

1                                   **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**  
2                                   **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
3                                   **Held on January 28, 2013**

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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, January 28, 2013, at  
6 the Linzey D. Jones Municipal Building and was called to order by Village President  
7 Debra Meyers-Martin at 7:00 P.M. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.  
8 Administrator Mekarski/Village Clerk called the roll.

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10 Present: Trustees – Gibson, Oliver, Pennington and Nale  
11                                   Village President Debra Meyers-Martin  
12                                   Village Administrator/Village Clerk, David Mekarski

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14 Absent: Trustee Ormsby and Trustee Waite

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16 **MINUTES:**

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18 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Gibson to suspend with the reading of**  
19 **the Minutes of January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

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

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22 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to approve the Minutes of**  
23 **January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013, as amended.**

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

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26 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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28 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she has Bills for Approval in the amount of  
29 \$43,028.50. She stated that there is a Cover Memo in the Board Packet designating the  
30 more significant payouts.

31 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the payment**  
32 **of Bills for January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in the total amount of \$43,028.50.**

33 **Roll Call:                   Ayes (4-0)                                   Motion Carried.**

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35 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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37 Village President Meyers-Martin opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:05 P.M.

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39 **Pat Barker – Robinson Engineering IDOT Program 207<sup>th</sup> & Governors Highway –**  
40 **Pedestrian Crossing Improvements -** Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we  
41 have a presentation from Pat Barker who is with Robinson Engineering. She is going to  
42 discuss the 207<sup>th</sup> & Governors Highway Pedestrian Crossing Improvements. Village  
43 President Meyers-Martin thanked Mrs. Barker for being here this evening.

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45 Mrs. Barker stated that she wanted to talk about the project that is ongoing in terms of  
46 engineering at this point. The Village has confirmed \$444,600.00 in Federal Funds in a

1 program called "TCSP" (Transportation and Community and System Preservation). This  
2 is Federal Funding that can be used for eligible engineering and construction for safety  
3 improvements at Governors Highway and 207<sup>th</sup> Street. Initially, what was looked at was a  
4 study to determine whether a traffic signal would be warranted and could be constructed  
5 at that location in order to offer safe crossings and safe travel for all vehicles. She stated  
6 that they met a number of times with IDOT. They completed a Traffic Study. At this time  
7 the traffic at that intersection does not warrant a traffic signal. She stated that because  
8 Governors Highway is a State Route they would take no exceptions. They provided  
9 information. They went to meetings. They met with the Federal Highway Administration  
10 and presented a pretty compelling story. Due to the fact it technically doesn't meet the  
11 warrants, they will not allow a new traffic signal at this time. They did agree, that in the  
12 future when it does meet the warrants that could be reconsidered. At this point with this  
13 funding, they will not give the go ahead to proceed with that.

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15 Mrs. Barker stated that we presented some additional measures that could be completed  
16 in a relatively short time. The most recent meeting with IDOT and the Federal Highway  
17 Administration was held on January 15<sup>th</sup>. The three elements of that improvement would  
18 be a pedestrian activated flashing beacon on Governors Highway. That would include  
19 advance signage and marked crosswalk for a pedestrian crossing that meets all ADA  
20 requirements. The second element would be signage for shared bicycle lanes on 207<sup>th</sup>  
21 Street between Governors Highway and Olympian Way. There are certain requirements  
22 for that in terms of the Federal Highway Administration and the road does meet those  
23 requirements. There is adequate width. There would be signage that would be provided.  
24 Mrs. Barker provided the Board with a sample of one type of sign. There are  
25 requirements in terms of signage, and how often it is, and what is required. Actual  
26 pavement markings on the pavement would indicate that they would be shared lanes. This  
27 would tie into the Village's current bike paths that would be adjacent on Olympian Way.  
28 It would connect to the Village's overall Master Plan. It would provide additional bike  
29 access to the Tolentine Park. The third element would be a sidewalk that would be  
30 constructed on the south side of 207<sup>th</sup> Street from Governors Highway. It would cross to  
31 the park and connect to the multiuse path. Then it would go east to Hellenic Drive. At  
32 this point they can't connect to Olympian Way because that is specifically marked for  
33 bikes. They would be connecting to the sidewalk at the east limits. Those three elements  
34 together would provide some additional safety and pedestrian access in that area.

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36 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mrs. Barker with respect to the three  
37 elements, what would be the timeline for that once they were able to break ground to get  
38 started.

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40 Mrs. Barker stated that a lot of that has to do with IDOT approvals. Right now they are  
41 doing what is called a "Phase I Study." She stated that part of that is environmental sign-  
42 offs that have to be completed. Several of those are already completed. The meeting on  
43 January 15<sup>th</sup> with the Federal Highway Administration was very successful. They got  
44 some more items checked off that had been completed. The next step may be completed  
45 within the next two or three months. The soonest that anything could go to construction  
46 would be sometime in the fall. She stated that if IDOT takes more time to review this,

1 then it could be pushed into next spring. They are trying to do everything that they can to  
2 move it forward. When Federal Funds are used it takes at least six-months from the first  
3 submittal to a letting because it is an IDOT State letting. There are a lot of hoops to jump  
4 through. It has to be let through an IDOT set letting. There are a lot of requirements to  
5 meet that.

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7 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is extremely disappointed that after all of  
8 those meetings that they had with IDOT that we weren't successful in acquiring the  
9 traffic light. She stated that when we met with them in the spring and our hopes had not  
10 been dashed in terms of getting the traffic light, they said you had to wait until August  
11 which was well after the park had opened. And then we waited all of that time to no avail.  
12 She is extremely disappointed about that. She told IDOT when they met with them that  
13 she didn't want this safety issue to come to the forefront because of a tragedy. Village  
14 President Meyers-Martin told IDOT that she had difficulty crossing Governors Highway  
15 to break ground at the park and she knows that children would have a problem.

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17 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she had a conversation with the Deputy  
18 Secretary of IDOT who is the Mayor of Matteson, André Ashmore. She stated that Mr.  
19 Ashmore had suggested that we call him to see if we can get something done regarding  
20 the traffic light. Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mrs. Barker if she would  
21 speak about what the down side to that would be.

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23 Mrs. Barker stated that there are several different aspects involved. She stated that having  
24 contacts to initiate additional conversations might be very helpful. She stated that in  
25 doing that we still have to go through the IDOT process and the Federal Highway  
26 Administration process. Instead of Phase I being wrapped up in six-months, it would be  
27 at least a year if not more. The Phase II Design would be at least a year. There are a lot of  
28 additional steps to put in a traffic signal. IDOT has made it clear that in order to put a  
29 traffic signal there we would have to add left-turn lanes. She stated that in order to put in  
30 left-turn lanes, we have to put in our storage and our tapers. The cost is more than  
31 doubled. At this point in time, the Federal Funds that are in place would not be adequate  
32 to cover the Village's portion of that. Funding with IDOT at this point is not in a good  
33 situation. She stated that in order to get funding or be considered for it, those requests  
34 would be hard to get anything in the next five-years. It would definitely take at least two  
35 more years to get to start construction if we were adding a traffic signal instead of the  
36 alternatives that we have listed.

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38 Administrator Mekarski stated that we have estimated that it could cost an additional  
39 \$1,200,000.00 above the \$555,000.00 that we have and there are no guarantees that they  
40 would fund it.

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42 Trustee Gibson stated that most of these kinds of funding programs have a deadline.  
43 Trustee Gibson inquired of Mrs. Barker whether or not there is a deadline when the  
44 \$555,000.00 has to be used. Trustee Gibson stated that if there is a deadline, what would  
45 happen to the funding if IDOT does not finish in that length of time.

1 Mrs. Barker stated that our race was actually in August when we raced to procure the  
2 funding so that it would not be taken away from the Village and given to another project.  
3 She stated that by getting that approved for Phase I that does hold that funding. She stated  
4 that if the Village does a Phase I Study, it is really an Environmental Alternative Study.  
5 When that is completed, if the decision is made to not go forward with any kind of  
6 construction, that money could go to another community. She stated that if the decision is  
7 made to go ahead with the Phase II Design and Contract Plans that money will still be  
8 available as long as it is within a few years. She stated that right now we are holding onto  
9 the money very tightly and making the decisions as to what would be best for the Village.  
10 The money is not in harm's way right now.

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12 Trustee Nale inquired of Mrs. Barker who would be responsible for the care of the  
13 sidewalk going along the south perimeter of Olympian Way after it is installed.

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15 Mrs. Barker stated that 207<sup>th</sup> Street is a local route and it would be local maintenance.

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17 Trustee Nale stated that she is concerned about the winter weather and tripping over loose  
18 concrete as the weather goes on through the years. She stated that we do have sidewalks  
19 that need repair.

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21 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it would be just like any other sidewalk.

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23 Administrator Mekarski thought it would be beneficial for Mrs. Barker to explain how  
24 that traffic warning signal will appear to the public. It is not just a sign with a beacon.

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26 Mrs. Barker stated that there will be signage put out. She is not sure of the exact spacing  
27 at this point. There has to be signage put out both north and south of the crossing. The  
28 crossing itself would probably be a ladder style that you see sometimes at schools for  
29 crossing. It would be more visible. The beacon will not be a red light. It would be a  
30 flashing yellow light. The road is at an angle. It is not curved immediately adjacent to the  
31 opening of the park so the visibility will be substantial. They will be studying that. There  
32 will be as much warning as possible.

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34 Mrs. Barker stated that one of the things that was addressed by the Village to IDOT was  
35 to do a Traffic Study in terms of the speed on Governors Highway. It is marked 50-miles  
36 an hour. They did do a Speed Study. They confirmed twice because we kept asking, that  
37 the speed will not be changed. That was one consideration that the speed could be  
38 lowered. She stated that as you go farther north on Governors Highway the speed does  
39 change. Due to the fact this is a section without curb and gutter they would not consider a  
40 change in the speed.

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42 Administrator Mekarski stated that might be something that Mayor Ashmore might be  
43 able to assist the Village with the latter part of the study when they do some additional  
44 findings. He stated that lowering the speed doesn't necessarily increase the cost.

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1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Denise Will is here this evening. She is the  
2 Executive Director of the Park District. Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mrs.  
3 Will whether or not she would like to speak regarding those improvements.

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5 Mrs. Will thanked the Village, the Board, and everybody that is involved in working so  
6 hard on the safety of crossing Governors Highway. She stated that it is an ongoing  
7 concern of everybody. She stated that it is great that the Village is contributing to getting  
8 that resolved as quickly as possible. She understands how long these things take. Mrs.  
9 Will stated that when they built the park we had a better economy earlier on and they had  
10 planned on having curbs and gutters along with a brand new subdivision there. She stated  
11 that things would have been a lot different. Now they have to deal with the reality of the  
12 situation. Mrs. Will stated that she is optimistic that in the future they will be able to get  
13 the speed limit lowered if we could have residences in that Tolentine area.

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15 Mrs. Will stated that she is here tonight to represent the Board of the Park District. She  
16 stated that if the Village needs any information from the Park District to feel free to get a  
17 hold of the Park District. She stated that fall sounds like a good time for the park because  
18 there are fewer activities and you can get in and not really disrupt the splash pad activity  
19 and things like that. She stated that they are on board. They thank the Village and  
20 whatever they can do to help they are here.

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22 Administrator Mekarski stated that it is important for the Park Board to have a full  
23 understanding of what is going on in the project. He inquired of Mrs. Barker whether or  
24 not she could attend a Park Board Meeting and make a presentation similar to what she  
25 did this evening. Denise Will could be there as well. Mrs. Barker stated that she would do  
26 that. The correspondence that he receives from Mrs. Barker he will forward to Denise  
27 Will. He asked Mrs. Will to continue to forward that correspondence to the Park Board.

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29 Mrs. Will stated that she will forward the correspondence to the Park Board. She stated  
30 that she believes that it is a good idea to have Mrs. Barker come to the Park Board  
31 Meeting. Mrs. Will suggested that perhaps Mrs. Barker could come to the next Park  
32 Board Meeting.

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34 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Mrs. Barker and Mrs. Will for coming this  
35 evening.

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37 **Citizen Complaint** – Village President Meyers-Martin asked Reginald Ford to address a  
38 complaint that he received. She asked Mr. Ford to provide the Board with a little  
39 background on the matter.

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41 Mr. Ford stated that he is the Code Enforcement Officer for the Village. The Village has  
42 a system in place where it has Citizen Complaint Sheet Forms that are sent to either Mr.  
43 Ford or Mr. McDonnell the Building Commissioner, when there are certain issues that  
44 come about in the Village. There is a property owner on Arcadian Drive that has been an  
45 issue since Mr. Ford has been with the Village. They have whittled it away to correct  
46 some of the issues at that property. On January 7<sup>th</sup> the office received a complaint about

1 the property regarding several issues. There was some roof damage. A panel of glass was  
2 missing in the front door. According to the complaint there were broken or missing  
3 downspouts on the southeast corner of the property. On January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013, he responded  
4 to the complaint. He let them know that he was aware of the situation at the property. He  
5 had seen it and the Village would be addressing it in the spring.

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7 Mr. Ford stated that the Building Department addresses the exterior issues starting about  
8 March 15<sup>th</sup>. Letters go out telling individuals that if there are issues with the home on the  
9 exterior they have so many days to correct that. The Village was going to address that  
10 starting in the spring. He received a response thanking him for the quick turnaround. It  
11 was only a day and a half. A letter was sent to the Village Administrator and the Mayor  
12 saying that the timeliness in replacing the door was not efficient enough and that  
13 something should be done. The rental properties must be inspected on a yearly basis. He  
14 stated that after a discussion with Mr. McDonnell and Administrator Mekarski we went  
15 ahead and addressed the issue. A letter was sent to the tenant and the owner letting them  
16 know that the broken glass needed to be repaired by February 15<sup>th</sup>. The roof and the  
17 gutters and the other things needed to be done by April 1<sup>st</sup>. He stated that the reason we  
18 had to deal with this in a whole concept manner is because if he piece meals it then it  
19 seems like he is picking on you and he is just coming back to find things. He stated that  
20 we have to do everything together. He stated that there are other issues on the property.  
21 There are five-trees on the property that need to be removed due to the infestation of the  
22 Ash Borer. He stated that with everything that needs to be done with the home it will take  
23 a large amount of money to bring the home into compliance. Two letters have been sent  
24 out. The first letter gives them until mid February to have the door fixed. All of the  
25 exterior portions have to be dealt with by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Village's process is a three-step  
26 process in this particular situation. There is a reminder notice or letter that has been sent  
27 out. They get a second reminder and then the Citation is filed. He stated hopefully by  
28 spring all of the issues will be taken care of on the property.

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30 Mr. Ford stated that he did not cover the issue of the home inspections. He stated that we  
31 were going to talk to Administrator Mekarski about this as well as the Board. After a  
32 conversation with Mr. McDonnell, State Statutes and current decisions have determined  
33 that it is unconstitutional for the Village to go into a residential setting to do yearly  
34 inspections if there is no turnaround in that home. If it is an apartment building they are  
35 well within their right to yearly inspect those properties. If it is in a residential setting or  
36 of a residential nature, the Village cannot go in and inspect that property yearly unless  
37 there is a turnaround of a tenant in that home. That particular property has been stable for  
38 at least eight-years. The Village cannot go in and inspect the inside of that property. He  
39 stated that all of that has been put into writing and we moved forward with the complaint.

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41 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mr. Ford whether or not the property is  
42 empty. Mr. Ford stated that there is a tenant on the property. The owner lives in another  
43 community around the south suburbs. Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mr.  
44 Ford whether or not it was the tenant's position that it was not their responsibility to fix  
45 those violations. Mr. Ford doesn't know what his position is. He has been researching the  
46 issue because he use to seeing activity on the property. He has not seen that lately. There

1 was an inoperable vehicle there over the last couple of months. Mr. Ford wrote two  
2 Citations on it and the vehicle was finally moved. That occurred in November or  
3 December. At that time he was wondering whether or not the property was still occupied.  
4 He believes that it is occupied at this point because there is no mail building up. The car  
5 was removed. He doesn't see the individuals going in and out.

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7 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that you have been dealing with this for two-  
8 years. She inquired of Mr. Ford that if he writes a Citation there is a warning period and  
9 then there is a fine period.

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11 Mr. Ford stated that he has his pink notices and those go on the doors. They get a date in  
12 which to bring the property into compliance. If the property is not brought into  
13 compliance by that date a subsequent letter is sent out giving them a drop dead date in  
14 which the property has to be brought into compliance. If it is not, a Citation is issued and  
15 they are scheduled for the next Building Court date and at that point in time they are  
16 brought in.

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18 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mr. Ford whether or not over the past two-  
19 years anyone has ever come forward with these Citations on this particular property.

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21 Mr. Ford stated that for this particular property they were fined once for another tree that  
22 had deteriorated on the property. He stated that after the fine within 10-days he could  
23 write another Citation. A subsequent Citation was written. They contacted the Village to  
24 remove the tree before that following Court date. It was about a four-month process but  
25 finally the tree was removed.

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27 Trustee Gibson inquired of Mr. Ford whether or not he knows who owns the property.  
28 Mr. Ford stated that the owner has been into Building Court once. It is a rental unit and  
29 the Village knows who the owner is. They have to let the Village know if it is a rental  
30 property. They normally do that when they register to have the water turned on. If Mr.  
31 Ford writes a Citation to the tenant, they will come in and say it is not their property. He  
32 no longer writes Citations to the tenants. He writes the Citations to the owners. They care  
33 more about their credit scores. If they don't pay it goes to collection. He stated that the  
34 only way you can start getting the owner's attention is to start writing Citations.

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36 Trustee Pennington inquired of Mr. Ford whether or not he has gone in on calls, given the  
37 fact you cannot go in to inspect the house on a yearly basis given the Statute. Mr. Ford  
38 stated that if we are asked in absolutely. They have had officers that have ended up going  
39 on someone's property for some reason. He stated that when they find violations then  
40 they tell us and we write a letter letting them know what the violations are, and that they  
41 have so many days to bring the property into compliance. If the property is not in  
42 compliance, Mr. Ford has a right to knock on the door to see if the property has been  
43 brought up to compliance. Trustee Pennington stated that sounds like interior as opposed  
44 to exterior. Mr. Ford stated that with the exterior, as long as he can see it he can write the  
45 citation. If the violation is in the backyard and he has no way to see it, he has to wait on a  
46 citizen to make a complaint before he can investigate.

1 Administrator Mekarski stated that when the Village did the initial inspections for the  
2 sanitary sewer and the Village knew that a number of homes were not in compliance  
3 because of that inspection, the Village wanted to do a subsequent inspection to insure that  
4 they met our standards by Ordinance. The Village did have the right to go to Court and  
5 ask for an Administrative Search Warrant. Absent the Court Order and Administrative  
6 Search Warrant, it would be considered a violation of their Civil Liberties. Trustee  
7 Pennington stated that he was talking about Section 6202 (B) which gives you cause. Mr.  
8 Ford stated that if an individual has a five-foot fence around his house and there is no  
9 gate on the house, and he sees that there are problems in the yard he has every right to go  
10 there.

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12 Trustee Pennington stated to Mr. Ford that you are working within the scope of your  
13 jurisdiction. Mr. Ford stated absolutely. He stated that they will start with the homes that  
14 need painting. They will look at the roof. It is a step-by-step process.

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16 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the letters have gone out. They are required  
17 to bring the home into compliance by April. Mr. Ford stated that the first letter requires  
18 them to replace the roof shingles and remove the infested trees by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. They  
19 are to have the front door repaired and replace any broken or missing downspouts or  
20 gutters by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. That is the first step in the process. If it is not taken care of,  
21 a Final Notice will be sent out.

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23 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is glad that the broken glass is required  
24 to be taken care of by February. Mr. Ford stated that the entire panel of glass is missing.

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26 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Nancy Dietz is here. Mr. and Mrs. Dietz  
27 were the initiators of the complaint. She inquired of Mr. Ford whether or not any liens  
28 have been placed on the home. Mr. Ford stated no. The Citations deal with the individual.  
29 The Liens deal with the property. Village President Meyers-Martin closed  
30 Communications and Petitions at 7:40 P.M.

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32 **FINANCE:**

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34 **December 2012 Financial Statements – Corporate Fund -** Trustee Pennington stated  
35 that this evening he will be reporting on the Village’s financial position ending  
36 November 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. He stated that beginning with the Corporate Fund we closed this  
37 Fund in deficit status. Fund revenue was unfavorable to Budget Projections by  
38 \$39,329.00, or 12% of Plan. The Village’s Revenue Budget for December was  
39 \$337,467.49. The Village’s actual realized revenue for this period was \$298,138.44.  
40 Corporate expenses were unfavorable to Budget Plan by \$7,350.57, or 2% of Plan. The  
41 Village’s Plan Expense Budget in this fund was set at \$335,085.24. The Village’s actual  
42 incurred expense in this fund was \$342,435.81. Trustee Pennington stated that when we  
43 compare total revenue incurred with total expense incurred we realize a total fund deficit  
44 of \$44,297.37 revenue to expense. The Village’s Fiscal Year to date actual plus  
45 encumbrance in the Corporate Fund remains in surplus status in the amount of  
46 \$171,973.59.



1 **Water Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that with respect to the Water Fund the Village  
2 planned for and closed December in deficit status. The Village’s Revenue Budget for  
3 December was set at \$265,513.75. The Village realized actual water revenue in the  
4 amount of \$231,586.57, a difference of \$33,927.18 or 13% unfavorable to Budget.  
5 Expenses in the Water Fund were favorable to Budget Projections by \$62,705.75 or 12%  
6 of Budget. The Village’s Expense Budget Projection was \$512,870.96. The Village’s  
7 realized expense was \$450,165.21. Trustee Pennington stated that when comparing the  
8 actual total fund revenue with the actual total fund expenses, the Village closed the  
9 month of December in deficit status in the amount of \$218,578.64. The Fiscal Year to  
10 date actual plus encumbrance in the Water Fund remains in surplus status at \$284,472.33.  
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12 **Sewer Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that the Village planned for a deficit in the  
13 Sewer Fund for the month of December. The Village closed this fund in surplus status.  
14 The Village’s Projected Revenue Budget was \$83,640.08. The Village’s Projected  
15 Expenses were \$126,716.63. This resulted in a Projected Total Fund Deficit of  
16 \$43,076.55. The Village’s actual revenue in this fund for December was \$2,145,410.95.  
17 Trustee Pennington stated that this revenue increase was due largely to the General  
18 Obligation Bond Sale for infrastructure upgrades that occurred in the month of  
19 December. The Village’s actual expenses were favorable to Budget Plan by 17%. Actual  
20 fund expenses were \$105,505.54 as compared to our Plan Expense Budget of  
21 \$126,716.63. This resulted in an actual total fund surplus in the amount of  
22 \$2,039,925.41. The Fiscal Year to date actual plus encumbrance in the Sewer Fund for the  
23 month of December is a surplus \$1,987,900.27.  
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25 **BUILDING:**

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27 There was no report this evening in Trustee Ormsby’s absence.  
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29 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she just wanted to note that we are working  
30 with a Revised Agenda. The Board Agenda has been revised.  
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32 **PLANNING:**

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34 **Educational Commission Activities Update** – Trustee Oliver stated that at the last  
35 Board Meeting we had a discussion about the College and Career Readiness Workshop.  
36 The Educational Commission is no longer championing that process. They turned it over  
37 to District 162 to conduct that program for the Educational Commission.  
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39 Trustee Oliver stated that there were some monies that the Board had approved and set  
40 aside for the last Fiscal Year to be covered for this Fiscal Year. Now that there has been  
41 some discussion with District 162, District 162 has contacted Ginny Boesen who is with  
42 SMHEC regarding the funding that has been set aside for the workshop. Mrs. Boesen is  
43 requesting a letter from the Village indicating that the money can now be advanced  
44 towards this project.  
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1 Administrator Mekarski stated that he believes that the Village can do that. He has to  
2 review the Intergovernmental Agreement that we established with SMHEC. The  
3 Educational Commission can draw down on those funds as invoices occur. They are  
4 going to be providing an in-kind match. He stated that they have to provide the proper  
5 paperwork. We were going to give them a lump sum for start up costs, and then a  
6 midway cost, and then a final cost. Administrator Mekarski stated that before we take  
7 action tonight we have to review the Intergovernmental Agreement and see how that  
8 procedure should work. He stated that he may have to bring it up at the next meeting and  
9 authorize the transfer of funds. He stated that we will need documentation from Dr. Davis  
10 that they are moving in that direction.

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12 Trustee Pennington inquired of Administrator Mekarski what the amount is.  
13 Administrator Mekarski stated that it is about \$3,800.00 remaining in the SMHEC  
14 Account, and there is probably about \$3,800.00 plus or minus in this year's account.  
15 Trustee Pennington stated \$7,600.00 total. Administrator Mekarski stated yes.

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17 Village President Meyers-Martin asked Administrator Mekarski to remind the audience  
18 what his role is in the Educational Commission.

19  
20 Administrator Mekarski stated that by Ordinance he is the Chairman Pro Tem. He has  
21 been serving as the Chairman Pro Tem for the Educational Commission since its  
22 inception in 2006. The Commission meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30  
23 P.M. in the Board Room. We have a Recording Secretary taking copious minutes on all  
24 of our activities. We have a very, very healthy debate and deliberation on major issues  
25 that impact the seven Districts that serve the Village. The goal of the Commission is  
26 simple. It is to assist School Districts and move them to a path of educational excellence.  
27 The Ordinance calls for 13 specific goals and objectives. That ranges from keeping the  
28 community abreast of the Standardized Test Scores all the way to utilizing its community  
29 and political influence towards the betterment of our School Districts. The Educational  
30 Commission is preparing its Annual Report in a newsletter format. They plan to send that  
31 out in the next 30-days. It will summarize some of the goals and objectives of the  
32 Educational Commission. It will also try to help educate all of our residents on some of  
33 the issues that are important for you to digest prior to the upcoming election in April. The  
34 Educational Commission is a nonpartisan group. They are not taking a position on a  
35 candidate. He stated whether or not the homeowners have children or not, it is important  
36 to get acquainted with all of the candidates that are running and choose the right  
37 candidate that you think will move our School Districts towards a higher level of  
38 performance. The Educational Commission is also coordinating a Debate for the District  
39 227 Candidates. It will be televised and placed on the Village's Government Access  
40 Channel.

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42 **Educational Commission Report – Recommendations for Mini Grant Awards –**  
43 Trustee Oliver stated that the next report deals with the Educational Commission's  
44 recommendations for the Mini Grant Awards. He stated that two members of the  
45 Educational Commission are in the audience, Dr. Gibson and Reginald Ford. Trustee

1 Oliver asked Reginald Ford to give an update to the Village Board on the Mini Grant  
2 Awards.

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4 Mr. Ford stated for the benefit of the audience, the Village Board has graciously given  
5 the Educational Commission the opportunity to set aside \$10,000.00 to be used in Mini  
6 Grant Scholarships to the School Districts that the Village feeds into. It allows teachers to  
7 come up with ideas of how to impact the students that they teach day-to-day. It was a  
8 very successful program last year. Last year 16 or 17 teachers applied for a Mini Grant.  
9 Mr. Ford is proud to say that this year they received 27 Applications. The Educational  
10 Commission may have the opportunity to give out more than these standard 10,  
11 \$1,000.00 Mini Grants, because not all of them will consume the entire amount. School  
12 District 162 sent in 25 out of the 27 Applications. Southland Charter School sent in one  
13 Application. Bloom Township High School sent in an Application. The Subcommittee  
14 has discussed who will receive those Scholarships. The Subcommittee has unanimously  
15 chosen the Bloom Township Application. They believe that it is a very good opportunity  
16 to deal with some things that need to occur in this community.

17  
18 Trustee Oliver inquired of Mr. Ford whether or not there were any Applications from  
19 Rich 227. Mr. Ford stated that there were no Applications from Rich 227. He stated that  
20 the Subcommittee met last week. They are about done with the selection process. The  
21 recommendations will be forwarded to the Commissioners via email. At the Educational  
22 Commission Meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup> the Commissioners will approve the  
23 recommendations submitted by the Subcommittee. On February 7<sup>th</sup> the Subcommittee  
24 will let the Board know who has been chosen for the Mini Grant Awards and that  
25 information will be in the Board Packet. At the Board Meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup> the  
26 Educational Commission plans to present the Mini Grant Awards. The members of the  
27 Mini Grant Subcommittee are as follows: Reginald Ford, Dr. Doris Langon who was a  
28 former Superintendent, and Dr. Ethel Collier who was a former Principal.

29  
30 Administrator Mekarski stated that there has been great leadership by Reginald Ford as  
31 the Chairman of the Subcommittee for the last two-years. Village President Meyers-  
32 Martin thanked Mr. Ford.

33  
34 Trustee Pennington inquired of Administrator Mekarski when the Village entered into the  
35 Intergovernmental Agreement with SMHEC. Administrator Mekarski stated that it was  
36 prior to the close of the last Fiscal Year. He stated that it was in the spring, probably  
37 April of 2012. Trustee Oliver stated that it came before the Board and the Board  
38 discussed it. Trustee Pennington stated that he was just concerned when the Village  
39 entered into that Agreement. He recalls discussing it at the Board level. He just wanted to  
40 make sure that we have the proper date with respect to the issuance of that Agreement.

41  
42 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Oliver what the acronym is for  
43 SMHEC.

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45 Trustee Oliver stated that he doesn't recall the acronym off-hand. It is a consortium of 11  
46 colleges in the area. Governors State, Prairie State, St. Xavier, IIT in the Chicago land

1 area, and Nazarene College are some of the colleges that comprise SMHEC. Part of  
2 SMHEC's mission is to improve the high schools and the junior high schools. Their  
3 mission is similar to the mission of the Educational Commission. They have discovered  
4 that they receive a number of students from the area, not just from District 227. They are  
5 having a difficult time retaining these students. He stated that this is a great win-win  
6 situation for our area.

7  
8 Trustee Pennington stated that you mentioned in-kind services. He inquired of Trustee  
9 Oliver whether or not they have any funds available that they could contribute to this  
10 transfer. Trustee Pennington inquired of Trustee Oliver why the Educational Commission  
11 of Olympia Fields must fork over the funds that the Village has. Trustee Pennington  
12 stated that he can see giving them something. He stated that if they are going to take on  
13 the project, rather than just regular in-kind services they should have some stake in the  
14 game too.

15  
16 Administrator Mekarski stated that it was the Educational Commission's responsibility to  
17 put on this workshop. It was their pledge to put on this workshop as part of their  
18 budgetary process. The Educational Commission put together a fabulous Agenda with a  
19 fabulous line up of speakers. It lacked one element that would not allow the Commission  
20 to move towards success. The Commission tried two separate dates. The Commission did  
21 not have the manpower to get the word out to engender children and parents to get  
22 excited about it. The Commission didn't have the administrative capacity internally in the  
23 Village Hall to do the essential marketing and promotion of the material. He stated that  
24 this is where Dr. Davis came in. She assigned this to some of her top administrators.  
25 They have access to their entire Clerical Staff of District 162, plus they are  
26 complementing our speakers with additional speakers without any necessity of having an  
27 Honorarium. We are getting a better program and a refined program. We are going to get  
28 the numbers of our children and our residents to the expectations that the Commission  
29 had. Their contribution is immeasurable.

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31 Trustee Pennington stated that we haven't seen it yet. Trustee Oliver stated that this is  
32 what the schools do. The Educational Commission is not prepared to do something like  
33 this. The schools have the resources, the paper, and the machines to produce the agendas  
34 and get the information out to the public. They have the contacts of all of the parents and  
35 the students. Trustee Oliver stated that the success of the program will thrive because Dr.  
36 Davis has all the ingredients. The Educational Commission will be part of the program.  
37 The expectation is that the Village and the Board will be attending this event. It will be  
38 very nice. He stated that you are suggesting that only time will tell. Trustee Oliver stated  
39 that they already have a proven track record of putting on things like this. He believes  
40 that doing this for the sixth, seventh, and eighth graders will do a remarkable thing for the  
41 community.

42  
43 Trustee Pennington stated that is quite important. He stated that is the grade levels that  
44 we should be addressing if not earlier. Trustee Pennington stated that going forward he is  
45 just concerned about the role of the Commission and the amount of funds. He stated that  
46 although it is in the Commission's hands, and it is in the Commission's control, we need

1 to make sure that the Intergovernmental Agreement is structured in such a way that it  
2 allows that to happen. He inquired of Trustee Oliver that if the Agreement doesn't allow  
3 it, then what are they going to do? He stated that these are points that he is just concerned  
4 about and he is bringing them up. He is not going to debate the issue. He stated that we  
5 need to make sure that the structure is in place for both the financial acumen of the  
6 project and the role of the Educational Commission.

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8 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she believes that the Board should keep in  
9 mind that as this program progresses that everything that we do is always evaluated. She  
10 stated that as we go forward we will be looking at those particulars. Did they perform in a  
11 way that we expected them to? Did this program provide the productivity that we  
12 wanted?

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14 Trustee Oliver stated that Village President Meyers-Martin makes a great point. The  
15 issues raised by Trustee Pennington are well-taken. Trustee Oliver stated that the  
16 Educational Commission is an extension of this Board. The Commission is very, very,  
17 concerned about how these hard earned dollars are spent. The Commission does all of its  
18 activities with that in mind, knowing that at some point in time we are going to have to  
19 bring this to the Board to explain what we are doing with these monies. The Commission  
20 wants to make sure that not only the Board is comfortable in how we spend this precious  
21 allocation, but that the Village is as well.

22  
23 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we need accountability. Trustee Oliver stated  
24 that we want it to be as transparent as possible. Trustee Pennington thanked Trustee  
25 Oliver.

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27 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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29 **Information Only: Water Rates for Calendar Year 2013 Increased from the Village**  
30 **of Oak Lawn** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Trustee Waite is not here.  
31 She stated that in his absence she was going to briefly touch on what Trustee Waite was  
32 going to report on. The first item has to do with the Water Rates for the calendar year  
33 2013. She stated that effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013; the Village received a water rate  
34 increase from the Village of Oak Lawn in the amount of 67.2 cents per thousand gallons.  
35 Prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>, the Village was paying \$2.54 per thousand gallons and will now be  
36 paying \$3.22 per thousand gallons. She stated that pursuant to Ordinance No. 2000-14, as  
37 rate adjustments are enacted by the Village of Oak Lawn, those adjustments will  
38 automatically be passed on to the Olympia Fields water customers and will go into effect  
39 starting with the first meter read thereafter.

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41 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she spoke about this last year when the  
42 Village got word that Mayor Emanuel in Chicago was passing on a 5% rate increase to all  
43 of their customers that feed into that system from Oak Lawn. She stated that  
44 unfortunately when they pass on that increase to the Village; it then has to go to the  
45 customer. The Village doesn't have any control over that. She stated that it is unfortunate  
46 that it is happening.

1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Oak Lawn is doing major rehab to their  
2 system. The Village of Olympia Fields, the Village of Matteson and the City of Country  
3 Club Hills are on the end of that system. Oak Lawn is doing a \$161,000,000.00 project.  
4 They want to pass on those costs to the Village as well. The Village has been in  
5 continuous negotiations with the Village of Oak Lawn in order to improve the Village's  
6 position in that, and to work not only with the Village of Oak Lawn, but with Matteson  
7 and Country Club Hills in order to come up with a more reasonable scenario as it relates  
8 to increasing redundancy and the abundance of water to our Villages. Currently, there is  
9 only one pipeline into the Village. If something happens to that pipeline, the Village  
10 relies on its water towers in order to supply water to the residents. That consists of about  
11 three-days of water. If there is a major break in Oak Lawn's System, it becomes a major  
12 break for the Village. She stated that this is not something that we can ignore. Village  
13 President Meyers-Martin stated that we not only have to work with Oak Lawn, but the  
14 Village has to explore other options, which it has been doing on a continuous basis. She  
15 stated that we will keep you apprised of how those negotiations, conversations, and  
16 dialog goes. She stated that the rumor going around is that water is going to be more  
17 important than oil to everyone because it is becoming such a precious commodity. She  
18 stated that unfortunately when Oak Lawn passes on the increase, then the Village has to  
19 acquiesce to that increase. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she wished that  
20 Trustee Waite was here this evening to talk about that.

21  
22 **Information Only: Tree Removal Program – Award of Contract** – Village President  
23 Meyers-Martin stated that the second item on Trustee Waite's Report had to do with the  
24 Tree Removal Program and the award of the contract. She stated that over the past three  
25 or four Board Meetings, the Board has talked about the need to remove a great number of  
26 trees in the Village because of the Ash Borer problem. The Village has marked 24-trees  
27 for removal throughout the entire Village. The Board originally thought the cost to  
28 remove those trees was going to come in at \$20,000.00. Mr. Alexa, the Director of Public  
29 Works has been able to negotiate an amount of \$9,500.00 from Alguire's Tree Service.  
30 That provides the Village with a savings of \$10,500.00. She stated that is a silver lining  
31 in that cloud. She stated that we hate to lose so many trees. She is happy that the bid  
32 came in lower than what the Board thought it would.

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35 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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37 Trustee Nale stated that she did not have a Formal Report this evening. Trustee Nale  
38 stated that she has been in contact with the Horton Health Group. She will pursue that  
39 until she has a meeting with Administrator Mekarski. She is waiting for a Bulletin that  
40 she can post in each department regarding February being "Heart Health Month."

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42 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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44 **Action Items to Follow Executive Session** – Trustee Gibson stated that the major part of  
45 her report this evening will come following the Executive Session, and the action that the  
46 Board will take after the Executive Session.

1 **Update of the Olympia Fields Conference Center Committee** – Trustee Gibson stated  
2 that the Olympia Fields Conference Center Committee met on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Trustee  
3 Gibson provided the Board with a copy of a letter regarding the first step in attempting to  
4 clear up some of the problems that have existed in the usage of the Conference Center.  
5 The letter was approved by the Village President before the Committee sent it out. The  
6 Committee is in the process of trying to get all of the things necessary so that the use of  
7 the Conference Center will be done in a respectable way.

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9 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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11 **Resolution #2013-01 – A Resolution for Improvement by Municipality under the**  
12 **Illinois Highway Code – 207<sup>th</sup> Street (Scott Drive) & Governors Highway (FAU**  
13 **2820) Pedestrian Improvement Program** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the first  
14 item that he has is Resolution #2013-01. It is a Resolution for Improvement by a  
15 Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code for 207<sup>th</sup> Street which is Scott Drive and  
16 Governors Highway (FAU 2820) Pedestrian Improvement Program. The Board just heard  
17 a report from Pat Barker from Robinson Engineering. This was a \$555,000.00 award that  
18 was given to the Village. The Village earmarked the funds for this critical Pedestrian  
19 Safety Project. He stated that part of that requires a local match. The Resolution was  
20 drafted by Robinson Engineering which will be directed to the Motor Fuel Tax Fund to  
21 IDOT. It allows the Village to formally encumber \$117,000.00 of this Fiscal Year’s MFT  
22 Allocation to cover the match requirements associated with the Grant.

23  
24 Trustee Pennington inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not there is a distinct  
25 possibility that this \$117,000.00 may not be enough.

26  
27 Administrator Mekarski stated no. He stated that this is a little bit above what the  
28 minimum match requirements are so it does provide some contingency. He stated that we  
29 originally projected a \$100,000.00 match early in the Budget Cycle. He stated that this  
30 will not be expended fully this Fiscal Year. It will carry over to the next Fiscal Year. Mr.  
31 Alexa had assured Administrator Mekarski that within his MFT Allocations there is still  
32 some remaining fund balance. The Village will take another \$17,000.00 from that fund  
33 balance and insure that the Village has it covered for the \$117,000.00 that this Resolution  
34 requires.

35  
36 Village President Meyers-Martin reminded the Board that it was setting aside the MFT  
37 Funds for the traffic light.

38  
39 Administrator Mekarski stated that is correct. He stated that this is a great thing because  
40 State and Federal Funds are being utilized towards this Pedestrian Improvement Program,  
41 which includes bike paths, sidewalks and a very intricate Beacon System as a start in  
42 getting our children and families to the beautiful Tolentine Park.

1 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to approve Resolution**  
2 **#2013-01 – A Resolution for Improvement by Municipality under the Illinois**  
3 **Highway Code – 207<sup>th</sup> Street (Scott Drive) & Governors Highway (FAU 2820)**  
4 **Pedestrian Improvement Program; and encumbering \$117,000.00 in Village**  
5 **allocated MFT Funds as a local match requirement to the TCSP Federal Grant**  
6 **Award.**

7 **Roll Call:**                    **Ayes (4-0)**                                    **Motion Carried.**  
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9 **Resolution #2013-02 – A Local Agency Resolution of Intent MFT/G.O. Bond – 2012-**  
10 **2013 Road Bond Project – Phase I Road Repaving Program –** Administrator  
11 MekarSKI stated that the next item is Resolution #2013-02. It is a local agency Resolution  
12 for the intent of Motor Fuel Tax Funds associated with the Village's General Obligation  
13 Bond 2012-2013 Road Bond Project, Phase I Road Repaving Program. Administrator  
14 MekarSKI stated that the Village just consummated the sale for the \$1,700,000.00 funding  
15 at a very favorable interest rate. At the last Board Meeting a detailed listing was provided  
16 of the streets that have to be repaved, milled and recapped. This is being done without  
17 increasing property tax and without coming up with a new tax. The Village plans to  
18 encumber \$100,000.00 of its Motor Fuel Tax Allocation annually for 20-years and  
19 supplement that with approximately \$20,000.00 of Sales Tax. The Resolution before the  
20 Board this evening as drafted is the annual allocation to MFT to encumber the  
21 \$100,000.00. The Board will have to pass a similar Resolution of this nature for the next  
22 20-years.

23 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to approve Resolution**  
24 **#2013-02 – A Local Agency Resolution of Intent MFT/G.O. Bond – 2012-2013 Road**  
25 **Bond Project – Phase I Road Repaving Program; and authorize the Village**  
26 **President to enter into a Preliminary/Construction Engineering Services Agreement**  
27 **for Motor Fuel Tax Funds to initiate the referenced Project.**

28 **Roll Call:**                    **Ayes (4-0)**                                    **Motion Carried.**  
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30 **Information Only: CMAP Technical Assistance Grant and Zoning Revision for**  
31 **Olympia Fields –** Administrator MekarSKI stated that the next item on the Agenda is for  
32 information only. He is very pleased to announce the CMAP (Chicago Metropolitan  
33 Agency for Planning) Technical Assistance Grant. The Village has targeted those funds  
34 towards a restudy of the 203<sup>rd</sup> Street Transit Oriented Development Area. This is a  
35 follow-up to the Homes for a Changing Region Study that the Village completed with the  
36 Mayors Caucus and the CMAP. He stated that as a follow-up to that we had an EPA  
37 Building Blocks Conference that Mr. Joe Martin, Dr. Ernie Gibson, Trustee Kelvin  
38 Oliver, and Lee Langon from Olympia Club participated in. This is the final element.  
39 CMAP is going out on requests for proposals for professional consultants. He stated that  
40 we are going to restudy that entire area. This gives the Board an opportunity to revamp  
41 the Planned Unit Development for the condo site. He believes that many members of the  
42 Board still have some reservations on that. He stated that today's economy is not going to  
43 allow luxury condominiums as anticipated back in 2005 when the Village worked with  
44 the developer. It allows the Village to look at the open area on Vollmer Road which is  
45 above the Lakes of Olympia to examine whether that should be a multi-family  
46 condominium. He stated that a new element has evolved with the announcement of



1 Meijer's going in on Vollmer Road. That tract of land has some considerable commercial  
2 opportunity even though it is a small tract. He stated that ancillary retail might be an  
3 element in that area.

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5 Administrator Mekarski stated that the residents in Olympia Club have suggested that  
6 they wouldn't mind reexamining their PUD because they recognize in today's market that  
7 60% to 70% of that subdivision is vacant, and as long as that property is vacant their  
8 home values are going to be impacted. He stated that it is not desirable to be living for an  
9 extended period of time in an unfinished subdivision. Mr. Lee Langon who is President  
10 of the Olympia Club Homeowners Association suggested that the Village look at the  
11 PUD to allow different housing types like the townhomes that are in Wysteria, and  
12 perhaps single-family ranch homes, and maybe a neoclassical in the center in order to get  
13 build out in that subdivision much faster than what the current economy will allow. There  
14 will be a comprehensive look at all of the vacant properties. This will require a Steering  
15 Committee that will meet quarterly. He stated that we will need Trustee Oliver as the  
16 Liaison to the Planning and Zoning Commission on the Steering Committee. He stated  
17 that we anticipate putting some of the landowners on the Steering Committee such as a  
18 representative from the Bank of Countryside who owns that property at the TOD (Transit  
19 Oriented Development) and a representative from the Delaware Bank that owns the  
20 property on Vollmer Road. The Board can add to that with additional Trustee  
21 representation. He stated that Mr. Lee Langon would be recommended for the Steering  
22 Committee. Mr. Langon was very active in the EPA Building Blocks Process. He stated  
23 that this is free of charge to the Village. The study is probably worth over \$100,000.00.  
24 The Village will engage the entire community in the process.

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26 **Authorization to Approve the Revised Intergovernmental Agreement between the**  
27 **Village of Olympia Fields and the Illinois Office of the Comptroller regarding access**  
28 **to the Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery Program** – Administrator Mekarski stated  
29 that pursuant to the Revised Agenda there is a report relative to authorization to approve  
30 the Revised Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Olympia Fields and the  
31 Illinois Office of the Comptroller regarding access to the Comptroller's Local Debt  
32 Recovery Program. The Board took action on this when it adopted Resolution No. 2012-  
33 05. The Board had passed a Resolution entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement  
34 and it was forwarded to the Office of the Comptroller. There is a new program by that  
35 office that assists Municipalities to capture some of the uncollected adjudication debt  
36 through the powers of the State. That would be exacted from their State Income Tax and  
37 other mechanisms that are identified in the Intergovernmental Agreement. Chief Krull  
38 started on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Chief Krull spent a considerable amount of hours at the direction  
39 of the Village President to get this back on track. As a result of Chief Krull's  
40 conversations with the Comptroller's Office the Village became aware late last week that  
41 there was some minor language in the Intergovernmental Agreement that was not to  
42 hoyle to the State Comptroller's Office. The Comptroller's Office sent a new Agreement  
43 to the Village late Friday. It was reviewed this morning by Judy Kolman. The Village  
44 Attorney stated that there are minor and non substantive changes, issues like the Village's  
45 prohibition to release Social Security Numbers and things of that nature. Mrs. Kolman is  
46 asking the Board to consider the Revised Intergovernmental Agreement this evening.

1 There are a number of Municipalities that the Village is competing with. The Comptroller  
2 is only offering this to a limited number of Municipalities. The Village has a window  
3 open because the Board passed a Resolution in the beginning of 2012. The Comptroller's  
4 Office needs this ASAP.

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6 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she works next door to the Illinois  
7 Comptroller's Office. She stated that when she would pass by the Comptroller's Office  
8 they would inquire whether or not the Village has provided the information to them in  
9 order to participate in the Local Debt Recovery Program. Village President Meyers-  
10 Martin would then contact Cindy Saenz or Administrator Mekarski to inquire whether or  
11 not the Village has submitted the information to the Comptroller's Office. Village  
12 President Meyers-Martin stated that she had to give credit to the Comptroller's Office.  
13 They were quite vigilant in making sure that the Village provided them with the  
14 information that they needed in order to participate in the program. Village President  
15 Meyers-Martin inquired of Administrator Mekarski what the amount of unclaimed debt  
16 was that is owed to the Village. Administrator Mekarski stated that his recollection is  
17 \$120,000.00. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that in a lot of cases the  
18 Municipalities end up writing off that debt because it is uncollectable. The Comptroller's  
19 Office came up with the Debt Recovery Program and many Municipalities are taking  
20 advantage of it. She is excited that the Village of Olympia Fields was chosen to  
21 participate in the program.

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23 Administrator Mekarski stated that this is being done in an expedited fashion at the  
24 request of the Office of the Comptroller. He stated that the Village's Legal Advisor  
25 assures us that they are minor and non substantive changes that don't reflect anything  
26 from the original Resolution of 2012-05.

27 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to suspend the rules in order**  
28 **for Chief Krull to address the Board.**

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

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31 Chief Krull stated that he just had to backtrack and contact the Comptroller's Office to  
32 find out what happened. There have been a lot of personnel turnovers in the  
33 Comptroller's Office and because of that there was a paperwork shuffle. The forms that  
34 the Village originally submitted on April 23, 2012 were lost. Chief Krull stated that had  
35 the Village not checked on that, we would not be able to do what we are trying to do  
36 tonight. The Village would have lost out on this opportunity. He stated that everybody  
37 was very helpful. He stated that he had to give a lot of credit to the Director of Finance,  
38 Cynthia Saenz. They exchanged a lot of emails and telephone calls trying to track down  
39 what needed to be done. Once they had the information they were able to forward it in a  
40 concise form.

41 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to authorize the Village**  
42 **President to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of**  
43 **Olympia Fields and the Illinois Office of the Comptroller regarding access to the**  
44 **Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery Program; as revised by the Illinois Office of the**  
45 **Comptroller and approved by the Village's Legal Advisor on January 28, 2013.**

46 **Roll Call: Ayes (4-0) Motion Carried.**



1 that she is excited about it because she is looking forward to the Village moving forward  
2 with the Road Pavement Program.

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4 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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6 The Board did not have any Unfinished Business to discuss this evening.

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8 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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10 The Board did not have any New Business to discuss this evening.

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12 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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14 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she did not have any Resignations or  
15 Appointments this evening.

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17 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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19 **To Discuss Matters of Personnel – Open Meetings Act Section 5ILCS120/2(c)(1) –**  
20 **With a need to Reconvene -**

21 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to go into Executive**  
22 **Session at 8:40 P.M. to Discuss Matters of Personnel according to the Open**  
23 **Meetings Act Section 5ILCS120/2(c)(1) with a need to Reconvene.**

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

25  
26 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we are going into Executive Session. She  
27 stated that the Board will take action once it comes back into Open Session.

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29 Administrator Mekarski stated that Chief Krull would need to stay for Executive Session.

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31 **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**

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33 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to reconvene to Open**  
34 **Meeting at 9:17 P.M. on Public Safety, Trustee Gibson’s authorization for the**  
35 **Village Administrator to enter into a Letter Agreement with John A. Krull.**

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

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38 **PUBLIC SAFETY (CONTINUED):**

39  
40 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Board has three Motions to vote on.

41 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to formally lift the Fiscal Year**  
42 **2012-2013 Hiring Freeze, and provide for the hiring of two Full-Time Patrol**  
43 **Officers advancing Officer Ayala and Officer Smith to full-time status with a**  
44 **starting salary of \$52,300.00**

45 **Roll Call: Ayes (4-0) Motion Carried.**

