

1 She will assure you of that. She bought her starter home here. She raised her family in that home.
2 She plans on retiring in that home. That has true meaning of somebody who is vested in our
3 community. He has had the distinct pleasure and privilege of serving with her as his Chief of
4 Staff for the last four-years. The number one thing she operates on everyday is putting
5 constituents first. He stated to have somebody like that in Olympia Fields is truly, truly special.
6 And to have someone now that's about to be appointed as a Trustee for this great Municipality,
7 he doesn't think that you guys could be any luckier. He knows that is why the room is packed
8 tonight. We have a lot of distinguished guests that are here tonight. It has been his honor and his
9 privilege just to call her a friend and someone he can talk to when it comes to difficult decisions.
10 We love you. The Hastings Family loves you. We are extremely proud of you. More importantly,
11 we are really excited for the Village Board to have another valued member to your Board, and
12 also, for the residents of Olympia Fields you have somebody that really cares about you and is
13 going to work for you every day. Senator Hastings wished her nothing but the best. Senator
14 Hastings stated that he is always here. You have a lot of great friends that are here for you. He
15 looks forward to the party afterwards. Thank you. (There was a round of applause).

16
17 State Representative Anthony DeLuca stated that he looked at the Agenda and he believes that
18 he was first. He is just in the House and that is how it goes. He is happy to be here. He stated
19 Cassandra best of luck to you. He wished her all the best. State Representative DeLuca stated
20 that it is a real honor and it is good for the Village of Olympia Fields for sure. He wished good
21 luck to the Mayor and the Village Board with all of the work that they have in front of them.
22 State Representative DeLuca stated that as a Legislator and as a State Rep he is your partner. We
23 are here to serve and do whatever we can to help the Village fulfill its goals in Springfield. State
24 Representative DeLuca stated that he wanted to recognize a Special Guest that is here tonight his
25 son, Dominick. (There was a round of applause). State Representative DeLuca stated that when
26 he came in tonight he was asked if it was appropriate that he be here tonight. He stated that he is
27 not sure what that is all about. He stated that anytime he is invited to attend a Village Board
28 Meeting he is going to be there so long as he can. He is happy to be here. (There was a round of
29 applause).

30
31 State Representative Al Riley stated that this is a very special time for him. The Senator talked
32 about Cassandra being here about 30-years. It was about that time 1984, whenever it was, that he
33 started right here with his political career back in the old building. He stated that for those of you
34 who know about the old building, the Old Village Hall, at one time there was a great big, ugly,
35 water tower right next to it. That's when he started as a Trustee right here in this Village. He
36 looks at the people who have come along who have sat up here, the tremendous people who you
37 have up here now, but other people too as we were planning not only the future of the Village,
38 but of the southland. A lot of the leadership that occurred in the southland came from us, came
39 from Olympia Fields, bar none. He stated that Cassandra joining that line is extremely important
40 to him. She was always of help. She always volunteered. She got involved as time went on. And
41 then she got involved in policy and all of those other kinds of things to the point where now she
42 is going to be a Trustee of one of the most important Villages out in the south suburbs. It is very
43 important for him to be here. He wouldn't miss it for anything in the world, the cold that he is
44 getting over notwithstanding, and it is over with by the way. All of the people who are here, Toi,
45 Anthony, and Mike, we do work extremely hard down in Springfield. He will talk about it at a
46 later time. He is being serious because there are some threats in Springfield to local government.
47 He is not going to talk about them now because this is all about the swearing-in. As you join this

1 Board, you will be part of that continuum between all of us trying to work to be sure that there is
2 local control, and local Municipalities, and that you control your own destiny as we fight down
3 in Springfield. This is a very important time that you are joining this Board. He stated to all of
4 you that are here, it is good seeing a lot of you. Some of you he hasn't seen in a while. (State
5 Representative Al Riley addressed the officers on the Police Pension Board). There are people
6 who talk about you guys when he is in Springfield. They know about this Department. It is really
7 good to see you here too. Thank you so much on a very joyous occasion. (There was a round of
8 applause).

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10 Senator Toi Hutchinson stated that she loves this dais. She remembers when there was a little
11 thing on there that said "Toi, Village Clerk." When she first started here it was in the Old Village
12 Hall. Her kids were little, they were tiny. She dressed everyone up in red and they stood next to
13 the coat rack. She was told to stand someplace nicer so they could take a picture of her being
14 sworn in to be Village Clerk of Olympia Fields. She dressed Ryan up in red. He was like a year
15 and a half. Camryn was like three and she had on red. She gathered all her kids around her
16 because she thought this was her first governmental position in a town that she lived in, and that
17 she grew up in. She didn't know what was going to happen to her after that. Senator Hutchinson
18 thanked the Mayor and the Board of Trustees for their indulgence for her going last. It is so very
19 important to her in her current position to work really hard to make sure that all kinds of people
20 are in position to run for office. Sometimes for women life takes us on a different path. We
21 volunteer. We go to baseball games and Girl Scout Meetings. We are room mothers, and all
22 those things that we do in the community when we are raising our babies. You did that here.
23 Then we start going to Village Board Meetings and volunteer things, and Political Party things to
24 see what's happening in the area. You did that here. You raised your children in that same house
25 challenges notwithstanding. You got those babies off to college. And you did that here. Senator
26 Hutchinson knows that for Cassandra just like her, property values are personal to Cassandra
27 because this is her home. She knows that the School System is personal to Cassandra because
28 this is her home. It speaks to her in a different way because she knows when she goes through
29 her public career it is very difficult for anybody to be what they can't see. She needs people who
30 she represents to see her. When they see her they can move into positions to do exactly like what
31 it is she is doing here. Service and leadership starts at home. Olympia Fields is home for you.
32 Senator Hutchinson wanted to be here with Cassandra today and see people that she grew up
33 with because it is home. Senator Hutchinson is proud of Cassandra for a whole lot of different
34 reasons. Her joke about Cassandra is that when she comes into the room she brings a light in.
35 She never met a stranger. You are always there to help. And if you can't help, you try to figure
36 out who can help. Senator Hutchinson wanted to be here when Cassandra puts her hand on that
37 Bible and swears her fidelity, and allegiance, and fiduciary responsibility, and to uphold the State
38 of Illinois's Constitution, and the Olympia Fields Book of Ordinances, and all the really
39 important, official things that we do here. Senator Hutchinson wanted to say from her to
40 Cassandra that this is exactly the way it is suppose to be. When you got to the point where you
41 wanted to step out and put your name on the line, and your name out in public, and your name on
42 the ballot, that you be ready, and that people who know you and love you would be there with
43 you when you did it here at home. She is so proud of her. (There was a round of applause).

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45 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Oath of Office is going to be given by Judge
46 D'Rene Jackson. Miss Matz asked for her mother and her son to come forward.

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1 Judge Jackson stated that she wanted to say how special today is for her. Judge Jackson was just
2 elected to be Judge in the 2nd Sub Circuit December 5th. This is her very first swearing-in. Judge
3 Jackson sent Cassandra a text message this morning to tell her how special today is for her, for
4 this to be her very first swearing-in and Cassandra's very first public office. Judge Jackson stated
5 that on the way over she was rear-ended so we are really going to remember today.
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7 **Oath of Office** – Judge Jackson administered the Oath of Office as follows: “I, Cassandra J.
8 Matz, having been appointed to the Office of the Village Trustee, in the Village of Olympia
9 Fields, County of Cook, I do solemnly swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United
10 States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties
11 of the Office of Trustee, to the best of my ability.” Judge Jackson congratulated Trustee Matz.
12 (There was a round of applause and a standing ovation).
13

14 Trustee Matz stated that as she looks around the room she is so blessed to have such great
15 support here tonight, her friends, her family, and her mother. She stated that her brother is here
16 from Arizona. This is Black History Month. He won a Gold Medal in Sydney in 2000 with the
17 U.S. Baseball Team never to repeat that again. She wanted to give a plug to her brother. (There
18 was a round of applause). Trustee Matz stated that there are so many people that she wants to
19 thank tonight, but this isn't the Oscars. She will save that for her reception across the way when
20 all this is over with. First and foremost she wants to thank the Mayor and all the Trustees. She
21 looks forward to sitting beside them and making sure that our Village is the best Village in the
22 southland area. She thanked everybody for coming out. She plans to work her tail off for the
23 Village. This is her home. She is vested. She isn't planning on going anywhere so you got her for
24 four-years. (There was a round of applause).
25

26 Village President Meyers-Martin asked Trustee Matz to take her seat on the dais. (There was a
27 round of applause). Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Judge Jackson, as well as Senator
28 Hutchinson, Senator Hastings, State Representative Al Riley, and State Representative DeLuca
29 for being here and for helping us welcome our newest Trustee to the Board. She thanked
30 everyone for coming out for that. She sees a lot of familiar faces, people who are very, very
31 invested in the southland, people who care about the southland. It is a pleasure that you would
32 join us here in the Village of Olympia Fields. As she has said several times, it is all about the
33 region. We must always work tirelessly and committedly to the southland region because we
34 have our challenges and we have always had our challenges. At the end of the day it takes
35 commitment, it takes energy, it takes enthusiasm, and it takes dedication to make this work. As
36 we have said as a Board, our Legislators, our citizens, we are going to make this work. We are
37 going to be that revered region, not the north side, not the north suburbs, not the western suburbs,
38 but the Chicago southland because we have spirit. We have energy. We have commitment. We
39 have talent. We have skills, all of which makes us the best region in the State and she holds to
40 that. (There was a round of applause).
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42 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**
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44 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that you have Bills for Approval tonight in the amount of
45 \$143,473.69. You have a cover Memo designating the more significant payouts.
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1 **Motion by Trustee Byrd, second by Trustee Pennington to approve the payment of Bills for**
2 **February 13th, 2017, in the total amount of \$143,473.69.**

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

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5 **EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION REPORT:**

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7 **Recommendation for Mini Grant Awards – Recipient Presentation at the Next Board of**
8 **Trustee Meeting on February 27, 2017 –** Trustee Byrd stated that the Budget for the
9 Educational Commission for the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year, we have an item of \$10,000.00 that was
10 set aside for the Mini Grant Program. That will be taking place on February 27th. We just need a
11 Motion today to approve the amount of \$9,675.51 to be distributed to the Mini Grant Program.

12 **Motion by Trustee Robinson, second by Trustee Pennington to Award Eleven (11)**
13 **Educational Grants, totaling \$9,675.51 to the District/School/Instructor as Listed in the**
14 **Attached and Recommended by the Village of Olympia Fields Educational Commission in**
15 **their Meeting of February 7th, 2017; and Authorize the Administration to Notify the Eleven**
16 **Grant Recipients of their Award which will be Presented in a Ceremony at the next Board**
17 **of Trustees Meeting on February 27th, 2017, at 7:00 P.M.**

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19 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Recipients are: Joanne Ruder & Susan Torrance
20 from Arcadia School; Patti Corcoran from Lincoln-Gavin, District 170, Grades Kindergarten
21 through Third Grade, Special Needs Grant; Sue Alfred from Garfield, District 170, Grade 6;
22 Nicole Kaestner from Southland, District 162, Grades Ninth through Twelfth; Phillip Crews
23 from Rich Central, District 227, Grades Ninth through Twelfth; Suzanne VanSlyke from
24 Matteson School, District 162, Grades First through Third; Deanna Rollins and Anna Daniels
25 from Illinois School, District 162, Grades Kindergarten through Eighth-Grade; Ronisha Dubose
26 from Huth School, District 162, Seventh and Eighth Grade; Amanda Torres and Carolyn Delby
27 from Sauk School, District 162, Grades Fourth through Sixth; Melissa Sharpe from Richton
28 Square School, District 162, Kindergarten through Third-Grade; and Amanda Godin from
29 Indiana School, District 162, Grades Fourth through Sixth.

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

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32 **FRANCISCAN ST. JAMES HEALTH SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR THE CAMPUS**
33 **CONSOLIDATION PROJECT:**

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35 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the next item is Franciscan St. James Health Site
36 Plan Approval for the Campus Consolidation Project. As you know, Franciscan Health, formerly
37 known as St. James Hospital is consolidating their two hospitals on the campus of Olympia
38 Fields. The Development Review Committee has reviewed this Application and the Site Plans.
39 She asked John McDonnell who is our Building Commissioner and has been working with
40 Franciscan Health to speak on that briefly.

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42 Mr. McDonnell stated that the Development Review Committee is recommending the site
43 expansion for Franciscan St. James. We have already held Hearings with the Planning and
44 Zoning Commission to expand their Special Use Permit for the site. The Board has unanimously
45 passed that as well. The site is depicted in the Board Packets. It is also on the board here for
46 people to review it. It is basically three additions with a lot of parking spaces. That is basically
47 the Plan that is set forth. If you have any questions tonight, in the audience is one of the

1 Investment Policy, and assist the Board in the retention of Asset Managers and make
2 recommendations on the asset allocation of the Plan. They come every quarter and report the
3 performance of the Plan to the Board. This year you are going to see a pretty significant
4 improvement in your returns. Your Fiscal Year being April 30th, he stated that 2015 was not a
5 very good year in the stock market as measured by the S&P 500. It is only up by about 1%. That
6 has a very profound impact on your Plan. He stated with your Fiscal Year being April 30th, you
7 have not yet enjoyed the fruits of 2016 which had about a 12% return. You will see a significant
8 improvement assuming that everything holds together until the end of April.

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10 Mr. Wall stated that your Plan is strictly governed by State Statute. You are only allowed to put a
11 certain amount of your assets in equities. Unfortunately, at some level that kind of penalizes you
12 a little bit. Your Plan on December 31st was about \$8.3 Million. Your return last year was just
13 about a 6% return net of all investment management fees, custodial fees, expense ratios, and all
14 of these different investments. He believes a reasonable return given the rules that you have to
15 live by. Calendar year 2016 was about a 12% return in the stock market. Your Bond Portfolio,
16 you are looking at about a 2%, 2.5% return in Bonds. That's about what you can expect going
17 forward.

18
19 Mr. Wall stated that the next big goal is for you to hit Plan Assets of \$10,000,000.00. You are a
20 bit short of that right now. Why that is significant is once the Plan reaches \$10,000,000.00 in
21 assets, the Board would have the discretion to allow up to 65% of their portfolio in common
22 stock. That's going to significantly help the returns to the Pension Fund. It introduces more risk.
23 Over the next three-years, returns and fixed income securities are going to be challenging to say
24 the least. The next most important thing to do is to get to that \$10,000,000.00 number. That's
25 when we will revisit the Investment Policy with the Board, revisit the asset allocations, and make
26 any changes that the Board deems are appropriate. That is a shortened summary of everything. If
27 there is a specific question about Actuaries or fixed income, or law, we have all the people here
28 to answer that for you.

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30 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Hudson because she serves on the Pension
31 Board, whether or not she had any comments or wanted to ask any questions.

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33 Trustee Hudson stated that one of the things that did help us even though we did not do well in
34 2015; we made a change in 2014 to the market index. That put us in a position to earn a little bit
35 more than we would have even though we are limited to the amount that we can put in stocks.
36 That particular investment strategy did help us move forward a little bit. She is hoping that it is
37 better for 2016. If not, we will look at it again.

38
39 Mr. Wall stated that Trustee Hudson is correct. The Board has taken a position to invest largely
40 in passive instruments. You can expect about market returns from your Equity Portfolio. It's a
41 very low cost way to participate in the equity markets and you are never going to get any
42 surprises. If the market is up 10%, you are going to be up about 10%. Last year your portfolio in
43 stocks was up about 10% because you have some exposure into the foreign markets. That was
44 only up about 1% last year. We own all of those asset classes. He stated that Willett is right;
45 there was a change from active to passive. The other thing to keep in mind is currently the Plan is
46 only allowed 45% of the portfolio in stocks. You are there. The Board has always been fully
47 invested in the stock market as much as they are legally allowed.

1 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mr. Wall whether or not he could speak a little bit
2 to the State Statute and what Municipalities are required to contribute now, as opposed to years
3 ago when we were ruled by the Department of Insurance.

4
5 Mr. Richard Reimer stated that he is the Attorney. He has had the privilege of representing your
6 Fund since its inception back in about 1990, 1991. He represents well over 200 of the 650 or so
7 Police and Fire Pension Funds in the State of Illinois. You currently are under Statute mandated
8 by the Legislature that requires you to be 90% funded by 2040. That was changed in about 2011.
9 It use to be 100% in 2033. He has been doing this for more years than he cares to admit. He has
10 seen it happen a number of times that the Legislature will change that. It has been his privilege to
11 represent this Board for a long period of time. You, unlike some of his other clients have a really
12 good working relationship with your Pension Fund and vice versa. You are not at war. That is to
13 everybody's advantage. He would be delighted to answer any other questions.

14
15 Trustee Byrd inquired of Mr. Reimer what he recommends, 90% or 100%. Mr. Reimer deferred
16 to the Actuary.

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18 Mr. Todd Schroeder stated that he is the Actuary for the Pension Fund. This is the first year that
19 he has done the Actuarial Report. The prior Actuary retired at the end of last year. They took
20 over this year for the first time. As far as the contributions in the Fund, in their Report they show
21 two contributions. One is a recommended contribution that's the number that is around \$1.2
22 Million. That's the 100% figure in the funding. The other one is the Statutory Minimum figure,
23 based on the parameters that Rick previously talked about the 90% funding target by 2040. The
24 reason they have the recommended figures as part of their calculations is there are two things
25 you are paying for with a contribution. One thing is each time you hire a new police officer; we
26 are to kick money into the Fund each year that they are working. That's the normal, regular,
27 annual cost of the Fund. If your Fund was 100% funded, you would still have this cost as part of
28 it. It is about \$300,000.00 of the recommendation for the contribution this year. The rest of the
29 contribution is a payment towards your unfunded liability in the Fund. Those are dollars we
30 would like to have in the Pension Fund that are not sitting in the Pension Fund right now. What
31 happens as part of this funding process, as you move forward if there are dollars that we want in
32 the Pension Fund that are not in the Pension Fund right now, those dollars grow with interest
33 over time. Right now for the upcoming year we expect that interest to be about \$870,000.00 to
34 \$880,000.00. It grows at that expected rate of return on the assets. It is dollars that we are not
35 getting on our Investment Return. If your Fund comes in at the end of April at 6%, you didn't get
36 that 6% on the unfunded liability. So it grows by that 6%. We need 6% more next year. The
37 reason we have the 100% recommendation in there is it creates a payment towards the unfunded
38 liability. He stated for the current year it is about \$900,000.00. We are looking for a little bit
39 more of that interest mark on the unfunded liability. If the unfunded liability grows by
40 \$870,000.00 and we pay it down by \$900,000.00 we manage to at least chip off a little bit of that
41 unfunded liability. That's part of a Long-Term Plan to eventually chip down all of the unfunded
42 liability. We are not looking at an aggressive Plan, but enough to start chipping it down, and
43 certainly more aggressive than what has been part of the State Statute for funding. The payment
44 towards unfunded liability for State Statute for that minimum purpose, that \$270,000.00
45 difference in contribution would just be \$270,000.00 more in growth you would see on that
46 unfunded liability going forward. That's the way it has been since 1993 when the Legislation
47 came out allowing a 40-year payoff on unfunded liability at that time. Our payments have been

1 less than that interest so we have allowed that unfunded liability to grow over time. So our
2 recommended, we are trying to chip it down a little bit. State minimum, it is very likely to grow
3 going forward.

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5 Trustee Matz inquired of Mr. Schroeder what happens if we don't hit the mark. Mr. Schroeder
6 stated if you don't make the statutory minimum contribution there are some parameters that are
7 in play. The details of how those parameters are going to work aren't quite set yet.

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9 Mr. Reimer stated for a first night that is a good question. The answer is he doesn't know. There
10 is suppose to be in the law in 2011 as part of the Legislation that actually went into effect that
11 required you to be 90% funded by 2040, part of that Legislation was also a requirement that in
12 the event the Municipality did not levy the statutory minimum, that the Pension Fund would have
13 the ability to go to the Comptroller's Office and potentially intercept money that was earmarked
14 for the Municipality. That was suppose to go into effect in 2015. That came and went. There
15 were no Rules and Regulations. We don't know what is going to happen. Somebody told him
16 that there was another election recently, and part of that election at least in the State that there is
17 a new Comptroller. He doesn't know if the new Comptroller will take care of that. Senator
18 Hastings sponsored some Legislation to maybe move that mandatory funding interception back.

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20 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the newest date they had heard was 2018. That
21 wasn't firm.

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23 Mr. Reimer believes that was the Bill that was introduced in the 99th General Assembly. There
24 was a new Bill; Senate Bill 68 that he believes was Senator Hastings Bill. He doesn't know
25 where that went. That was going to kick the can down the road to 2021.

26
27 Trustee Pennington inquired what strategy could the Pension Board employ to get the Plan to the
28 \$10,000,000.00 figure that was suggested.

29
30 Mr. Schroeder stated that when he looks at his Report, for the Fiscal Year that ended April 30th,
31 2016, the assets went up about \$70,000.00. That's dollars going out for benefit payments,
32 expenses, dollars coming in through contributions. The investment returns were fairly flat for all
33 Pension Funds for the year ending April 30th of 2016. This year if you have let's say \$400,000.00
34 come through, you are looking at probably a net increase of about \$500,000.00 if the markets are
35 stable each year. It's either wait that four or five-years and let that naturally grow, and hope the
36 markets continue to support it as it has so far in Fiscal Year 2017, or some more aggressive
37 funding plan to get the dollars in. The benefit payments, part of our Report we show that in there.
38 We expect those benefit payments are going to continue to increase in the future. You will have
39 new retirees and things like that going on. The cash flow dynamics are going to change a little
40 bit. But certainly continue funding, and either time or additional funding will get you to that
41 \$10,000,000.00.

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43 Trustee Robinson inquired if the market does not support that what the Village's responsibility
44 would be. Mr. Schroeder stated that part of our Report is we look at your investment returns on a
45 rolling five-year basis. We are trying to hold down the volatility of the contribution a little bit.
46 We don't want to react by April 30th, if the market is way down we shoot it way up and vice
47 versa. We are looking at returns always on a five-year rolling basis. If the five-year rolling

1 market returns are not at the 6.5% average level that we have as part of the assumptions in the
2 valuation, then there is a line item on Page 7 of the Report. We talk about additional
3 contributions related to returns coming in less than expected. For the Fiscal Year ending in 2016,
4 that additional increase in contribution was about \$14,000.00 related to the rolling five-year
5 investment performance on there. He stated not a big piece. We are trying to do that on a five-
6 year rolling basis simply to smooth out this process a little bit over time so you are not subject to
7 the annual volatility as it goes up and down.

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9 Trustee Hudson stated that she wanted to speak to what he said about strategy. She thinks that we
10 are using strategy whenever we are speaking with Dave when he tells us what is happening.
11 When we look and see what is happening overall, then we know that if his is the one that we are
12 dealing with that is low, then we are going to talk to him about moving it some other place.
13 Those are about the only strategies you can use with what we have currently. We don't control
14 the market. When the market goes down, if everybody goes down, we are doing the best we can.
15 We have no strategy to control that. Trustee Hudson stated that she believes that we have done
16 much better. When she first came it was under \$5,000,000.00. Now we are up to \$8,000,000.00.
17 We are moving forward. It's just that the amount we have to contribute is much larger too. She
18 thinks that we are doing okay. As far as what strategy we would use if the market went down she
19 is not sure if there is anymore that we can do. We will look at it though. We will talk to Dave and
20 get him in here to help us see if we need to go a different direction.

21
22 Trustee Pennington stated that he wanted to clarify his point. He wasn't really asking about
23 specific strategy. The comment was made earlier that if we reach that \$10,000,000.00 figure we
24 will be out of the fixed market. We could get to a level of a high return on our investment in the
25 stock market. That is what he was looking at in terms of strategic layout. Trustee Hudson stated
26 okay. Trustee Pennington inquired what could be done in that realm to reach that. That's all he
27 was looking at. He knows the Plan. He knows the Commission is strategically looking at this. He
28 use to be there too. That was the purpose of his strategic question. Trustee Hudson inquired of
29 Trustee Pennington whether or not he is satisfied with it. Trustee Pennington stated that he is.

30
31 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked everyone for joining us tonight. It was quite
32 informative. She stated that Pensions are a big deal amongst Municipalities. We are a part of the
33 South Suburban Mayors And Managers Association and it comes up quite often. In punitive
34 terms people are trying to figure out how they are going to make these pension contributions.
35 When we go to Springfield and meet with the Governor and our Legislators that subject comes
36 up quite a bit as well. We thank you for taking the time to come and give us a snapshot of where
37 we are, and what is going on in the pension world.

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39 **Roll Call to Adjourn the Pension Board: Trustee Hudson, yes. Sean Barry, yes. Esteban**
40 **Lopez, yes. Roll Call Vote is Unanimous.**

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42 Corporal Lopez stated that he would be kind of remiss to say that given our Consultant saying
43 and you bringing us to \$10,000,000.00, 60% as opposed to 45% being in the stock market, that
44 would obviously help a lot where if they project the next three-years to be low and fixed income
45 to try to get us the \$10,000,000.00 and what we can invest more and probably make more
46 money. Trustee Pennington stated point well-taken. (The Pension Board was adjourned at 7:50
47 P.M.)

1 **OLD VILLAGE HALL:**

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3 **Need to Reconvene Adhoc Community Resource Center Policy Committee** – Village
4 President Meyers-Martin stated that for those of you who attend Board Meetings regularly, back
5 in the summer Trustee Gibson convened an Adhoc Committee to address some of the issues that
6 had arisen at the Old Village Hall which was dedicated to the Homeowners Associations from
7 the former President, Linzey Jones. Trustee Gibson had received complaints regarding some
8 improprieties that were taking place at the Old Village Hall. There are not suppose to be children
9 there. We discovered that there was evidence that children had been present. There had been
10 suckers stuck into the electrical outlets, which of course is very dangerous among other things. In
11 her Adhoc Committee reporting back, we determined from our Legal Advisor that there were
12 liabilities that the Village was experiencing by the fact that there was a lack of control in terms of
13 what was happening at the Old Village Hall. Trustee Gibson is ill tonight. She has indicated as
14 well as our other members, that there needs to be a reconvening of that Committee to take a
15 second look at the Guidelines that had been put in place initially when the first reports were
16 coming in that there were some problems at the Old Village Hall. We will be reconvening that
17 Committee to take a look at the Guidelines and how they can be enforced, and how they can be
18 monitored. At this point there is no monitoring of the Old Village Hall.

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20 **Motion to Appoint Art Byrd to the Adhoc Committee** – Village President Meyers-Martin
21 stated that the first thing she would like to accomplish tonight is a Motion to appoint Trustee
22 Byrd to that Adhoc Committee. She stated that until we can have that Committee meet and come
23 up with some new Guidelines, we will have to change the access policy at the Old Village Hall.
24 It is currently a Key Pad System, where as long as you have the Code you can get in. That does
25 not allow the Village to have information on who is actually using that Code if they have not
26 secured and reserved a meeting space at the Old Village Hall. We've had the Library Board
27 come in and complain. The Enhancement Organization has come in and complained about
28 unscheduled meetings there. There has been no way to monitor it. Before there was a Key Pad
29 System, you had to reserve a key. You had to pick up a key from Village Hall, or you had to call
30 the police to let you in. The Key Pad System effective Friday, February 17th, will no longer be
31 accessible. You will have to have a key. The keys are available at Village Hall. They will be
32 distributed through the Police Department who is here from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. Village
33 President Meyers-Martin stated that she feels that gives you proper access if you have reserved a
34 space at the Old Village Hall. You can come in and request the key. They will check to make
35 sure that that room has been reserved and that it is not in conflict with some other meeting going
36 on. All of the Homeowners Associations will receive e-mails and phone calls designating that
37 this will be our Temporary Policy until the Adhoc Committee can come up with alternative ways
38 for that space to be monitored in an effective way where the Village is not vulnerable to
39 liabilities. Our insurance, our Risk Management, and our Attorney have said because there is no
40 way to monitor it, we are at risk in terms of liabilities going on at that space.

41 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Robinson to Appoint Trustee Art Byrd**
42 **to the Adhoc Committee.**

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

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45 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that when Trustee Gibson is back she will speak to
46 Trustee Byrd about the Committee and the goals for the Committee.

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1 **Black History Month Celebration** - Village President Meyers-Martin stated that on Saturday,
2 February 25th, at 11:30 A.M. we will be hosting a Black History Month Celebration at Village
3 Hall. Dr. Ernie Gibson will be our Keynote Speaker. We will be honoring one of our illustrious
4 citizens, Staff Sergeant Paul Cruz, who is a World War II Veteran. He was significantly involved
5 in five different battles through World War II. We are very proud to have him as a resident and a
6 member of our Veterans Affairs Committee. You will receive a postcard Wednesday with the
7 details of the celebration. She invited everyone to come and share in that celebration of Black
8 History Month. If you have not heard Dr. Gibson speak he is quite inspiring. She knows that you
9 will enjoy his presentation. The Enhancement Organization will supply refreshments. Village
10 President Meyers-Martin thanked the Enhancement Organization.

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12 **COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:**

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14 Village President Meyers-Martin opened Communications & Petitions at 7:55 P.M.

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16 Mrs. Shakira Glover stated that she and her husband have been a resident of the Village since
17 2009. They live in the Arcadia Subdivision. Mrs. Glover wanted to go on record by saying that
18 last Saturday during the Coffee with the President, and an e-mail that she sent to the Board, she
19 is looking forward to having some sort of Interactive Agenda so that residents can have the
20 ability to view documentation prior to the meetings. She believes that would be helpful,
21 informational, and should anyone have any comments or feedback, they will have an opportunity
22 to do so.

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24 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it was so nice to have her at Coffee with the
25 President on Saturday. Mrs. Glover stated that she enjoyed that too. She is looking forward to the
26 changes that we talked about during the Coffee with the President too. Village President Meyers-
27 Martin stated that we will be providing some of that improvement and enhancement to the
28 website so that information is not so embedded that you can click on it more easily. She just got
29 that information today as a result of our conversation. Mrs. Glover thanked Village President
30 Meyers-Martin. She stated that she really appreciates that.

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32 Mr. Lee Langon stated that it was refreshing to see our local, Democratic Representatives here
33 tonight. He would love to see them more often for future installations. He stated Madam Mayor,
34 you have appointed not one, but two people that are employed by Senator Hastings, when there
35 clearly was better qualified candidates. He stated people that have served on Committees and
36 Commissions for many years, including lawyers that have served this Village tirelessly on these
37 Committees and Commissions and were passed over. It is a travesty as far as he is concerned. It
38 is a travesty that the Trustees that voted for it went along with this. And the big question is why.
39 Now, it is obvious what is happening here. The well-heeled candidates backed by the Democratic
40 Party, somebody should tell them this is a non-partisan election. Remember that money and
41 influence don't vote. The people of Olympia Fields will decide who is the next President and
42 who is the next Trustee, not the local Democratic Party, not their money, and not their influence.

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44 Mr. Nate Grant stated that he is the President of the Maynegaite Homeowners Association. You
45 mentioned this Adhoc Committee for the Old Village Hall. Does that Committee have residents
46 or Homeowners Association Members on it? If it does, he would like to be a part of that if that's
47 appropriate. We use it a lot.

1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Trustee Gibson would have been the person to
2 discuss that with. Trustee Byrd is now a member of that Adhoc Committee. Mr. Grant stated
3 thank you.

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5 **Coffee with the Mayor** - Village President Meyers-Martin stated that this past Saturday we had
6 Coffee with the Mayor. She has been doing that for three-years. It is an opportunity for the
7 residents to come in and talk about anything that they would like to discuss if they don't feel
8 comfortable doing it in a Board setting. This past Saturday was very informative and very lively.
9 She encouraged all residents if you are free on the second Saturday to attend. We discussed
10 changing it around. Village President Meyers-Martin will be asking if there is support for that.
11 Not everybody wants to get up early on Saturday. On one month it could be on a Saturday in the
12 morning. The next month we can do it on a week day evening if you prefer that, if it is more
13 convenient. She is open to that. She loves that opportunity to have that dialog one-on-one
14 because you are able to have an effective conversation about what it is that you suggest, you
15 recommend, you don't like, what you would like to see, and all of that is acted upon in an
16 effective way because we do have that opportunity. She will be looking at moving that from an
17 early Saturday to an evening if that is more effective in terms of people coming out. She sees
18 some regulars in the audience that come all the time. She enjoys that conversation and the
19 opportunity to speak to the residents.

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21 Mrs. Ann Smith stated that she has been a resident in the Village for about 20-years. She
22 congratulated Miss Matz who is her neighbor and her friend. (There was a round of applause).
23 Mrs. Smith stated that she is very happy to see her appointed. Mrs. Smith stated that she is not
24 exactly sure about the roles and the function of the Board. She is trying to understand the Board.
25 She has been on several Boards but not at the Village level. When she moved out here 20-years
26 ago, Mrs. Smith and her husband were running a business and raising children, and doing all of
27 the things that most of the people in this room was probably doing and didn't have as much time
28 to volunteer. Her life has calmed down a little bit. Her children are grown. She still works too
29 much. She wants to get a very good understanding of the role and the functions. She inquired
30 where she might find that information. She didn't see it online on the Village's Website.

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32 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it is in the Ordinances that the Village President and
33 the Board of Trustees are responsible for policy, and creating policy. That is our main function.
34 The Village Staff is mandated to make sure that our policies are enforced.

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36 Mrs. Smith stated that's good in a nutshell. She didn't want to hold all these people up. She just
37 needs to be directed to the information. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will be
38 happy to give you that information. Mrs. Smith stated that will work for her.

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40 Mrs. Shiree Bush-Giblin congratulated Trustee Matz. Mrs. Bush-Giblin looks at Trustee Matz as
41 a political figure, but she also looks at her as an ordinary resident for Olympia Fields that's going
42 through what she is going through, raising a family. Mrs. Bush-Giblin has been here with her
43 parents' 30-years, and now her family. Mrs. Bush-Giblin stated that you are a great person and
44 well-chosen. She knows that there are great things to come here with you here along with these
45 great people. Mrs. Bush-Giblin thanked Trustee Matz for wanting to be a part of this Board.
46 (There was a round of applause). Trustee Matz stated thank you.

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1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated one last caveat before we adjourn. Both Trustee
2 Robinson who was newly appointed, and Trustee Matz who took the oath tonight, both of them
3 do have to run in the next election. It is not something that they will be sitting here without
4 having to do that. Certainly they are required to do all of the things that candidates have to do for
5 Trustee. She believes that that is still a fair policy. It is fair for all of the people who are running
6 because again, they have to run on their merits. They have to run on their vision, and run on their
7 Résumés if that is how you select your candidate. She is very proud of both candidates. She
8 wishes them luck, but they do have to go through that same scenario just like all of the other
9 candidates. She just wanted to make that clear that they will be running in that race.

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11 **Reminder to the Board about the Budget Process** - Trustee Byrd stated that the Trustees
12 should have received a Memo about the upcoming Budget Process. It starts this Saturday. You
13 should have your dates and times. He wanted to remind the Board that it is Budget time, and you
14 should get all of your things in, and meet with the people that you have to meet with.

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16 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Budget is always vetted by the Finance
17 Committee who meets with our Department Heads. The Trustees review that Budget in a very
18 thorough, extended manner. We take from February to April to vet that Budget to make sure that
19 it is balanced and considerate of all of the responsibilities that we have as a Municipality. She
20 thanked Trustee Byrd for being the Chair of the Finance Committee, and the Trustees that
21 participate in that process. Village President Meyers-Martin closed Communications & Petitions
22 at 8:10 P.M.

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24 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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26 **Motion by Trustee Robinson, second by Trustee Hudson to adjourn at 8:10 P.M.**

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Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.

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29 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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