

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on February 13, 2012**

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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 13, 2012,
6 at the Linzey D. Jones Municipal Building and was called to order by Village President
7 Debra Meyers-Martin at 7:06 P.M. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
8 Administrator Mekarski/Village Clerk called the roll.

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

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15 **MINUTES:**

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17 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to dispense with the**
18 **reading of the Minutes of January 23rd, 2012.**

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

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21 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Nale to approve the Minutes of**
22 **January 23rd, 2012, as amended.**

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

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25 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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27 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she has Bills for Approval totaling
28 \$397,068.35. She stated that there is a Cover Memo in the Board Packet designating the
29 more significant bills.

30 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to approve the payment of**
31 **bills for February 13th, 2012, in the total amount of \$397,068.35.**

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

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34 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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36 Village President Meyers-Martin opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:08 P.M.

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38 **Certificate of Appreciation Presentation – Ernest Proulx** – Village President Meyers-
39 Martin stated that the first item under Communications and Petitions is the recognition of
40 Dr. Ernest Proulx with a Certificate of Appreciation for his dedication and his
41 commitment to the Community Relations Commission. Joseph Martin, Chairman of the
42 Community Relations Commission and Village President Meyers-Martin presented Dr.
43 Proulx with a Certificate of Appreciation. The Certificate of Appreciation states as
44 follows: “For Commissioner Ernie Proulx 2001 to 2012 for 11 years of dedicated service
45 to the Village of Olympia Fields as a member of the Community Relations Commission.
46 Commissioner Proulx has contributed significantly in improving communication to our

1 citizens through his assistance with the creation of the New Resident Handbook, the
2 Villager Newsletter, establishing regular meetings with residents, ongoing meetings with
3 Village Officials, Homeowners Associations, and the Annual Volunteer Reception. On
4 behalf of our citizens, and the Board of Trustees, we would like to give thanks to
5 Commissioner Proulx for making a difference in our community.” (There was a round of
6 applause and a standing ovation for Dr. Ernest Proulx).

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8 Dr. Proulx thanked everyone. Dr. Proulx personally thanked Joe Martin, the Chairman of
9 the Community Relations Commission, for working with him. He stated that he did a
10 wonderful job. Dr. Proulx thanked everyone that served on the Commission. He stated
11 that they were very caring and very productive. He stated that the Community Relations
12 Commission is very wonderful.

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14 Mr. Martin stated that at the last regular meeting of the Community Relations
15 Commission in which Dr. Proulx was not present in a very long time, the Commissioners
16 moved to recognize Dr. Proulx. They recommended that the Village Board honor Dr.
17 Proulx with a certificate. Mr. Martin stated that the certificate is well-deserved, but
18 personally for Mr. Martin, Dr. Proulx has been an inspiration, with his tenacity and his
19 hard work. Dr. Proulx was previously a professor of the School of Education. Dr. Proulx
20 stated that he was Chairman of the Strategic Program and Dr. Blondean Davis was one of
21 his students. Mr. Martin stated that Dr. Proulx was on top of everything that Mr. Martin
22 wrote and every communication that went out that he had a chance to look at. He stated
23 that nothing went out with any errors if Dr. Proulx had seen it. Mr. Martin stated that he
24 greatly appreciates all of the help that Dr. Proulx has given. Dr. Proulx thanked Mr.
25 Martin and Village President Meyers-Martin. Village President Meyers-Martin thanked
26 Dr. Proulx for his service. (There was a round of applause and a standing ovation for Dr.
27 Proulx). Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Dr. Proulx and Joe Martin, Chairman
28 of the Community Relations Commission.

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30 **SouthCom 911 Referendum Public Information Video** – Village President Meyers-
31 Martin stated that the second item under Communications and Petitions is the SouthCom
32 911 Referendum Public Information Video. She turned the matter over to Administrator
33 Mekarski in order for him to provide some background.

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35 Administrator Mekarski stated that on March 20th the residents will be asked to go to the
36 polls to vote on a Referendum to support our 911 Emergency Dispatch Center. SouthCom
37 is a combined Emergency Dispatch Center for the communities of Matteson, Richton
38 Park, Park Forest and Olympia Fields. The Village supports a Budget to maintain 911
39 services, approximating \$330,000.00 a year. Unfortunately, as there has been a transition
40 from landlines to cell and voice over IP, the 911 surcharge which is typically placed on a
41 landline at a local level has decreased or dwindled down to about \$88,000.00. He stated
42 that is not a healthy situation. There are approximately 2,000 residents in the Village.
43 Those 2,000 residents are essentially supporting the landlines for about 3,500 phones.
44 The majority of the Budget for SouthCom is not coming from user fees; it is coming from
45 property taxes. He stated that we have a homeowner subsidizing business interests, office
46 interests, hospitals, institutions, and schools. He stated that when you think about the

1 number of phones that are in St. James Hospital, or in Governors Office Park, or any of
2 the retail establishments up and down Lincoln Highway, there are more lines than what
3 you have in the house.

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5 Administrator Mekarski stated that the four communities have worked with their
6 respective governing authorities to look at the finances of SouthCom to try to make it
7 based more on user fees and less on property tax. The residents will be asked on March
8 20th to support a modest increase in the 911 surcharge for your landlines, not your cell
9 phones or your voice over IP. Those are regulated by State Statute. The increase comes to
10 \$5.00 a month. (At this time, everyone present viewed the SouthCom 911 Referendum
11 Public Information Video).

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13 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that this is the beginning of a campaign that the
14 Village, in partnership with Park Forest, Matteson and Richton Park are all working
15 together to get the word out regarding this Referendum because it is an important issue.
16 She stated that when SouthCom was created, at that time it was known as “State of the
17 Art,” Emergency Dispatch Services. It does assist in the dispatching of the emergency
18 services because you have a central location for the dispatching to occur as opposed to
19 each individual town trying to dispatch. They found that this is the most effective way to
20 work those emergency services. She stated that we are definitely in support of this
21 Referendum.

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23 Mrs. Geraldine Tyler stated that you did this before but it went back further north. She
24 inquired what happened to that relationship when they had this unified 911 it
25 encompassed towns. She thought it went all the way back to Markham.

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27 Administrator Mekarski stated that there is a separate organization that the Village has
28 never been affiliated with called “EastCom.” That covers Flossmoor, Homewood, and
29 Hazel Crest. He isn’t sure if it includes Markham. He stated that SouthCom was one of
30 the first combined Emergency Dispatch Centers in the region. They always included
31 Matteson, Richton Park and Olympia Fields. In 2005 Park Forest was added. SouthCom
32 has never stretched beyond those four communities. Congressman Jackson has helped a
33 number of other organizations to combine dispatch. Chicago Heights is trying to work
34 with Steger and South Chicago Heights. He doesn’t know whether those were formally
35 integrated with Chicago Heights.

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37 Trustee Waite inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not the purpose of the
38 Referendum is to change the way we fund 911. Administrator Mekarski stated that is
39 correct. The Referendum is not being done to create more revenue for the Budget. The
40 SouthCom Budget has been judiciously managed. This year it is coming in at under a 3%
41 increase. He stated that is pretty remarkable when they have to deal with a unionized
42 work force as well as the other costs associated with healthcare and personnel. He stated
43 that this is to change how we fund it. Right now the Village pays about \$330,000.00.
44 \$250,000.00 of that \$330,000.00 is coming from property taxes from the residents’
45 homes. \$88,000.00 is coming in from everybody that is considered a user, which is
46 somebody that has a landline. He stated that is not a healthy system of funding. He stated

1 that at a minimum you should always have at least 50% in user fees and 50% in property
2 taxes. There are 3,500 landlines in the Village and 2,000 residents in the Village. They
3 want to set the system up where those with landlines pay the amount per landline and that
4 shifts the burden off of the residents and puts the burden on the businesses, institutions,
5 and offices in a more equitable way. That means that \$250,000.00 would be freed up in
6 the General Fund. That can be utilized by the Village Board to eliminate the loss in sales
7 tax from the Jewel-Osco. It can go towards Economic Development efforts. It can go
8 towards the Village's Sanitary Sewer Projects, or the Graymoor Projects. It can go
9 towards assisting the Homeowners Associations. The Board is about to start its budgetary
10 process and that is a budgetary question. The Village has a better Bond Rating than the
11 United States. The Village is rated a AAA Community. The United States is only rated a
12 AA by the same agency, Standard & Poors. The Village has been rated AAA all through
13 the recession in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

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15 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that this will be on the Referendum on March
16 20th. The Village is just beginning its campaign to get the word out to the residents and
17 explain what the Referendum is all about.

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19 Trustee Waite inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not there would be yard
20 signs out with the Referendum Number. Administrator Mekarski stated that SouthCom
21 does not have the monies for yard signs. SouthCom cannot use tax dollars or SouthCom
22 dollars because they are supported by property taxes. They cannot use tax dollars to
23 promote the Referendum saying to vote for it. The video gives an understanding of what
24 SouthCom does and how important it is. The video doesn't say go on March 20th and vote
25 for the Referendum. It is not a campaign piece it is a public information piece. The video
26 will be on the Government Access Channel, Comcast Channel 4, at the top of the hour
27 and at the bottom of the hour in between the Municipal scroll. It will be on streaming
28 video on the Village's Webpage. The newsletter coming out this spring will be featuring
29 the two Referendum questions. 1. Will you support an increased 911 surcharge on your
30 landlines? The second question is regarding electrical aggregation. The Village is
31 offering to all of the residents the opportunity to opt out of ComEd and go with a
32 company that the Village would bid with other Municipalities to potentially save
33 homeowners about \$200.00 on average a month in their utility bill. He stated that it is a
34 win-win situation. The residents have a right to stay with ComEd, or they could opt to
35 choose an independent company that they are already subscribing with, or go along with
36 the lowest bid that the Village would aggregate with all of its residents.

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38 Trustee Waite inquired whether or not an independent body like the Homeowners
39 Associations could print up signs to promote the two Referendums. Administrator
40 Mekarski stated yes. He stated that the Homeowners Associations can be active in that
41 along with individual residents and individual groups. The governing authority has no
42 ability to campaign for the Referendum. It can put out public information.

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44 Trustee Waite stated that with regard to SouthCom, the services won't change; it is just
45 how we fund it. Administrator Mekarski stated that is correct. They are not hiring

1 additional personnel. They are not increasing the Budget. They are taking it off the backs
2 of the taxpayer and putting it on the user.

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4 Trustee Waite inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not it would be a good idea
5 to encourage the Homeowners Associations to notify their residents to vote for those two
6 Referendums. Administrator Mekarski stated that it will be the prerogative of the
7 individual homeowners. He stated that as the Administrator it is something that would be
8 very appreciated by all four governing authorities.

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10 Trustee Waite stated that the Referendum to aggregate the utilities and negotiate those he
11 sees as a magnificent opportunity on the part of the homeowners to be able to sit back
12 and get the very best price.

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14 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we would encourage the Homeowners
15 Associations to notify their members about the Referendum and the issues that are at
16 hand in terms of voting.

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18 Administrator Mekarski stated that he has 25 hard copies of the SouthCom video. A letter
19 will be going out on behalf of the Village President and the Board of Trustees to the
20 Presidents of the Homeowners Associations along with a copy of the video. The residents
21 would be able to watch the video at one of their meetings on a DVD.

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23 Trustee Pennington stated that this is a superb video. It clearly sets out the rationale for
24 this process. He encouraged all residents to tune into Channel 4 and view it. If the
25 residents have any questions they can contact the Village. He stated that it is clearly
26 something that is needed.

27
28 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that there will be information in the newsletter
29 about the Referendum. Administrator Mekarski stated that there will be frequently asked
30 questions about the Referendum in the newsletter. The Referendum language will be in
31 the newsletter. There will be an article explaining the equity issue. Village President
32 Meyers-Martin closed Communications and Petitions at 7:40 P.M.

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34 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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36 **5(A) Recommendation for a Final Waiver of Lien and Invoice #1102003-F to**
37 **Iroquois Paving Corporation for work completed in connection with MFT Section**
38 **12-00000-01-GM in the amount of \$22,337.20.**

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40 **5(B) Recommendation for a Waiver of Lien and Invoice #GE11203-02 to Gallagher**
41 **Asphalt Corp. for work completed in connection with the Country Club Drive**
42 **Paving Project – Western Avenue to Guard House in the amount of \$101,156.47.**

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44 **5(C) Recommendation for Final Payment and Pay Request #3 to ERA Valdivia**
45 **Contractors, Inc. for work completed in connection with the East and West Elevated**
46 **Water Storage Tank Repainting Project in the amount of \$102,200.00.**

1 **5(D) Recommendation for Payment and Invoice #12010282 to Robinson**
2 **Engineering for work completed in connection with the Graymoor – TV Laterals**
3 **and Cleanouts Project in the amount of \$195,500.00.**

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5 **5(E) Recommendation for Payment and Invoice #12010267 to Robinson Engineering**
6 **for work completed in connection with the Standby Generator Improvements**
7 **Project in the amount of \$24,107.50.**

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9 **5(F) Recommendation for a Payment and Invoice #12010289 to Robinson**
10 **Engineering for work completed in connection with the Lift Station Emergency**
11 **Generators Project in the amount of \$17,107.75.**

12 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will move on to the Consent Agenda. She
13 inquired whether or not any Board Member wanted to move an item out of the Consent
14 Agenda. There was no response by any Board Members.

15 **Motion by Trustee Waite, second by Trustee Oliver to approve items 5(A) through**
16 **5(F) under the Consent Agenda.**

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

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19 **FINANCE:**

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21 **December 2011 Financial Statements** – Trustee Pennington stated that this evening he
22 will be reporting on the Village’s financial position ending December 31st, 2011.

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24 **December Corporate Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that the Village closed the
25 Corporate Fund in deficit status. The Corporate Fund Revenue was unfavorable to
26 Budget Projections by \$246,611.73 or 47%. The Village’s Revenue Budget for December
27 was \$525,746.75. The Village’s actual realized revenue for this period was \$279,135.02.
28 The Corporate Fund expenses actual exceeded Budget Plan by \$136,202.02, or 25% of
29 Plan. The Village’s Planned Expense Budget in this fund was set at \$413,926.09. The
30 Village’s actual incurred expense in this fund was \$550,128.11. He stated that when
31 comparing total revenue incurred with total expenses incurred we realized a total fund
32 deficit of \$270,993.01, or 59% of revenue to expenses. Trustee Pennington stated that the
33 Village’s Fiscal Year to date actual plus encumbrance in the Corporate Fund for the
34 month of December is a deficit of \$496,452.57.

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36 **December Water Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that with respect to the Water Fund,
37 the Village closed the month of December in deficit status. The deficit was \$543,211.45.
38 The Revenue Budget for December was set at \$245,037.17. The Village realized actual
39 water revenue of \$274,853.83, or 11% favorable to Budget. The expenses in the Water
40 Fund exceeded Budget Projections by \$31,525.87, or 4% of Plan. The Village’s Expense
41 Budget Projection in this fund was \$786,539.41. The Village’s actual realized expense
42 was \$818,065.28. He stated that when you compare the actual total fund revenues with
43 the actual total fund incurred expenses, the Village closed the month of December in
44 deficit status \$543,211.45. The Village’s Fiscal Year to date actual plus encumbrance in
45 the Water Fund remains in surplus status at \$1,190,792.97.

1 **December Sewer Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that with respect to the Sewer Fund,
2 the Village budgeted for a deficit in this fund for December. The Village’s Projected
3 Revenue Budget in this fund was \$68,972.75. The projected expenses were \$157,304.08.
4 This resulted in a Projected Total Fund deficit of \$88,331.31, or 44% of Plan. The
5 Village’s actual realized revenue was favorable to the Budget Projections by 13%. The
6 Village’s actual realized revenue in the Sewer Fund for December was \$79,202.84 vis-a-
7 vis the budgeted figure of \$68,972.75. Actual expenses were within Budget Plan by 46%.
8 Actual fund expenses incurred were \$85,370.90 as compared to the Budget Sum of
9 \$157,304.08. This resulted in a total fund deficit in the Sewer Fund of \$6,168.06. The
10 Village’s Fiscal Year to date actual plus encumbrance in the Sewer Fund for December is
11 a deficit of \$45,659.97.

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13 Trustee Oliver stated that he recognizes that Trustee Ormsby is not here this evening, but
14 on the first page he noticed that there is a Sign Permit that the Village spent \$7,500.00 on.
15 He inquired of Trustee Pennington whether or not the Village purchased some signs. He
16 stated that there wasn’t a Budget for it.

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18 Trustee Pennington stated that we didn’t Budget for that item. He stated that he would
19 have to check into that to see what that \$7,500.00 expense was.

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21 Trustee Oliver stated that on page 5, the December actual for Economic Development
22 was \$188,714.00. He stated that is a huge difference from what was budgeted. He was
23 curious if that had to do with demolition or what that was about.

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25 Administrator Mekarski stated that is associated with our DCEO Grant for The
26 Traditions. The DCEO Grant for The Traditions was not a budgeted item. The Village
27 received \$502,000.00 from Housing and Urban Development. The reimbursements have
28 not been received. The first reimbursement has been applied for \$187,458.00. The Board
29 will see Economic Development out of balance pretty much through the year. He stated
30 that next year it will be corrected. The Grant goes over into the next Fiscal Year. The
31 Village will have remaining about \$176,000.00 to deal with the Storm Water
32 Management issues. The Road Project is all closed. Due to the fact it wasn’t budgeted,
33 the Board will see that variance there. He stated that as soon as the revenue comes in for
34 the road, which should be this Fiscal Year because it has been processed, the Board
35 should see the \$187,000.00 balance out before the Fiscal Year. Administrator Mekarski
36 gave Trustee Pennington, Chairman of the Finance Committee the paperwork to backup
37 that expenditure. Administrator Mekarski stated that Trustee Pennington could discuss it
38 with the Finance Committee and Cindy Saenz will also describe that for them. Trustee
39 Pennington stated that he will check into that \$7,500.00 expenditure as well.

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41 **Treasurer’s Report as of December 31st, 2011** – Trustee Pennington stated that in the
42 Board Packet is the Treasurer’s Report as of December 31st, 2011, of Cash Balances. It
43 shows with specificity the disbursement of funds in the nine banking institutions that the
44 Village is affiliated with. The total is \$5,512,865.82. It shows percentage wise where the
45 \$5,512,865.82 is in the various banks. It also shows the Cash Fund (net of the Interfund)

1 by Fund on the third page which is \$5,806,721.00. There is a corresponding bar graph
2 showing that same sum of money in the fund.

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4 Trustee Pennington stated that he believes that Don Theobald will be presenting his
5 Quarterly Report at the next Board Meeting. Mr. Theobald will address the Treasurer's
6 Cash Balance at that point in time.

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8 **Auditing Services Proposal** – Trustee Pennington stated that the next item is the
9 proposal to provide professional auditing services for the Fiscal Years ending April 30th,
10 2012, through April 30th, 2014. This is a multi-year contract proposal from our external
11 auditor Sikich. Trustee Pennington stated that we know their value. We know their
12 expertise. Trustee Pennington stated that he reviewed their proposal. It is in line. They
13 definitely use Best Practices with respect to GAP and GASB Accounting and auditing.
14 He stated that there is a slight increase in their fee but it is only \$500.00.

15 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Waite that given the nature of**
16 **their work and the type of work that they do for the Village, it is his**
17 **recommendation that we continue our relationship with the auditing firm of Sikich,**
18 **and execute the necessary contracts to engage them for this multi-year period.**

19
20 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she certainly would like to commend Sikich
21 on their work over the past six months or so. She stated that it is not really under Best
22 Practices, but she would encourage the Department Heads to be more proactive in their
23 conversations with Sikich when they are looking for input because she believes that has
24 been lacking. She stated that is only her input on that.

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

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27 **BUILDING:**

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29 There was no report in Trustee Ormsby's absence.

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31 **PLANNING:**

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33 Trustee Oliver stated that he did not have a formal or informal report this evening.

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35 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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37 **Demolition of the Harold Motors Complex** – Trustee Waite stated that he did not have
38 a formal report this evening. He noticed driving down Lincoln Highway going past the
39 automobile dealerships as you approach Western all of those buildings have been torn
40 down. He stated that it really looks inviting.

41
42 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that was our concern when we were discussing
43 that demolition.

44
45 Trustee Waite stated that the developer did a pretty good job. It was all protected with a
46 temporary chain-link fence. Most of the debris has been taken away. There is just a small

1 pile left to be removed. He stated that when you look over there you see a big, beautiful
2 piece of property to have a development.

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4 **20000 Governors Highway – Demolition of Former Governor’s Restaurant**

5 **Building** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she hopes that the building to the
6 north of us will be the same situation once that is finally torn down. It is her
7 understanding that we are maybe days away from that happening.

8
9 **Cook County Permits to turn the water on at the Country Club** – Trustee Waite
10 stated that they are still working on trying to get the Permit from Cook County to turn the
11 water on at the Country Club. He stated that it is not a big issue right now because the
12 Country Club is closed. It will be another month or so before the Country Club opens.

13
14 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that this all has to do with the County Permit and
15 the engineers.

16
17 Administrator Mekarski stated that we are making significant progress. He sent four
18 Memorandums on Friday afternoon to Russ Ruscigno of the Country Club. The Country
19 Club was addressing items that needed clarification from the Chief Planner of the
20 County. A lot of it was a misunderstanding by the County. There was a section about
21 engineer deficiencies and the Permit Reviewer stated that there was no response from the
22 Village. The Village learned that the response went in at the end of January and it had
23 been sitting on the Director’s desk. Another comment dealing with plumbing was not
24 immediately funneled down to the Plan Reviewers because of the gentleman
25 convalescing due to a medical condition and there was nobody replacing his services. All
26 of the correspondence was sent to Mr. Ruscigno. Administrator Mekarski stated that the
27 Director from Cook County will be back tomorrow and the Village is hoping to
28 communicate with him directly to see if we can straighten it out and get the water
29 flowing. Trustee Waite stated that when they get it up and running it will be a nice
30 incremental piece of revenue for the Village.

31
32 **Public Works Committee** – Trustee Waite stated that the Public Works Committee met
33 on Saturday and reviewed the preliminary draft of the Budget for the next Fiscal Year. He
34 believes that it is close enough to have a meeting with the Finance Committee to tie-up
35 some loose ends. He believes that preliminarily it is a pretty good Budget.

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37 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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39 **Revision of 2012 Holiday Schedule** - Trustee Nale stated that at the last Board Meeting,
40 Administrator Mekarski asked the Human Resource Committee to look into two
41 recommendations that the Staff is making to add two additional holidays to their paid
42 Holiday Schedule. She has done some preliminary checking. She hasn’t had a Human
43 Resource Committee Meeting. That is scheduled for February 20th. She stated that the
44 policy that the Village currently has stated that the employees have a total of ten paid
45 holidays. In 2012 they have twelve paid holidays. They are currently requesting 14 paid
46 holidays. Trustee Nale stated that when she meets with the Human Resource Committee

1 on Monday they will discuss this and see what they can do to adjust the schedule to
2 satisfy everybody.

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4 Village President Meyers-Martin stated, adjust the schedule and look at the Budget in
5 terms of the salaries.

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7 Trustee Nale stated correct. Village President Meyers-Martin inquired what the two
8 additional holidays were that the employees are requesting. Trustee Nale believes that it
9 is Presidents Day and Columbus Day.

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11 Trustee Waite stated that if we decide to add any holidays to the employees' schedule, he
12 suggested that it would be less disruptive if you had a holiday that was at the choice of
13 the employees. Trustee Nale stated that we already do that. This included the two floating
14 holidays that they already have. It also includes the half day for Christmas Eve and New
15 Years Eve.

16
17 Trustee Waite inquired of Trustee Nale how that compares with other communities.
18 Trustee Nale stated that she doesn't know. She has to check with the Public Works
19 Department and the Police Department to find out how they pay their employees for
20 when the employees have to work on the holiday. She has to gather some additional facts
21 before she presents it to the Human Resource Committee.

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23 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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25 **Fire Service Transition** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that in Trustee
26 Gibson's absence she was asked to give the Public Safety Report since the Village
27 President was the former Liaison to the Public Safety Committee. Village President
28 Meyers-Martin stated that with regard to the fire service transition there have been
29 several meetings during the past week with the transition team from SouthCom Dispatch
30 Administration and with Fire Chief Angell from the Chicago Heights Fire Department.
31 Chief Angell had stated that his fire officers and equipment have begun traveling the
32 neighborhoods of Olympia Fields to study the addresses and streets. Village President
33 Meyers-Martin stated that we saw them in Wysteria last week to familiarize themselves
34 with the streets and the addresses. Village President Meyers-Martin commends them for
35 that due diligence. In the past week they were in Graymoor. All of the subdivisions will
36 be part of the training. The Village plans to offer a ride-a-long program for the Chicago
37 Heights Fire Officers to ride with our police officers, in order to assist them with that
38 familiarization process.

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40 Chief Chudwin will meet again on Thursday with Fire Chief Angell, Administrator
41 Mekarski, and the staff at Village Hall. Administrator Mekarski will receive detailed
42 updates directing this effort.

43
44 **Geo-Soul** – On Thursday, February 9th, officers responded to the location of Geo-Soul to
45 assist with a disturbance there. Village Meyers-Martin stated that she will be reporting on
46 Geo-Soul later. Geo-Soul has been closed. They have been evicted. There are still some

1 issues at hand with the former owners. She believes that this disturbance was a result of
2 that.

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4 **Liquor License at Walgreens** - Chief Chudwin and Administrator Mekarski participated
5 in the Liquor License discussions with Walgreens. Walgreens is looking to enhance their
6 Liquor License. There are security issues that will be reviewed by the police department
7 and the Walgreens representatives. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that this is in
8 light of what we have done with CVS in terms of their Liquor License and the security
9 elements that have been put in place, such as security cameras, and actual due diligence
10 among the staff at Walgreens in order to facilitate the additional enhancement to their
11 Liquor License.

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13 **Officer Pearson** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Officer Pearson was in an
14 automobile accident. She is happy to report that Officer Pearson is okay. He had minor
15 injuries. He was hit broadside in his squad car responding to a call. The squad car has
16 been totaled. She stated that some of the money from the Asset Forfeiture Fund will be
17 used to purchase a squad car to replace the one that was totaled.

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19 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Asset Forfeiture Fund is seized money from
20 customs dealing with drug forfeiture funds. The Village participates in that program. The
21 money that the Village will utilize to purchase a new vehicle will be based on insurance
22 proceeds plus some money from the Asset Forfeiture Fund. There will be no additional
23 burden on the Village’s taxpayers to purchase the new vehicle.

24
25 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

26
27 **Authorization for the Village President to execute the Parking Lot Service**
28 **Agreement between Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit District and the Village**
29 **of Olympia Fields for the Lincoln Highway Transportation Center Commuter**
30 **Parking Lot and Bus Turnaround (Term October 1, 2012 through September 30,**
31 **2013).** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the first item is authorization for the Village
32 President to execute the Parking Lot Service Agreement between Chicago South
33 Suburban Mass Transit District and the Village of Olympia Fields for the Lincoln
34 Highway Transportation Center Commuter Parking Lot and Bus Turnaround. He stated
35 that this is for the facility at the 211th Street Station soon to be named Park Forest/Lincoln
36 Highway Station.

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38 Administrator Mekarski stated that this is the new Agreement with the Chicago South
39 Suburban Mass Transit District. They are phasing away permanently the monthly
40 parking. It will be daily parking rates as it is currently being managed. The contract is
41 postdated from October 1st. It provides very limited services for the Village, primarily
42 dealing with picking up of trash and debris and refuse at the station. He stated that those
43 services have been priced out by our Public Works Director to include the hourly rate for
44 the vehicle, for fuel, and for manpower. The contract provides for 100% reimbursement
45 of that cost.

1 Class B-3 is limited to wine and beer only. In order to increase the Liquor License for a
2 full Liquor License for Walgreens, the Village has to change the B-1 and increase it from
3 one which is currently CVS, to three. Both of the Walgreens' locations would be
4 permitted the same operating hours as CVS Pharmacy, even the 24-hour store at
5 Governors and Lincoln Highway. The hours are Monday through Saturday from 9:00
6 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. and Sunday from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. There are limited periods
7 for New Year's Eve and Christmas Eve. The 24-hour Walgreens would cease liquor
8 operations at 10:00 P.M.

9
10 Administrator Mekarski stated that if the allocations are in order, the Board can waive
11 First Reading and approve the Ordinance this evening. The Village will be completing its
12 due diligence process. They have asked for a new application from Walgreens. He stated
13 that a criminal background check and a financial background check are being done for
14 the store managers. On February 14th Chief Chudwin along with some of his commanders
15 will conduct a security sweep. They will look at the shelving of the liquor, closed circuit
16 TV to insure the liquor storage area is being observed by the customer service associate,
17 and realigning of the cameras. He stated that if there is a theft, typically the perpetrator is
18 lowering their head wearing some kind of head cover, the camera is directed from the
19 waist up so that they can get a clear image of the perpetrator's face for future
20 identification. The cameras are realigned in order to get a clear image of the license plate
21 on ingress and egress so that they can track any kind of vehicle that was involved with a
22 potential crime. Administrator Mekarski stated that those changes are being made
23 voluntarily by Walgreens. He stated that once that process is completed, the Liquor
24 Control Commissioner will be notified along with the change in allocation and she can
25 exercise her discretion according to law.

26
27 Trustee Waite inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not Walgreens has
28 requested any modification of their hours. Administrator Mekarski stated that they have
29 not. He stated that Walgreens understands completely about not allowing liquor after
30 10:00 P.M. at the 24-hour store. Chief Chudwin had indicated that it is only asking for
31 trouble.

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33 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Board's motivation in approving this
34 would be to assist Walgreens to be competitive with the other businesses in town.

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36 Trustee Pennington inquired whether or not it would be prudent for the Board to wait
37 until it gets Chief Chudwin's security sweep in hand before it acts on the Motion.

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39 Administrator Mekarski stated that typically it is done in reverse but it is at the pleasure
40 of the Board. The process of issuing a Liquor License is not vested in the authority of the
41 Board. It is vested in the authority of the Liquor Control Commissioner. He stated that by
42 reversing the order you are taking that discretion away from the Liquor Control
43 Commissioner and putting it in the hands of the Board.

1 Trustee Pennington stated not necessarily, because the Board is being asked to act on the
2 Motion. He stated that is not taking anything away from the Liquor Control
3 Commissioner.

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5 Administrator Mekarski stated that the change in allocation will not give a Liquor
6 License to Walgreens. The change in allocation will give the opportunity for the Liquor
7 Control Commissioner to allocate that Liquor License.

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9 Trustee Pennington inquired if there was a rush to do this. Administrator Mekarski stated
10 only in the interest of profitability for Walgreens and maintaining a strong economic
11 climate. Trustee Pennington inquired how long it would take for the security sweep and
12 would that impact Walgreens bottom line. Administrator Mekarski stated that the security
13 review is going to be conducted by Chief Chudwin tomorrow. He stated that we are
14 planning on getting the recommendations for the changes on shelving and the cameras
15 and reducing them to a binding Letter Agreement and have the Liquor Control
16 Commissioner attach that to the Permit. Trustee Pennington stated very well.

17
18 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it seems that Walgreens is in total agreement
19 with the suggestions that would come from our administration regarding this.
20 Administrator Mekarski stated that the background checks take two weeks to 30-days.
21 Trustee Pennington stated okay, fine. Administrator Mekarski stated that it is at the
22 discretion of the Board.

23 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Nale to waive First Reading and**
24 **approve on Second Reading, Ordinance 2012-02 – An Ordinance amending Section**
25 **4-35, “Maximum Number,” of Chapter 4, Article II, “Licenses,” of the Olympia**
26 **Fields Village Code (Liquor Application).**

27 **Roll Call: Ayes (3) (Trustee Pennington Abstained). Motion Carried.**
28 **(Per Robert’s Rules of Order the abstention is recognized as an affirmative vote).**

29
30 **Discussion Only: Board Docs – Moving Towards a Paperless Agenda** – Administrator
31 Mekarski stated that the last item is for discussion only regarding Board Docs moving
32 towards a paperless Agenda. This is presented as a brief introduction. If the Board is
33 interested they can pursue it by having a representative of Board Docs address the Board
34 prior to a meeting, and/or during the budgetary process, and/or at a special work session.
35 He stated that our office utilizes on average 90,000 sheets of paper a year to produce our
36 Board Packet. The commercial cost is about 10-cents a page. The Village is charged one-
37 cent a page by the copier company which averages about \$900.00 in copying. \$600.00 is
38 spent on paper reams. The minimum labor cost is about \$1,500.00 towards collating and
39 delivering the packets.

40
41 The Village is introducing the possibility of contracting for web-based software with one
42 of the Nation’s leading companies towards paperless governance solutions, Board Docs
43 in order to have all of the Agenda material presented electronically. The cost of the
44 hardware and software is about the same cost of our paper cost. The advantage to moving
45 to a more “Green” solution is it is more sustainable for the planet. 2. It provides a lot
46 more flexibility for Board Members. Since it is a web-based solution you can pull the

1 Agenda down on your iPod, on your iPad, or on your home computer or on any kind of
2 3G device anywhere you are. He stated that if iPads were allocated to the Board
3 Members, you could get iPads ranging as low as \$500.00 to \$800.00, and the Board
4 Members could look at the Staff Report and backup material, and various links could be
5 added so that the Board Members could look at detailed aerial photography, or other
6 exhibits, or color exhibits that could not be put in the Board Packet. You can have
7 enhanced lettering if you have a sight issue. You can increase the font size and the screen
8 size on the iPads to your comfort level. It becomes a lot more organized, a lot more
9 efficient and a lot more effective. The information regarding Board Docs is in the Board
10 Packet. Board Docs is being utilized by District 227. They have moved to a paperless
11 solution for presenting all of their materials. The representative from Board Docs would
12 be happy to make a presentation. He stated that we can explore this further in the
13 budgetary cycle and do a comparative cost analysis.

14
15 Trustee Waite stated that it looks like the Village uses about \$720.00 worth of paper and
16 you want to substitute that with \$4,000.00 worth of iPads. He stated that using 227 as a
17 testimonial for iPads just kills the whole thing in his mind. He stated that it is not an
18 economic thing. He stated that you are not going to save the planet by eliminating those
19 40 boxes of paper.

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21 Trustee Nale inquired if the system would have to be kept up on a routine basis.
22 Administrator Mekarski stated that we would be preparing all of the material
23 electronically and building the file within Board Docs for web-based access by the Board.
24 The Board could have iPads, or laptops and you can peruse through the material as we
25 address it. It allows the Board to have other links that they can't put in the packet that
26 might accentuate the Board's review such as detailed building plans, photographs, and
27 Code Enforcement Reports. It will have whatever the Board needs as additional
28 information and backup to make a decision. He stated that if you are on the train and you
29 have an iPod with a 3G access, you can review all of the Board materials. He stated that
30 if you are at a coffee shop you can do the same thing. It provides a lot more portability.
31 He invited the Board Members to come into the front office on a Friday to watch what
32 the Board production does to the entire front office.

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34 Trustee Waite stated that the big advantage that he sees is that you could take your iPad
35 and go back to every Board Meeting in the last five years if you wanted to see where you
36 had done something before on a particular issue. He stated that it would make us all a lot
37 more efficient. He doesn't think that saving a whole lot of paper to make the planet
38 "Green" is the reason to do it.

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40 Administrator Mekarski stated that if you look at my Memorandum it says that "While
41 the Village may not realize a significant savings of moving towards a paperless Agenda,
42 the solution clearly is "Green." In addition, as the system is web-based, Board Members
43 can review Board Packets from their iPad on the train, at home, or any location that has a
44 WI-FI or cellular connection."

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1 Trustee Waite stated that you wouldn't have to have a police officer come around and
2 deliver the Board Packet every Friday before a Board Meeting. He stated that from an
3 efficiency standpoint he would wholeheartedly support it.

4
5 Administrator Mekarski stated that after a Board Meeting if the citizens wanted to see
6 what materials were presented to the Board that can be disseminated. It can be
7 disseminated to the press because it is already web-based so the Village can release the
8 entire Board Packet within the Village's webpage. Anyone could go to Board Docs at
9 their home and look up a decision that the Board made on a particular issue. He stated
10 that right now if someone wanted to do that he would have to stop what he is doing, and
11 go to a paper file and make a PDF of it and send the PDF to that person. He stated that it
12 is more accountability and oversight by our citizens. Trustee Waite stated that justifies it.

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14 Trustee Nale stated that she thinks it sounds great but she doesn't know that it would be
15 that cost effective.

16
17 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it is just some food for thought in terms of
18 bringing us into the 21st Century as far as the Board Packets and the information that the
19 Board would be able to access. She stated that it is just some things to think about.

20
21 Trustee Oliver stated that the presentation that Administration Mekarski made was great
22 on its own merit. He stated that throwing out the idea that 227 is using it put a sour taste
23 on a great presentation because they are the exact opposite of what this Board is about,
24 which is we are highly organized. He stated that we are very mindful of the money that
25 we are guarded with and we are productive. He stated that they are frivolously spending
26 money in a time at which they are under budgeted. They claim that they are
27 \$10,000,000.00 in the hole and yet they purchased one of these things for everybody. He
28 stated that was sort of a bad correlation about the need for it. Trustee Oliver stated that he
29 fully supports this because in spite of the fact that the Village might not see a huge
30 savings in money, he stated look at all of this paper every time we meet. He stated how
31 much of this do we throw away. He stated that we can save it all and store it on one unit.

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33 Trustee Waite inquired what other productive things those people could be doing that put
34 these packets together. He stated that having the police officer drive around to our homes
35 to deliver the Board Packet on the Friday before a Board Meeting would no longer be
36 necessary.

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38 Trustee Pennington stated that he is a proponent of a paperless Agenda. He worked in
39 that environment before. The company that he is launching now will be going to a
40 paperless environment. They are using another vendor. All of their reassurance records,
41 reassurance billings, and reassurance contracts which they call "Treaties" will be on
42 electronic download. They are operating in Argentina and Brazil and it is much easier to
43 send that Treaty electronically to an insurance company in Brazil for execution. He
44 believes that this is something that the Board should really look into. He stated that it is
45 cost effective. The Village just has to tweak it to meet its needs.

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1 Trustee Oliver stated that Administrator Mekarski stated that this would be web-based.
2 He inquired whether or not the Board Room would have WI-FI. Administrator Mekarski
3 stated that the Board Room is WI-FI now. There is one for the police and one for the
4 Administration. He stated that the Staff Reports and Staff Analysis are not public
5 information until the Board acts on it. He stated that once the Board acts on it the Staff
6 Report can be provided as a public document.

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8 Trustee Waite stated that it could be put into a file and it would be available, and there
9 would be no reason for anybody to make a request for something under the Freedom of
10 Information Act.

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12 Administrator Mekarski stated that we are proud of all of the analysis that we do. Our
13 Board Packets are about three to four inches thick with background information.

14
15 Trustee Pennington cautioned the Board that only if the information is proprietary and if
16 it comes under discovery purposes we may not want to advance that. He stated that we
17 won't get away from FOIA in any instance. He stated that we would not want to advance
18 all of our information out. There will be some proprietary information that will not be
19 advanced.

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21 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have a good beginning in deliberating
22 over the pros and cons of this type of system. She stated that as we go forward we will be
23 looking more closely at the pros and cons economically speaking or progressively
24 speaking on the benefits of this process.

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26 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

27
28 **Revocation of Liquor License – Geo-Soul Status Report** – Village President Meyers-
29 Martin stated under her report is the Revocation of the Liquor License for Geo-Soul.
30 They have been evicted. They filed a Stay with the Circuit Court. That Stay was denied.
31 Village President Meyers-Martin presided over a Liquor License Hearing. The
32 representative from Geo-Soul appeared but did not have his attorney. He asked for a
33 continuance because he did not have his attorney. That was granted to February 6th. In
34 between that time they were physically evicted out of their space. They literally did not
35 have an address going forward when they appeared here on February 6th. She stated that
36 as that Hearing proceeded we did have Findings of Fact on page 2 of the Decision and
37 then what was ordered through that process. The Local Liquor License was revoked as of
38 February 6th. The Licensee would be responsible for paying the Village's costs for this
39 Hearing as determined by the Local Liquor License Commissioner as provided in Section
40 4-43 of the Village Code. Geo-Soul has filed an appeal to the Liquor Control
41 Commission regarding that decision. The Village is currently awaiting that decision on
42 that appeal. She would not encourage any discussion of that right now but that is where
43 the Village stands today in terms of Geo-Soul.

44
45 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Village always tries to encourage
46 business in Olympia Fields because we know that it is vital, and it is crucial to our

1 success. She stated that over the course of the past year, maybe a little longer, there have
2 been issues with Geo-Soul that facilitated the status of where we are at this point.

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4 Trustee Waite stated that the Village bent over backwards trying to help them. He can't
5 imagine how much more the Village could have done to support them and to promote the
6 success of their business.

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8 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Village is currently waiting for the
9 decision of that appeal.

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11 **DCEO Grant** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she had some additional
12 information to provide the Board regarding a Grant that the Village received from the
13 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. It is for the Village's Capital Bond
14 Fund. The Village received a \$50,000.00 Grant. It was designed for the Village's Water
15 Systems. The Village received a check in the amount of \$34,976.21. The Village had
16 repairs that were required at our Pumping Station which occurred in June. Due to the fact
17 the Grant was postdated, the Village will be able to use these funds to reimburse the
18 Village for those repairs to that Pumping Station.

19
20 Administrator Mekarski stated that Trustee Pennington, Chairman of the Finance
21 Committee will see the bills from SBD Incorporated charged against one or two sources,
22 the tap-in fee that the Village received from the public/private partnership with the
23 Olympia Fields Country Club for both of these pump repairs. He stated that we can take
24 this money and put it back into the tap-in fees so that the tap-in fees from the Country
25 Club can be utilized for other Capital Water Projects. The governing authority didn't pass
26 the Grant until September or October. The Grant Agency reminded Administrator
27 Mekarski that they made the Grant retroactive to the beginning of their Fiscal Year.

28
29 **Change in Fire Service** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she will be
30 sending out a letter regarding the change in fire service. She stated that the Village will
31 be changing its fire service from the Village of Matteson to the City of Chicago Heights.
32 That will be effective in May 2012. She stated that in preparation for that transition, the
33 Village will be holding a Town Hall Meeting in order to allow residents to come out to
34 meet Fire Chief Angell from Chicago Heights, and to meet the firemen and to get more
35 information on the equipment, and to have confirmation on the response times, and the
36 data on the number of firemen that are employed by the City of Chicago Heights as
37 compared to Matteson. She stated that in order to prevent a lot of rumors and innuendo
38 amongst residents as far as the change over in fire service, the residents will be invited to
39 a Town Hall Meeting. There will be a letter going out explaining the process that the
40 Village engaged in and how it arrived at this decision.

41
42 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she has been meeting with the various
43 Homeowners Associations because she wants them to have that information first-hand
44 from her. She has attended three Homeowners Association Meetings. She has five more
45 scheduled for the month of March. She believes that it is important that the residents
46 understand that the Board has done its due diligence in this decision and that the Board

1 Members are residents of the Village and they are affected by this contract just as
2 everyone else is. Village President Meyers-Martin wants to emphasize that. She stated
3 that as soon as they can confirm a date with the City of Chicago Heights in terms of their
4 availability, the date and location of the Town Hall Meeting will be set.

5
6 **Administrator Mekarski to be Guest Speaker** – Village President Meyers-Martin
7 stated that Administrator Mekarski will be the Guest Speaker at the 14th Annual
8 Community Celebration Celebrating Multi Cultural Communities on Saturday, March
9 10th at the Ravisloe Country Club. She stated that we are looking forward to that.

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11 Administrator Mekarski stated that we will be giving a presentation on the Retail
12 Redlining Project and the process of unconscious racism that is affecting all of the
13 diverse communities in the Chicago/Southland from reaching their true economic
14 potential. He stated that it is one of the most insidious pervasive forms of discrimination
15 left in America today. It is not affecting only Olympia Fields, but it is every Multi
16 Cultural Community across the United States. He stated that he has given personal
17 testimony at conferences where he has brought up the subject nationally where the
18 audience was packed with folks from Oakland, D.C., and Atlanta. He stated that where
19 there are upward mobile individuals of diverse populations possessing wealth, they are
20 being denied equal opportunity for Class A Retail. He invited everyone to join them at
21 the dinner. He stated that it is a grand event. It will be informative and enjoyable.

22
23 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

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27 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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29 **Rich Township – 2012 Dr. Martin Luther King Concert** – Village President Meyers-
30 Martin stated that there is a Memo in the Board Packet regarding the 2012 Dr. Martin
31 Luther King Concert. Last year the Board did buy tickets with a donation of \$250.00 for
32 the support of the concert. She is looking for that support again.

33 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to authorize the Finance**
34 **Department to distribute a contribution of \$250.00 to Rich Township’s request for a**
35 **donation to support the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Concert on March 24th, 2012.**

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

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38 **Crossing at 207th Street for Tolentine Park** – Administrator Mekarski passed out
39 correspondence to the Board that came in today at 5:00 P.M.

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41 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Tolentine Park is to open in April. The
42 Village is excited about the park. The Village is a separate entity from the Park District
43 and this was totally their project. She stated that as the project details became apparent to
44 the Board, the Board realized that there was something that it needed to address. That is
45 the issue of safety at the crossing at 207th Street. The Village has been in discussion with
46 the Village Engineers and with IDOT trying to figure out how it could resolve the issue

1 of safety at that intersection. Everything that was suggested or everything that was doable
2 didn't seem to be quite enough. The Village sent several letters to the Department of
3 Transportation. Village President Meyers-Martin was in contact with someone that she
4 knows that is the Deputy Director at the Department of Transportation in order to get this
5 issue before them.

6
7 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is happy to announce that they have
8 finally responded to the Village in a way that is encouraging. They have some issues that
9 they think the Village needs to address, but they do seem to be receptive to the fact that
10 there is an issue of safety finally at that corner. She stated that it seemed that for many
11 months that was falling on deaf ears. She stated that finally the Village is getting a
12 response that it can work with.

13
14 Administrator Mekarski stated that the first letter is dated January 30th from Diane
15 O'Keefe. Miss O'Keefe is the Deputy Director of Highways, Regional 1 Engineer for the
16 Department of Transportation. Miss O'Keefe indicates that the Village's request to lower
17 the speed limit from 50 miles per hour to 40 for that portion of Governors Highway is
18 being considered. Their department is conducting a Speed Limit Investigation. They will
19 let the Village know the results of that as soon as it is completed.

20
21 Administrator Mekarski stated that the letter received today dated February 10th, 2012, is
22 a letter from IDOT from Thomas Gallenbach who is a Traffic Permit Engineer. Mr.
23 Gallenbach addresses the Village's request for a proposed pedestrian crossing. They
24 ideally recommend geometric changes which would involve widening, and an island in
25 the center of the roadway. They are not requiring the Village to use the geometric
26 changes which would be extremely cost prohibitive. They are allowing a pedestrian
27 crosswalk with certain specifications for signage and lighting associated with that. The
28 specifications that are outlined in that letter will be forwarded to the Village's Engineers
29 for an estimation of costs. That will be presented to the Board at the next Board Meeting.

30
31 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Village has worked with Trustee Waite, Liaison to
32 the Public Works Department, and with Village President Meyers-Martin on reviewing
33 some of the road projects that would be financed in next year's Motor Fuel Tax
34 allocation. The Village President will be forwarding a recommendation to the Board at a
35 subsequent Board Meeting to withhold next year's allocation for MFT Funds, and not
36 assign it to a Road Paving Project until the Village receives a cost estimate for this
37 crossing. Due to the fact Governors Highway is a State Highway, those MFT Funds could
38 be utilized to either subsidize or pay for the crossing. Trustee Waite, as the Liaison to the
39 Public Works Department, has concurred with that strategy. They will be reporting on
40 that hopefully at the next Board Meeting.

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42 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

43
44 **Resignation of Dr. Ernie Proulx from the Community Relations Commission -**

45 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she has accepted the Resignation of Dr.
46 Ernie Proulx from the Community Relations Commission. She thanked Dr. Proulx for his

1 service for the past 11-years. She stated that we benefited greatly from his participation.
2 Dr. Proulx stated that he enjoyed it very much.

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4 **MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

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6 Village President Meyers-Martin asked for a moment of silence. She stated that we have
7 lost two members of our family in the Village of Olympia Fields. She stated that Mrs.
8 Eunice Stine, Faith's mother, died last Monday at the age of 90.

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10 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that our illustrious citizen Willett Hudson lost her
11 mother, Mrs. Monette Mabel Johnson, last week. She stated that we will surely miss our
12 family members.

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14 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS: (CONTINUED)**

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16 Trustee Waite stated that under Resignations and Appointments he has someone that he
17 would like to recommend for the Public Works Committee. His name is Sam Cosentino.
18 He lives on Brookwood. He is the Chief Chemist for the City of Chicago Waste
19 Treatment Operation in Calumet City. Mr. Cosentino has some expertise that Trustee
20 Waite believes would be useful.

21
22 Village President Meyers-Martin asked that Mr. Cosentino provide a synopsis of his
23 Resume and they can look at that for the next Board Meeting.

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25 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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27 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to adjourn at 8:55 P.M.**

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

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30 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**