of September 12th – 14th** – Administrator Mekarski enclosed in the
7 Board Packet numerous correspondence. One is a copy of the Declaration of Emergency
8 issued by President Jones on September 14, 2008, at 11:30 A.M. There is correspondence
9 from State Representative Al Riley. There is correspondence from the Cook County
10 Management Agency, and from Joan Patricia Murphy. Administrator Mekarski stated
11 based on the Incident Flash Report, the Village faired pretty well during this flood. This
12 rainfall measured 9.02 inches in a 72-hour period. It was reported to SouthCom and the
13 Department of Public Works that seven homes suffered minor damage. In regard to two
14 of the homes, the flooding was due to sanitary sewer backups. No reports were received
15 regarding damage to public property or businesses. The main problem was the flooding at
16 Crawford Avenue and Vollmer Road. The Storm Water Management Basins were
17 operating properly. There is a large, state drainage viaduct underneath Crawford and
18 Pulaski that was either overwhelmed or blocked. The Storm Water Management Basins
19 at the Midwest Physician's Center, the BP, and The Traditions Subdivision, were not able
20 to go into that culvert and allow the street to be passable. That flooding continued until
21 Tuesday, September 16, 2008. Cook County will be working with IDOT to determine if
22 the problem was a blockage, or if it was just overwhelmed from all the water.

23
24 Administrator Mekarski stated the Village's Public Works employees were working
25 throughout the day and night, 24/7, clearing catch basins. They were assisted by police
26 personnel, and personnel from ESDA, as well as other agencies from the State, County,
27 and other communities. Administrator Mekarski expressed his thanks to all of those that
28 helped out during this time. He believes that clearing the catch basins is a big factor
29 regarding why more homes did not experience flooding. President Jones expressed his
30 thanks to the Department of Public Works, the police, ESDA, and SouthCom.

31
32 President Jones stated the County contacted the Village on the morning of September 14,
33 2008, and stated they were going to issue a Declaration of Emergency. The County
34 wanted to obtain the support of the Municipalities. President Jones contacted the Mayors
35 of the surrounding Villages. The Municipalities supported the County's Declaration.
36 Those Municipalities, as well as Olympia Fields, all issued a Declaration of Emergency
37 and they supported the County's Declaration of Emergency as well. Administrator
38 Mekarski stated the Declaration of Emergency was rescinded on Friday, September 19,
39 2008.

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41 **Credit Union Update** – Administrator Mekarski stated that Trustee Nale forgot to
42 mention in her report that a meeting was held for all the employees regarding the Credit
43 Union. There were approximately 30 employees out of 41 in attendance at the meeting.
44 He stated there was a lot of enthusiasm. Administrator Mekarski expressed his thanks to
45 Trustee Nale and the members of the Human Resource Committee for bringing the Credit
46 Union to the employees. Trustee Nale requested that the Board pass their thanks to the

1 Human Resource Committee because they were a big part of that as well. The Board
2 expressed their thanks and gave a round of applause.

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4 **Memorial Service** - Administrator Mekarski stated last year Darryll R. Bauer, P.E. who
5 was an engineer with Robinson Engineering assigned to the Village, passed away. On
6 September 19, 2008, a Memorial Service was held. Trustee Pennington read a
7 Proclamation from the Mayor and the Board of Trustees. Mr. Bauer died in the line of
8 duty serving the residents of the Village of Olympia Fields. Administrator Mekarski
9 expressed his thanks to the Board for their assistance with the Memorial Service.

10
11 **Award** - Administrator Mekarski stated the Village received an award from the
12 American Planning Association, the Illinois Chapter, for the work the Village has
13 performed in its retail marketing strategy. The award will be issued on October 30, 2008,
14 in Champaign. There was a round of applause for the Village receiving this award.

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16 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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18 President Jones stated he has no report.

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20 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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22 There was no unfinished business.

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24 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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26 **Resolution No. 2008-07 - Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver**
27 **to approve Resolution No. 2008-07, a Resolution making appointments to various**
28 **Village positions, Commissions and Committees.**

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30 President Jones stated this effectively appoints Lola Prouix as Village Animal Control
31 Officer.

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33 Trustee Ormsby expressed her thanks to Lola Prouix. She stated her volunteerism is truly
34 amazing, and what she has done is truly amazing. Trustee Ormsby is grateful to Ms.
35 Prouix. Trustee Ormsby stated she is a tireless, tireless, worker.

36
37 President Jones echoed Trustee Ormsby's comments. President Jones stated that Ms.
38 Prouix is a treasure to the Village. There was a round of applause for Ms. Prouix.

39 **Voice Vote: All Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**

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41 **New Resident Reception – October 18, 2008** – Trustee Gibson reminded everyone that
42 on October 18, 2008, the Community Relations Committee would have its second annual
43 New Resident Reception. The Presidents of the Homeowners Associations will have a
44 meeting prior to the reception. Their meeting will start at 9:00 A.M. The reception will be
45 at 10:30 A.M. Trustee Gibson stated they would like the Trustees there to speak with the
46 new residents.

1 **Diversity Dinner** – President Jones reminded the Trustees that signed up to go to the
2 Diversity Dinner that the dinner is on Wednesday, September 24, 2008, at the Country
3 Club. The reception starts at 6:30 P.M.

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5 **Golf Outing** – President Jones stated the Village's 9th annual Golf Outing was held today
6 at the Olympia Fields Country Club. Additional dollars were raised that will be shared
7 with the Homeowners Associations and the Enhancement Organization of Olympia
8 Fields. He stated there were 134 golfers that participated. President Jones will report the
9 net amount raised once that information is known.

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11 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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13 President Jones stated he has no resignations and appointments.

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15 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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17 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to adjourn at 9:33 P.M.**

18 **Voice Vote: All Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**

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20 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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