

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on January 12, 2009**

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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, January 12, 2009, at
6 the Olympia Fields Village Hall and was called to order by President Jones at 7:30 P.M.
7 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 Meyers-Martin
10 President Linzey Jones
11 Village Clerk, Judi Kay Rangel
12 Village Administrator – David Mekarski

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14 Absent: None

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16 President Jones requested that in view of the weather this evening, that everyone keep his
17 or her business short and to the point. He went on to explain that his comment was not
18 directed to anyone in particular, or to anyone in the audience in particular.

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20 **MINUTES:**

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22 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the Minutes of**
23 **December 8, 2008, as amended.**

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

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26 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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28 President Jones stated he has Bills for Approval totaling \$324,236.27. President Jones
29 stated in the Board Packet is a listing of the bills, along with a Cover Memo highlighting
30 the larger components of the bills.

31 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Pennington to approve the payment of**
32 **bills for January 12, 2009, in the total amount of \$324,236.27.**

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

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35 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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37 President Jones opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:34 P.M. President Jones
38 stated that there were two official items on the agenda that will be taken up first. He
39 invited members of the audience to address the Board at the conclusion of those items.

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41 **Swearing in Part-Time Police Officers** – President Jones stated that we are pleased
42 tonight to be swearing in a couple of new part-time police officers. He went on to state
43 that this is an ongoing initiative of the Village, to augment the Village's permanent force
44 with high quality part-time police officers.

1 Chief Chudwin extended his thanks to Trustee Meyers-Martin and the efforts of the
2 Public Safety Committee. He met with Trustee Nale as the Liaison to the Human
3 Resources Committee to let her know where things were.

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5 Chief Chudwin stated that Officer Christopher Smith is a police officer with the CSX
6 Railroad. He has an extensive background in law enforcement. Previously, he was with
7 the Madison, Wisconsin Police Department and the military.

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9 At this time, President Jones administered the oath of police officer to Christopher Smith.
10 President Jones congratulated Officer Smith and welcomed him to the Olympia Fields
11 Police Department. Officer Smith introduced the members of his family in attendance
12 this evening. (There was a round of applause for Officer Christopher Smith).

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14 Chief Chudwin introduced the second candidate for part-time police officer, Matthew
15 Kickert. Chief Chudwin stated that Officer Matthew Kickert was a Dispatcher for a year
16 and a half with the Village of Dolton. He was a Community Service Officer for over a
17 year and a half with the Village of Orland Hills. He is a police officer in training with the
18 Village of Orland Hills. Chief Chudwin went on to state that Matthew comes from a
19 highly respected family. Officer Kickert's father is presently a Deputy Chief with the
20 Village of Olympia Fields Police Department. President Jones stated that this is great for
21 the Village of Olympia Fields and the Kickert Family, to have you as part of our team.

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23 At this time, President Jones administered the oath of police officer to Matthew Kickert.
24 Officer Kickert introduced the members of his family in attendance this evening. (There
25 was a round of applause for Officer Matthew Kickert).

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27 **U.S. Census Bureau** – President Jones stated that the next census will be conducted in
28 2010. He stated Gwen Coleman was here this evening from the U.S. Census Bureau. Ms.
29 Coleman will discuss the strategies of the U.S. Census Bureau.

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31 Ms. Coleman thanked President Jones and the Board for inviting her this evening. Ms.
32 Coleman stated that she is a Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau. Ms.
33 Coleman stated that the U.S. Census Bureau wants to make sure that every resident in the
34 United States is counted whether they are a citizen or not. There is Three Hundred Billion
35 Dollars that will be distributed to the states over the next 10 years. The number of people
36 in the House of Representatives is based upon the population count.

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38 Ms. Coleman stated they are asking that the Village of Olympia Fields, with the help of
39 President Jones, sign a Partnership Agreement. The Partnership Agreement allows for
40 committees from Olympia Fields to join the U.S. Census Bureau in helping with an
41 Outreach Program to every resident. The residents will receive a questionnaire in the
42 mail. The questionnaire will consist of seven to ten questions, and it will take anywhere
43 from seven to 10 minutes to complete. The residents will receive the questionnaires in the
44 middle of March in 2010. The questionnaires should be returned by April 1st, 2010. If the
45 questionnaires are returned by April 1st, it will not be necessary for anyone else to come
46 to the homes to ask for information.

1 Ms. Coleman stated that there would be temporary jobs available. They pay very well.
2 Anyone interested in a temporary job should check out the Website for the U.S. Census
3 Bureau.

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5 President Jones stated that the Board will take this matter up for discussion at the next
6 Board Meeting. He stated the Village will get the word out to the various churches and to
7 the community through the Village's Website and through Comcast. He went on to state
8 that the Congressional Districts are based on the Census as well as the County Board
9 Seat. The State Legislature Districts are subject to redistricting as a result of the numbers.
10 He thanked Ms. Coleman for attending the meeting this evening.

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12 Ms. Coleman thanked Administrator Mekarski and Cindy Saenz, the Director of Finance
13 and Administration for their help.

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15 **Burgundy Bistro** – Tamara Zleczewski introduced herself to the Board. Ms. Zleczewski
16 and her brother are the new co-owners of the Burgundy Bistro Restaurant. They bought
17 the restaurant in August of 2008. Beginning on January 18th, 2009, there will be a Sunday
18 Brunch at the restaurant from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. They also have a gluten free
19 menu. The restaurant is hosting a "Gluten Free" party the first week in February. Each
20 weekend during the winter, the restaurant will feature foods from different countries. This
21 coming weekend will be the Caribbean Weekend. There are polish and European entrees
22 on the menu every day. The chef and the staff are the same. Ms. Zleczewski thanked the
23 Board for supporting the restaurant. The restaurant also does catering.

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25 Trustee Meyers-Martin inquired of Ms. Zleczewski as to how people will know what the
26 special weekends are. Ms. Zleczewski stated right now they are sending e-mails. You can
27 sign up to receive the e-mails at the restaurant.

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29 Ms. Zleczewski stated in honor of President Obama, the restaurant is hosting a free buffet
30 on January 20th, 2009. The buffet will consist of President Obama's favorite foods. They
31 are also planning something for the Super Bowl.

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33 Mr. Gibson inquired of Ms. Zleczewski as to the cost of the buffet on Sunday's. She
34 stated that there is a buffet for \$13.00 a person. They also have a special menu for
35 Sunday's.

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37 President Jones stated that the Employee Holiday Party was held at the Burgundy Bistro.
38 The food was great and everybody had a good time.

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40 Trustee Pennington stated that his Fraternity held their monthly meeting on January 9th,
41 2009, at the Burgundy Bistro. They loved the service and the food was excellent. He
42 stated that it was the best steak he had in a long time. Trustee Pennington thanked Ms.
43 Zleczewski for everything. There were other members of the public present but they did
44 not wish to address the Board. President Jones closed Communications and Petitions at
45 7:51 P.M.

1 **FINANCE:**

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3 **November 2008 Financial Statements** – Trustee Pennington stated this evening he
4 would be reporting on the November financial figures. The Village is now seven months
5 into its fiscal year.

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7 **General Fund** - Trustee Pennington stated that this evening he would be discussing,
8 specifically, the General Fund. The reserves in the General Fund are slightly down for the
9 month of November. The General Fund closed out the month of November with a
10 \$136,242.74 surplus. The revenue from the Real Estate Taxes was 21.8% below Budget
11 Plan. The Village received an additional \$156,719.00 in collections through December
12 29th, 2008. The Village did not receive State Income Tax or Personal Property Tax
13 Revenue during this period.

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15 Trustee Pennington went on to state that the Village's Utility Tax Revenue was 25%
16 below plan in November. The decrease is attributed to the timing of the receipt of
17 payment, and there should be signs of correction in the December report. There is a new
18 revenue line item entitled "Towing Impound." The revenue for the month of November
19 regarding Towing Impound was in the amount of \$16,500.00. The fiscal year to date
20 actual, plus encumbrance for November, remains a surplus in the amount of
21 \$2,504,225.00.

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23 **Water Fund and Sewer Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that the Water Fund and the
24 Sewer Fund were consistent with what they were in the prior months. He stated that the
25 General Fund is the Village's most important fund.

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27 **BUILDING:**

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29 Trustee Ormsby stated last week the Village received the "Project of the Year Award."
30 The award was presented for the Kedzie Avenue Improvements. She stated that herself,
31 along with Administrator Mekarski and Joe Alexa, Director of Public Works were in
32 attendance. Lou Haussmann from Baxter & Woodman presented the award. She stated it
33 was a wonderful honor for the Village. Mr. Haussmann will be coming before the Board
34 at a later date to present a plaque to the Village.

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36 **PLANNING:**

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38 Trustee Gibson stated that she had no formal report this evening. President Jones
39 welcomed Trustee Gibson back after her surgery. Trustee Gibson stated she appreciated
40 all the calls, the visits, and the food. She appreciated that everyone kept her in the loop.
41 She stated that she felt so much like a family member. Trustee Gibson stated that she is
42 still in therapy. She plans on having surgery performed on her other hip on February 20th,
43 2009. She stated by spring she should be in good shape. President Jones stated that is
44 good news.

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1 President Jones asked Administrator Mekarski to take up the IEPA Consent Order before
2 proceeding with the report from Trustee Oliver in regard to Public Works. He stated this
3 impacts in a very limited degree, the action that the Board will be taking tonight on the
4 two items listed under Public Works.

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7 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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9 **IEPA Consent Order #07CH27705** – Administrator Mekarski stated that in the Board
10 Packet there is correspondence from him dated January 12, 2009, regarding the IEPA
11 Consent Order and the request for an Amendment to the date of completion of the
12 Required Sewer Improvement Program. What the request is about is that the
13 administration made a decision after consulting with the Village President and the Village
14 Engineer, to extend the date of the completion of the construction. This will be reviewed
15 tonight in the Bid Proposal, modifying it from April 30th to June 30th.

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17 Administrator Mekarski stated that the rationale for that extension was based on a strong
18 recommendation of the Village Engineer after consultation with possible bidders, that the
19 April 30th deadline would have precluded adequate competition, even to the level of
20 validating the bid. There was concern that the Village would have received less than the
21 required three bids by the bid procedure, and as such the Village might not get the
22 competitive price.

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24 Administrator Mekarski stated that after discussions with the Village President, Village
25 Attorney, and the Village Engineer, a decision was made to do a limited extension. That
26 was taken with a bit of a risk. The Consent Order is, essentially, the Settlement
27 Agreement with the IEPA and the Attorney General's Office to settle the alleged Sanitary
28 Sewer Surcharge in Country Club Drive, both the violations and the penalties. The
29 Agreement indicates that if the Village fails to meet the June 1st construction completion
30 period, the Village could be subject to a fine of \$75.00 per day. If you multiply that by 60
31 days of construction, the Village could be looking at \$4,500.00 in fines. The Village
32 Engineer felt very strongly that the benefit of getting the additional competition in the
33 bidding process outweighs the possibility of fines. Administrator Mekarski stated that
34 Ken Budwash is here from Robinson Engineering. The bid savings that the Village has
35 potentially achieved through this extension amounts to \$270,000.00. There were 10
36 bidders for the Manhole Rehabilitation Work and three bidders for the Cured-in-Place
37 Pipelining.

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39 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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41 **Recommendation for Bid Award to Insituform Technologies USA, Inc.** – Trustee
42 Oliver stated that the recommendation for the Cured-in-Place Pipelining in the Graymoor
43 and Hawthorne Hills Subdivisions is in the amount of \$472,930.00. It is the hope that the
44 Board will approve the Bid to Insituform Technologies. They have been doing quite a bit
45 of work in the Village.

1 President Jones stated to let the record reflect that the engineer's estimate for this project
2 was \$627,300.00. The low bid of Insituform Technologies came in at \$472,930.00. This
3 is, approximately, 25% below the engineer's estimate for the project. That is equal to,
4 approximately, \$150,000.00 below the estimate of the Village Engineer. It is an excellent
5 result for the Village. He believes that this reflects in part, the economic conditions that
6 we find ourselves in as a country, as a region, and as a State, and the desire of these
7 companies to be in business in these tough economic times.

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9 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to approve the**
10 **awarding of the Bid for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Cured-in-Place**
11 **Pipelining in Graymoor and the Hawthorne Hills Subdivisions to the lowest**
12 **responsible bidder, Insituform Technologies USA, Inc. for an amount not to exceed**
13 **\$472,930.00.**

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

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16 **Recommendation for Bid Award to Trine Construction Corporation** – Trustee Oliver
17 stated that the second recommendation is for a Bid regarding the Manhole Rehabilitation
18 in the Graymoor and Hawthorne Hills Subdivisions. He stated that ten companies bid on
19 this particular project. The bid from Trine Construction Corporation came in at 45%
20 under the Village Engineer's estimate of \$261,000.00. The Bid from Trine Construction
21 Corporation is in the amount of \$144,965.00.

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23 President Jones stated that he does not know if the Board knows anything about Trine
24 Construction. He asked Ken Budwash from Robinson Engineering whether or not he
25 could tell the Board something about Trine Construction.

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27 Mr. Ken Budwash stated that Robinson Engineering has worked with Trine Construction
28 on two projects that he is aware of. He stated there is a project in the Village of Frankfort
29 that they are currently working with them on. There were 14 bidders on that project, and
30 Trine Construction was the lowest bidder. The company is a reputable company. He
31 stated that Trine Construction is from west Chicago and that it is a good size company.
32 They are trying to make in-roads into this area. Mr. Budwash stated there was another
33 project in the Village of Frankfort that has been completed that Robinson Engineering
34 worked with Trine Construction on.

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36 President Jones inquired of Mr. Budwash whether or not the project that was completed
37 by Trine Construction in the Village of Frankfort was completed on time and within
38 budget. Mr. Budwash stated as far as he knows it was. He spoke with the engineer on that
39 project and received positive remarks on Trine Construction. Mr. Budwash met the owner
40 of Trine Construction and he assured Robinson Engineering that he would be working
41 cooperatively with them.

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43 President Jones stated that the contract with Insituform Technologies, and the one with
44 Trine Construction, if the Board should approve that one, both contracts provide that if
45 the projects are not completed by June 30th, they will be subject to penalties. Mr.
46 Budwash stated that is correct. Mr. Budwash believes that the penalty is \$1,000.00 to

1 \$1,200.00 per day. President Jones stated that it is much higher than the Settlement
2 Agreement with the State. Mr. Budwash stated that they asked for an extension to June
3 30th. The original completion date was a month before the completion date that was
4 needed for the IEPA, which was April 30th. Mr. Budwash stated that they were giving
5 themselves a little leeway, so that is why it is 60 days beyond the original completion
6 date that was written into the contract. They had 30 extra days in there to June 1st, which
7 was the actual deadline date for the IEPA. They are only going 30 days past the June 1st
8 date for the IEPA. It will be substantially complete before then except for maybe
9 restoration.

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11 President Jones stated that the Village would be applying to the IEPA for an extension of
12 the date. If they do not grant it, the Village is in good shape to get the job completed with
13 a little more than 30 days exposure. If it goes beyond that, these companies will be
14 subject to substantial penalties, which will more than recompense the Village for
15 anything it would have to pay to the IEPA.

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17 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Ormsby to approve the award of the**
18 **contract for Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation in the Graymoor and**
19 **Hawthorne Hills Subdivisions to the lowest responsible bidder Trine Construction**
20 **for an amount not to exceed \$144,965.00.**

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22 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Mr. Budwash as to whether or not you often see this huge a
23 discrepancy from the top to the lower in bids. It is over \$100,000.00 in bids. Mr.
24 Budwash stated that we normally do not see ten bidders on our projects. He went on to
25 state that these are unusual circumstances in the economy that we find ourselves in.
26 Contractors are hungry for work at this point. You normally do not see that kind of
27 spread.

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29 Administrator Mekarski thanked Mr. Budwash for the shrewdness he had at the ninth
30 hour on Monday to assess the Bid Market, and to make a recommendation against the
31 IEPA Agreement to encourage the Village to extend it for 60 days. This produced a
32 substantial savings in the amount of \$270,000.00, which represents a 30% savings of the
33 engineer's estimate. Administrator Mekarski thanked Mr. Budwash for a job well done.

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35 **Bond Expenditures** – Mr. Budwash stated that today we discussed the bond
36 expenditures and how that relates to the rehab work, and where we are at compared to the
37 three-year plan. Specifically, Phase I, year one, of the three-year plan. Mr. Budwash
38 stated that he would provide that information to Administrator Mekarski so that there is a
39 comparison of what Robinson Engineering thought the Village would be spending;
40 versus what Robinson Engineering actually projects the Village will be spending in the
41 first year of the Sewer Rehab Program.

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43 Administrator Mekarski stated that President Jones asked that the Village coordinate with
44 Robinson Engineering to get a tally on the Village's internal costs and external costs on
45 the 2.8 Million-Dollar Bond Referendum to see what kind of variance we have. Right
46 now, it looks like the Village has a very good, positive variance. Administrator Mekarski

1 stated that Cindy Saenz, the Director of Finance and Administration is pulling together
2 the Village's total costs for the in-house inspections, the bond fees, and some of the other
3 associated costs. Mr. Budwash is doing the same with the variances on the previous
4 projects. Prior to the next Board Meeting, Administrator Mekarski will provide that
5 analysis to the Board.

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

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8 President Jones stated that the reason he asked Mr. Budwash to prepare this analysis is
9 two-fold. 1. Is to take stock of where we are, versus where we had projected we would be
10 cost wise. 2. To determine whether there is anything the Village ought to accelerate in the
11 work plan, and to take advantage of the economies that are in front of us. President Jones
12 is looking for a number. And he is also looking for a recommendation, or any suggestions
13 from Robinson Engineering, as to whether or not there is something that the Village can
14 do now, rather than wait until the next fiscal year, and still stay within the 2.8 Million-
15 Dollar span. The goal is to maximize the 2.8 Million Dollars. Mr. Budwash stated that
16 Robinson Engineering would work on that and provide that to Administrator Mekarski.
17 President Jones thanked Mr. Budwash for attending the meeting this evening.

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19 **Public Works Department** – Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that she would like to
20 commend the Public Works Department. She has gotten many, many compliments on the
21 work that they have been doing, and how they have kept up with the snow and have taken
22 care of the streets. She stated that people have been saying how Chicago is the pits and
23 Olympia Fields has been topnotch. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that she has received
24 compliments from several residents. President Jones stated that we would pass that along
25 to Joe and the team. He thanked Trustee Meyers-Martin for that.

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27 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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29 **Carolers** – Trustee Nale stated that the second yearly choral concert was held at the 203rd
30 Street Train Station on December 16th, 2008. It went off very well. There were at least
31 two-thirds more commuters this year then there were last year. Trustee Nale stated it was
32 an extremely cold day. She will provide the Board with a copy of a letter that she
33 received for the next meeting. The letter congratulated the Village on having such a nice
34 surprise for all the commuters when they came home from Chicago.

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36 **Videos** – Trustee Nale stated that she received two videos from IRMA. Several
37 employees have seen the videos. One video was entitled "Establishing Winning
38 Attitudes." Another video was entitled "Developing Customer Service." She stated that
39 the videos went over very well. She will try to obtain more videos for the Village's use.

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41 **Cameras** – Trustee Nale stated that the cameras that are to be placed in the police area
42 have not been received yet. She spoke with Chief Chudwin and the cameras have been
43 promised for next week. President Jones thanked Trustee Nale for the update on the
44 cameras.

1 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**
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3 **Public Safety Committee** - Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that the Public Safety
4 Committee met on December 7th, 2008. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss some
5 Budget items that would be coming up before the Finance Committee. One of the items
6 discussed was manpower. Other items discussed were the revenues, the programs, the
7 Towing Ordinance, and RedFlex. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that the Public Safety
8 Committee would be meeting at the end of January 2009, to complete their Budget
9 discussions and to make recommendations to the Board.

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11 **RedFlex** – Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that RedFlex is still not generating the type of
12 returns that they thought it would, due to the malfunction in the RedFlex Camera located
13 at Governors and Lincoln Highway. She stated that Chief Chudwin continues to work
14 with RedFlex to get that up and running.

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16 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: (CONTINUED)**
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18 **DHS Community Service Grant Agreement – Phase II of the 203rd Street Corridor**
19 **Video Surveillance Project** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the Board is aware that
20 the Village received a \$50,000.00 Grant from the Department of Commerce and
21 Economic Opportunity (DCEO) from Senator Maggie Crotty's office that helped to
22 facilitate the foundation for the Video Surveillance Project connecting the 203rd Street
23 Metra Lot with St. James Hospital and Rich Central High School. Additional monies
24 were needed to continue that program, primarily, the integration of both the hospital's and
25 the high school's camera surveillance system with the police department's camera
26 surveillance system.

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28 Administrator Mekarski stated that an additional \$30,000.00 has been received from
29 Senator Maggie Crotty through the Department of Health and Human Services. That
30 Grant Agreement arrived over the holidays. It was required to be signed by the end of the
31 year. President Jones had affixed his signature to that contract. The Motion that is before
32 the Board formally gives authorization to President Jones to execute the contract in order
33 for the Village to receive the \$30,000.00. There are still some additional funds needed to
34 complete the project. An additional \$12,000.00 is needed to finalize the camera
35 installation for the hospital and for the high school. The Village is making a formal
36 request to St. James Hospital for the \$12,000.00.

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38 Administrator Mekarski reported at the last meeting, that the Village's antenna mast
39 needs to be upgraded to a stronger mast to support the weight of the radio equipment.
40 That will require an additional \$9,040.00.

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42 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to authorize the Village**
43 **President to execute DHS Community Service Agreement 11GK521000 in the**
44 **amount of \$30,000.00 as Phase II of the Village's 203rd Street Corridor Video**
45 **Surveillance Project with an effective term of January 8, 2009 through June 30,**
46 **2009.**

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

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3 **Resolution #2009-01 – NIMEC 2009 Electrical Bid** – Administrator Mekarski stated
4 that this is the time of the year again for the community to go into competitive bidding to
5 receive electrical services to operate the Village's pumping stations. This Resolution is
6 enabling authority to allow the Village Administrator to represent this Board in concert
7 with the Department of Public Works Director in the bid analysis and, ultimately, in
8 executing the contract for the receipt of the lowest and most favorable bid for electricity.
9 In keeping with past practice, full consultation throughout the bidding day will be made
10 with the Village President, and the contract will only be authorized with the consent of
11 the Village President.

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13 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Ormsby to approve proposed**
14 **Resolution #2009-01 to authorize the Village Administrator to execute a contract**
15 **under NIMEC's 2009 Electrical Bid Program.**

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17 Trustee Nale inquired as to the next to the last page of the handout where it states "Zip
18 Codes," whether or not that was correct. President Jones stated that is not part of the
19 Resolution. The Village will review with NIMEC why they are using those Zip Code
20 numbers. President Jones stated the Village will look at the address listed also. He did not
21 recognize the address and thought perhaps it was a pumping station. He stated the Village
22 will review those items to ensure that everything is correct.

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

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25 **Status Report – State Grant Funds Owed to the Village** – Administrator Mekarski
26 stated that this was not listed on the agenda. President Jones asked Administrator
27 Mekarski to provide a Status Report on the funds that are currently owed to the Village
28 by the State of Illinois. Administrator Mekarski enclosed a Memorandum dated January
29 12, 2009, in the Board Packet. The Memorandum lists five Grants and the amount of
30 money that is owed on each of those Grants.

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32 Administrator Mekarski stated that there are two projects outstanding, but the work has
33 been completed, but the Grant has not been closed. The Grants were extended at the
34 request of the State. In regard to the Kedzie Avenue Street Lightening Project, Phase I
35 and Phase II, the State owes the Village \$45,000.00 each on those two projects. The
36 Lincoln Highway/Western Avenue Corridor Project is currently being administered.
37 Money was received in the amount of \$30,000.00 so nothing is owed to the Village.
38 Currie Motors contributed \$10,000.00. The Village is waiting for another \$10,000.00
39 from Joe Salamone, the purchaser of Chrysler Motors.

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41 Administrator Mekarski stated with regard to the Video Surveillance for the DCEO
42 Grant, money was advanced to the Village the last fiscal year so nothing is owed on that.
43 The new Video Surveillance is just being executed tonight. \$30,000.00 will be owed to
44 the Village by DHS upon completion of that element.

1 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Administrator Mekarski as to when was the last
2 communication with the State regarding the money owed to the Village from the Kedzie
3 Avenue Street Lightening Projects. Trustee Ormsby was under the impression that the
4 State had agreed to get the money to the Village. Administrator Mekarski stated that
5 close to nine months ago, the Village attempted to close the existing contract because the
6 work was completed on both projects and asked for full remittance on both of the Grants.
7 Due to the fiscal condition of the State and some fluctuations going on with the
8 appropriation process, DCEO asked the Village not to close the Grants and to ask for an
9 extension for one year. The Village complied with that request. The Village reports to
10 them quarterly on the state of those funds. Administrator Mekarski stated that the State
11 normally does not advance the monies prior to the end of the contract period, so the
12 Village may have to wait until then to receive those funds.

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14 President Jones stated that the Village owes the County money. The County paid for the
15 lighting. The Village has an obligation to reimburse the County for that. The approach
16 that President Jones has taken with the County is, when the Village gets their money, the
17 County will get its money. He stated with the way they manage things at the County, they
18 have probably forgotten all about the Village. President Jones stated that the Village
19 would not be paying the County, until the Village receives these funds.

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21 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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23 **211th Street Commuter Parking Lot Management Agreement** – President Jones stated
24 that due to the fact the Board did not receive a copy of the Agreement, this matter will be
25 taken up at the next Board Meeting. President Jones went on to say that it is the same as
26 the contracts the Board has previously approved. He has not looked at what the new rate
27 is. President Jones stated that there is usually an increase of one or 2%. This matter will
28 be presented to the Board at the next Board Meeting.

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30 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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32 **Education Commission** – Trustee Oliver stated that tonight he wanted to present a list of
33 names for consideration to the Education Commission. He went on to state that he has a
34 little bit more work to do. He will present the names for the Education Commission at the
35 next Board Meeting. President Jones requested that Trustee Oliver provide those names
36 to him prior to the next Board Meeting. Trustee Oliver stated that he would do so.

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38 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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40 **Thank you to the Board's Stenographer** – Trustee Gibson expressed her sincere
41 thanks, and she felt the Board would support her on this, to the Board's Stenographer,
42 Faith Stine, for her insightful idea of preparing from the Minutes the items mentioned
43 throughout the year to be taken up during the Budget period. She thought that was a
44 wonderful idea. President Jones stated that he felt the same way. He went on to say that
45 when he saw the Memo from Faith, he sent it back to Cindy Saenz to ensure that those
46 matters were brought to the Budget Process, whether it was done on a department basis or

1 done at the Board of Trustees review phase. President Jones stated to Trustee Pennington
2 that Cindy Saenz should pull out anything that was in the audit that was recommended.
3 President Jones requested that Faith continue to make a list of any additional items that
4 come up prior to the approval of the Budget. He further requested that it be done on an
5 ongoing basis throughout the next fiscal year. He stated that it is extremely helpful and he
6 appreciates it.

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8 **Candidates Forum** – President Jones stated that the Enhancement Organization, along
9 with the Education Commission, is going to be putting together a Candidates Forum for
10 the last Sunday in March. It will be held in the Board Room at Village Hall.

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12 **Elected Positions in the Village** - President Jones stated that on January 20th, 2009, at
13 8:00 A.M. any individual seeking an elected position in the Village of Olympia Fields
14 may file a Petition. The deadline for filing a Petition is January 27th, 2009.

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16 **Homeowners Association Meetings** – President Jones reminded everyone that there are
17 Homeowners Association Meetings on January 13, 2009, at the old Village Hall
18 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

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20 **Rich Township Democratic Association** – President Jones stated that there is a caucus
21 of the Rich Township Democratic Association on January 13, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. at
22 Sergeant Means Park.

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24 **Valero Service Station** – Trustee Gibson stated that she has been in other Valero Service
25 Stations throughout the south and in other areas. The service station at the corner of
26 Western and Route 30 is advertising that their gas is cheaper if you pay by cash. She has
27 not seen this at any other service stations. If you do not pay cash, the gas is anywhere
28 from seven, to ten, to twelve cents more. President Jones stated that the Village will have
29 someone in administration make a complaint to the corporate offices of Valero and see if
30 they will investigate that. President Jones stated that these are franchise operations.
31 Valero actually owns the station and rents it to an operator. He does not know if that is
32 the case here, but it is the typical mode of operation for the oil companies. President
33 Jones stated that they will see what they can report back at the next Board Meeting. He
34 thanked Trustee Gibson for bringing that to his attention.

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36 **Speedway** – Trustee Ormsby stated that she, along with Administrator Mekarski, made a
37 sight visit to the Speedway. They are going to follow-up in February or March. Trustee
38 Ormsby stated that Speedway took them very seriously. They had their District Manager
39 present to meet with them. They were very receptive and listened to everything that they
40 had to say and they took notes.

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42 President Jones stated that it is really valuable when the Trustees are the eyes and ears for
43 the whole community. He asked that when a Trustee goes into these places, if they see
44 something that is not good in terms of cleanliness, or quality, or any problems, they
45 should report it to administration and we can shake people up.

1 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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3 President Jones stated that he did not have any Resignations or Appointments.

4 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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6 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to adjourn at**
7 **8:25 P.M.**

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

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10 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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