

1 clear the streets. They are grateful that everything was done so great. They also came and
2 took down the mounds of snow at the entrances so that everything was safe. He thanked
3 Chief Chudwin and everyone else for the announcements over Code Red that they
4 received. They advised that everyone stay home, but if you had to go out, it listed what
5 stores were open. He stated that meant a lot to people so you didn't feel alone. He stated
6 that we check up on each other but it was just great. He thanked the Village and all of the
7 Department of Public Works employees that worked so hard to get everything done. He
8 stated that nobody around came close to what Olympia Fields did. He stated that his wife
9 played cards with some residents from Flossmoor a few days after the blizzard, and they
10 were envious of what was done at Olympia Fields. He thanked the Board as well. He
11 stated that these things don't just happen, it takes a Board with foresight, and planning,
12 and giving the employees the ability to move quickly and do things like this. Mr.
13 Pebworth thanked everyone on behalf of all of the residents, but in particular those at The
14 Traditions. (There was a round of applause).

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16 President Meyers-Martin stated that she agrees with Mr. Pebworth wholeheartedly. She
17 stated that we have the best staff and the best workers in the State of Illinois. She asked
18 Chief Chudwin to come up and speak to the planning that went into the blizzard.

19
20 **Planning for the Blizzard** - Chief Chudwin thanked Mr. Pebworth for his compliments.
21 He stated that it is a team effort in everything we do, and one of the true joys of being
22 part of the Village effort is having such fine people to work with. Chief Chudwin stated
23 that he wanted the Village President, the Board, and the residents to know what went into
24 this. He stated that the Village knew by Monday, January 31st that we were going to get a
25 significant storm. He stated the difference between this storm and the one in 1967 is we
26 have Tracking Models that tell us what is going to happen, and no one is caught off
27 guard. Chief Chudwin stated that Administrator Mekarski who is recognized among us as
28 having great expertise in Disaster Management due to his background, called a meeting
29 of all of the Department Heads and the staff that would be running the emergency side of
30 this. Trustee Pennington happened to be there so he could join the meeting from the
31 Finance side, since he is the Chairman of the Finance Committee. They laid out their plan
32 of action. They have had extensive training over the past several years with FEMA.
33 Administrator Mekarski designated Chief Chudwin as the Incident Commander. He
34 asked the Chief to conduct an overview of the planning session with the staff. They went
35 over logistics, planning, finance, operations, communications, and where the Village
36 would get additional vehicles and how the Village would get them, and what type we
37 needed and who would staff them. They discussed if there was a power failure, how the
38 Village would deal with the emergency Warming Centers. Specific tasks were assigned.
39 They looked at heavy snow removal equipment, and the operators needed to operate
40 them. They obtained large, mobile, generators that were taken to various sites to make
41 sure that the water and sewer lifts were working. The Old Village Hall was designated as
42 a Warming Center on the west side. Reverend Leona Tichenor offered the United
43 Methodist Church as a Warming Center on the east side. They weren't going to activate
44 them at the same time because it would be hard to staff them.

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1 Chief Chudwin stated that by Monday evening, they had made their Contractual
2 Agreements with the heavy equipment operators, the end loaders, and the generators.
3 They have a pre-planned Agreement with the Village of Matteson in case the Village of
4 Olympia Fields loses electricity and the Village cannot fuel its vehicles, because right
5 now they fuel at the gas stations, they were given access on a pay as you go basis to
6 Matteson's fuel farm. They have an in-ground diesel and gas fuel farm.

7
8 He stated that by the afternoon of Tuesday, February 1st, a Code Red Message was
9 developed. That warning was sent right before the blizzard came in, warning the residents
10 that this is real, and if there are any medications or food that they need to get them now.
11 A second Code Red Message was sent on the morning of Wednesday, February 2nd. The
12 whiteout conditions lasted until 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday morning. The Village
13 President and the Village Administrator took a tour of the Village. There were a lot of
14 stuck vehicles. The department spent some time removing people from vehicles. The
15 Department of Public Works stayed and plowed for 26 straight hours. Chief Chudwin
16 stated that he had never seen anything like that before. He contacted other Villages and
17 they sent their Department of Public Works people home early Tuesday evening because
18 they felt that the conditions were too difficult to work in. He stated that he could not say
19 enough good things about how the Department of Public Works responded to this. Mr.
20 Alexa had the heavy equipment operators take the end loaders out to move the snow. The
21 Department of Public Works stayed for 34-hours before they finally went home to get
22 some rest. They returned at 4:45 A.M. on Thursday morning, February 3rd, to start salting
23 the roads.

24
25 Chief Chudwin stated that the police officers went to their emergency 12-hour shifts. The
26 Village offered the officers housing at the Hampton Inn so that they didn't have to
27 attempt to drive home. He stated that we knew if they did make it home, it was unlikely
28 they would be able to come back. All of the officers chose to stay over and not go home.
29 He stated that the dedication that all of the employees, the Police, the Trustees, the
30 Village President and Village Administrator put into this was extraordinary. Those that
31 decided to stay left their families by themselves. He stated that is a difficult position to be
32 in. They worked eight officers per shift when they could have eight officers. That is four
33 or five more officers than what they would typically have per shift. They used four, Sport
34 Utility Vehicles with four-wheel drive. They borrowed one from Terry Ford and one
35 from Currie Motors. He stated at 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, Administrator Mekarski secured
36 food and provisions from Bizios for the two Warming Centers. Church personnel staffed
37 the church and Administrator Mekarski worked with Reverend Tichenor until 8:00 P.M.
38 on Tuesday. He stated that Administrator Mekarski is quite a cook. He made 40-gallons
39 of chicken soup which by all accounts was excellent. He made sure that the Warming
40 Center was operational by 8:00 P.M.

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42 Chief Chudwin stated that the Matteson Fire Department received two calls for service
43 during the height of the storm. One call was a Fire Alarm and the other call was for an
44 ambulance. Due to the conditions of the roads in Olympia Fields they were able to get to
45 both of those calls. The Fire Alarm was not a fire, and in the ambulance case they were
46 able to get the person to the hospital. He stated that they did an excellent job as always.

1 Chief Chudwin stated that on Tuesday night, February 1st, ten Village personnel stayed
2 over at the Hampton Inn. Chief Chudwin commended the Hampton Inn. They offered the
3 Village rooms at a highly discounted rate, and offered them whatever they needed while
4 they were there. He stated that they couldn't have been more giving. Nine police
5 personnel, including Deputy Chief Kickert and Joyce Rambo stayed at the Hampton Inn,
6 along with John McDonnell, the Building Commissioner. He stated that Mr. McDonnell
7 is a Master Electrician. If the power had gone off, we would have had to do the wiring on
8 all of the generators.

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10 Chief Chudwin stated that on February 2nd, Deputy Chief, Randy Kickert, Records
11 Supervisor, Joyce Rambo, and Building Commissioner, John McDonnell stayed over at
12 the hotel. Between the three of them, they remained on their post on call for 52-hours
13 continuously. He appreciates their dedication and leadership. Mr. McDonnell stayed on to
14 do the wiring. Bizios provided food for the Warming Center. McDonald's provided food
15 for the officers and for the Department of Public Works. Chief Chudwin commended
16 Reverend Tichenor for the use of the church as a Warming Center. The Village did not
17 lose power, but had it done so they would have been in good condition. The Valero Gas
18 Station stepped up for emergency gasoline. Coy's Towing was excellent responding to
19 calls for assistance, having to actually dig people out before they could even consider
20 towing them, and the Chief appreciates that.

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22 Chief Chudwin stated that on Thursday, February 4th, a resident inquired of Chief
23 Chudwin if he thought about going around canvassing the Village and checking every
24 driveway that doesn't show any shoveling or plowing, and checking to see if there are
25 any footprints at all, meaning is there somebody in trouble. The Chief had thought about
26 that earlier. He went into The Trails and found two homes like that. Commander Frey
27 took the entire police department through every area of the Village. They identified 75
28 locations. Joyce Rambo and Nora Bernot called every one of those residents. He is very
29 proud of his officers. At one home the resident was stuck. The plow never showed up to
30 clear her driveway. She badly needed medication and didn't know what to do.
31 Commander Frey went to the residence to find out what medication she needed, and he
32 drove to the pharmacy and picked her medication up and brought it back to her. At
33 another home, the wife was due back from the hospital. The husband had just come back
34 home from being hospitalized. He called up concerned because the ambulance was going
35 to bring his wife home. The gentleman stated that the ambulance could get on his street
36 but not in his driveway. Deputy Chief Kickert called someone that has a plowing service,
37 and the gentleman agreed to come out of his rotation to plow the driveway so the
38 ambulance could get in. At another home, the driver's family called and said that he
39 couldn't be reached. Officer Kerrigan went out and found him in his car stuck in a ditch.
40 He was an elderly gentleman stuck there by himself. Officer Kerrigan got him out of the
41 car and drove him home. Officer Kerrigan was able to get the gentleman's car out for
42 him, and he drove the car back to the gentleman's house. At another residence, an elderly
43 woman's husband was in the hospital at the height of the storm. She was desperate to get
44 to the hospital to see him. She called the department. Commander Frey drove her to the
45 hospital and had her call when she was finished, and he brought her back home. He stated
46 this is the dedication of the personnel that are representing the Village of Olympia Fields

1 out on the street. He stated that this may not be considered regular police work so to
2 speak, but our responsibility is not just to go out after the bad guys, it is to make sure that
3 all of our residents are taken care of whatever their condition or situation might be. The
4 Village President, the Board and Administrator Mekarski made sure that they had the
5 proper equipment and the proper training.

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7 Chief Chudwin stated that there will be a full financial accounting of what took place. He
8 stated that we are putting in for reimbursement through the Federal Government if, in
9 fact, it is declared a disaster. The monies that were spent were well spent. He stated that it
10 is a great honor to serve the Village. He stated that we learn every time we do this, and
11 we will be better prepared should we face this again. He wanted to thank everybody.
12 (There was a round of applause).

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14 President Meyers-Martin stated that is why Olympia Fields is absolutely the best place to
15 live. We have the best. She stated that we will speak on the financial impact of the
16 blizzard during the Finance Committee Report.

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18 Chief Chudwin stated that President Meyers-Martin came out on the 2nd of February after
19 the whiteout ended and toured the Village. They toured the hospital to make sure that
20 they had everything that they needed. He stated that we did check in on Judge Jones at
21 the time of the blizzard. He was down in the city. He stated that we wanted to make sure
22 that he was able to get back in safe order.

23
24 **Swearing In – New Trustee – Robert C. Waite** – President Meyers-Martin stated that
25 the Honorable Linzey Jones is here to swear-in our new Trustee, Robert Waite. Judge
26 Jones stated that it is his honor to swear Robert Waite in to office as Village Trustee.
27 Judge Jones administered the oath of Village Trustee to Robert Waite as follows: “I,
28 Robert Waite, having been appointed to the office of Village Trustee in the County of
29 Cook, do solemnly swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the
30 Constitution of the State of Illinois, Code of Ordinances, Policies and Procedures
31 governing the Village of Olympia Fields, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of
32 the office of Village Trustee to the best of my ability.” Judge Jones congratulated Trustee
33 Waite. (There was a round of applause). President Meyers-Martin asked Trustee Waite to
34 take a seat on the dais. President Meyers-Martin thanked Judge Jones and Mrs. Jones.
35 She stated that we welcome Trustee Waite to the Board, and we look forward to working
36 with him in the future.

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38 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to suspend the rules to**
39 **move up an item that is on the Agenda under Public Safety, in order for Chief**
40 **Chudwin to address that issue with Trustee Gibson who is now the new Public**
41 **Safety Liaison.**

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

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1 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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3 **Nawrocki Systems, Inc. Video Surveillance Project Completion for the Linzey D. Jones Municipal Building** – Trustee Gibson stated that she would like to present a request from Chief Chudwin and the Public Safety Committee. There is information in the Board Packet concerning the completion of the video surveillance for the Village property. She stated that the video surveillance is pretty well in place on the south end, on the west end, and on the east end. The north is not sufficiently covered. She stated that it explains in the Board Packet why this is very important. Trustee Gibson stated that Chief Chudwin is requesting six additional cameras which total \$7,825.88. The funds for these expenditures will come from the Village’s Customs Asset Forfeiture Fund.

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13 Chief Chudwin stated that he spoke with Trustee Pennington today. He stated that Trustee Pennington made a correction, and explained that we have one error in terms of the \$50,000.00 amount relative to that claim. He stated that over two years ago the Village was conducting a Village Hearing for one of the Code Enforcement issues. A gentleman later claimed that when he left the building at the front of the building, he slipped and fell in the parking lot. There was no complaint made at that time. The Village didn’t know about it until later. The cameras that currently exist do not cover the center of the building. They cover the ends, but not the center. The Village did not have video evidence of what had taken place. Chief Chudwin stated that former Village President Jones asked Chief Chudwin to go to the Public Safety Committee and look into getting the cameras 360-degrees around the building, and to provide the Village with video surveillance on a day-to-day basis, plus protection for the Village against claims that may be valid, but yet on the other hand may not be. He believes that the pricing is fair in terms of the bid that was given. It is by the same contractor that has done the other work. The amount paid out in that claim was less than this, but when you total the amount paid out plus the cost of defense, it was still significant.

29 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to authorize the Finance Department to purchase six (6) video cameras and appurtenant equipment from Nawrocki Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$7,825.88; with said funds coming from the Village’s Custom/Treasury Asset Forfeiture Funds.**

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

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35 Chief Chudwin thanked the Board for taking the matter out of order. President Meyers-Martin closed Communications and Petitions at 7:31 P.M.

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38 **FINANCE:**

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40 **December 2010 Financial Statements – Corporate Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that this evening he would be reporting on the December Financial Statements beginning with the Corporate Fund. The Village closed the month of December with a surplus. The Village realized a 10% increase in income for the month of December. The Village realized \$635,367.25 in actual revenue, against a budget sum of \$572,620.31. The Village realized a 6.5% increase in Sales Tax Revenue for this period. Additionally, Real Estate Tax Revenue increased by \$6,002.00, or 1% above Plan. State Income Tax increased by

1 11% during this period. He stated that the Village continues to see strong revenue activity
2 in the following Revenue Line Items: RedFlex Operations and Towing and Impound. He
3 stated that Investment Income was up 68% in December. The Village's expenses for
4 December were within Budget. The Village's budgeted expenses were \$454,173.04,
5 against actual incurred expenses of \$426,840.17, or 6% below Plan. Our Fiscal Year to
6 date actual plus encumbrance for the month of December was a surplus in the amount of
7 \$72,700.48.

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9 **Water Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that with respect to the Water Fund, the Village
10 budgeted for a deficit in this fund. The Village's budget fund deficit revenue plus
11 expense was a negative \$74,200.41. The Village budgeted the sum of \$91,735.50 in
12 revenues, and realized \$118,230.88 in actual revenue. The Village also realized an
13 additional \$130,088.88 inclusive of interest income in the amount of \$41.40 in revenue
14 from SouthCom. This resulted in an actual revenue increase in the amount of
15 \$248,361.31. With regard to expenses in this fund, the sum of \$165,935.91 was budgeted
16 against the actual incurred expense sum of \$273,559.07. Our actual fund balance was a
17 deficit in the amount of \$25,197.76. Our Fiscal Year to date plus encumbrance is a
18 surplus in the amount of \$437,571.15.

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20 **Sewer Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that with respect to the Sewer Fund, although
21 the Village planned for a deficit in this fund for December, the Village closed the month
22 of December in a surplus status. The revenue Budget for December was \$56,175.75. Our
23 actual realized revenue was \$67,543.83, or 17% above Plan. The Expense Budget for this
24 fund was \$167,038.75. Our actual realized expense in this fund was \$38,989.32. We
25 closed the month of December in a surplus status. The closing sum was \$28,554.51. Our
26 Fiscal Year to date actual plus encumbrance in the Sewer Fund for December is
27 \$294,426.76.

28
29 **Estimated Cost of Blizzard 2011** – Trustee Pennington stated that the next item is the
30 estimated cost of the Blizzard of 2011. He stated that we have all heard the magnificent
31 and wonderful testimony from Mr. Pebworth and Chief Chudwin with the handling of the
32 blizzard by the Village of Olympia Fields. Trustee Pennington stated that the work was
33 magnificent. The thought process going into the planning stages on January 31st was
34 awesome. He stated that he had the privilege of being in that meeting. Trustee Pennington
35 commended Administrator Mekarski for his leadership, as well as the leadership of Chief
36 Chudwin, Joe Alexa, John McDonnell, and the entire team. He stated that it was
37 absolutely magnificent.

38
39 Trustee Pennington stated that in the Board Packet is a Memo outlining the preliminary
40 estimate. The expenses to date are \$59,269.00 for the two-day, storm event. Trustee
41 Pennington inquired of Administrator Mekarski if he anticipated any additional funds
42 coming in.

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44 Administrator Mekarski stated that once the incident was declared an emergency there
45 was a requirement upon Cook County to come up to a threshold County wide, excluding
46 the City of Chicago of \$17,000,000.00 in storm damages. The South Suburban Mayors

1 and Managers Association put a Memorandum out to the other Municipalities to collect
2 preliminary estimates. He stated that this is our best estimate at the date of delivery. He
3 stated that we are going to add to the final estimate the damage to two, Metra light
4 standards during the incident. Due to the heavy snow, and the amount of snow in pushing
5 the snow and clearing it away from some of the spaces, two of the light standards were
6 rocked from their mountings. They are stable. They do need to be repaired or replaced.
7 The Village is going to obtain a damage estimate and add that to the final estimate. He
8 doesn't anticipate the County having a problem getting over that \$17,000,000.00
9 threshold. If they do go over that amount, FEMA will step in. FEMA goes through a
10 detailed process of reporting all of the detailed expenditures, the final expenditures, and
11 they typically give 90 to 95 cents on the dollar.

12
13 Trustee Pennington stated that the figures presented in the Memorandum are consistent
14 with what many of the other Municipalities have gone through. He spoke with a couple of
15 the other Finance Trustees from a couple of the other Villages, and they claim that their
16 funds were in the same category. The Village had earmarked an initial \$20,000.00 to this
17 project, but given the magnitude of the storm, those funds would have been absorbed
18 very, very, quickly. He stated that for the two-day period Metra spent over \$2,000,000.00
19 in snow removal and snow clearing. He stated that it is just meeting the threshold. He
20 stated that we should be reimbursed for this cost.

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22 Administrator Mekarski stated that FEMA is much more liberal when it comes to
23 reimbursing contractual expenses over the regular expenses. He stated that we should be
24 able to get the overtime.

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26 President Meyers-Martin stated that Governor Quinn as well as the Cook County Board
27 President declared the area to be in a State of Emergency. It is unclear whether or not the
28 County and State expenditures will be included in that threshold. She stated that we are
29 pretty confident that it will.

30
31 **Finance Committee Meeting** – Trustee Pennington stated that the Finance Committee
32 will be meeting on February 22nd, 2011, to take a preliminary look and review of the
33 2011/2012 Budget. The Finance Committee will be reviewing each Department's Budget.

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35 **BUILDING:**

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37 **Homes for a Changing Region – Chicago Metropolis 2020 and the Metropolitan**
38 **Mayors Caucus** – Trustee Ormsby stated that there is a Memorandum in the Board
39 Packet with a lot of information regarding this matter. She stated that this is a wonderful
40 opportunity for the Village. She stated that over the past six years, the Mayors Caucus
41 and the Chicago Metropolis 2020 have been working on a project that looks at housing
42 and what the communities demand and the trends that are there. There are communities
43 that have already gone through this process. They came to the Village. She and
44 Administrator Mekarski look at this as a great opportunity because when the work is done
45 it will become PR for the Village. They found in 2005 that there is a pretty big mismatch
46 on the type of housing that is being planned in Chicago and what they actually need.

1 They warned that there are too many large lot, single-family homes, and too few small
2 lot, single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums in the planning process. She
3 stated that this is exciting. The Village didn't ask for it, they are coming to us. She stated
4 that she, along with Trustee Gibson and Administrator Mekarski have been looking at
5 this for a very long time. Administrator Mekarski handed out the report from Gurnee,
6 Montgomery, and Northlake. Trustee Ormsby stated that it is pretty extensive and very
7 professionally done. The four communities that will be included are: Olympia Fields,
8 Hazel Crest, Park Forest and Lansing. She stated that she is excited about this.
9 Administrator Mekarski is excited about this as well as Trustee Oliver who is the new
10 Planning Liaison. Trustee Ormsby stated that we will be coming to the Board with more
11 information about it as we go along.

12
13 Administrator Mekarski stated that he had two things he wanted to emphasize. This will
14 not take the autonomy of this governing authority on land use decisions, the
15 Comprehensive Plan, or the Zoning Ordinance. This is a guide and a market analysis. It is
16 a determination of what the regional trends are and how the Village would fit in as a
17 niche to provide those. It is an opportunity to provide a market analysis by one of the
18 nation's foremost planning experts and marketing firms. The subdivisions where we have
19 vacant land because of the recession and they went into receivership or foreclosure, the
20 Village can look at those parcels and see if there is a niche, and see if the Village can give
21 some ammunition to the bank or the new owner to reboot those subdivisions like The
22 Coves, and The Preserves in Maynegaitte, and The Traditions. You can use this
23 information to market the Village's quality of life. He stated that this will enhance the
24 later plans about the update of the Village's Comprehensive Plan and the Village's
25 Zoning Ordinance, and a Grant that we put in for looking at a possible "downtown" for
26 Olympia Fields.

27
28 President Meyers-Martin stated that she did meet with the planners regarding this study.
29 She is excited about having their input, and being able to use the data that they will
30 provide the Village. She stated that this is a guideline. We don't have to take it verbatim.
31 The Village doesn't have to act on everything that they suggest. She stated that they
32 studied Gurnee, Plainfield, and Woodstock. In the summary in their report, they talked
33 about urban sprawl and TOD's and things like that. She stated that when it came to some
34 of the south suburban towns like Oak Forest, they put in their summary subsidized
35 housing, affordable housing, low income housing. She stated that is not something that
36 we are going to accept or tolerate in the Village of Olympia Fields. She stated that when
37 the Village receives the data, it wants to be very careful how it uses the data. Trustee
38 Ormsby stated that she agreed wholeheartedly. She stated that she is going to try to be
39 very proactive with them along the way, and Administrator Mekarski and Trustee Oliver
40 will be as well.

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42 **PLANNING:**

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44 **Chicago Metropolitan Association of Planning's Request for Assistance – Revision**
45 **to the Village's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance** – Trustee Oliver stated
46 that after ten years of being the Liaison to Public Works, he now has a new Committee,

1 which is Planning. He feels like the spirit of former Trustee, Al Riley is with him and he
2 is stepping into the shoes of Trustee Gibson. Trustee Oliver deferred to Administrator
3 Mekarski since he has been involved with these issues for quite some time. Administrator
4 Mekarski stated that the Village did apply for technical assistance from the Chicago
5 Metropolitan Association of Planning to take a look at the update of the Village's
6 Comprehensive Plan and the Village's Zoning Ordinance. This would be done in concert
7 with Teska Associates, although the bulk of the work would be done by the CMAP Staff.
8 This represents a \$60,000.00 to a \$100,000.00 Grant if the Village receives it. He stated
9 that in his Memorandum it states that he will be submitting a Budget request of \$5,000.00
10 in next year's Budget for project oversight. Teska Associates would be working with
11 Trustee Oliver and any other designees, to review and give detailed supervision of the
12 CMAP Staff.

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14 **SSMMA/CSEDC Phase 2 TOD Project – Request for Analysis – 203rd Street**
15 **Corridor** – Administrator Mekarski stated that this is another opportunity with no
16 guarantee. The Village was invited to place an application in with the South Suburban
17 Mayors and Managers Association and the Chicago Southland Economic Development
18 Corporation headed by Reggie Greenwood. They will look into the 203rd Street Corridor
19 carrying forward the work that Trustee Gibson and Trustee Ormsby initiated with the
20 Planning Commission to look at alternative housing opportunities, Transit Oriented
21 Development (TOD) opportunities. This would take a more detailed focus on the corridor
22 and look at that strip from Kedzie Avenue all the way to the Post Office as sort of a mini
23 downtown, with the sort of look and kind of feel as Sterling Avenue in Flossmoor. The
24 Village has the synergy and elements to make that work. There is the pedestrian link to
25 the Country Club. He stated that you could envision some mixed use, retail, and some
26 condominium use which the Village had already planned. This could involve some of the
27 homes along 203rd Street to allow both residential living and maybe some store front
28 development allowing maybe new entrepreneurship to take place on that block.

29
30 Administrator Mekarski stated that the CSEDC group would use some of their funds to
31 help work with the Task Force of the Planning Commission and a designee of this Board
32 to undertake that study. He stated that the Village will probably hear from Reggie
33 Greenwood within the next two weeks to 30-days.

34
35 Trustee Oliver stated that if there is anything that Trustee Gibson could assist him with as
36 part of this transition he would be all ears. Trustee Gibson stated that she was the Liaison
37 to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the last eight years. She stated that she would
38 be happy to assist him in any way that he would like. She plans to attend the first few
39 meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission to support Trustee Oliver.

40
41 Trustee Waite inquired as to what the chances are that the Post Office will be kept open.
42 He stated that the Post Offices are coming up for a round of closures sometime this year.
43 Trustee Nale stated that she spoke to the Manager of the Olympia Fields Post Office this
44 past week and the Manager informed her that they have no plans on closing.

1 President Meyers-Martin stated that is something the Village should keep abreast on. It is
2 important that we retain that Post Office.

3
4 Trustee Pennington inquired of Administrator Mekarski that if the Village does not get
5 the Grant through SSMMA/CSEDC, he was wondering if this is something that could be
6 rolled into the Chicago Metropolis 2020 Project. Administrator Mekarski stated that the
7 housing component could be. They are going to look at the vacant parcel and see what
8 the final plans were for the 80 condominiums, and see if it could be used for a mixed use
9 development. He stated that it wouldn't be looked at to the extent that the Village would
10 want it to be looked at with the Commercial opportunity. He stated the housing element
11 mixing in Commercial, yes.

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13 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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15 **Recommendation for Final Payment to Iroquois Paving Corporation** – Trustee Waite
16 stated that there is a Memorandum in the Board Packet. All of the Lien Waivers are in
17 order. He does not see any reason to hold this up.

18 **Motion by Trustee Waite, second by Trustee Pennington to authorize the Finance**
19 **Department to issue Payment #2 representing the Final Payment, and full Waiver of**
20 **Liens to the Iroquois Paving Corporation in the amount of \$15,643.81 for**
21 **contractual work associated with the Village of Olympia Fields – 2010 MFT Street**
22 **Program.**

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

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25 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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27 **Presentation of a Program by IRMA** – Trustee Nale stated that a representative from
28 IRMA will be at the Village Hall on February 22nd to present a program entitled
29 “Harassment in the Work Place.” In order to accommodate the staff, the program will be
30 presented two times. The first presentation will be from 9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. The
31 second presentation will be from 10:30 A.M. until Noon.

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33 **PUBLIC SAFETY (CONTINUED):**

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35 **Customs/Asset Forfeiture** – Trustee Gibson stated that over the past three weeks
36 Detective Garrick Amschl in Customs has been involved in seizures in three separate
37 instances in the amount of \$400,000.00, \$48,000.00, and \$147,000.00. This totals
38 approximately \$600,000.00. The Village will receive somewhere in the area of 5%, 8%,
39 or 10% of those funds depending how many officers from other Municipalities were
40 involved in the seizures. If the Village receives between 5% and 8%, the Village's share
41 would be about \$48,000.00. Trustee Gibson stated that this brings our total over the years
42 to approximately \$6,000,000.00. There are hundreds of thousands of dollars that the
43 Village has yet to receive. It takes quite a while sometimes for the Customs Office to
44 receive the money.

1 **Proud of the Olympia Fields Officers** – Trustee Gibson stated that the Board received
2 an e-mail from Chief Chudwin. She appreciates the congratulations that the Board
3 expressed to Chief Chudwin and to the officers. Trustee Gibson stated that we are proud
4 of our officers and to the Chief for his foresight. Chief Chudwin was the one that got the
5 Village involved in this program. It has been quite lucrative for the Village. She stated
6 that this continues to be a highly successful Customs Task Force Officer Program. She
7 stated that we are really proud of the fact that we can afford some things in the Village,
8 and around the Village because of the Asset Forfeiture money.

9
10 President Meyers-Martin stated that Detective Amschl did not miss a beat taking over
11 from Officer Guy. He has been committed, dedicated, and hardworking, and has proven
12 just as talented as Officer Guy. She stated that we are very happy to have him on board in
13 Customs.

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15 **Public Safety Committee Meeting** – Trustee Gibson stated that on Tuesday, February
16 15th, at 5:00 P.M. the Public Safety Committee will meet to finalize the Budget requests
17 for 2011/2012.

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19 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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21 **Ordinance #2011-03** – Administrator Mekarski stated that Ordinance #2011-03 is an
22 Ordinance Repealing Sections 1-10.2 and 1-10.3 of the Village of Olympia Fields Code.
23 This is on First and Second Reading. Administrator Mekarski stated that this was brought
24 to our attention by Records Supervisor, Joyce Rambo. Administrator Mekarski stated that
25 the two sections cited 1-10.2 and 1-10.3 are inconsistent with other Chapters of the Code,
26 specifically the procedures set forth in the Motor Vehicle Code in Chapter 14, and our
27 new Local Court Adjudication Process which is specified in Chapter 2 Article 8. Section
28 1-10.2 allows a mitigated procedure, negotiated procedure, to reduce the fine to either
29 \$20.00 or \$40.00 if paid between the first and the tenth day, and \$40.00 if paid between
30 the tenth day and the twentieth day. Those are inconsistent with the whole procedure that
31 the Village set forth in the Adjudication Process. The Village Attorney has prepared the
32 Ordinance.

33 **Motion by Trustee Ormsby, second by Trustee Gibson to waive First Reading and**
34 **approve in Second Reading Ordinance 2011-03 – An Ordinance Repealing Section**
35 **1-10.2 and 1-10.3 of the Village of Olympia Fields Village Code.**

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

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38 **Ordinance #2011-04** - Administrator Mekarski stated that Ordinance #2011-04 is an
39 Ordinance amending Chapter 6, Article IV, Division 4, “Educational Commission,”
40 Section 2-207(A), of the Olympia Fields Village Code. He stated that this is on First and
41 Second Reading. Administrator Mekarski stated that he had to give credit to the
42 Commission Members that are present this evening, Ilene Waite, Dr. Gibson, Doris
43 Langon, and Trustee Oliver, Liaison to the Educational Commission for this Ordinance.
44 The Educational Commission is recommending two modifications to the Ordinance to
45 insure a more effective opportunity to reach a quorum. He stated that for the purposes of
46 a quorum, the majority of the Standing Members shall now constitute a quorum. This

1 structured a Public/Private Partnership through the sale of the Village's water to the
2 Country Club, and with a minor adjustment to the Commercial and Institutional Water
3 Rate we effectuated full coverage of our Debt Service, and Bond coverage which is
4 another 25% that we keep in an Unencumbered Fund Balance to insure that we have
5 adequate funds to pay the note at any given time. The second page gives a quick
6 summary of the components that are in the project as follows: \$2,150,000.00 with a cross
7 connection waterline which will ultimately balance our Water System insuring that we
8 have adequate water pressure on the east side of the Village. It calls for a tap-in fee of
9 \$303,600.00. He stated that we have expended \$123,000.00 at the last Board Meeting for
10 the generators for the Water Lift Stations. That was a legal requirement that if the tap-in
11 fee is collected, it must go to equipment associated with water and not be absorbed into
12 the General Fund.

13
14 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Country Club will pay for the road from the gate
15 to the bridge that will be disturbed by the waterline. The cost is \$68,400.00. The next
16 element is Country Club Drive from Western Avenue to the Country Club Gate. It is a
17 public road. The total cost is \$300,700.00. The Country Club has agreed to pay 50% of
18 the cost. The Village will pay the other 50%. The Country Club will pay for their road
19 from the bridge to the tennis courts. The cost is \$371,400.00.

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21 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Ordinance has been drafted. If you look on Page
22 3, Section 2, states as follows: "Approval of Agreement; Authorization. The Board of
23 Trustees hereby approves of a certain "Public Improvement and Utility Service
24 Agreement" with Olympia Fields Country Club, in substantially the form of Exhibit 1
25 attached hereto and made a part hereof." He stated that there might be minor changes,
26 because this Agreement, if approved by this Board tonight, goes before the Olympia
27 Fields Country Club at their meeting on Saturday, February 26th. If there are minor
28 changes that are not substantial in nature, this Ordinance gives the authority of our Legal
29 Advisor and Administration to allow the document to be executed. If any substantial
30 changes are made by the Country Club, the Agreement has to come back before the
31 Village Board. Administrator Mekarski stated that he has reviewed the Agreement with
32 the Village President and with Trustee Pennington, Chairman of the Finance Committee.

33
34 Trustee Ormsby inquired if the Board should wait to approve the Agreement until after
35 the Country Club acts on it at their meeting on February 26th. Administrator Mekarski
36 stated that we are at the point where there shouldn't be any other changes. If the Board
37 approves the Agreement this evening, it gives the vote of affirmation to the Country Club
38 Membership and to the Board of Directors to move forward.

39
40 President Meyers-Martin asked Administrator Mekarski if he could clarify regarding the
41 bridge. She stated that there was some confusion regarding the bridge. Originally, the
42 demolition of the bridge was crossed out, and now it is back in the tally of the costs.

43
44 Administrator Mekarski stated that a portion of the bridge is taxable, and there is a
45 portion of the bridge that is not taxable. The Village is selling Municipal Bonds which are
46 a tax exempt instrument. It can only be used for public expenditures, not for wholly

1 private expenditures. As he was reviewing the list of items, there were some items that
2 dealt with private property, like the gate to the bridge and the bridge to the tennis courts.
3 Those elements are viewed as being tax exempt because they will in part be disturbed by
4 the public waterline which is causing the deconstruction of that roadway. The Village's
5 Tax Attorney and Legal Advisor indicated they could be put into the tax exempt portion
6 of the Bond. The water main is tax exempt. It is a 100% public project. The tap-on fees
7 that are going to the Village are tax exempt. Country Club Road from the gate to the
8 bridge is disturbed by the waterline. That is tax exempt. Country Club Road going from
9 Western Avenue to the gate is a public road. It is a dedicated road. They are sharing 50%
10 of the cost, but it is tax exempt. Country Club Road from the bridge to the tennis courts is
11 tax exempt because it is being disturbed by the waterline. It includes some of the road
12 removal and 100% of the demolition of the old bridge. There is a provision of the
13 Municipal Bond Act in the State Statutes that indicates when you are looking at a
14 Public/Private Partnership, you can take up to 10% of the value of the entire Bond and
15 take a taxable item and make it a tax exempt item. It achieves a lower interest rate.

16
17 Trustee Waite stated that the Country Club is not asking the Village to pay anything for
18 the easement across the property. He stated that this is a very complicated thing to make
19 happen. He stated to come up with an Agreement like this is pretty fantastic. He stated
20 that it is good for the Village and it is good for the Country Club. He stated that it is
21 really an outstanding piece of work that you have accomplished.

22
23 Trustee Pennington stated that it is also precedent setting because we might see as a result
24 of this Public/Private Partnership between this Municipality and the Country Club, other
25 Municipalities with Country Clubs in the area do the same thing in time. He stated that it
26 has never been done before. He stated that there has always been a hands off attitude
27 between the Country Club and the Village, but we have struck new ground here.

28
29 Trustee Waite stated that the Country Club is working very hard to get 100% of its
30 members. They have 450 voting members. They have to get all of them to vote. He is
31 very confident that this will sail right through.

32
33 President Meyers-Martin stated that it is definitely a win-win proposition for the Village
34 and the Country Club. She stated that we are looking forward to it passing their Board.

35
36 Trustee Waite stated that the membership votes on this February 26th. The Board has
37 already agreed to the project.

38
39 Trustee Nale inquired as to how they do that. She inquired if the Country Club sends
40 letters out. Trustee Waite stated that the Proxies have already been sent out. The Country
41 Club has gotten about 10% of the Proxies back. They will hold the meeting on the 26th
42 and count the votes.

43
44 President Meyers-Martin inquired if they need a majority, or a three-fourths majority.
45 Trustee Waite stated they just need a simple majority of those voting. He stated that 25%
46 of the people won't vote for who knows what reason.

1 President Meyers-Martin inquired that assuming they receive a simple majority on
2 February 26th, how quickly would this work start and how would it affect the golf season,
3 if at all.

4
5 Administrator Mekarski stated that construction sequencing is being discussed and
6 worked out as we speak. There are elements of the project that will probably begin
7 immediately in the springtime, which is the waterline that will be paralleling the parking
8 lot at the north course. That will not have much of a disturbance on the golf play and/or
9 parking whatsoever. There is debate on whether we will have the time to do Country
10 Club Drive in the springtime, or we wait until the fall. The big holdup on the whole thing
11 will be getting permission from the Canadian National Railroad, and hopefully not Metra,
12 for the waterline which will have to go from 203rd Street hunkering that railroad
13 embankment. He stated that in the next few weeks we will be ready to go out and bid.

14
15 President Meyers-Martin stated that they need an Agreement from the railroad.
16 Administrator Mekarski stated that we need an Agreement from the railroad before it can
17 all be connected. But we could probably construct a good portion of it. He stated that
18 there are some junior events coming up at the Country Club.

19
20 Trustee Waite stated that the parking lot there is almost never full. He stated if you are
21 running the line across part of the parking lot he doesn't see where that would interfere
22 with anything. He stated that there is an Amateur Event they will be doing but there
23 won't be a lot of people there for it. It is more prestige than anything else.

24
25 Administrator Mekarski stated that by voting on this before the Country Club votes, we
26 are sending an affirmation to those 450 members so that they can get a majority. If we go
27 back between Boards, we blow the whole construction season in the spring, and Russ
28 Ruscigno says you might as well wait until the fall or next year to get it accomplished.

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30 Trustee Waite stated that he didn't think that was a good idea at all. He believes that we
31 need to get this approved and get it done.

32 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Nale to waive First Reading and adopt**
33 **on Second Reading Ordinance No. 2011-05 – An Ordinance authorizing the**
34 **execution of a “Public Improvement and Utility Service Agreement” with Olympia**
35 **Fields Country Club.**

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37 **Trustee Waite stated that he is a member of the Olympia Fields Country Club, and**
38 **according to our counsel he can vote on this and it is not a conflict of interest. He is**
39 **one out of 450 so it is way too small to worry about it. Trustee Ormsby stated that**
40 **she is also a member of the Olympia Fields Country Club. She does not have to**
41 **recuse herself.**

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

43
44 Trustee Pennington asked Administrator Mekarski to let him know when it comes time to
45 contact Metra, because he can possibly advance our request for sign off and approval.

46 Administrator Mekarski stated that we just sent the letter to the Canadian National

1 Railroad. He stated that we can draft that same formal permission and forward it to the
2 Metra Executive Director. He asked Administrator Mekarski to send the letter to the
3 Metra Executive Director with a copy to him. Administrator Mekarski stated that he
4 would do that in the morning.

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6 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**
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8 **Thank you to the Village Employees** - President Meyers-Martin stated that she did not
9 have a report. President Meyers-Martin wanted to reiterate how proud she is, and she
10 believes that she can speak for the Board, how proud we are of the employees of the
11 Village, from the Public Works Department, to the Police Department, to the Building
12 Commissioner, for all of their hard work and their dedication. She believes that says a lot
13 if you have individuals that work for your town and they are willing to work 26-hours
14 straight plowing, when other Villages sent their workers home and had to come back in
15 the morning. She stated that our guys never stopped. They didn't go to sleep. They barely
16 came in. They stayed on the street for 26-hours. She stated that put Olympia Fields far
17 above any of the other towns in our region. She is so appreciative and grateful to them for
18 their hard work. She stated that is what makes Olympia Fields special.
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20 **Congratulations and Welcome to Trustee Waite** - President Meyers-Martin stated that
21 she wanted to congratulate and welcome Trustee Waite. She stated that we are very
22 happy to have you on our Board. (There was a round of applause).
23

24 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
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26 **Metra Parking Lot at the 211th Street Station** – Trustee Oliver inquired of Trustee
27 Pennington if we are on schedule with the Metra Parking Lot at the 211th Street Station.
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29 Trustee Pennington stated that we are not on schedule. He stated that there was a six to
30 eight week strike last fall. That was preempted by the Canadian National not being able
31 to complete its work at the Harvey Station, which delayed the actual starting of the 211th
32 Street Station. He stated then we had the strike. Now we are faced with inclement
33 weather. The blizzard put a cramp in everything. He stated that we are probably six
34 weeks behind schedule. There were some issues with getting materials but that has been
35 resolved. Trustee Pennington stated that he attended the Metra Board Meeting last Friday
36 and he asked the Project Manager about it. The Project Manager informed Trustee
37 Pennington that they are about six weeks behind schedule. Trustee Pennington stated that
38 now that the weather is beginning to break and the days are getting longer, we might see
39 a little stepped up effort on their part to move the project along.
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41 **Liaison to the Park District** – Trustee Oliver stated that at the last Board Meeting he
42 agreed to be involved with the Park District. Trustee Oliver inquired of President Meyers-
43 Martin if it would be feasible for her office to submit correspondence to the Park District
44 announcing that he will be working with them, rather than him just showing up at one of
45 their meetings.

1 President Meyers-Martin stated that we certainly could do that. She stated that when she
2 was the Liaison to the Park District, she just called and spoke with the Park District
3 Director. The Director put her in touch with the person that was overseeing the event. She
4 stated that if Trustee Oliver would want the Village to submit correspondence to the Park
5 District they would do that. Trustee Oliver stated that it may not be necessary after all.
6 President Meyers-Martin stated to Trustee Oliver to let her know if he wants
7 correspondence to be sent to the Park District.

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9 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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11 **Rich Township Request for Donation to support the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**
12 **Concert on March 19, 2011** – President Meyers-Martin stated that the Village has a
13 request from Rich Township asking for a donation to support the Dr. Martin Luther King,
14 Jr. Concert on March 19th by donating \$250.00. She stated that there is a Memo in the
15 Board Packet regarding this matter.

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17 Trustee Pennington inquired whether or not the other Municipalities that support this
18 school are contributing a like sum of money.

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20 President Meyers-Martin and Administrator Mekarski both stated that they have no
21 knowledge of that.

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23 Trustee Ormsby stated that this is the first year that they have done this in asking for a
24 donation.

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26 Trustee Pennington stated that he is not opposed to contributing to this. He believes that
27 we should not be the only Municipality contributing to it.

28
29 Trustee Gibson stated that we usually find ourselves being the only one. She stated that
30 she and Trustee Pennington were given the responsibility of a project, which was a
31 Cancer Project, and none of the other Villages contributed. Trustee Gibson inquired if
32 this was sent out to every Municipality. She stated that they are also asking you to
33 support the concert by purchasing ten tickets.

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35 Trustee Ormsby stated that they are not giving the Village tickets for the \$250.00. She
36 thought that would be a good gesture. She stated that it is a precedent again. Trustee
37 Ormsby stated that it makes her uncomfortable if we give to them, and then another
38 school comes and asks us to donate.

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40 Trustee Gibson stated that it is not a school. Trustee Pennington stated that this is coming
41 from Rich Township and not the school.

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43 Trustee Waite suggested that the Village would be willing to put up their fliers or help
44 them sell their tickets. He stated that it is a worthy event. There is no question about that.
45 It is more of a personal thing. He believes that our constituents should be the ones

1 President Meyers-Martin stated that she is not positive what would be the best route. She
2 stated that we will be going to Washington soon because it is time for our Federal
3 Lobbyist Strategy Trip. She stated that we can take that request to Washington and find
4 out who would be the best resource in moving that forward. She stated that the Oasis over
5 I-80 east which was in South Holland, fought for the naming rights of that. She stated that
6 the Chicago Southland Convent & Visitors Bureau was very instrumental in pushing that
7 forward. She stated that may be another resource that the Village can contact to find out
8 what would be the process in order to get that done. She stated that we can take that
9 request to Washington, and find out if there is an avenue we can access while we are
10 there for that purpose.

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12 **Members of Commissions/Committees That Fail to Attend Meetings -** Trustee
13 Gibson stated that she is concerned about some residents who have decided that they
14 would like to be members of a Commission or a Committee, and they have been
15 appointed by the Village President and approved by the Board, but they never attend the
16 meetings. She stated that happened with the Planning/Zoning Commission and it was
17 restructured. It doesn't make sense to have a complement of members and one or two
18 never show up or very seldom show up. She spoke about this with former Village
19 President Jones. She stated that this is ludicrous. We can't keep going on like this. We
20 have a group of people. We like them. But they don't come. It is hard to get a quorum,
21 and it is hard to do business.

22
23 Trustee Waite stated that some groups have an Attendance Policy. He stated that he is on
24 the Board of a couple of things and if you miss two meetings in a row, you are
25 automatically gone. He stated that is the way they set it up. He stated that you could set it
26 up like that, that if you miss two meetings in a row or three meetings in a row then you
27 are no longer part of the Committee. He stated that you tell the people that when they
28 volunteer to be a part of the Committee.

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30 Trustee Gibson stated that I am sure we can find somebody else out there who would be
31 interested in doing the job that needs to be done.

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33 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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35 President Meyers-Martin stated that she did not have any Resignations or Appointments
36 this evening.

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38 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

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43 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**