

1 honor to swear-in our new Police Chief, Chief John Krull. (There was a round of
2 applause).

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4 **Swearing in of Chief John Krull** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she
5 wanted to recognize several members of the Chief’s family who are in the audience this
6 evening. She recognized the Chief’s beautiful wife, Jennifer Krull. (There was a round of
7 applause). The Chief’s parents Jack and Alberta Krull. (There was a round of applause).
8 Next are Dave and Susan Krull, the Chief’s brother and sister-in-law. (There was a round
9 of applause). She recognized the Chief’s niece, Abbey Krull. (There was a round of
10 applause). She recognized Bob and Carolyn Splitt who are the Chief’s in-laws. Village
11 President Meyers-Martin thanked them for joining us this evening. (There was a round of
12 applause).

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14 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we went through an extensive search in
15 search of a new Police Chief after our former Police Chief, Jeff Chudwin, retired. She
16 stated that it was an extensive and thorough search. She stated that we are pleased with
17 the result. We had over 76 candidates who applied for this position. She stated that we are
18 very proud of our selection. At this time Village President Meyers-Martin administered
19 the oath to the new Police Chief as follows: “I, John Krull, having been appointed to the
20 office of Chief of Police in the Village of Olympia Fields in the County of Cook
21 aforesaid, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United
22 States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the
23 duties of the Office of Chief of Police to the very best of my abilities.” (There was a
24 round of applause and a standing ovation).

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26 Chief Krull thanked the Board for this opportunity. Chief Krull thanked Chief Chudwin
27 and Chief Kickert for the strong foundation that they set here at the police department.
28 The police department has an absolutely outstanding group of officers that any town
29 would be very happy to have protecting them. He stated that he is confident and very
30 pleased with what he has seen so far and the future is very, very bright. He stated that we
31 have surrounded ourselves with a lot of good people and lots of good support from all of
32 the Elected Officials. He is very happy to be here. (There was a round of applause).

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34 **Award to Detective Kickert, Detective/Corporal Akiyama, Telecommunicator**
35 **Emma Kaya, and Citizen Phil Ashworth** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that
36 the next item on our Agenda is recognition to Detective Kickert, Detective/Corporal
37 Akiyama, our Telecommunicator Emma Kaya, and to our Citizen Phil Ashworth. In 2011
38 there was a fatal traffic crash in Olympia Fields. She stated that for over a year and a half
39 our Detectives and our police department searched diligently to solve that case. She is
40 happy that we finally did have an outcome to that case. Village President Meyers-Martin
41 stated that she is going to let Commander Carl Frey speak on the details of that accident
42 pertaining to that case.

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44 Commander Carl Frey stated that on June 11th we had a traffic crash that involved a
45 motorcycle and a hit and run. Our officers responded. There was very little, if any,
46 evidence left at the scene. Our investigators followed up since then with the traffic crash

1 team, and were able over all the years time to find the perpetrator who has been
2 prosecuted in Court. He stated that tonight we are going to make some Awards. The
3 witness who initially called this in is not here tonight.

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5 Commander Frey asked Emma Kaya to step up. The Award states as follows: “On June
6 11th a traffic crash occurred on Lincoln Highway and Brookwood Drive in Olympia
7 Fields in which a motorcycle was hit by a car. The lone occupant of the motorcycle died
8 several days later. Phillip Ashworth witnessed the incident and called 911. SouthCom
9 Telecommunicator Emma Kaya answered the call and was able to get valuable
10 information from the witness as the offender got back into his auto and fled.
11 Telecommunicator Kaya relayed the information to the police and said fire personnel
12 while taking calls from Ashworth who was attempting to follow the offender. After the
13 vehicle was lost she made sure that the witness returned to the scene and provided vital
14 information to the responding officers. As the investigation continued in the months that
15 followed, the suspect was identified and ultimately charged. Telecommunicator Kaya was
16 a vital witness in the prosecution of the offender in Court that resulted in a conviction.
17 Without Emma Kaya’s efforts in this case in all likelihood it would not have ended with
18 the identification of the offender, and the subsequent arrest and prosecution and
19 conviction. The Olympia Fields Police Department commends Emma Kaya for her
20 professionalism and diligence that played a tremendous role not only in the capture, but
21 also in the conviction of a wanted criminal.” (There was a round of applause).

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23 Commander Frey presented an Outstanding Service Award to Detective Mark Akiyama.
24 The Award states as follows: “On June 11th a motorcycle crash occurred at Lincoln
25 Highway and Brookwood Drive in Olympia Fields in which a motorcycle was hit by a
26 car. The lone occupant of the motorcycle died several days later. Detective Mark
27 Akiyama and Detective Daniel Kickert were called to the scene with very little
28 information to work on due to the offending vehicle having fled the scene. A witness was
29 located and was able to produce limited information about the driver and the vehicle. The
30 only item from the vehicle that remained at the scene was a bumper. With very little
31 physical evidence and very limited information on the offending vehicle or driver,
32 Detectives Kickert and Akiyama worked on the incident throughout 2011 and 2012
33 building this case. Throughout long hours of investigation they developed a suspect who
34 when first interviewed denied any knowledge of the incident. They continued six-months
35 through the use of a Grand Jury and piecing small pieces together with enough
36 information to obtain an Arrest Warrant. Through their combined efforts, without ever
37 having located the offending vehicle, they were able to convince a Cook County Jury to
38 convict the suspect of felony charges of Leaving the Scene of a Fatal Traffic Accident.
39 The Olympia Fields Police Department commends Detectives Mark Akiyama and Daniel
40 Kickert for their outstanding effort.” He stated job well-done. (There was a round of
41 applause).

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43 Commander Frey stated that the family of the victim is here. He thanked them for
44 coming. (There was a round of applause).

1 Commander Frey presented an Outstanding Service Award to Detective Daniel Kickert.
2 The Award states as follows: “On June 11th a motorcycle crash occurred at Lincoln
3 Highway and Brookwood Drive in Olympia Fields in which a motorcycle was hit by a
4 car. The lone occupant of the motorcycle died several days later. Detective Mark
5 Akiyama and Detective Daniel Kickert were called to the scene with very little
6 information to work on due to the offending vehicle had fled the scene. A witness was
7 located and was able to produce limited information about the driver and the vehicle. The
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9 physical evidence and very limited information on the offending vehicle or driver,
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12 when first interviewed denied any knowledge of the incident. They continued six-months
13 through use of a Grand Jury and piecing small pieces together with enough information to
14 obtain an Arrest Warrant. Through their combined efforts, without ever having located
15 the offending vehicle, they were able to convince a Cook County Jury to convict the
16 suspect of felony charges of Leaving the Scene of a Fatal Traffic Accident. The Olympia
17 Fields Police Department commends Detectives Mark Akiyama and Daniel Kickert for
18 their outstanding effort.” He stated job well-done. (There was a round of applause).

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20 Commander Frey stated that we did have a Citizens Award. Mr. Ashworth is not here
21 tonight. He is the witness that stopped at the scene as well as called Emma on the phone,
22 and really helped make our case. Commander Frey wished that he was here to receive the
23 Award. He stated that it is not often that we get cooperation like this from people. He
24 stated that we like to recognize that when that happens. (There was a round of applause).

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26 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that first and foremost we would like to give our
27 condolences to the Kreke Family. We thank you so much for being here tonight and to
28 help us recognize the officers who investigated this case so diligently for so long. We are
29 glad that we were able to capture the offender. She hopes that gives the family some
30 peace as far as the tragedy that occurred in the Village.

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32 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that on behalf of the Village Board she wanted to
33 thank Detective Kickert, Detective Akiyama, and Emma Kaya for all of your hard work.
34 It is that kind of teamwork, and that kind of diligence and commitment to law
35 enforcement that makes the Village of Olympia Fields well-respected around not only the
36 region, but the State, because we have such dedicated, committed officers, Detectives,
37 Commander and Chief. She thanked them for their dedication and hard work to this case.
38 (There was a round of applause).

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40 **Presentation to Retired Officer Thomas Henderson Injured in the Line of Duty, in**
41 **Recognition of his Dedication and Service to our Community and Region –**

42 Commander Frey stated that on May 23rd, 2010, Officer Thomas Henderson was assisting
43 another agency with a robbery investigation. He located the offender near Vollmer Road
44 and Crawford on the border of Olympia Fields. While detaining that offender, Officer
45 Henderson and the offender got into an altercation. Officer Henderson received an injury
46 that he has not recovered from. Unfortunately, Officer Henderson is now permanently

1 disabled and has retired as a police officer from our police department. We would like to
2 recognize Officer Henderson. Officer Henderson is accompanied by his wife, Ruby, and
3 his mother-in-law. Commander Frey stated that Officer Henderson worked on his shift
4 for most of his career. The Award states as follows: “Officer Thomas R. Henderson with
5 appreciation for 10 years of dedicated and honorable service to the Village of Olympia
6 Fields 2002-2012.” (There was a round of applause and a standing ovation).

7 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that this Village Board truly appreciates the
8 sacrifice that you have made. You were a wonderful officer and we appreciate all the
9 dedication, the commitment, and the hard work that went into serving the Village. She
10 stated that we are so happy that we were finally able to recognize you, your hard work,
11 and your service to this Village. It is above and beyond what anyone ever would have
12 expected. She stated that we thank you again for your hard work. (There was a round of
13 applause).

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15 Commander Frey stated that his witness, Mr. Ashworth just arrived. Commander Frey
16 presented Mr. Ashworth with an Award that states as follows: “On June 11th a traffic
17 crash occurred at Lincoln Highway and Brookwood Drive in Olympia Fields in which a
18 motorcycle was hit by a car. The lone occupant of the motorcycle subsequently died due
19 to his injuries. Phillip Ashworth witnessed the incident and called 911. As the offender
20 got back into his vehicle, Mr. Ashworth followed the vehicle and called back on 911. He
21 then returned to the scene and provided vital information to the responding officers. Mr.
22 Ashworth provided information. The suspect was ultimately identified and charged. Mr.
23 Ashworth was a vital witness in the prosecution of the offender in Court that resulted in a
24 conviction. Without Mr. Ashworth’s efforts this case in all likelihood would not have
25 ended with his identification or his subsequent arrest and conviction. The Olympia Fields
26 Police Department commends Phillip Ashworth for his willingness to get involved and
27 for his remaining involvement throughout the entire criminal justice process.” (There was
28 a round of applause and a standing ovation).

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30 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Mr. Ashworth for being a concerned citizen.
31 She stated that we need more citizens like you. She thanked Mr. Ashworth for coming
32 here this evening. (There was a round of applause).

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34 **Drop Off of Garbage Receptacles** – Dr. Ernie Gibson who resides at 208 Wysteria
35 Drive stated that he is the President of the Wysteria Homeowners Association. He is here
36 this evening out of concern for the garbage pickup. He stated that several years ago our
37 local garbage collector presented a program to this Board in which they had a major
38 change from the standpoint of the days that they were going to pick up garbage. The
39 Board and the community were involved in asking them questions. A communication
40 went out to all of the residents in reference to this change and the program went on
41 without a hitch to it.

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43 Dr. Gibson stated that we have 71-residences in Wysteria. They have 25 single-family
44 homes and 46-townhomes. They were bombarded in the last two-weeks with new
45 receptacles. He stated that we didn’t have any communications on this and we were all
46 confused. Dr. Gibson contacted Administrator Mekarski, Joe Alexa and Tom and

1 indicated that they needed some communication Village-wide. As a member of the
2 Presidents Association which he belongs to, they were all confused. The members of the
3 Homeowners Associations were confused as well. In the townhomes in Wysteria, they
4 don't have room in their garage for the large receptacles. It is not a problem for the
5 single-family homes. They didn't know that there are two different sizes of receptacles.
6 He stated that if you live in a single-family home there is one price and if you live in the
7 townhomes there is one price. He stated that there is still a bit of confusion. They wanted
8 to bring it to the Board's attention and perhaps the Board can bring some concord to this
9 situation.

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11 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she was confused as well. There was no
12 notification. The disposal company did not provide any preparation or notification to
13 anyone regarding their plans and the distribution of the receptacles. She stated that all of
14 the disposal companies are contracted on an individual basis. The Village does not
15 contract with them for citizens. She believes that there are several companies. They will
16 make a note to get in contact with Homewood Disposal, which is a private company and
17 reach out to them and see what we can work out in terms of a compromise and
18 negotiation as far as notification. It has been at least a month since this occurred and there
19 has been no updated information from the disposal company.

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21 Administrator Mekarski stated that the plan of the Homewood Disposal Company was to
22 distribute the receptacles and attach a plastic envelope to one of the receptacles with
23 communiqué. Unfortunately the communiqué was not provided by mail, electronically, or
24 in advance of the delivery of the receptacles. He stated that many people began their
25 annual trek to Florida and the receptacles were delivered. Some of the neighbors knew
26 they were out of town and they moved the receptacles to the rear of the house to avoid
27 vandalism or theft of the house itself. He believes that it was an oversight on the part of
28 the company to give advance notification with a separate mailing. He stated that even
29 though something was to be attached to the receptacle, something should have been sent
30 to the residents a month ahead of time or two-weeks ahead of time so that the residents
31 would know what was happening. He stated that we are going to continue to work with
32 Homewood Disposal and Star Disposal which is the same company. He stated that there
33 is another company that operates in the Village. The Village doesn't contract with refuse
34 companies. Each homeowner is allowed to contract individually. He stated that the
35 Village has no regulatory authority whatsoever over the companies and their business
36 practices. He stated that we can open up the dialog with them and try to mitigate and
37 ameliorate the problem.

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39 Dr. Gibson stated that they plan to have them come to their quarterly meeting in March.
40 He stated that there was no information attached to their receptacles. The Homeowners
41 Association Board in Wysteria was bombarded with calls from the residents. That is why
42 he got in touch with Administrator Mekarski, Joe Alexa and Tom. He stated that they are
43 very accommodating once you start talking with them, but by the same token why did we
44 have to go through all of that.

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1 Administrator Mekarski stated that he will continue the communication with Dr. Gibson
2 and any other Homeowners Association.

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4 Dr. Gibson stated that they have a 95-gallon drum and a 65-gallon drum. The 65-gallon
5 drum fits in the garages of the townhomes.

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7 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will continue that dialog with them to see
8 how we can mitigate some of the concerns of the residents. There have been several
9 complaints that the receptacles don't fit in the garage and that they are an eyesore
10 because they have to sit outside of the garage on the side of the house. She stated that
11 there are several issues that we need to discuss with them.

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13 Dr. Gibson stated that he is aware that the Board is not into garbage collection. He stated
14 that it is a concern that we have throughout the Village and he thought that the Board
15 should know about it. He stated that normally when the Board is made aware of a
16 concern it is taken care of.

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18 Trustee Pennington stated that Skyline should be added to the list because they have
19 adopted the same procedure. His receptacles were dropped off last week and there wasn't
20 any notification.

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22 Trustee Ormsby inquired what the residents are suppose to do with the red recycling bins
23 that we all had to start with. She inquired whether or not they are going to pick those up.
24 She was under the impression that the residents paid for those.

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26 Trustee Oliver stated that his notice suggested that the red recycling bins are now yours,
27 but if you leave them at the curb they will pick them up and take them away. Recycling
28 goes in the green container and garbage goes in the brown one.

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30 Mrs. Hudson stated that she called the disposal company and they stated that if she wants
31 to keep the red recycling bin she can. If she doesn't want to keep it, she can put it in the
32 recycle bin and they will take it. They pick up the recycling every other week.

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34 Trustee Gibson stated that it was her understanding when they moved here that the red
35 recycling bin was free. If something happened to yours and you didn't have one, then you
36 had to pay for the second one.

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38 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that there is still a communication problem here.
39 We don't know what to do in all situations. She stated that we will be in touch with them
40 and Skyline to find out how we can get the word out to the residents on what they should
41 do with the red recycling bin as well as their garbage container.

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43 **Question on Water Bill** – Mrs. Mary Overton stated that she resides at 3040 London
44 Drive. She has been a resident for 26-years. She is concerned about the water bill. This is
45 the second time that she has gotten a Shutoff Notice and she didn't get the regular bill.
46 She stated that sometimes she is out of town and sometimes she is not home. She was

1 told that the bill should be paid by the 15th of every other month. She called the Village
2 four-times. She spoke with Myriam. Myriam is aware that some of the people don't get
3 these cards. Myriam had stated that the post office is saying that some of the cards got
4 damaged in the mail and some residents don't receive them. Mrs. Overton stated that she
5 called the post office and the post office is saying that it is not their fault.

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7 Mrs. Overton stated that the problem lies on the residents and we have to pay the late
8 charge. She doesn't appreciate paying late charges and getting a Shutoff Notice. She has
9 a disabled son. She stated that if the water is shutoff she is really in trouble. She got the
10 Shutoff Notice but she didn't get a water bill. She called the Village four-times this
11 month. Mrs. Overton stated that when she called today she was told that she had to
12 address the Board. She stated that once they gave her a refund for the late charge and they
13 cannot give another. That is why she is here this evening. She got the Shutoff Notice and
14 it shuts off on the 15th and she didn't even receive a bill.

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16 Administrator Mekarski stated that he would be happy to look at that case. He stated that
17 any resident who may experience some difficulty with any of our administrative
18 procedures, our billing, are more than welcome to elevate it to his desk. He will look into
19 Mrs. Overton's case file. He will speak with the Water Clerk to determine what kind of
20 evaluation and determination they made. He stated that if there needs to be an adjustment
21 or a remedy of Mrs. Overton's situation, he would be happy to administrate that. He
22 stated that it is not necessary to go the Board. He can look into this the first thing in the
23 morning.

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25 Mrs. Overton stated that she spoke with Myriam today and she told her to come to the
26 Board tonight. Mrs. Overton is very upset that she keeps getting these Shutoff Notices
27 and she pays her bill. She had inquired of Myriam whether or not there was any way that
28 they could connect to her personal checking account and just take it from the checking
29 account. Myriam had stated that the Village had not advanced to that point. Mrs.
30 Overton's neighbor told her that the bill was due on the 10th of the month this time. Mrs.
31 Overton was aware that it was due on the 15th. The Shutoff Notice says it is due on the
32 15th. The neighbor told her it is due on the 10th.

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34 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that this has happened twice to Mrs. Overton. She
35 inquired of Mrs. Overton whether it happened consecutively. Mrs. Overton stated no. It
36 happened sometime ago. They overlooked the late fee. Mrs. Overton inquired whether or
37 not they could overlook the late fee again. Myriam had stated to her that they could not.
38 Mrs. Overton doesn't appreciate getting the bill late.

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40 Trustee Waite inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin whether or not it was a bulk
41 mailing postmark. Village President Meyers-Martin stated yes. Trustee Waite stated that
42 with bulk mailing the post office can deliver it anytime they feel like it. They are very
43 inconsistent when it comes to bulk mailings.

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45 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that is true. She stated that as a matter of
46 procedure, anytime that there is an issue, whether it is water, the Building Department, or

1 the police, you can go directly to the Village Administrator if you have a concern and you
2 are not getting the answers that you need from the clerk. That is your best avenue to get
3 that issue answered and resolved. She stated that is first and foremost going forward for
4 the future. She stated that in this particular instance there seems to be a discrepancy on
5 whether the post office actually delivered it, or whether or not it wasn't sent in a timely
6 way. She stated that mitigating the fee is not something that is written in stone that we
7 can't do it again. She stated that someone dropped the ball whether it was the post office
8 or not.

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10 Mrs. Overton stated that she left messages for the manager here but she never received a
11 phone call back. She stated that Myriam called her today and told her that she had to
12 come before the Board. She stated that if she had been out of town her water would have
13 been shut off.

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15 Administrator Mekarski stated that he will look into it the first thing in the morning. He
16 will call Mrs. Overton in the morning.

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18 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Mrs. Overton for coming this evening.
19 Village President Meyers-Martin closed Communications and Petitions at 7:40 P.M.

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21 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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23 **5(A). Recommendation for a Partial Waiver of Lien and Ratification of Payment of**
24 **Invoice #GE11245-05 to Gallagher Asphalt Corp. for work completed through**
25 **December 3, 2012 in connection with the Road Construction & Right of Way**
26 **Improvements IKE Community Stabilization Program Grant #08-357006 in the**
27 **amount of \$19,306.80.**

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29 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have Consent Agenda item 5(A) which is
30 a recommendation for a Partial Waiver of Lien and Ratification of Payment of Invoice
31 #GE11245-05 in the amount of \$19,306.80.

32 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to approve Item 5(A) on the**
33 **Consent Agenda.**

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

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36 **FINANCE:**

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38 **November 2012 Financial Statements – Corporate Fund -** Trustee Pennington stated
39 that this evening he will be reporting on the Village's financial position ending
40 November 30th, 2012. He stated that beginning with the Corporate Fund we closed this
41 Fund in deficit status. Fund revenue was unfavorable to Budget Projections by \$50.56, or
42 1% of Plan. The Village's Revenue Budget for November was \$235,817.49. The
43 Village's actual realized revenue for this period was \$235,766.93. Corporate expenses
44 were favorable to Budget Plan by \$117,693.28, or 24% of Plan. The Village's Plan
45 Expense Budget in this fund was set at \$493,485.74. The Village's actual incurred
46 expense in this fund was \$375,792.46. Trustee Pennington stated that when we compare

1 total revenue incurred with total expense incurred we realize a total fund deficit of
2 \$140,025.53, or 30% revenue to expense. The Village's Fiscal Year to date actual plus
3 encumbrance in the Corporate Fund remains a surplus status in the amount of
4 \$216,270.95.

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6 **Water Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that the Water Fund closed in surplus status.
7 The Village's Revenue Budget for November was set at \$255,588.44. The Village
8 realized actual water revenue of \$279,369.77, or 9% favorable to Budget. Expenses in the
9 Water Fund were favorable to Budget Projections by \$26,411.75, or 22% of Plan. The
10 Village's Expense Budget Projection was \$117,442.33. The Village's realized expense
11 was \$91,030.58. Trustee Pennington stated that when comparing the actual total fund
12 revenue with the actual total fund expense, the Village closed the month of November in
13 surplus status in the amount of \$188,339.19. The Fiscal Year to date actual plus
14 encumbrance in the Water Fund remains in surplus status at \$503,050.97.

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16 **Sewer Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that the Sewer Fund closed the month of
17 November in surplus status. The Village's Projected Revenue Budget was \$128,041.08.
18 The Village's Projected Expenses were \$98,751.88. This resulted in a Projected Total
19 Fund Surplus of \$29,289.20. The Village's actual realized revenue exceeded Budget
20 Projections by 11%. The Village's actual revenue in this fund for November was
21 \$143,498.77. The Village's actual expenses were unfavorable to Budget Plan by 23%.
22 Actual fund expenses were \$127,339.00 as compared to our Plan Expense of \$98,751.88.
23 This resulted in an actual total fund surplus of \$15,021.94. The Fiscal Year to date actual
24 plus encumbrance in the Sewer Fund for the month of November is a deficit \$52,025.14.

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26 **2014 Budget Process Calendar** – Trustee Pennington stated that the next item is the
27 2014 Budget Process Calendar. He stated that this is the time of year when we start our
28 budgeting for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year. He stated that we have been engaging in pre-
29 Budget activities to the extent that the managers have been tracking their expenditures
30 during the course of the year. Trustee Pennington is requesting that all Department Heads
31 continue to show prudence and restraint in any expenditure that they may make between
32 now and April 30th. He stated that we are looking at an increase of 1.5% in salaries for
33 Fiscal Year 2014. We are looking to increase our medical coverage for employees by
34 12% over last year's figures. Trustee Pennington asked the managers and Department
35 Heads to scrutinize any upward variances in their departmental line items.

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37 Trustee Pennington stated that the first Finance Committee Meeting for this Fiscal Year
38 is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22nd, at 6:30 P.M. in the Conference Room. He
39 stated that February 8th the Fiscal Year 2013 end-of-year expenditure and Fiscal Year
40 2014 Budget Projections are due to the Finance Director by the close of business.
41 February 15th the preliminary Budget Workbooks will be delivered to the Finance
42 Committee. On February 21st at 6:30 P.M. the Finance Committee will have a review
43 meeting. February 25th through March 1st is the prospective dates for the Finance
44 Committee and Department Heads review sessions. The distribution of the Revised
45 Budget Packets will occur on March 8th. March 16th there will be a Trustee Budget
46 Review. March 30th there will be another Trustee Budget Review. April 1st through April

1 5th the recommended Budget will be on public display at Village Hall. The First Reading
2 of the Budget Ordinance will take place at the first Village Board Meeting in April,
3 which is on April 8th. The Second Reading of the Budget Ordinance will take place at the
4 second Village Board Meeting in April, which is on April 22nd. On May 1st the Fiscal
5 Year 2013-2014 Budget goes into effect.

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7 Trustee Pennington stated that sets out the schedule for the Budget Process. There may be
8 some tweaking here and there.

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10 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Pennington whether or not Don
11 Theobald would be at the meeting on January 22nd. She also inquired when Don
12 Theobald would be participating in these other meetings.

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14 Trustee Pennington stated that generally he is not at our first meeting. He stated that
15 when the Finance Committee gets the projections from the Department Heads and we
16 start reviewing them, Mr. Theobald is involved in those meetings.

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18 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she wants Mr. Theobald to be able to provide
19 input as it relates to the 2040 Plan as we go forward in this process. Trustee Pennington
20 stated absolutely.

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22 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Trustee Pennington whether or not he could email those
23 dates out to the Board. Trustee Pennington stated that he would do that.

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25 **Treasurer's Report of Cash Balances for November 30th, 2012** – Trustee Pennington
26 stated that we have the Treasurer's Report of Cash Balances for November 30th, 2012.
27 The Village's cash balances are strong. Our cash net of Interfund by fund is
28 \$5,121,781.00. The cash by financial institutions shows a little pie chart. This shows
29 where our investments are located and what percentages of our investments are at these
30 financial institutions. That sum is \$5,218,632.50. Trustee Pennington stated that when
31 Don Theobald makes his Treasurer's Report at the next Board Meeting he will give
32 additional input on the Village's cash balances.

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34 **BUILDING:**

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36 **Family Dollar Store Update** – Trustee Ormsby stated that she wanted to make the Board
37 aware that the Signage Committee met and reviewed the signage for the Family Dollar
38 Store. It was approved and they are moving forward with their construction. She stated
39 that when a new sign is going to be in the area, we request that they place the “Village of
40 Olympia Fields” on that signage. We can't enforce it by Ordinance. The Family Dollar
41 Store agreed to do that. It will be similar to the signage that is at the CVS.

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43 **Announcement of the Holiday Award Winners** – Trustee Ormsby stated that the
44 Holiday Award Winners will be at the February Board Meeting. There is no one on the
45 Beautification Committee here so they are going to hold that over. She stated that the
46 homes were absolutely beautiful this year. First place was Leon Francisco. She stated that

1 the scope of what he does is just amazing. Second place is John Bradshaw. He resides in
2 The Greens. Third place is the Dildy Family on Brookwood Drive. They are new winners
3 this year. Trustee Ormsby hopes that they will all be able to be here for the Awards in
4 February.

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6 **PLANNING:**

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8 **Educational Commission Activities Update – Mini Grants** - Trustee Oliver stated that
9 he had a couple items that he wanted to update the Board on regarding the efforts of the
10 Educational Commission. Last year part of the Educational Commission’s Budget
11 allowed for the Commission to offer Mini Grants to educators in the School Districts that
12 feed into Rich 227. The Commission awarded 10 Mini Grants last year. This year the
13 Commission received 27-responses to the applications. That was more than last year.
14 This year it includes some applications from Rich Central High School. The Mini Grant
15 Subcommittee will meet next week to review all of the applications. There is a rubrics
16 process by which the Subcommittee judges each of the applications. It is a very fair
17 process in terms of meeting the criteria of the Illinois State Standards. On January 28th
18 the Subcommittee will be sending their recommendations for the Mini Grants to the
19 Educational Commission for review. On February 5th a final decision will be made on the
20 Mini Grants. On February 7th they will prepare the Mini Grant Awards for the Board
21 Packet. At the Board Meeting on February 11th we will present the Mini Grant Awards to
22 the recipients.

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24 **College and Career Readiness Forum** – Trustee Oliver stated that we embarked on this
25 project regarding the College and Career Readiness Forum. The Educational Commission
26 Subcommittee took this on with the hopes of being able to pull this altogether internally.
27 We went back to the actual Ordinance. The Ordinance states that we are to inspire school
28 administrators and educators to do these great things rather than the Commission doing it.
29 After a vote by the Commission to allow another entity to do this, we were fortunate to
30 have Dr. Blondean Davis from School District 162 take on the responsibility. Dr. Davis
31 sent representatives from District 162 to meet with the Subcommittee. The forum will be
32 held before April 30th. There was funding that was set aside for the forum approved by
33 the Village Board. SHMEC is holding \$5,000.00 of the Budget from the previous year so
34 that we could continue with the 2012 Plan. SHMEC as well as the Budget that we have
35 for this year will all be inclusive, and upon the Board’s approval, we will award those
36 funds to District 162 to hold this forum. The representatives from District 162 were quite
37 excited about the work that had already been done by the Subcommittee of the
38 Educational Commission. He believes that the forum will be held at the Southland
39 Charter School.

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41 Administrator Mekarski stated that this is an exciting prospect because by franchising
42 District 162 and the Charter School, the Educational Commission will accomplish its
43 objectives which were to encourage both parents and students to get excited about career
44 planning and college readiness at the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. Dr. Davis will be
45 facilitating the entire agenda that was originally designed by the Educational
46 Commission. We will not exceed our Budget. With the involvement of Dr. Davis it will

1 insure that there will be a substantial amount of in-kind contribution in terms of outreach,
2 the speakers, administration, and advertising. He is confident that the Educational
3 Commission will probably double its resources, and will pull off a forum that is designed
4 for both parents and students to get excited and prepared for advancing their careers. He
5 believes that this is something that the District sorely needs.

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7 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Oliver whether or not this particular
8 forum is a version of what was to have taken place in September and December with the
9 feeder schools. Trustee Oliver stated yes. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she
10 had attended a meeting with Superintendent Leak for Elected Officials. Our State
11 Representative was there as well as the Mayor of Park Forest. She stated that was a big
12 issue in terms of the feeder schools and the fact that District 227's opinion is that the
13 students coming into the school are not prepared.

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15 Trustee Oliver stated that 25% of the students who arrive in our high schools are not
16 academically prepared. That statement was made by the Superintendent of Rich 227. It is
17 the hope of the Educational Commission to increase that number so that in the years to
18 come the middle schools will be better prepared, which will hopefully lead to higher
19 ACT Scores and therefore increase the quality of life for us here in Olympia Fields.

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21 Administrator Mekarski stated that he didn't know if the data supported that statement
22 about the middle schools not adequately preparing the high school students. In our State
23 there is a serious misalignment of the Standardized Tests that are administered at the
24 middle school level through the ISAT process. The Standardized Tests in the EXPLORE
25 Exam and the PSAE/ACT Standardized Tests are not congruent. The middle schools are
26 teaching on one rubric for one Standardized Test and one set of expectations and the high
27 schools in our State another. That is why you have this gap when the student leaves
28 eighth grade and goes into high school and takes the EXPLORE Exam and the PSAE and
29 you see some kind of a drop. That is not necessarily the fault of the middle school. The
30 Educational Commission is looking at that data right now. They are demonstrating that if
31 the high schools were doing their responsibility, there should be a percent increase on an
32 annual basis from their base score and they are not seeing that. Statements are made back
33 and forth between the middle school and the high schools. It is not a simple process. He
34 stated for the benefit of the reporter in the audience that data may not be supported by
35 fact.

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37 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she wants to take that information back to
38 that Committee that the forum is going to take place.

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40 Trustee Waite inquired of Trustee Oliver whether or not The Park Forest League of
41 Women Voters is hosting a Candidates Forum for the School Board Candidates on
42 January 26th at the Park Forest Library from 12:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. Trustee Oliver
43 stated yes.

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45 **School Board Candidates Forum** – Trustee Oliver stated that the Educational
46 Commission has another Subcommittee that is looking into holding a Candidates Forum

1 for all interested parties running for School Board. The particulars are not out yet. Trustee
2 Oliver stated that as soon as more information is available the community will be notified
3 so that we can get as many people out to hear who these candidates are.
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5 Administrator Mekarski stated that two-years ago the Educational Commission sponsored
6 two forums for the School Board Candidates for District 227. He stated that for the first
7 time in history those forums were taped by a professional company. The tapes were
8 distributed to every Mayor within Rich Township. In Olympia Fields those tapes were
9 played on a daily basis, about four-times a day. Comcast agreed to play those forums
10 regionally. Our residents became well-informed of the candidates, the issues, and the
11 candidates' positions on the issues. He stated that they intend to do the same thing again
12 this year.
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14 Trustee Waite stated that this election is so important. He inquired whether or not we
15 should be doing something more to notify our residents of the date and time that these
16 forums are taking place.
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18 Trustee Oliver stated that in addition to the Educational Commission that will hold a
19 Candidates Forum there are many others.
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21 Trustee Waite inquired of Trustee Oliver how are you communicating to the residents to
22 come out to the forum. Trustee Oliver stated that he believes that individual mailers will
23 be sent to the residents regarding the Candidates Forum that the Educational Commission
24 is having.
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26 Administrator Mekarski stated that a Subcommittee consisting of Ilene Waite, Fred
27 Veazey and Dr. Gibson met last week on the layout of a four-page newsletter of the
28 Educational Commission. The Educational Commission Marketing Budget will cover the
29 cost. It will be sent to every home in the Village. It will publicize the forum and it will
30 provide impartial data on some of the Standardized Test Scores for the Elementary
31 Schools and the High Schools. It will just have the facts from the report cards published
32 by the State Board of Education.
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34 Trustee Waite inquired of Administrator Mekarski how many openings there are on the
35 School Board. Administrator Mekarski stated that there are four-openings and there are
36 10-candidates. Trustee Waite stated that whoever is elected to those four-positions is
37 really going to change the balance of power on the School Board. Administrator
38 Mekarski stated absolutely. It is comprised of seven-members. Trustee Waite stated that
39 if we want to have a change in the way in which 227 is managed and operated, we are
40 going to need to make some changes on that School Board. That's why it is so important.
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42 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she believes that everyone recognizes that it
43 is an important election.
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1 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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3 **Arrival of Backhoe** – Trustee Waite stated that the Backhoe that the Board approved a
4 few months back has been delivered. It has an enclosed cab. It is cool in the summer and
5 warm in the winter.

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7 **Bids for Removal of Emerald Ash Borer Trees** – Trustee Waite stated that we have let
8 the bid go out for taking down 24 or 26 Ash Trees. They will remove the stumps as they
9 take the trees down.

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11 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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13 **Health Care Initiative** – Trustee Nale stated that she recently had a meeting with
14 Administrator Mekarski. She stated as far as the employees are concerned, they are
15 looking into a Health Care Initiative that would possibly be sponsored by the Horton
16 Health Group. Trustee Nale stated that they are going to get together with a
17 representative of the Horton Health Group along with the Department Heads, to see if
18 they can provide a program that will provide initiative for the employees to take better
19 care of their health. Horton Health Group has a series of programs at a relatively low cost
20 that Trustee Nale has been looking into for over a year. She believes that they should get
21 more information on it.

22
23 **Rewards Program for the Employees** – Trustee Nale stated that we also discussed a
24 Rewards Program for the employees. Many of the employees have been with the Village
25 for five, 10, 15, 20, 25-years and nothing is said about that. The Human Resource
26 Committee believes that the employees need some sort of recognition because of the
27 quality of work that they have provided for the community. Many times these employees
28 do not get any recognition whatsoever. The Human Resource Committee believes that it
29 is an important factor for the Village’s benefit as well as for the employees.

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31 **Evaluation Guidelines** – Trustee Nale stated that we discussed Evaluation Guidelines.
32 She stated that when the employees receive a raise it is an across the board raise. It does
33 not take into account what type of work each employee is producing. They want to look
34 into an evaluation type of procedure in the future to accommodate that fact.

35
36 **Employees Mentioned in The Villager** – Trustee Nale stated that we discussed the
37 Human Resource Committee’s suggestion as far as having an employee mentioned in our
38 quarterly newsletter. Each department would have their turn to pick an employee to be
39 recognized for what he or she does.

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41 **Executive Safety Committee Update – IRMA Policies** - Trustee Nale stated that IRMA
42 is the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency which takes care of our accident
43 insurance. They are going to be sending a representative to the Village in the spring. The
44 last time they came to the Village was in the spring of 2010. They spend a full day at the
45 Village and they visit each department. They make recommendations. They return to the
46 Village at a future date and present their recommendations. Their expectation is to have

1 the Village meet the recommendations that they have suggested. Trustee Nale will be
2 meeting with Cynthia Saenz and Administrator Mekarski in the near future to discuss
3 some of the policies that we have formed since IRMA was here the last time. The policies
4 will be presented to the Department Heads for their approval and then the policies will be
5 presented to the Board for approval.

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7 **Employee Manual** - Trustee Nale stated that at the Executive Safety Committee Meeting
8 they discussed meeting with the Department Heads regarding the continued update of the
9 Employee Manual. It was put on hold until the appointment of the Chief of Police. She
10 hopes to schedule an appointment with the Department Heads to discuss that. Trustee
11 Nale had requested that any policies that had been updated be presented at that time so
12 that they can review and discuss it.

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14 **Article on Carbon Monoxide Poisoning** – Trustee Nale stated that she distributed an
15 article to be posted this past week on Carbon Monoxide Poisoning to all of the
16 Department Heads. It is a fact that there is an increase of carbon monoxide poisoning
17 during the winter months due to the confined spaces that we have, especially in Public
18 Works where they have a lot of machinery.

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20 **Park Forest/Olympia Fields Library** – Trustee Nale stated that the Park Forest Library
21 is starting their Winter Programs on book reviews on January 14th. She stated that if
22 anyone wants any information on the Park Forest/Olympia Fields Library they should
23 come to her after the meeting. She has the website for the library.

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25 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Villages that have instituted Wellness Programs
26 have seen a significant drop in their premiums, an increase in employee morale, and a
27 reduction in some of the significant health concerns from Diabetes to Heart Disease. He
28 stated that they have a meeting being coordinated now. They are going to have a
29 representative from Robinson Engineering talk about their Wellness Program and some
30 of their success records, and a demonstration of the numbers of how that helped lower
31 their companies cost for health insurance. He stated that it could be a win-win for the
32 health of the employees and for the Village financially. Trustee Nale thanked
33 Administrator Mekarski for that meeting.

34 35 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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37 **Public Safety Committee** – Trustee Gibson stated that the Public Safety Committee met
38 on January 9th, 2013. Chief Krull was personally presented to the Committee. Trustee
39 Gibson stated that at that meeting they extracted from the Ordinance Manual the
40 information concerning the duties and responsibilities of the Public Safety Committee
41 that were put into force several years ago. She does that every so often so that they can
42 update that and find out exactly what their mission is. Chief Krull, Commander Frey,
43 Trustee Gibson and one or two of the Public Safety Committee Members attended the
44 Public Safety Committee Meeting. After the meeting, she electronically sent all the
45 information to all of the members of the Committee.

1 Trustee Gibson stated that she can get together with Joe Martin who is the Chairman of
2 the Community Relations Commission, and review the list of people that are interested
3 and come up with the Committee. She believes that the Committee will consist of most of
4 the people, if not all of them that have indicated that they are interested. Mr. Martin
5 agreed with Trustee Gibson that they would be meeting soon.

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7 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**
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9 **Ordinance #2012-22 – An Ordinance Amending Section 17-19, “Part-Time Police**
10 **Officers” of Chapter 17, Article II, “Police Department,” of the Olympia Fields**
11 **Village Code – (First and Second Reading)** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the
12 first item that he has is Ordinance #2012-22 - An Ordinance Amending Section 17-19,
13 “Part-Time Police Officers” of Chapter 17, Article II, “Police Department,” of the
14 Olympia Fields Village Code. This is on First and Second Reading. The Ordinance was
15 before the Board on November 26th, 2012. At that time the Board tabled the Ordinance
16 pending the receipt of a legal opinion. The legal opinion is dated November 28th, 2012,
17 from Judy Kolman. It was provided to the Board at the last Board Meeting. It explains
18 Section 3.1-30-21 of the Illinois Municipal Code. It allows the Village to continue to hire
19 part-time officers. The Village can’t supplant full-time officers with a complement of
20 part-time officers. There are three basic elements that are being amended. The Ordinance
21 was first adopted in June of 2012. It is mandated by the State Police to ensure that we
22 have the ability to get reimbursement of our training expense. It provides the minimum
23 standards for the hiring of part-time officers.
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25 Administrator Mekarski stated that the amended Ordinance recognizes any U.S. valid
26 driver’s license and no longer just a license from the State of Illinois. The requirement
27 that a candidate must have a State FOID Card has been eliminated. The provision that
28 part-time officers can only carry their service firearms within corporate boundaries has
29 been struck.
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31 Chief Krull stated that it was just cleaning the language up so to speak. There were some
32 minor details with regard to the valid driver’s licenses. It doesn’t have to be in the State
33 of Illinois. The training requirement is incredibly important. It protects the Village and
34 the citizens that the police officers are sworn to protect through that training. He stated
35 that as far as an officer carrying a weapon off-duty that is just keeping the officer safe
36 because you don’t know who you are going to run into. It is just cleaning up the language
37 from the original Ordinance that was read.
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39 Trustee Waite inquired of Chief Krull whether or not the fact that an officer has his badge
40 negates the necessity of an FOID Card. Chief Krull stated that in years past it did. He
41 strongly suggests that every officer should have an FOID Card along with their police
42 credentials.
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1 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to waive First Reading**
2 **and adopt in Second Reading Ordinance No. 2012-22 – An Ordinance amending**
3 **Section 17-19, “Part-time Police Officers” of Chapter 17, Article II, “Police**
4 **Department,” of the Olympia Fields Village Code.**

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

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7 **Robinson Engineering Quarterly Activity Report** – Administrator Mekarski stated that
8 the second item is the Robinson Engineering Quarterly Activity Report. This report
9 previously came before the Board. The Board asked for some revisions which included
10 the percent complete of each of the projects. A representative from Robinson Engineering
11 is here this evening. Mr. Jeff Koza is the Project Manager for many of the projects that
12 are before the Board. Administrator Mekarski stated that following the discussion of the
13 Quarterly Report, Jeff would like to present to the Board a copy of the Phase I Local
14 Roads Program, our \$1,700,000.00 bond initiative. The majority of it will be financed
15 with MFT Funds. Jeff will be distributing a list of the roadways that will be going out to
16 bid for paving. The estimated total is \$1,723,000.00. They are asking that the Board
17 provide any final comments on the list so that Robinson Engineering can go forward with
18 the preparation of the bid documents. They will be presented in the latter part of February
19 or early March so that we can have a spring construction start.

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21 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she along with Joe Alexa, Administrator
22 Mekarski, and Trustee Waite will be driving all of these streets to make sure that they are
23 up to that level that they should belong in Phase I before they go out to bid.

24
25 Mr. Koza stated that the main projects that they are moving forward on are The
26 Traditions DCEO IKE Grant. They have completed the street projects. There is a
27 sidewalk RFP that they had out in December. That work will start up in March. It will
28 connect some gaps in the sidewalk over at The Traditions. That was due to the fact the
29 building of the subdivision stopped and they didn't quite complete it. They are
30 connecting some gaps in the sidewalk to provide better access for the residents thanks to
31 the Grant Funding.

32
33 Mr. Koza stated that the next phase is the Storm Sewer Cleaning and Televising Phase.
34 The project will be out to bid. The low bid contractor will be awarded the work. They
35 will inspect each storm sewer in the subdivision to verify that the flooding that occurred
36 due to the Hurricane Ike Storm did not damage any of the storm system. Once they
37 review the television tapes they will prepare plans to make any repairs as needed. The
38 final phase is to do improvements to the detention ponds. The Homeowners Association
39 commented that they have issues with sanitation and stabilization. There are a couple
40 other things that they would like to clean up with the remaining funds. That is about a
41 \$500,000.00 Grant. The road improvements are just about complete. He stated that we
42 are now moving forward into the next two-phases.

43
44 Mr. Koza stated that in regard to the Graymoor Lateral and Sewer Lining, the U.S. Army
45 Corp of Engineers Grant is a Section 18 Grant. Robinson has been working with
46 Administrator Mekarski. The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers had requested information. It

1 appears that we will receive about \$250,000.00 from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to
2 help fund the improvements of the sanitary sewers in Graymoor. The issues with inflow
3 and infiltration have caused a problem with the new Pump Station and its capacity. They
4 are trying to reduce the inflow and infiltration by lining all of the sewers from the main
5 line to their homes. They are moving forward with that. They are providing the U.S.
6 Army Corp of Engineers with a couple of Site Plans and cost estimates and whatever they
7 need. The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers contacts Robinson and they get right back to
8 them. He is not quite sure when that Grant is finalized. As he hears anything he will pass
9 it onto the Board.

10
11 **Review of Phase I Project Scope – 207th Street/Governors Highway Pedestrian**
12 **Improvements** - Mr. Koza stated that also of note is the 207th and Governors Highway
13 Intersection Improvements. There is a Coordination Meeting set for January 15th. IDOT
14 is part of the Phase I Engineering Process. They are about 40% complete on those plans.
15 That includes safety improvements at that intersection, 207th and Governors Highway as
16 well as sidewalk improvements from 207th and Governors to Hellenic Drive. That will be
17 funded through a Federal Grant. It will be 80% and a 20% match from the Village. He
18 will have documents for Board approval which will cover the MFT allotments for the
19 local match for Phase I Engineering and Phase II Engineering and construction.

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21 Administrator Mekarski stated that he has a Memorandum dated January 14th, 2013,
22 which is behind the report. It is a review of “Phase I Project Scope 207th Street and
23 Governors Highway Pedestrian Improvements.” This is a synopsis of some of the scope
24 elements that will be discussed with IDOT this week regarding the overall scope of Phase
25 I. He stated that we transferred \$455,000.00 from 203rd Street and Crawford to 207th and
26 Governors Highway. This is totally funded by a Federal Appropriation from our lobbyist
27 efforts. It turned out that 203rd Street and Crawford had adequate funds through other
28 State sources. The Village was allowed to use this for the pedestrian improvements.
29 Administrator Mekarski’s Office, the Village President, and Robinson Engineering have
30 fought to try to get them to make a full traffic stop in front of Tolentine Park, crossing at
31 207th to Tolentine Park. IDOT will not budge on that. It does not warrant a traffic stop in
32 their opinion. They are willing to discuss the scope that you see attached. That scope
33 includes a push activated beacon system. It is a sophisticated early warning mechanism
34 for drivers to slow down kids maybe crossing. It would include safety paths or bike paths
35 built into the lanes of 207th Street much like Kedzie Avenue, and a sidewalk connecting
36 from Governors Highway to Hellenic Drive. The scope elements are listed. There are
37 three points that were brought out by Miss Barker about the pedestrian crosswalk at
38 Governors Highway. There are some additional points about the sidewalk construction on
39 207th Street, and the sidewalk construction between Hellenic Drive and Governors
40 Highway. There is also discussion about the shared bike/vehicle lanes on 207th Street. He
41 wanted the Board to be aware of the dialog that is ongoing with IDOT. He stated that if
42 there are any concerns, now is the time to address it to Mr. Koza and we can ensure that
43 those comments are being forwarded to IDOT.

44
45 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we said all along as far as this traffic signal
46 goes that we did not want a tragedy to occur before we would get this traffic signal. We

1 were always concerned about safety at that intersection. Village President Meyers-Martin
2 stated that she did have a conversation with André Ashmore the Deputy Secretary for
3 IDOT. Mr. Ashmore is new to that position. Mr. Ashmore assured the Village President
4 that he would be lobbying on behalf of the Village. She stated that it is not totally a dead
5 deal yet. She stated that in lieu of having an answer to that now, this is something that we
6 want to move forward with.

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8 Trustee Ormsby inquired whether or not it is possible to ask the Park District or IDOT to
9 recommend that is a right turn only out of the park, as opposed to people coming out of
10 there and trying to turn left. She stated that seems to be the issue. She stated that when
11 they want to go left that really is a problem. She stated that she doesn't have any data on
12 that. She just has a visual on that.

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14 Administrator Mekarski stated that in speaking with Pat Barker any turn movements that
15 will accentuate pedestrian safety will be considered as part of the application process. In
16 the preliminary evaluation that Robinson presented to IDOT, they did a traffic diet and an
17 analysis of turn movements, the ingress and egress, lefts and rights. They have to be
18 reexamined now with the Pedestrian Warning System being implemented.

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20 Mr. Koza stated that we will have to take a look at all of the traffic patterns since we
21 would be providing pedestrian facilities. The State would not let the project move
22 through construction if those situations were not currently addressed. He is sure when the
23 Park District applied for their Access Permit to Governors Highway the State must have
24 reviewed their Permit and determined that the left turn was acceptable. He stated that
25 quite often you will find in new development especially if they are adjacent to
26 intersections, the State will deny that and implement what you suggested with a right in
27 and a right out with a pork chop median. He stated that we will have to investigate that as
28 the project goes forward.

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30 Trustee Ormsby stated that when that park is full of people in the spring and summer and
31 when people are leaving that is when it needs to be observed. That is when the difficulty
32 is. She stated that right now there is nobody there.

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34 Mr. Koza stated that it could be simple signage as well with the timeframe assessed to it.
35 He stated that he appreciates Trustee Ormsby bringing that to their attention.

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37 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that not only is that a problem in terms of people
38 exiting the park, but for the residents that are exiting 207th it is confusing.

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40 Trustee Ormsby stated that the confusion is if you are going left on 207th Street and
41 people are coming out of the park and going left. It is kind of a standoff. People don't
42 know what they are supposed to do so they just honk at each other.

43
44 Mr. Koza stated that the intersection is slightly off skew with the park which adds a
45 complication. Trustee Ormsby stated that with the speed on Governors Highway it is a
46 tricky situation.

1 Village President Meyers-Martin doesn't believe that was ever addressed. Trustee Waite
2 suggested unskewing it since we are talking about construction. Mr. Koza stated that is
3 something worth looking at and investigating if it is feasible and simpler to address the
4 Park District's entrance versus realigning 207th Street.

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6 Trustee Waite stated that 80% of the time the park is in disuse. You will have people
7 making right turns that want to make left turns 100% of the time.

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9 Trustee Gibson stated that Tim Bradford is a member of the Public Safety Committee.
10 This problem came up last week at the meeting. Mr. Bradford believes that he has a
11 connection with someone in Springfield and that he can get them to talk with IDOT about
12 reducing the speed. She believes that it is important that the Village include Mr. Bradford
13 in the discussions. Village President Meyers-Martin stated absolutely. Trustee Gibson
14 stated that Mr. Bradford stated that the park would not be as full this coming year as it
15 has been in the past. Most of the people that came to the Water Park last year were not
16 residents. This year they will be charging a fee for the people that do not reside in
17 Olympia Fields. Other Municipalities that have Water Parks do that as well.

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19 Trustee Ormsby inquired how they do that. She inquired whether or not the people have
20 to register or they have to have a card. Trustee Gibson stated that you have to register at
21 the barn in the office and have a card. They will have someone on duty all day during
22 service hours at the park.

23
24 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired where this person would stand who is on duty.
25 Trustee Gibson thought they would stand at the entranceway to the Water Park. She
26 stated that in Flossmoor there is an attendant there at all times. Trustee Gibson stated that
27 there is some kind of revolution that you have to take care of with the Water Park in
28 seeing that the water is properly coming out. Every few hours the attendant has to check
29 that as well.

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31 Administrator Mekarski asked Mr. Koza to communicate that to Pat Barker. He stated
32 that it would be advantageous if Miss Barker could attend the next Board Meeting to
33 update the Board on the IDOT Scope, and the possibility of coordinating with the Deputy
34 Secretary and Mr. Bradford to see if we can get further modifications on the scope before
35 we start jumping into the work. Mr. Koza stated that he will follow-up with Pat and
36 provide an update for the Board.

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38 **Additional Projects** – Mr. Koza stated that the main project is the USEPA inquiry that
39 the Village had received a few months back. The EPA asked for some additional
40 information a couple of months ago. Mr. Alexa responded to that inquiry. He stated that
41 to-date they have not heard anything from an EPA Official or received any comments. He
42 isn't sure if that issue is gone or if they are still looking through everything. They
43 provided them with a binder that was about 8-inches thick full of information. Those are
44 the main projects that they are working on.

1 Trustee Ormsby inquired about Number 19 on Page 2 of the report, “Development of a
2 plan to reduce the number of trucks that crash into the bridge.” She stated that is 30%
3 complete. She inquired of Mr. Koza what they have done with that.
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5 Mr. Koza stated that they have requested information from the Village of Olympia Fields
6 and Flossmoor. They are reviewing information that they have received. They are trying
7 to get more information from Flossmoor. They received a general summary of time that
8 these accidents have caused the police department in having to respond to calls due to the
9 underpass being obstructed. In order to finish their report, they would like to review the
10 Incident Reports.
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12 Trustee Ormsby stated that last week there were two incidents where the underpass was
13 closed. Administrator Mekarski stated that between the two jurisdictions we get two,
14 sometimes as many as four between the two-jurisdictions. They take anywhere from six
15 to 12-hours.
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17 Commander Frey stated that he would say that we have an occurrence a day as far as
18 somebody pulling up to it and pulling away and getting them turned around. He stated
19 that if somebody hits it, it could be between six to 12 plus hours.
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21 Trustee Ormsby stated that once this report is done it seems like a high priority for the
22 well-being of this community. She stated that it inconveniences thousands of people. The
23 trucker loses his job. She stated that it continues to happen. It is difficult for our fire
24 department because they have to circle around. She inquired how we get this to be a
25 higher priority in the State. She inquired how we get somebody to look at this. It
26 continues to happen. It ties up our police department and our residents. She stated that
27 people are going to the City and they can’t get there because of this. She stated that we
28 can’t seem to fix it.
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30 Administrator Mekarski stated that the road is in the jurisdiction of Cook County. The
31 underpass is owned by Canadian National Railroad. He stated that adds to the difficulty.
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33 Trustee Ormsby stated that overpass has been hit so many times. She inquired how we
34 know that has not been compromised with our commuters going back and forth on that.
35 She inquired whether or not anybody has ever been up there to test it. She wants to know
36 if it is still safe for Metra to travel over that. She wants to know why it doesn’t receive
37 higher priority.
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39 Mr. Koza stated that the study is a start. They can document exactly what this is doing to
40 the Village and every other nearby community. He stated that from there it is working
41 with our legislatures to try to find funding. Bridge improvements are expensive. The
42 money is the hard part.
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44 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired whether or not anyone has examined the
45 integrity of that bridge.
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1 Trustee Pennington stated that Metra in past years has done a Feasibility Study on the
2 integrity of it. They have to because the trains go over it every day. He brought this to
3 their attention when he was on the Metra Board. They look at the integrity of it on a
4 quarterly basis to make sure that it is structurally sound.

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6 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Pennington whether or not that is
7 information that the Village has access to. Trustee Pennington stated that he believes that
8 the Village can get it.

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10 Trustee Ormsby stated that it is nice that the press is here this evening. Perhaps we can
11 get a little press that it continually happens in the Village all the time. It affects Chicago
12 Heights and everyone coming from the west to the east. It affects Flossmoor. She stated
13 that it needs more attention than what it is getting.

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15 Commander Frey stated that Canadian National sends out an engineer with their police
16 department and they visually inspect it. They have stopped trains for a while until he
17 clears it. They do that routinely when it gets hit.

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19 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Commander Frey what the fine is for a truck hitting the
20 bridge. Commander Frey stated that unfortunately we can only charge them with a
21 moving violation of disobeying the sign. They cite them with traffic obstruction. It is up
22 to a \$50.00 fine. Flossmoor writes tickets and they have local Court. They assess
23 different fines that are much higher. He stated that we are looking into doing something
24 like that possibly in our Building Court.

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26 Administrator Mekarski stated that Chief Krull directed one of his officers to investigate
27 the process in Flossmoor. The process in Flossmoor is not ordained. It is done in a
28 negotiated basis. It is hit or miss on what Judge you get at the Circuit Court level in
29 Markham. He stated that we have had an extensive conversation with Judy Kolman. She
30 is looking into the Village's legal authority to expand the fines and local Ordinance.
31 Olympia Fields is not a Home Rule Community. We have some limited powers where it
32 is an extension of statutory authority. It is being investigated.

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34 Administrator Mekarski stated that in the Robinson Report we can document the total
35 manpower involved in assisting of the backup of trucks which Commander Frey has
36 indicated happens on a daily basis, and the catastrophic accidents that happen at least four
37 times a month between the two-jurisdictions. We can document the loss of manpower
38 with the two police departments. We are going to Petition County President Preckwinkle
39 and IDOT to see if we can get at a minimum a chain sweep to give the truckers an idea
40 that they are about to destroy their truck. There is a sophisticated Laser Beam System that
41 if the truck breaks the beam, an advanced sign overhead of the road says "Stop."

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43 Trustee Waite stated that there are in-cab directions. If the system is installed the driver
44 will hear a warning inside the cab before he gets there. There are a number of things that
45 can be done. The cost to the trucker is enormous if you destroy a \$200,000.00 rig.

1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that at some point there was discussion on a
2 roundabout at that section. At the time we had that discussion there was monies available
3 through a Grant. She stated that she didn't see that on the report. She inquired of Mr.
4 Koza whether or not that was eliminated in terms of a possibility to resolve that issue.

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6 Mr. Koza stated that he will have to follow-up with Russ. He was aware of a potential
7 roundabout at Kedzie and Vollmer which was to replace a signalized intersection. He
8 stated that you are talking about an actual turn around adjacent to the bridge that would
9 provide them with enough room.

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11 Administrator Mekarski stated that the roundabout was going to have the early warning
12 system and allow the truckers to get the measure of the height and continue on the
13 roundabout.

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15 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that is how it was presented to us as a resolution
16 to this issue. She doesn't see it on the report.

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18 Mr. Koza stated that the roundabout is mentioned on Number 18 on the Report. It
19 mentions in the notes it was not selected for CMAQ Funding. It is a potential project that
20 the Village could apply for through the South Suburban Mayors and Managers
21 Association. It is a 70/30 cost split. He stated that if the Board desires to put in an
22 application to get that in motion we can take care of that. There is a 30% match. It could
23 assist the situation with the truckers having to back up a half a mile.

24
25 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that you are not pushing it as a resolution. Mr.
26 Koza stated that it definitely would help. It is not a perfect fix. They are not lowering the
27 roads. There is still a chance that a trucker could ignore everything and get stuck. The
28 only permanent fix would be to lower the roadway to provide more clearance. He stated
29 maybe that is an option to look at.

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31 Trustee Pennington stated that assumes the Federal Government will pass the
32 Transportation Bill to have funds available for this 70/30 split too.

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34 Mr. Koza stated that it is dependent upon what funding is available.

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36 Administrator Mekarski stated that if any Trustee would like to have further changes on
37 the Quarterly Activity Report they should email or call him. He will relay the information
38 to Robinson Engineering. At the next Board Meeting we will see if we can have Patricia
39 Barker here to outline her success on the scope. He stated perhaps we could get the
40 Deputy Secretary to attend the next Board Meeting.

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42 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Mr. Ashmore had stated that he would listen.

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44 **Road Program** – Administrator Mekarski stated that we passed out a list of all of the
45 roads that are included in Phase I. He stated for the members of the audience, the Village
46 has instituted a very sophisticated G.I.S. Road Inventory Assessment Program. We

1 canvass every single road with a vehicle that measures about 12 different criteria along
2 the road surface from cracking, to blistering, to the crown of the roadway. It was done
3 with a laser sweep and photography. It was inputted into computer analysis to identify
4 what roads are our priority roads that we need to resurface now, with a goal that if we do
5 not resurface them within a reasonable period of time, one to two-years, they will
6 deteriorate to the point where we have to redo the road increasing our cost for a simple
7 resurfacing. The Road Program identified \$3,200,000.00 in roads to be completed. He
8 stated that before the Board is \$1,700,000.00 or 50% of the roads that need to be
9 completed. The Village was not fortunate enough to get the Referendum to shift the
10 burden of our General Fund on our SouthCom Dispatch System. \$250,000.00 of our
11 General Fund is still going to support emergency telecom operations rather than roads,
12 water, and sewer. He stated that as such, we are only limited to do what we have without
13 raising additional taxes. The Board judiciously did not want to go forward with that.

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15 Administrator Mekarski stated that this package is being financed with \$100,000.00
16 annually of Motor Fuel Tax Dollars, monies from the State, and approximately
17 \$30,000.00 in Sales Tax Receipts and zero property tax to accomplish the \$1,700,000.00
18 in roads. The Bond was approved. The bid was awarded at subsequent Board Meetings at
19 a phenomenal interest rate of 3.25% and 3.69%. The roadways that are listed will be
20 going out to bid the end of February or the beginning of March.

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22 Mr. Koza stated yes. Once the Resolutions are passed and the other documents have been
23 submitted to IDOT, they will submit their plans and specifications for approval. They
24 anticipate a bid opening in March, with ample time to award the project in April or late
25 March and start when the asphalt plants open in May.

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27 Administrator Mekarski stated that it is our plan to come back to Phase II which is the
28 remaining \$1,700,000.00 when funds are available. We are anticipating those funds as
29 early as two-years. We are working on some very aggressive Economic Development
30 Plans. We are seeing some changes in the recessionary economy which will increase
31 revenues through Building Permit activity. We will anticipate those as we complete our
32 2030 Analysis this year. He stated that we are going to drive through all of the streets.

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34 Trustee Waite stated that he has already gone over all of these streets. There is six-miles
35 worth of street. It took him an hour and a half. He didn't see anything wrong with the
36 priority as far as Phase I is concerned.

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38 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will be doing that as well. She stated that
39 when we move into Phase II there will be streets involved with that as well.

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41 Mr. Koza stated that when we get to Phase II we will reevaluate streets that may not have
42 been included in Phase II. He stated that however long it is before you get to Phase II
43 things change. We will reevaluate everything to make sure at that time the worst is taken
44 care of.

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46 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Mr. Koza for coming this evening.

1 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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3 **Ordinance #2013-01 – An Ordinance Declaring Certain Property Surplus and**
4 **Authorizing its Sale and Disposition – (First and Second Reading) –** Village President
5 Meyers-Martin stated that she has one item and it relates to surplus property and
6 authorizing its sale and disposition to our former Acting Chief Randy Kickert. He is
7 asking for his laptop which is valued at \$125.00 and his iPhone which is valued at
8 \$100.00. The Board had received the same request from former Chief Chudwin and the
9 Board had waived those fees. The Board may do that in this case as well.

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11 Trustee Waite stated that he moves that we give these two items to Randy Kickert at no
12 charge. Waive the fee.

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14 Trustee Pennington stated that would be consistent to what we have done in the past. He
15 stated that he would support that.

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17 Trustee Oliver stated that we have a policy as it relates to our overall software and
18 hardware for the computers that the Village has. There is an inventory of how we go
19 about the purchasing of those items. Trustee Oliver inquired that as our computers age
20 whether or not there is a system to replace them.

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22 Trustee Pennington stated yes. Trustee Oliver stated that as part of the Budget Process we
23 will see some additional computers or laptops that will be coming online particularly with
24 the Deputy Chief. Trustee Pennington stated that is possible.

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26 Trustee Waite stated that if you sold them to the general public you would have to take
27 all of the software off of them. Trustee Oliver is sure that the Village's IT person did that.
28 Trustee Pennington stated that he did. Trustee Oliver stated that from what he is hearing
29 that is the past practice so we will probably end up continuing to do that. He inquired
30 whether or not the regular staff has the option to purchase their older model computers.

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32 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Village cannot dispose of any surplus property
33 without a Resolution coming before the Board, and making a decision of whether it
34 should be offered for sale to the lowest bidder. Typically that is done to the general office
35 employees as the lowest bidder. It can be offered as a charitable donation as we have
36 done in the past. We have given other IT equipment to nonprofit groups, charitable
37 groups that have been doing good work in our community. The Board has total control on
38 how to dispose of the property. It can be destroyed. It can be offered for sale. It can be
39 offered for bid. In this case the IT person stated that the property is becoming
40 obsolescent, that the Resolution as drafted provides these for sale to the Retiring Chief at
41 the fair market value which is \$225.00. He stated that if we want to be consistent with
42 Chief Chudwin, we simply have to look at Section 2, Paragraph A and strike where it
43 says "Offer the sale at fair market value" and replace it with "Release the property at no
44 cost to the Retiring Chief of Police, Randy Kickert." The Board has the discretion. It has
45 to be done in a publicly transparent, open, accountable process. He stated that two

1 Motions have to be made. One is to accept the amendment. If the amendment is passed,
2 the second Motion is to adopt the Ordinance as amended.

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4 Trustee Waite stated that he thought he amended it when he said the Motion.
5 Administrator Mekarski stated that you did in principle, but specifically you want to
6 accomplish it by legal format. We need to enter into the record the actual wording of the
7 amended change in Section 2, Paragraph A. Trustee Waite inquired if he should withdraw
8 his Motion.

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10 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she didn't know he made a Motion. Trustee
11 Waite stated that Trustee Pennington second it. Trustee Pennington stated that he could
12 support that. Trustee Waite apologized. He thought that Trustee Pennington had second
13 the Motion. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she was just looking for
14 consensus and she thought that Trustee Waite was providing that. Trustee Ormsby stated
15 just be consistent. That is fine.

16 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Ormsby to amend proposed**
17 **Ordinance No. 2013-01, to read in reference to Section 2, "Disposition" Paragraph**
18 **A to read "To release the property at no cost to the Retired Chief of Police, Randy**
19 **Kickert."**

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

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22 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to adopt the Ordinance as**
23 **amended No. 2013-01 – An Ordinance declaring certain property surplus and**
24 **authorizing its sale and disposition on First and Second Reading of the Police**
25 **Department laptop and iPhone 4S to Chief Randy Kickert.**

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

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28 **UNFINI SHED BUSINESS:**

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30 **Conference Center** - Trustee Gibson stated that at the last Board Meeting she was given
31 the task of formulating a Committee to work on providing details for the use and upkeep
32 on the Conference Center. She stated now that we have updated, renovated and improved
33 the Conference Center we need to protect our investment. This will require the
34 enforcement of the required standards of scheduling; cleanup, security and general use.
35 The Conference Center was to be used by the Homeowners Associations and other
36 Village sponsored organizations. The funds to support the financial obligations of the
37 leased copier, printer and computers that are assigned to the Homeowners Associations,
38 Library Board, and the Enhancement Organization were received from the Annual Golf
39 Outing Fund. Trustee Gibson stated that Cindy tells her that is no longer happening. She
40 stated that if the funding is no longer going to be received from that fund, we need to
41 decide during the Budget Process whose budget will be used. She doesn't mind adding
42 that to her budget which is the Public Representation Budget.

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44 Trustee Gibson stated that the Committee consists of the following individuals: Trustee
45 Ormsby from the Building Department, Cindy Saenz, Director of Finance and
46 Administration, Joe Alexa, Director of Public Works and Trustee Gibson. Their first

1 meeting is set for January 17th, 2013. They will report back their suggestions and
2 recommendations to the Board.

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4 Trustee Gibson stated that Cindy informed her that the Village's Cleaning Crew had not
5 been cleaning the Conference Center before. They have been instructed to clean there
6 once a month. They will monitor that to see if it is enough and if it works.

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8 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Gibson about the funding that came
9 from the Annual Golf Fund. She inquired whether or not Trustee Gibson had any figures
10 on that. She doesn't recall anyone asking her about that. Trustee Gibson stated that is
11 what happened with former Village President Linzey Jones. The Conference Center was
12 for the Homeowners Associations, Library Board, and the Enhancement Organization.
13 She stated that it would not be on the regular budget of the Village and that President
14 Jones would take care of that. Trustee Gibson doesn't know if anyone mentioned that to
15 Village President Meyers-Martin. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that they did
16 not.

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18 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the ongoing cleaning and maintenance of the
19 equipment at the Conference Center, no one mentioned that is how that was funded in the
20 past.

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22 Trustee Gibson stated that Cindy can tell the Village President what the cost is. Village
23 President Meyers-Martin stated that if Cindy can provide those numbers to her it may still
24 be doable. She is aware that the Annual Golf Fund does not generate the kind of money
25 that it did once upon a time. She stated that not everyone plays golf. She stated that
26 sponsorships are down but she believes that it is a result of the economy. Once she gets
27 those figures she will take that into consideration.

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29 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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31 **Candidates Forum** – Trustee Gibson stated that the Enhancement Organization is going
32 to sponsor a Candidates Forum for the Village and Park District Candidates. As soon as a
33 date is finalized she will let the Board know when that will take place.

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35 **Disseminating Information to the Residents** - Village President Meyers-Martin stated
36 that she has an item for consideration. She was at the Enhancement Organization
37 Meeting. The question came up at the meeting of how the Village disseminates
38 information to residents if they are not privy to Channel 4 if they don't have Comcast as
39 their cable provider. Some residents have Direct TV. Some residents have AT&T. She
40 believes that it is something worth considering just as we found a need to get information
41 out through the Reverse 911. She suggested enhancing the website so that the information
42 would be available there. The newsletter comes out quarterly and does not disseminate
43 information in a timely way. She thought that over the next couple of months the Board
44 could think about a way to address that.

1 Trustee Waite inquired whether or not the Reverse 911 is included in the New Resident's
2 Handbook. Trustee Gibson stated that it is in the revised one.

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4 Administrator Mekarski stated that he generally gives a directive to our webmaster,
5 Naomi, that anything that is placed on Channel 4 we simultaneously place it on the
6 website. All of our Public Notices, Meeting Announcements, and the Candidates Debate
7 are placed on Channel 4. It is also put on the website with a video stream. He stated that
8 AT&T has fallen short with their goal to try to mimic what Comcast is providing for a
9 Municipal Access Channel. He stated that an enhanced webpage is what this world is all
10 about.

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12 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it needs to be paid attention to in terms of
13 enhancing the website so that all of that information can go on there.

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15 Mrs. Hudson stated that at least 50% of the senior citizens don't use the website. Dr.
16 Gibson stated that they are not computer literate.

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18 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it is food for thought and something we
19 should take into consideration on how we can address that.

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21 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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23 **Appointment of Jessie Maye Bowie to the Community Relations Commission -**

24 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she has for the Board's consideration an
25 appointment for Jessie Maye Bowie to the Community Relations Commission. She is
26 from The Traditions. She is retired and has been a resident of the Village for five-years.

27 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to approve the**
28 **candidacy of Jessie Maye Bowie to the Village of Olympia Fields Community**
29 **Relations Commission for the term expiring on January 14th, 2015, or until their**
30 **successor has been appointed and qualified.**

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

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33 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we welcome Jessie Maye Bowie to the
34 Community Relations Commission.

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36 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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38 **To Discuss Matters of Pending Litigation – Information Only - Open Meetings Act**
39 **Section 5ILCS120/2(c)(11) -**

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41 **To Discuss Matters of Collective Bargaining – Open Meetings Act Section**
42 **5ILCS120/2(c)(2) –**

1 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to go into Executive**
2 **Session at 9:40 P.M. to Discuss Matters of Pending Litigation – Information Only -**
3 **according to the Open Meetings Act Section 5ILCS120/2(c)(11), and To Discuss**
4 **Matters of Collective Bargaining according to the Open Meetings Act Section**
5 **5ILCS120/2(c)(2).**

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

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8 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will not take any action once we come
9 back into Open Session.

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11 Administrator Mekarski stated that he wanted to note on the Public Record that Chief
12 Krull and Commander Frey would need to stay for Executive Session.

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14 **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**

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16 **Motion by Trustee Waite, second by Trustee Gibson to go back into Open Session at**
17 **10:35 P.M.**

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

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20 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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22 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to adjourn at 10:35 P.M.**

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

24 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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