

1                                   **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**  
2                                   **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
3                                   **Held on February 9, 2009**

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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 9, 2009, at  
6 the Olympia Fields Village Hall and was called to order by President Jones at 7:30 P.M.  
7 The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called the roll.

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

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14 Absent: None

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16 **MINUTES:**

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18 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to approve the Minutes of**  
19 **January 26, 2009, as amended.**

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

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22 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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24 President Jones stated he has Bills for Approval totaling \$60,829.73.

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26 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the payment**  
27 **of bills for February 9, 2009, in the total amount of \$60,829.73.**

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

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30 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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32 President Jones opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:33 P.M. President Jones  
33 stated that he knew that there were a couple of residents that wanted to discuss something  
34 with the Board and he would have them to do that in a minute.

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36 **Joan Crusor – Quilt** - President Jones invited the quilter, Joan Crusor, to the meeting  
37 this evening. Mrs. Crusor made the wonderful quilt that is in the foyer of Village Hall.  
38 President Jones wanted to recognize her at this time. (There was a round of applause for  
39 Joan Crusor) President Jones stated that he was glad she could attend the meeting this  
40 evening. He stated at the last Board Meeting the Board couldn't wait and they unveiled  
41 the quilt.

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43 Mrs. Crusor stated that she first wanted to recognize President Jones, the Trustees,  
44 Administrator Mekariski and Village Clerk, Judi Rangel. Mrs. Crusor stated that she  
45 considers it a grand honor to be asked by President Jones to make a quilt for the Village.  
46 She stated that President Jones and his wife are great supporters of the Arts.

1 Mrs. Crusor stated that this was the biggest challenge she had ever taken on as a quilter.  
2 She took on this challenge when she was grieving the loss of her mother. She stated it  
3 was the most beautiful thing she has ever produced. She thanked everyone for the  
4 opportunity to make the quilt. She grew as a person and as a quilter during the process.  
5 She also thanked her husband for his love and his support.  
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7 Mrs. Crusor stated that she named the quilt "The Light of Arete." She stated that light  
8 gives us an opportunity to become enlightened. Mrs. Crusor stated that the Village  
9 represents light in so many ways to our children, to our seniors, to everyone in the  
10 Village. The philosophy of Arete is the fulfillment of self to the fullest. She had the  
11 opportunity to fulfill herself at another level as a quilter, and as a mom, and coming into a  
12 new place as a woman. She thanked the Board for the opportunity and for their support.  
13 (There was a round of applause)  
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15 President Jones stated that he and his wife purchased a quilt from Mrs. Crusor. He stated  
16 they are wonderful keepsakes and there are a variety of styles and formats. Some of her  
17 work has wonderful, historical illusions in them, and others just have wonderful  
18 statements about life and who we are as people and human beings to better our world. He  
19 stated anyone can purchase a quilt from Mrs. Crusor. President Jones thanked Mrs.  
20 Crusor on behalf of all the residents of the Village. He believes it is a wonderful addition  
21 to the Village Hall and it brings tremendous light, color, and energy to the space in the  
22 foyer.  
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24 **Street Lamp at 204<sup>th</sup> Street & Kedzie Avenue** - Brunetta Hill-Corley who resides at  
25 20340 Kedzie Avenue, stated that she has resided in the Village for two years. She is here  
26 this evening along with two of her neighbors, Betty Ruzich and Cathie Cook. At their  
27 Homeowners Association Meeting they brought up the fact that they would like a street  
28 lamp to be placed at 204<sup>th</sup> Street and Kedzie Avenue on the northwest side or southwest  
29 corner. They would like the street lamp on the west side of the street. As you approach  
30 204th Street it is very dark, and you can easily pass the street due to the lack of light  
31 there.  
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33 Brunetta Hill-Corley stated that they were wondering what the procedure was to get a  
34 street lamp placed on that corner. She also inquired of the Board as to whether or not  
35 there were street lamps on Kedzie Avenue prior to the restructuring of Kedzie Avenue,  
36 and whether or not there has been any discussion to put street lamps on Kedzie Avenue as  
37 you enter into the curve.  
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39 President Jones stated that no street lamps were removed as a result of the work that was  
40 done on Kedzie Avenue and it was not widened in the section that she is speaking about.  
41 Administrator Mekarski stated that he spoke to Joe Alexa, the Director of Public Works,  
42 and what is normally done is the Village submits a formal request to Commonwealth  
43 Edison. Commonwealth Edison will make an assessment. Mr. Alexa budgets,  
44 approximately, \$65.00 per month for the debt service of the installation of the pole and  
45 the leasing of the equipment. The \$65.00 per month charge is assessed on the Village  
46 over a 20-year life span. That would cover the fixed cost and the leasing of the equipment

1 from Commonwealth Edison. In terms of additional budgetary costs, Mr. Alexa would  
2 recommend \$12.00 to \$15.00 for electrical supplies. President Jones stated that it is solely  
3 the discretion of this Board as to whether or not a street lamp is placed at that location.  
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5 President Jones stated that he was not going to ask the Board to deliberate on this tonight.  
6 The Board would have to deliberate and vote to support such an application. President  
7 Jones would like additional input from the residents regarding this matter. He stated there  
8 may be people in the immediate area that do not want the additional light. He would also  
9 like some input from the leadership from the Original Village Homeowners Association.  
10 President Jones stated that this will be scheduled as a formal item on the agenda. The  
11 Village will notify the three residents present this evening when the matter will be before  
12 the Board. It may not be until the first meeting in March. President Jones stated that the  
13 leadership of the Original Village Homeowners Association should be present that night  
14 to give the Board some input on this matter. President Jones stated that by putting this on  
15 the agenda in March, it would give the Homeowners Association time to discuss the  
16 matter with the residents. President Jones believes the residents that are in the immediate  
17 area should be part of the conversation as well.  
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19 Mrs. Cook stated it is the issue of identifying 204<sup>th</sup> Street. She stated that it is a safety  
20 issue. Mrs. Ruzich stated that she did not believe Kay Mangan would be in favor of the  
21 street lamp because she likes to be secluded. Brunetta Hill-Corley stated that she is more  
22 concerned with the safety issue because there are times you turn onto 204<sup>th</sup> Street and  
23 there is a car, and you don't see the car until you are on top of it. She stated at times there  
24 will be people having a conversation and you can't see them but you can hear their  
25 voices. She inquired of President Jones as to whether or not the residents need to prepare  
26 a Petition. President Jones stated that was not necessary because they have a  
27 Homeowners Association. President Jones stated that there are legitimate reasons for  
28 considering their request. President Jones stated that the Board would make a decision on  
29 this matter in March. He thanked the three residents for coming this evening.  
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31 **President of Park District Board** – President Jones recognized the President of the Park  
32 District Board, Nodee McNeal, and her husband Michael, who are present this evening.  
33 He stated it was nice to have a fellow Government Agency join the Board tonight. There  
34 were other members of the public present but they did not wish to address the Board.  
35 President Jones closed Communications and Petitions at 7:47 P.M.  
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37 **FINANCE:**  
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39 **Auditing Services Proposal – Sikich LLP** – Trustee Pennington stated it is time for the  
40 Village to look at the Auditing Contract with Sikich LLP. The contract is coming up for  
41 renewal in April of 2009. Trustee Pennington stated that in the Board Packet is a copy of  
42 the proposal from Sikich LLP entitled, "Proposal to Provide Professional Auditing  
43 Services for the Fiscal Years ending April 30, 2009 through April 30, 2011." This is a  
44 three-year contract. This is consistent with what the Village had in the past with this firm  
45 as well as with other Auditing Firms.  
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1 Trustee Pennington stated that he is quite pleased with the level of expertise and service  
2 that the firm renders to the Village. He stated that they are highly professional. They are  
3 dedicated to providing the Village with the best qualities of service. Their attention to  
4 detail is unprecedented. They have a good working relationship with the Village's  
5 Director of Finance and the Village's Finance Staff. Trustee Pennington highly  
6 recommends that the Board accept the proposal of Sikich LLP.

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8 Trustee Pennington stated that the costs have increased. It increases by \$600.00 for the  
9 three-year period. He stated that it is pretty reasonable given these times, and for the type  
10 of work that they provide for the Village.

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12 President Jones wanted the residents to be aware of what the Board is talking about. He  
13 stated that this is a contract. Its base audit for the next year would be \$14,800.00 and it  
14 would go up \$500.00 from there. He stated that Sikich LLP does an excellent job. The  
15 Village's staff is familiar with working with Sikich LLP in terms of preparing for the  
16 Audit. President Jones stated that the Village is able to close the books and get the Audit  
17 filed on time. The Village must have an Audit. It must be a clean Audit and it must be  
18 filed on time. The proposed increase is about 2½ to 3%. President Jones believes that is  
19 an appropriately modest increase.

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21 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to approve the**  
22 **engagement of Sikich LLP for the term of 2009, 2010, and 2011 at the fee structure**  
23 **set forth on page 15 of their proposal.**

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

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26 **Budget Proposals** – Trustee Pennington stated that it has been brought to his attention  
27 that the Department Heads have submitted their Budget Proposals for this coming fiscal  
28 year. Cindy Saenz is reviewing those Budget Proposals. Copies of the Budget Proposals  
29 will be provided to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee will be meeting  
30 within the next 10 days to start its deliberations on the 2009/2010 Budget.

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32 President Jones stated that we are on time and on schedule. The dates that were  
33 previously provided to the Board to deliberate on the Budget will go forward, unless  
34 there is a conflict on the part of a Trustee.

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36 **BUILDING:**

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38 Trustee Ormsby stated that she did not have a formal report this evening.

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40 **PLANNING:**

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42 Trustee Gibson stated that she did not have a formal report this evening.

1 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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3 **Oak Lawn Water Rate Increase** – Trustee Oliver stated, thanks to the City of Chicago,  
4 on November 13, 2007, the City Council approved a series of three yearly water rate  
5 increases. That increase was passed on to Oak Lawn and has been passed on to the  
6 Village. Both the Village and the residents will see an increase in the rates. The Village  
7 will see an increase from \$1.70 per thousand gallons to \$1.93 per thousand gallons. The  
8 residents will see an increase from \$4.56 per thousand gallons to \$4.79 per thousand  
9 gallons. This is a little over a 5% increase.

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11 President Jones stated that the rate charged to the residents is a combination of both water  
12 and sewer. President Jones believes it has been two years since there was a rate increase.  
13 He stated that this is something that the Village does not have a lot of control over. The  
14 City of Chicago is the source of the water.

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16 President Jones stated that there was an article in the Southtown on Sunday. He  
17 recommends that everyone read the article. It is on the Southtown Website. The Village  
18 of Oak Lawn, and the member communities that are involved on the Village of Oak  
19 Lawn Water System, have been involved in a study of the overall system for the last  
20 couple of years. The article discusses that the member communities have joined with Oak  
21 Lawn through the help of a Lobbyist that the Village of Oak Lawn hired, to submit that  
22 package of structural changes to the Federal Government as part of what they are looking  
23 at in terms of the Stimulus Package. President Jones does not know if these discreet  
24 programs will get much help in the Stimulus Package. The cost is close to 200 Million  
25 Dollars. The project has been engineered and it is ready to go.

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27 President Jones stated that the Village has been concerned that the Village's only source  
28 of water through this system is a pipe that runs down Cicero from Country Club Hills and  
29 into the Village of Matteson. The Village then hooks onto that pipe. The concern of the  
30 Village is if that pipe were to go down, so does the Village's water supply. One of the  
31 components of the new plan is to build in redundancy. It is planned that they will loop the  
32 system by running a pipe from the Tinley Park component of the system, back along  
33 Lincoln Highway to the Village of Matteson. That will provide a loop so if the pipe goes  
34 down from Country Club Hills, the Village can still get water through the Tinley Park  
35 component of the system. It is very expensive to do this.

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37 Administrator Mekarski stated that we have to thank President Jones for having that  
38 project addressed. He stated that for over a decade the Oak Lawn officials ignored the  
39 issue of providing redundancy, or correction to that undersized line that goes along  
40 Cicero. President Jones was concerned that the Village has a voice at the meetings with  
41 Oak Lawn and the eleven other communities that are part of this consortium.

42 Administrator Mekarski stated that within the last two years, the Village of Oak Lawn  
43 hired a nationally recognized Engineering Firm, Camp Dresser & McKee. The project  
44 has finally gotten the attention to ensure the reliability and redundancy to protect the  
45 Village's water supply, both for drinking and for fire protection.

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1 **Public Works Budget** – Trustee Oliver stated that the Public Works Committee met on  
2 February 6, 2009, to discuss and go over their Budget.

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4 **Fire on Sparta** – President Jones stated that last week there was a fire on Sparta and the  
5 house was destroyed. He stated that it is a real eyesore. When the fire department was  
6 pumping water out of the fire hydrants, it caused two main breaks in the system. Public  
7 Works was out there repairing those. The road is kind of tore up but it has been covered  
8 back over and the systems are functioning fine.

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10 President Jones wants the residents to know that the Village is moving as diligently and  
11 as quickly as it can to identify the owner, and to work with that owner and their insurance  
12 company to remove that structure. It has to be removed. There are no remodeling  
13 opportunities with the structure. If the structure cannot be removed voluntarily, the  
14 Village will be in Court to see to it that it is removed. The home has been unoccupied for  
15 at least a year. President Jones stated that the Preliminary Reports indicate that the fire  
16 may have been set. He stated that it is very unfortunate.

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18 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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20 **Human Resources Committee - Goals for the Building Commissioner and the**  
21 **Community Officer** – Trustee Nale stated that over the last several months the Human  
22 Resource Committee has been working on the written goals for the different departments  
23 within the Village. They are currently working on the Goals for the last department,  
24 which is the Department of the Building Commissioner and the Community Service  
25 Officer. Trustee Nale stated that the Human Resource Committee has completed the  
26 written goals. She stated that Administrator Mekarski suggested that the report needs to  
27 be tweaked a little bit. The report should be ready before the next meeting. Trustee Nale  
28 stated that the Human Resource Committee would be meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February  
29 2009.

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31 **Executive Safety Committee** – Trustee Nale stated that the Executive Safety Committee  
32 met last week. Trustee Nale stated that the Executive Safety Committee was meeting  
33 every month. Due to the fact they have developed their goals and their expectations, they  
34 will only be meeting every other month. She stated that there were several suggestions at  
35 the last meeting about safety concerns. Trustee Meyers-Martin will cover those items in  
36 her report.

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38 **Cameras in the Police Department** – Trustee Nale stated that due to the Executive  
39 Safety Committee they have cameras ready in the police department. They cannot be  
40 connected due to the fact that they need special plug-in facilities.

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42 **Emergency Exit Signs** – Trustee Nale stated that the emergency exit signs are up and in  
43 place. She stated that they look very nice. Trustee Nale thanked Trustee Ormsby for  
44 having the signs framed and ready to apply.

1 **Community Service Officer** – President Jones stated that the Village is currently  
2 seeking candidates for the position of Community Service Officer. The Village has  
3 received approximately 250 applications for that position. He stated that it is the sign of  
4 the times. President Jones stated that he, along with Trustees Nale and Ormsby who are  
5 overseeing the process, would have their work cut out for them going through that  
6 process. He stated when the Village was looking to fill the position of Building  
7 Commissioner; there were 10 applications for the position.

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9 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Trustee Nale as to whether or not the Village had the plug-in  
10 for the cameras in the police department. Trustee Nale stated that another adapter has to  
11 be applied. Trustee Ormsby stated that the Village has the plug-in and it is just a glitch.

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13 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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15 **Officer Recognition – Toris Anderson** – Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that Chief  
16 Chudwin received a letter from Mr. Preston Bowie regarding Officer Anderson's  
17 assistance to his wife, Cecilia, on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Mr. Preston stated that Officer  
18 Toris Anderson went above and beyond the call of duty in helping his wife, Cecilia, who  
19 had a flat tire on Route 30. Officer Anderson waited with Mrs. Bowie while she waited  
20 for her husband to arrive. He blocked the car from oncoming traffic in order to allow Mr.  
21 Bowie to change the tire, and he also assisted. All of that really was above and beyond  
22 the call of duty. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that the police department wanted to  
23 recognize Officer Toris Anderson this evening for his assistance to Mr. and Mrs. Bowie.  
24 (There was a round of applause for Officer Anderson).

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26 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that Officer Anderson is not present this evening, but we  
27 do thank him for his dedication and commitment to the Village.

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29 **Emergency Purchase of Barricades and Trailer from the Asset Forfeiture Fund** –  
30 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that the next item on her agenda is for the emergency  
31 purchase of barricades and a trailer from the Asset Forfeiture Fund. Trustee Meyers-  
32 Martin stated that in light of the flooding that occurred last summer, Public Safety along  
33 with Public Works determined that there needed to be additional equipment purchased in  
34 order to plan for any emergency situations that might come up due to flooding this  
35 season.

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37 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Oliver to authorize our Police**  
38 **Department to make an emergency purchase of an enclosed trailer, 80 traffic cones,**  
39 **barricades, signs and emergency lights and ancillary to fulfill emergency needs**  
40 **associated with road closures and/or traffic detours expected in the event of rapid**  
41 **spring snow melt and storm conditions; with said funds to be provided from the**  
42 **Village's Asset Forfeiture Fund, and not to exceed \$10,000.00.**

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44 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that when the Village had the flooding, it was very difficult  
45 to move the equipment from place to place in terms of when there was flooding under the

1 viaduct. They want to make sure that they are prepared this year in the event that this  
2 happens again.

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4 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Trustee Meyers-Martin as to whether or not this was just  
5 going to be used for flooding. Administrator Mekarski stated that it would be used for  
6 any emergencies for traffic control. Trustee Ormsby inquired of Trustee Meyers-Martin  
7 as to whether or not the trailer was just being used to move the equipment. Trustee  
8 Meyers-Martin stated that the trailer is used to store the equipment as well. President  
9 Jones stated that the cost would include the purchase of the trailer as well as the  
10 associated equipment.

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12 President Jones stated that last year the Village did not have enough horses to protect the  
13 motorists from dangerous situations. Trustee Pennington stated that the Village had to  
14 borrow some equipment. President Jones stated that squad cars had to be placed in certain  
15 areas because the Village did not have enough barricades.

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17 President Jones stated that this money becomes available to the Village through its  
18 participation in the Federal Customs Program. This money is not coming out of the  
19 Village's direct taxpayers dollars. The Village receives a percentage of the seizures of  
20 cash. Over the years the Village has received between \$300,000.00 to \$500,000.00. The  
21 Village has carefully spent this money where the need arises to enhance Public Safety.

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

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24 **Public Safety Committee** – Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that the Public Safety  
25 Committee did meet and they prepared their Budget recommendations as well.

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27 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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29 **2009 Farmer's Market – Consideration of the Market Manager Fee** – Administrator  
30 Mekarski provided the Board with a copy of the Market Manager Fee for consideration  
31 this evening in regard to the Farmer's Market. Administrator Mekarski stated that,  
32 typically, the Farmer's Market is held at Olympia Square by the Bizios Market. This year  
33 the Farmer's Market Manager has requested that the Farmer's Market be moved to the  
34 Methodist Church on Western Avenue. The Olympia Fields Farmer's Market has grown  
35 in a short time to one of the premier markets in the region. Last year some of the  
36 attendance was down and there were not as many vendors for three reasons. 1. There was  
37 an economic downturn in the economy that was starting to be felt in the summer months.  
38 2. There was very inclement, wet, cold, weather that affected a lot of independent  
39 growers not to bring produce to the market. 3. There was a lack of parking.

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41 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Farmer's Market Manager is confident that he will  
42 be able to increase the number of vendors by moving the location of the Farmer's Market.  
43 There were 20 to 24 vendors. The Manager believes the number of vendors will increase  
44 to the 30s and possibly the 40s. There will be adequate parking for the Farmer's Market at  
45 the new location.



1 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Village had urged the Manager to ensure that he  
2 operates with the proper liability insurance. The Manager submitted a proposal to the  
3 Village with a similar Management Fee except for the addition of liability coverage that  
4 has been equally distributed over the communities where he has a Farmer's Market. The  
5 total cost to the Village for this year would be \$5,000.00.

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7 **Motion by Trustee Meyers-Martin to authorize the Village Administrator to accept**  
8 **the invoice for management services associated with the management of the 2009**  
9 **Olympia Field's Farmer's Market located at the United Methodist Church on the**  
10 **corner of Western and Joe Orr Road. Agreeing to equal payments of \$2,500.00**  
11 **scheduled for May 1, 2009 and October 1, 2009 and authorize the Administrator to**  
12 **pay mileage at the rate of .585 per mile for customary travel associated with the**  
13 **Market.**

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15 President Jones stated that if the Board does not approve the Motion there will not be a  
16 Farmer's Market. He went on to state that he did not have a strong opinion about this one  
17 way or another. He believes that the residents in the region enjoyed the Farmer's Market.  
18 It brings healthy products to the area to compliment other choices that the residents and  
19 the people in the area have. President Jones stated that he had inquired of Administrator  
20 Mekarski as to why the Village should pay \$5,000.00 for this, or essentially the taxpayers  
21 pay for this. President Jones stated that the possible rationale was that there is a direct  
22 benefit to our taxpayers and that we should subsidize this to bring this quality of life  
23 amenity to the area. President Jones stated that the Village of Flossmoor is not paying for  
24 this and as a consequence, they do not have a very good Farmer's Market. He stated that  
25 Richton Park pays a fee for their Farmer's Market. Other communities pay a fee for a  
26 Farmer's Market. President Jones stated that he does not have a second for the Motion  
27 and he declared that the Motion is dead.

28  
29 **Sanitary Sewer Program – Change Order Agreement for National Power Rodding –**  
30 Administrator Mekarski provided the Board with a copy of a detailed report from  
31 Robinson Engineering explaining a change in conditions to the contract for sewer  
32 cleaning and televising. This is associated with the Village's Seven Million Dollar  
33 Comprehensive Sewer Rehabilitation Program whereby the Village is rebuilding 60% of  
34 the Village's Sewer System. The bids for the job were awarded last year to National  
35 Power Rodding in the amount of \$245,000.00. The understanding was that National  
36 Power Rodding would have access to the Village's Water System primarily through the  
37 fire hydrants located throughout the neighborhood. Due to a concern of water  
38 hammering, which is what happened on Sparta, when a fire hydrant is opened or closed  
39 abruptly, the water increases in pressure surrounding the line and it causes a shattering of  
40 the water line causing breaks and holes. The Department of Public Works had concerns  
41 with the older water lines in the Original Village and in the Arcadia area, and they  
42 restricted National Power Rodding access to two fire hydrants. At the request of National  
43 Power Rodding, the Department of Public Works allowed access to three hydrants and a  
44 floating hydrant. The Department of Public Works was concerned with having an  
45 interruption of water to the Village or of having a loss of pressure in an emergency  
46 situation to the Village. That is why the Department of Public Works restricted the

1 number of fire hydrants available to National Power Rodding. This caused additional  
2 costs to National Power Rodding that they had not anticipated. National Power Rodding  
3 originally demanded an additional \$100,000.00 from the Village for the additional costs it  
4 incurred. Through negotiations with the Village Engineer, Administrator Mekarski and  
5 the Department of Public Works, National Power Rodding came down on the additional  
6 costs to \$24,500.00. Administrator Mekarski stated that he is asking the Board to approve  
7 the Change Order Agreement in the amount of \$24,500.00. This is 10% of the contract  
8 price and still below what the second lowest bidder would have charged.

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10 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Ormsby to approve a Change Order to**  
11 **the Village's contract with National Power Rodding dated April 17, 2008; and,**  
12 **further authorize the Village Administrator to execute the Change Order**  
13 **Agreement dated February 9, 2009 between the Village of Olympia Fields and**  
14 **National Power Rodding Corporation in the amount of \$24,500.00 for compensation**  
15 **to additional labor and equipment associated with the transportation of water**  
16 **supply to the various work sites throughout the Village.**

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18 Trustee Pennington inquired of Administrator Mekarski as to whether or not he  
19 anticipates any additional Change Orders. President Jones stated that National Power  
20 Rodding has a final punch list to complete. There isn't any more work for them to do in  
21 this project. He went on to state that he does not fault the contractor for fighting over  
22 increased, unanticipated costs, in providing their services. The Department of Public  
23 Works was being aggressive in protecting the Village's infrastructure. President Jones  
24 believes this is a fair resolution of the matter. Administrator Mekarski stated that it is  
25 35% below the engineering estimate and the next highest bidder was 13%.

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

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28 President Jones stated that the Village is still in the first phase of this project and running  
29 at about 40% under Budget. Due to the economic times, the contractors are bidding much  
30 lower. Even with having to pay \$24,500.00, the Village is about \$850,000.00 under  
31 Budget for this project. Administrator Mekarski stated that is on a 2.8 Million-Dollar  
32 Bond and it is a substantial savings to the taxpayers. The Village is looking at what it  
33 should do in terms of advancing other elements of the project to take advantage of the  
34 economic environment. He agrees that is a terrible way to put it, but that is what the  
35 Village would be doing. The Village also needs to determine whether or not to advance  
36 some work on one of the Sewer Lift Stations. The Village does not have that information  
37 at this time. That is being evaluated and will be brought back up at a later time.

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39 **Follow-up on Valero Gas Depot Gasoline Pricing Policy** – Administrator Mekarski  
40 stated that he wanted to report on a concern that Trustee Gibson brought up at the Board  
41 Meeting of January 12, 2009, regarding the practice that Valero Gas Depot is conducting  
42 at the corner of Lincoln Highway and Western and whether or not that is consistent with  
43 company policy and State Law. They advertise for gasoline at a lower discounted price,  
44 but in small letters they state, "cash sale" or with "cash only". Valero Gas Depot stated  
45 that their companies are independently owned, and they are not responsible for regulating  
46 these businesses in how they charge for gasoline. There is no policy that is being violated

1 by the company. Valero indicated that the discount rate for the cash purchase is like the  
2 discounted rate that is advertised for some stations when gasoline is purchased with a car  
3 wash, and arguing that retailers are required to pay a fee for the use of credit cards. And  
4 therefore, there is a legitimate reason to be able to sell gasoline at a discount price if you  
5 choose not to use a credit card.

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7 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Village's Legal Department has indicated that  
8 there is no statutory prohibitions from this practice, provided they are advertising with the  
9 description "cash price," and they post the credit card price.

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11 Trustee Gibson thanked Administrator Mekarski for his inquiry on this matter from  
12 Valero. She stated that it is a station in Olympia Fields and she would like to give them  
13 her business. She stated it is a joke to put in small print "cash only" and you don't see the  
14 credit card price listed until you get into the station. She stated maybe it is on the pump.  
15 She stated that according to the statutory prohibitions the credit card price is not there for  
16 someone to see and she has a problem with that.

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18 President Jones stated that he went to the Valero Gas Depot this past weekend. He stated  
19 there is a sandwich board in the corner that does make this point. But you have to drive  
20 into the station before you can see the sandwich board. President Jones stated that in this  
21 day and age most people are using their credit cards as a matter of convenience. President  
22 Jones suggested that perhaps the Village could prod them to make it more visible to the  
23 motorists in a safe way driving back and forth around the station. President Jones stated  
24 that the Village is going to formally complain that it thinks this is inappropriate. The  
25 Village will warn them that the Village believes they will lose business as a consequence  
26 of this practice. President Jones stated that there are two Speedways in Olympia Fields  
27 that do not practice this. One is on Vollmer Road and the other one is on Lincoln  
28 Highway.

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30 Trustee Pennington suggested finding out whether or not the result is the same if an  
31 individual uses a debit card. President Jones stated that it is the same result.

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33 **Update – Shin vs. The Village of Olympia Fields** – Administrator Mekarski stated that  
34 the Board expressed great concern about an individual illegally operating a boarding  
35 house at 34 Danube. Through the efforts of the Code Enforcement Officer and the  
36 Village Attorney a Complaint was filed in Court. The Status Conference that was held on  
37 February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, determined that all boarders had been removed from the premises.  
38 The Village Attorneys are working towards recovering the Administrative and Attorneys  
39 Fees through the assessment of fines. Administrator Mekarski will report the progress on  
40 that to the Board as information becomes available.

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42 President Jones stated that in these times there will be multiple generations living in one  
43 house. That is not the issue here. If they are related to each other that is fine. The Village  
44 will enforce where there are multiple, unrelated individuals living in a house. President  
45 Jones stated that you can have four or five people that are not related decide that they  
46 want to buy a home and live together. That is not illegal. The distinction is where each

1 individual has a contract with the owner. This would constitute a rooming house.  
2 President Jones stated that if any residents believe this type of situation is going on in the  
3 Village, they should contact Village Hall, or contact the Building Department and it will  
4 be investigated and enforced.

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6 Trustee Ormsby inquired of President Jones as to how the Village can prevent Miss Shin  
7 from doing this again. President Jones stated that he felt the expense involved was a  
8 deterrent. Miss Shin may try to rent the house out to one family or one person. The  
9 Village cannot prohibit renting. The analysis that the Village has shows that the homes  
10 that are being rented in the Village versus those that are unoccupied are being maintained  
11 just fine. The Village is better off having a home occupied rather than unoccupied. The  
12 Village has a Rental Inspection Ordinance. The homes that are rented are inspected once  
13 a year. A foreclosure results in the family refinancing and not moving out.

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15 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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17 President Jones stated that he did not have a formal report this evening.

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19 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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21 **Parking Lot Management Agreement – Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit**  
22 **District** – President Jones stated that he spoke with the Board over the last couple of  
23 meetings about the Parking Lot Management Agreement with the Chicago South  
24 Suburban Mass Transit District which the Village has had for the 211<sup>th</sup> Street Lot for  
25 many, many years. President Jones stated that the contract is before the Board. It is the  
26 same except for a slight increase in the rate.

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28 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to authorize the Village**  
29 **President to enter into the Parking Lot Management Agreement between the**  
30 **Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit District and the Village of Olympia Fields**  
31 **for the period of January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009.**

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

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34 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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36 **Olympia Fields Farmer's Market** – Trustee Ormsby inquired of President Jones as to  
37 whether or not the Board could revisit the Farmer's Market situation at a future meeting.  
38 Trustee Ormsby stated that the Board did not agree to have a Farmer's Market, and the  
39 Board did not agree to rehire the same Manager again, and the Board did not agree to the  
40 location. She would like to be able to discuss those points in the future.

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42 President Jones stated that Trustee Ormsby could work directly with Administration on  
43 this matter. He inquired as to whether or not another Trustee would like to work on this  
44 matter and then it could be brought back before the Board. Trustee Gibson stated that the  
45 reason she did not second the Motion was due to the fact she had several questions.  
46 President Jones suggested that Trustees Ormsby and Gibson discuss the matter with

1 Administration and with Mr. Marxman and then make a recommendation to the Board.  
2 Trustee Pennington stated from the liability standpoint, he would like to be a part of that  
3 also. President Jones suggested that Trustee Pennington speak with the Village Attorney  
4 regarding the liability standpoint, and that Trustees Ormsby and Gibson will cover the  
5 other issues with Administration and with Mr. Marxman.  
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7 **207<sup>th</sup> Street** – Trustee Nale stated that 207<sup>th</sup> Street is a highly traveled roadway in the  
8 area. The roadside area is decreasing as far as its appearance is concerned by the  
9 overgrowth of tree limbs. President Jones inquired of Trustee Nale if she was referring to  
10 Scott Drive. Trustee Nale stated that she was referring to Scott Drive. Trustee Nale stated  
11 that tree limbs are almost hanging on the ground. There are twigs and dead branches piled  
12 up against one of the trees. She went on to state that where the service center is, the  
13 gravel area looks deplorable because the house next to it has fencing that is broken down.  
14 She stated that people are planting gardens out in the area behind their homes. They have  
15 piles of shredded bark. They have stones leaning up against the fence. Trustee Nale  
16 inquired as to whether or not there would be money in the Budget for next year to get  
17 some of those trees trimmed back. She also inquired as to whether or not there are any  
18 regulations against being able to plant gardens out towards the street. She stated that  
19 residents plant the gardens and pull the weeds, and then leave the weeds lying in the  
20 street. She stated it was looking like a messy thoroughway on that side of town.  
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22 Trustee Ormsby stated that she, along with Joe Alexa and Jim Peterson are aware that  
23 some of the trees are dead and need to be cut down because they will become a safety  
24 hazard, and that others need to be trimmed. She stated it is a Budget issue. It is very  
25 expensive to do that. She stated that they are meeting with the landscaper to see what  
26 kind of program could be started. It is a massive program to cover the entire Village.  
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28 Trustee Ormsby stated as far as the gardens, whatever a resident does on their private  
29 property is not an issue. Trustee Nale stated that this is not their property. President Jones  
30 suggested that Trustee Nale participate in a conversation with Joe Alexa, and the  
31 Building Commissioner, and Trustee Ormsby within the next two weeks. He suggested  
32 that they walk the street and look at everything. Joe Alexa and Jim Peterson can discuss  
33 the issues of public right-of-way. It has to be determined where the property line is and  
34 where the Village's property begins. The Village has a right-of-way that is just an  
35 easement. The Village has a right of access, but it doesn't mean that the Village owns the  
36 property. It has to be determined whether or not the trees belong to the Village. Dead  
37 trees are a safety hazard and will have to be dealt with. Other things could be dealt with  
38 in a staged way. President Jones stated that if this has to be included in the Budget, there  
39 would be time to do that during the Budget Process in March.  
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41 Trustee Nale stated that she realizes this can't be taken care of all at once. She stated if  
42 there is a plan to take care of it in a staged process that would be fine. She agrees that  
43 they need to walk the area.  
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45 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Building Commissioner is working with AT&T to  
46 pave the utility box area at the corner of 207<sup>th</sup> Street and Kedzie Avenue. Sam Balark the

1 Government Liaison contacted Administrator Mekarski to obtain the associated  
2 Ordinances demonstrating that not parking on a hard surface is illegal in the Village. That  
3 was going to help him make the claim with AT&T. Administrator Mekarski stated that in  
4 addition to the paving, Trustee Ormsby negotiated with the installation of the AT&T  
5 Project Lightspeed to have landscape shrubbery surrounding those boxes. The Board  
6 should be seeing a Site Plan with landscaping and paving hiding that whole corner, and  
7 making it a lot more accessible to the utility workers.

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9 President Jones stated that the Village will press AT&T to get the paving of the slab done  
10 this year. He went on to state that AT&T did the Village a favor that saved the Village  
11 about \$25,000.00. The Village was going to have to move a cable line or optic line across  
12 the property of the country club. As it turned out, AT&T was going into that so the  
13 Village avoided having to pay what it would have cost the Village to move that cable or  
14 optic line. .

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16 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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18 **Appointment to the Diversity Inc. Executive Board as the Community**  
19 **Representative – Village Administrator David Mekarski –**

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21 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Nale to appoint David Mekarski as the**  
22 **Village's Representative to the Diversity Inc. Executive Board as the Community**  
23 **Representative.**

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

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26 President Jones thanked Administrator Mekarski for covering the meeting.

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28 **Appointment to the Human Resource Committee – Elke Godwin –** President Jones  
29 stated that at the request of Trustee Nale he is appointing Elke Godwin to the Human  
30 Resource Committee. The appointment of Elke Godwin brings the Human Resource  
31 Committee to full strength.

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33 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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35 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to adjourn at 8:50 P.M.**

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

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38 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**