



1 John Murphey dated February 8, 2010. The Memorandum outlines with specificity the  
2 elements of the draft Intergovernmental Agreement to assure repayment of the SouthCom  
3 portion of the Village's General Obligation Bonds which were initiated under Ordinance  
4 2010-04 a couple of weeks ago. SouthCom and its member communities are reviewing  
5 the draft agreement. Their comments are being forwarded directly to John Murphey.  
6 Trustee Pennington stated that in the Board Packet are Memorandums from SouthCom  
7 and Baxter & Woodman, which outline the elements currently, being financed by the  
8 Alternative Revenue Bonds. SouthCom has provided details of the Computer-Aided  
9 Dispatch System contracted with Frequentis, Inc. Baxter & Woodman have outlined the  
10 elements of the Olympia Fields Water Towers Painting Project. Trustee Pennington  
11 stated that upon completion of a final draft, the matter would be before the Board for  
12 further action. The Board may refer any comments or questions regarding the document  
13 to Administrator Mekarski.

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15 President Jones stated that there are some changes that have to be made to the document  
16 in order to make it clearer than it currently is. SouthCom is going to pledge their 911  
17 Revenues. That is not clear in the document. In addition, the other communities as well as  
18 Olympia Fields will pledge their 911 Revenues and their credit. Their General Revenue is  
19 at risk as is Olympia Fields. That is not delineated as thoroughly as it needs to be in the  
20 document. He stated that would be delineated as thoroughly as it needs to be before the  
21 Village Boards from all the communities involved pass on the document.

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23 Trustee Meyers-Martin wanted to confirm, based on the Memo from John Murphey, that  
24 there is language in the document in the event that one of the communities withdraws.  
25 President Jones stated that there is language under Section 6(B) to cover that. But that  
26 section is still being reviewed.

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28 Trustee Gibson stated that perhaps Trustee Meyers-Martin is inquiring as to whether or  
29 not there should be stronger language based on Mr. Murphey's comments regarding what  
30 occurred with another Municipality.

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32 President Jones stated that we would continue to review the document with counsel. If  
33 counsel feels that there is more language that is more effective than what is currently  
34 presented, counsel will be encouraged to add that language to the document.

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36 Administrator Mekarski stated that he had a telephone conversation with counsel, and the  
37 Village's Bond Counsel, along with representatives from the other Municipalities, they  
38 are formulating final comments. Mr. Murphey should have a draft to everyone towards  
39 midweek or the end of this week.

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41 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that she wasn't sure if Mr. Murphey's suggestion was  
42 reflected in the document. President Jones stated that it is not. He stated that we will  
43 follow-up with Mr. Murphey in the event that an additional subsection is needed under  
44 Section 6 of the present document, that in the event the Village has to seek recovery by  
45 way of a lawsuit, that the defaulting community will have to pay the Village's attorneys



1 a considerable savings over what the Village paid Bond Counsel for the last Bond Issue,  
2 which was closer to \$12,000.00 to \$15,000.00.

3 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to authorize the Village**  
4 **President to enter into a Professional Service Agreement with Shanahan &**  
5 **Shanahan, LLP in the amount not to exceed \$6,000.00, with the understanding that**  
6 **75% of the service charges will be reimbursed by three of the member communities**  
7 **of SouthCom and the remaining 25% financed under the Village's Water Fund**  
8 **Account. Execution of said contract is retroactive to February 16, 2010.**

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10 President Jones stated that the fee is \$5,000.00. The \$6,000.00 is just in case there is an  
11 extra expense.

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

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15 **BUILDING:**

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17 **John Schury** – Trustee Ormsby stated that she was sad to announce that the Village's  
18 long-time Building Inspector, John Schury passed away on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Trustee  
19 Ormsby stated that he was a very thorough, kind, wonderful man. Mr. Schury had retired  
20 from the Village in January.

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22 President Jones stated that Mr. Schury has been the Building Inspector since he first  
23 became Village President and that has been 13 years. President Jones stated that once the  
24 Village is aware of the funeral arrangements, it will do what it deems is appropriate.

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26 **PLANNING:**

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28 **Ordinance #2010-05 – An Ordinance amending Sections 4 and 5 of Ordinance**  
29 **#2007-15 Granting Resubdivision Plat Approval and granting an amendment to the**  
30 **Governors Office Park PUD (Citizen Bank/Vollmer Road) on First and Second**

31 **Reading** – Trustee Gibson stated that tonight she was presenting Ordinance #2010-05 -  
32 An Ordinance amending Sections 4 and 5 of Ordinance #2007-15 Granting  
33 Resubdivision Plat Approval and granting an amendment to the Governors Office Park  
34 PUD (Citizen Bank on Vollmer Road). This is on First and Second Reading. Trustee  
35 Gibson stated that in the Board Packet is a Memorandum dated February 22<sup>nd</sup> noting the  
36 differences in the original and the revised copy in regard to Sections 4 and 5.

37 **Motion by Trustee Ormsby, second by Trustee Gibson to approve proposed**  
38 **Ordinance #2010-05 - An Ordinance amending Sections 4 and 5 of Ordinance**  
39 **#2007-15 Granting Resubdivision Plat Approval and granting an amendment to the**  
40 **Governors Office Park PUD (Citizen Bank/Vollmer Road) on First and Second**  
41 **Reading.**

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

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44 **Authorization for a Special Use Permit to construct a Drive-Thru Facility for Perros**  
45 **Brothers Restaurant (US Route 30)** – Trustee Gibson stated that the Plan Commission  
46 met on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> for the consideration of a Special Use Permit under

1 Section 22-91 (18) of the Village Code. After discussion, the Plan Commission  
2 forwarded a recommendation to the Board of Trustees approving the request for the  
3 Special Use Permit to allow a drive-thru window to deliver goods at the Perros Brothers  
4 Restaurant located at 3772 West Lincoln Highway. Trustee Gibson stated that in the  
5 Board Packet is a Memorandum from John McDonnell listing the conditions that will  
6 have to be followed before a Building Permit will be issued.

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8 Mr. Mike Hoffman from Teska Associates, Inc. stated that the drive-thru for Perros  
9 Brothers is very appropriate. They have plenty of room in the parking lot to  
10 accommodate a drive-thru. Teska Associates, Inc. suggested some curbing to help with  
11 the circulation, and some additional landscaping to enhance the look of the facility, and to  
12 help buffer it a little bit more. The Perros Brothers accepted those conditions. Mr.  
13 Hoffman stated that with those adjustments and changes, they recommend approval of  
14 the Special Use Permit.

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16 Mr. McDonnell stated that he added one additional item, and that is to add a dumpster  
17 enclosure for the dumpsters that will be on the backside of the building that you don't see  
18 now because nobody drives back there. But with the drive-thru, people will be driving  
19 back there and there should be an enclosure for the dumpsters.

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21 President Jones stated that in the Board Packet there is a Memo from John McDonnell  
22 dated February 19, 2010.

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24 **Motion by Trustee Meyers Martin, second by Trustee Oliver to approve the request**  
25 **for a Special Use Permit Application dated 12-22-09, from Perros Brothers**  
26 **Restaurant, as authorized under Section 22-91 (18) of the Village Code, to permit a**  
27 **drive-thru window at 3772 West Lincoln Highway with the following conditions:**

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29 **1. Install three (3) curbed islands to better designate traffic flow, particularly**  
30 **at the ingress/egress onto Lincoln Highway, and at the southwest corner of the**  
31 **building.**

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33 **2. Arrows on the pavement and directional signage shall be provided to**  
34 **direct traffic.**

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36 **3. Landscaping shall be provided in the new-curbed island at the southwest**  
37 **corner of the parking lot. An overall Landscape Plan shall be provided for review**  
38 **and approval by Village staff.**

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40 **4. A drive-thru sign is proposed at the southeast corner of the site. Details of**  
41 **the proposed sign, and any additional new signage, shall be provided for on the Site**  
42 **Plan, and plans of the signage submitted with the Site Plans for review.**

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44 **5. Restriping of the parking lot, including current regulations, for Handicap**  
45 **striping.**



1 anything. Last fall they dug out a swale up the street and it rained and it filled up with  
2 water. The landscaping crew came in and filled it in with dirt so they could sod it. The  
3 snowplows came along and hit the sod. That is the only thing that they have seen as far as  
4 flood control so far and they thought it was a waste of money.

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6 Administrator Mekarski stated that he spoke with Joe Alexa, and Mr. Alexa informed  
7 Administrator Mekarski that the drainage recommendations that were forwarded to the  
8 Board contained both smaller/immediate projects, which the engineers felt very strongly,  
9 can enhance neighborhood drainage and expedite the flow in a very cost effective  
10 manner. Administrator Mekarski stated that last year in the Budget Cycle, the Village had  
11 three neighborhood studies, and the Board selected a series of projects. Joe Alexa, along  
12 with Baxter & Woodman, have been working towards implementing those solutions. Mr.  
13 Alexa felt this particular project was working very well. It was dug deeper than what the  
14 engineering specifications called for at final grade, which is a typical construction  
15 technique. Once the lower grade is established after settling, they come back and fill it  
16 with topsoil and they sod it. It replaced a restricted culvert of approximately six inches at  
17 a length of about 200 feet. It created an open swale, which allows the runoff from the  
18 subdivision to exit into the Butterfield Creek System faster. The Village will continue  
19 with other minor repairs, and look at minor drainage repairs in each Budget Cycle.

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21 Administrator Mekarski stated that the larger projects cost multimillion dollars. He stated  
22 that one of the things that was frustrating with a lot of those recommendations, was that  
23 they were tied to the ultimate flow of the Butterfield Creek Basin. The South Suburban  
24 Mayors And Managers Association, along with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation  
25 District is doing a Master Drainage Study for the Calumet River, which looks at the  
26 Butterfield Creek Basin. He stated that it does not make sense at this juncture, to go  
27 forward and, essentially, expedite the flow with a multimillion dollar solution in the  
28 neighborhoods and get it to the Butterfield Creek Basin and then, essentially, have it back  
29 up. He stated that a bigger solution has to occur at the regional level before the Village  
30 can reexamine those Neighborhood Drainage Studies to see what other steps the Village  
31 can take. Mr. Geldean thanked Administrator Mekarski for his help. At 7:35 P.M. the  
32 Board resumed with the rest of the Board Agenda.

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35 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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37 **Rejection of Bids/Authorization to re-bid for the Woods Lift Station Odor Control**  
38 **Project** – Trustee Oliver stated that due to some problems associated with the Odor  
39 Control Project at the Woods Lift Station, Robinson Engineering had put out to bid for  
40 the elimination of this problem. Trustee Oliver stated that there is a Memo from  
41 Administrator Mekarski in the Board Packet dated February 22<sup>nd</sup>. On page 2 of the Memo  
42 there is a list of five companies that put in bids for this project. The companies had  
43 submitted bids for different sorts of elements of the project itself. Robinson Engineering  
44 is asking that the Board consider rejecting this bid, and re-bid this project again. President  
45 Jones stated that we have already commenced the re-bidding.

1 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to accept the**  
2 **recommendation of Robinson Engineering to reject all bids for the Village of**  
3 **Olympia Fields Odor Control Project at the Woods Lift Station and authorize the**  
4 **Public Works Director and Robinson Engineering to re-bid the reference project**  
5 **following revisions to specifications as recommended by Robinson Engineering.**

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

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8 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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10 **Adoption of a Village Wide E-mail & Electronic Communications Policy -** Trustee  
11 Nale stated that the only thing that she has on the agenda this evening is the approval of  
12 the policy for the use of Village wide E-mail and Electronic Communications. The Board  
13 reviewed this policy at the last Board Meeting. Trustee Nale stated that she would like to  
14 submit a Motion to adopt that policy as it is written.

15 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Oliver to adopt the policy recommended**  
16 **by the Safety Committee and Trustee Nale, and reviewed by IRMA, based on**  
17 **IRMA's recommendations.**

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19 President Jones stated that he would urge the Board's approval of this policy. Trustee  
20 Gibson inquired of President Jones as to whether or not the Village Attorney has  
21 reviewed this policy. President Jones stated that IRMA is the Village's Insurance Carrier,  
22 and their attorneys reviewed the policy.

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

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25 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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27 **203<sup>rd</sup> Street Security Camera System –** Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that she did not  
28 have a formal report this evening. Trustee Meyers-Martin wanted to update the Board on  
29 the 203<sup>rd</sup> Street Security Camera System. The last time she reported on this, she thought  
30 that it would be completed in two weeks. She stated that the system is still not up and  
31 running. They are waiting for the new DVR to be rebuilt. She stated that possibly it will  
32 be up and running in two weeks.

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34 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: (CONTINUED)**

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36 **SBA Grant Campaign to Fight Retail Red Lining – Award of RFP/RFQ –**  
37 Administrator Mekarski stated that he is very pleased to provide the Board with the  
38 recommendations and analysis accompanied by various elements of the contract to begin  
39 the work on the Campaign to Fight Retail Red Lining, the SBA Grant Award that was  
40 received in the amount of \$122,821.00. This earmark has been followed up by an  
41 additional \$100,000.00. This is a Comprehensive Economic Marketing Strategy not only  
42 for Olympia Fields, but also for Park Forest, Richton Park, and Matteson. It is  
43 specifically to develop some unique tools to have the retail communities stop judging us  
44 essentially by our demographics, and look into the richness and the wealth that we have  
45 to support Class "A" Retail. They went through a very detailed review process that is  
46 required by the SBA. That process started in November. They advertised for Professional



1 Consulting Services. They received seven inquiries that resulted in two detailed  
2 proposals. There were two interview stages. The first interview stage was with  
3 Administrator Mekarski, Trustee Gibson, and Trustee Ormsby. The two consulting firms  
4 were Teska Associates Inc. and Tilton Kelly and Bell. Each firm was given about an hour  
5 and a half to present their approach. The second interview stage was with Administrator  
6 Mekarski, Trustee Gibson, and Trustee Ormsby, as well as the Economic Development  
7 Coordinators from Park Forest, Matteson, and Richton Park. They also invited Reggie  
8 Greenwood who is the Regional Economic Development Coordinator for the Mayors and  
9 Managers, and Joe Martin who is the Executive Director of Diversity, Inc. After the  
10 presentation, it was the consensus to award the contract to Teska/BDI/UIC/MasudaFunai.  
11 Michael Brown will be adding a developer's approach to the process. They are hoping to  
12 initiate the process in March. The contract is not to exceed \$110,539.00. The Village is  
13 capturing \$12,000.00 from the Grant to subsidize Administrator Mekarski's involvement  
14 in the process.

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16 Trustee Ormsby stated that it was an interesting process. She stated that not all of the  
17 participants in the first group were familiar with the area and our demographics. They  
18 had a different approach. She stated that it is a very difficult process to understand and to  
19 capitalize on. She liked what BDI did. They did not just look at the Red Lining issue. She  
20 stated that it is going to be very informative and good for the Village. She congratulated  
21 Mike Hoffman from Teska Associates, Inc. for their team being awarded the contract.

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23 Trustee Gibson stated that it was a very interesting process. She stated that the second  
24 interview stage gave them more information from both Consulting Teams. She stated that  
25 Teska/BDI/UIC/ and Mr. Brown's firm knew more about the area than Tilton Kelly and  
26 Bell, and they compared them to like Municipalities. She believes they will get a better  
27 product with Teska and BDI. She stated that they were happy with the results.

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29 President Jones inquired of Administrator Mekarski as to whether or not there is another  
30 mark pending with Congress for this project. Administrator Mekarski stated that there is  
31 not another mark pending, but there is a mark awarded in the Omnibus Appropriation Bill  
32 that President Obama signed in December. Administrator Mekarski stated that we would  
33 be going through the paperwork. There will be a second phase and he is not sure what the  
34 SBA requirements will be relative to consultant selection. The amount is \$100,000.00.

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36 President Jones stated that Congress has invested \$222,000.00 in this project. President  
37 Jones stated that it is a golden opportunity. Whatever we accomplish here is intended by  
38 Congress to be taken on the road. They want to take it to Atlanta, Los Angeles, Oakland,  
39 and all over the country. They want us to be the Pilot Program for the nation.

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41 Trustee Gibson stated that the other thing that she was really happy about is that even  
42 though the Village is coordinating this Grant, it is for the other three Municipalities, and  
43 they thought that it was only fair to bring them in to hear the presentations, and in doing  
44 that she is sure that both consulting firms stepped up and got more information, and had a  
45 better product of presentation than what they had done in the beginning. They had all



1 Avenue to the gates of the Country Club. The engineering estimates are approximately  
2 \$240,000.00. The Village will be going to bid to get a hard cost. There is a Memorandum  
3 dated February 22, 2010 in the Board Packet from Administrator Mekarski. He is asking  
4 the Board to authorize Legal Counsel to draft the Shared Cost Agreement, and to give  
5 authority for the Finance Department to process an Inter-Fund Loan to finance the  
6 Country Club's portion of the Road Paving Project. The Country Club has expressed an  
7 interest in sharing the cost, but they would like their portion which is approximately  
8 \$120,000.00 to \$130,000.00 broken up between five and eight years. Administrator  
9 Mekarski stated that he is asking the Board to advise the Finance Department on the  
10 interest rate the Village should assess the Country Club for this short-term loan, 50% of  
11 the cost estimated at \$120,000.00 for five to eight years.

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13 Trustee Nale inquired as to why the Country Club needs the Village to issue them  
14 financial aid. President Jones stated that it is and it isn't financial aid. President Jones  
15 stated that the Country Club doesn't have any legal obligation to give the Village any  
16 money for this repaving project. He stated that since the road is within the Village of  
17 Olympia Fields, it is the obligation of the Village to pay for the repaving of the road. The  
18 Country Club recognizes that it has a moral obligation, because their use of that road is at  
19 least 50% to 60% of the traffic on that road. They also realize that it is in their best  
20 interest for their members and their guests that the road is in excellent condition, which it  
21 is not now. President Jones stated that in these economic times the Country Club does not  
22 have \$110,000.00 to \$120,000.00 sitting in their coffers. Their membership levels are  
23 down significantly. They will repay the Village 50% of the cost, and they will repay it at  
24 an interest rate somewhere between 2%, 3%, or 4%, whatever seems reasonable when  
25 Trustee Pennington and his team look at that and speak with Mr. McCanna our Financial  
26 Adviser. The Village will be getting half the money back that the taxpayers would have  
27 had to pay out of their own pocket, plus 2% to 4% interest on whatever the life of the  
28 loan is. He stated that all things considered, this is a good deal for the residents of the  
29 Village, especially the residents that live on Country Club Drive or Brookwood.

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31 Trustee Nale inquired as to whether or not there is any guarantee that this money will be  
32 forthcoming. President Jones stated that Legal Counsel would draft a Shared Cost  
33 Agreement. He stated that if they don't pay the Village, the Village would put a lien on  
34 the Country Club. They definitely don't want that. The Country Club believes with their  
35 cash flow, they can pay the Village \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00 a year. They want to pay it  
36 off as quickly as they can.

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38 Trustee Ormsby inquired as to what timing we are looking at for this. President Jones  
39 stated that the Village is going out to bid now. President Jones stated that this is for the  
40 spring. Trustee Ormsby stated that she considers Country Club Drive a true gateway  
41 where people come from different areas and they see the Village. She always thought that  
42 it should be kept as pristine and as inviting as possible, and this is a very good step.

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44 President Jones stated that he agrees. It also shows how far the Village has come in its  
45 relationships with the Country Club. He stated that he has to applaud Bob Waite and Bill

1 Brazley when he was with us for that, as well as Russell Ruscigno, the General Manager  
2 at the Club.

3 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to authorize our Legal**  
4 **Counsel to draft the Shared Cost Agreement between the Village of Olympia Fields**  
5 **and the Olympia Fields Country Club; 2. To give authority for the Director of**  
6 **Finance and Administration to process an Inter-Fund Loan to finance the Country**  
7 **Club's portion of the Road Paving Project; 3. Upon review of the interest rate**  
8 **matter by Trustee Pennington and the Finance Committee, to recommend to the**  
9 **Board an interest rate that the Village can assess the Country Club for this short-**  
10 **term loan of 50% of the cost estimated at approximately \$120,000.00.**

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12 President Jones stated that he wanted to clarify the Inter-Fund Loan issue. He stated that  
13 it is a complicated process to in a sense borrow the money from the MFT Fund, because  
14 then you are dealing with the Illinois Department of Transportation. The Village would  
15 pay the portion of its cost out of the MFT Funds. The Country Club's portion of the cost  
16 would not be a loan out of the MFT Fund. It would be a loan against the Village's  
17 General Revenues.

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

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20 **Request from Diversity Dinners to Sponsor and Contribute to the 2010 Diversity**  
21 **Dinner Program** – Administrator Mekarski stated that Beverly Sokol is a representative  
22 for the 2010 South Suburban Diversity Dinners. Mrs. Sokol is requesting a letter of  
23 support trying to solicit participation in this event, as well as a \$200.00 donation.  
24 Brochures have been provided in the Board Packet.

25 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to authorize the Village**  
26 **of Olympia Fields to issue a check in the amount of \$200.00 payable to the 2010**  
27 **South Suburban Diversity Dinners Program.**

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

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30 **Rich Township High School District 227 – Letter to the Attorney General's Office**  
31 **issuing Formal Complaint on violations of the Open Meetings Act, Illinois School**  
32 **Code, and First Amendment Violations** – Administrator Mekarski stated that in the  
33 Board Packet is correspondence to Cara Smith, Public Access Counselor from the Office  
34 of the Attorney General, whereby the Village filed a Formal Complaint against High  
35 School District 227 on violations of the Open Meetings Act, violations of the Illinois  
36 School Code, and violations of our First Amendment Rights. Administrator Mekarski and  
37 two other citizens were denied the opportunity to speak at the podium at a School Board  
38 Meeting regarding some fundamental changes that had been discovered in FOIA on the  
39 process for creating a selection process for the next Superintendent. Those were changed  
40 without an Open Meetings authority. In addition, the School Board has a standing rule  
41 that if a citizen brings up a matter before the governing authority it is not allowed to  
42 readdress that issue for two months. The Village Attorney feels that rule is patently  
43 illegal. The Village has been assigned an Investigator from the Attorney General's Office.  
44 She has been in communication with Administrator Mekarski's office. Fred Veazey from  
45 the Education Commission has secured a series of audiotapes and visual tapes on the  
46 various proceedings in question.

1 **Rich Township High School District 227 – Resolution adopted by District 227 on 2-**  
2 **16-10 regarding the rejection of a College Preparatory Charter School as Proposed**  
3 **by District 162**

4 – Administrator Mekarski stated that the second item is District 227's  
5 formal response to the proposal by Dr. Davis from School District 162 to create a Rich  
6 Township Preparatory Charter School. In the Board Packet is the PowerPoint  
7 Presentation that was used by the attorney representing District 227, and Ilandus  
8 Hampton, the Associate Superintendent outlining some of the financial criticisms of the  
9 proposal, as well as the Treasurer representing District 227. The PowerPoint Presentation  
10 was forwarded to Dr. Davis. Dr. Davis, along with her Administrative Staff and her Legal  
11 Staff, are preparing an appeal directly to the Illinois Board of Education. Following the  
12 presentation, the School Board voted to deny the application for a Charter School. Only  
13 School Board Member David Morgan dissented from that.

14 Administrator Mekarski stated that what was disappointing, is that the attorney for  
15 District 227 had reason in their Finding of Fact that Dr. Davis failed to reach a broad base  
16 support for the Charter School. The only support that was shown for the school at the  
17 Public Hearing was the parents from District 162 and two speakers from Olympia Fields,  
18 which were Trustee Oliver and Administrator Mekarski. There were no voices from the  
19 other communities. The challenge that Dr. Davis has is to engage the other communities.  
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21 Trustee Oliver stated that it is disheartening as a resident of Olympia Fields that the  
22 people that we elect to the School Board, do not hear and share the same sort of passion  
23 that we do about the level and the quality of our schools. He can almost understand why  
24 they would not approve the Charter School, but the reasoning that they are using is  
25 disheartening. He stated that we don't have the public support that we need for them to  
26 hear this message. He stated that when the media is out, it is Olympia Fields and the  
27 Education Commission who are there representing the entire 227. He stated that our voice  
28 is loud and clear, but not loud enough. He stated that it is sad how this whole process is  
29 working, not just for the Superintendent Search, but the Charter School as well.  
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31 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that she was present at the Education Commission Meeting  
32 when Dr. Davis made her presentation for the Charter School. Dr. Davis seemed  
33 confident that if she was not successful with District 227, that she would be successful at  
34 the State Board level. She inquired as to the comment by District 227 about not hearing  
35 voices from the other communities, if that would be important at the State Board level.  
36 Trustee Oliver stated that it is important. He stated that Dr. Davis would have an  
37 opportunity on a statewide level to talk about the merits of the Charter School. District  
38 227 will be there to try to defend why it should not have it. Trustee Oliver stated that the  
39 climate in this country thanks to President Obama and folks like Arne Duncan, they are  
40 looking for additional ways of educational excellence. He stated that this would be a  
41 wonderful opportunity for the State of Illinois to provide new initiatives for education.  
42 Dr. Davis is already exemplifying that in her own District. Dr. Davis is aware that  
43 Senator Meeks is also looking for initiatives like this.  
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45 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that she is not optimistic that we will pull a lot of support  
46 from these other towns. She wants Dr. Davis to be successful. She is wondering if that is

1 what will do this proposal in. Trustee Oliver stated that there were 10 items in particular  
2 that the District 227 School Board had suggested as major faults in the application that  
3 was submitted. He believes that there are situations that can be remedied between now  
4 and the time it goes to the state.

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6 Trustee Gibson inquired as to whether or not this was the same process that the Charter  
7 Schools that they have in Chicago had to go through, that the Chicago Public Schools had  
8 to agree to the Charter Schools. Neither Administrator Mekarski nor Trustee Oliver could  
9 state with certainty. President Jones stated that we are going to keep working on this and  
10 see where it takes us.

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12 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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

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16 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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18 The Board did not have any unfinished business to discuss.

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20 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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22 **The Center for Multicultural Communities 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Celebration –**  
23 **March 6, 2010** – President Jones stated that we budgeted for this. Trustee Gibson stated  
24 that we have not expended our \$600.00. We have room for eight people at a table of  
25 eight. She needs to know if any of the Trustees wish to attend. Trustee Gibson stated that  
26 there would be two award recipients. Joseph Martin is being honored at that event as well  
27 as Therone Watson. President Jones requested that the Trustees advise Trustee Gibson  
28 and/or Cindy if they wish to attend.

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30 **Snow Removal of the sidewalk at the Metra Lot at 203<sup>rd</sup> Street** – Trustee Meyers-  
31 Martin stated that she has noticed that GT&L only clean a certain part of the sidewalk  
32 leading up to the train station, and the rest of the sidewalk is snow filled. It is where  
33 people are dropped off. She was wondering if the contract was that they would only clean  
34 a certain part of the sidewalk, or if they could discuss with them that they expand the area  
35 that they clean. Trustee Oliver stated that he would speak with Mr. Alexa. Trustee  
36 Meyers-Martin stated that the area she is referring to is in front of Stamper Park. Part of  
37 the sidewalk in front of the park is clean, and part of the sidewalk is not clean.

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39 Trustee Pennington stated that he has already spoken with Mr. Alexa about GT&L's  
40 failure to do what they are suppose to do with these parking lots. He travels to 211<sup>th</sup>  
41 Street all the time. He stated that the first big snow that we had, the truck didn't have a  
42 salt spreader on the back of it. They didn't get there until after the commuters started  
43 coming to the parking lot.

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45 Trustee Ormsby inquired as to whether or not they are cleaning from Kedzie to 207<sup>th</sup>, the  
46 bicycle path because that is part of their contract, from Kedzie to the Post Office.

1 President Jones inquired of Trustee Ormsby if she was referring to the east/west track  
2 along 203<sup>rd</sup> Street. Trustee Ormsby stated that she was. President Jones stated that is  
3 clear.

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5 **Parks** – Trustee Nale was wondering who is responsible for taking care of the Park  
6 District Parks. She was wondering if there is someone that is assigned to clean the  
7 rubbish. President Jones stated that they have their own contractors. Trustee Nale stated  
8 that she feels that some of the smaller parks have been let go. President Jones stated that  
9 he would appreciate it if Trustee Nale would make her views known to the leadership of  
10 the Park District namely, Denise Will and Rich Pozdol. Trustee Nale stated that she  
11 would be happy to speak with them.

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13 Trustee Ormsby stated that the Beautification Committee did meet with them last year  
14 and has had lengthy discussions with them on the parks not being kept up. She thought it  
15 would be great if Trustee Nale spoke with them also.

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17 Administrator Mekarski stated that the problem with the sidewalk in Stamper Park could  
18 be part and parcel with Metra's desire to ask the Village to pickup a Maintenance  
19 Agreement which has been dropped by the Park District. Trustee Ormsby stated that the  
20 Park District no longer wants to maintain Stamper Park. They want the Village to  
21 maintain it. She stated if the Village maintains it, it would improve completely. They  
22 spent a tremendous amount of money to create it and it is overgrown and has just been let  
23 go. Trustee Ormsby stated that we were going to request from Metra that we take that  
24 whole span and make that all park as opposed to just half. Trustee Pennington stated that  
25 he could follow-up on that and get back to Trustee Ormsby on that. Administrator  
26 Mekarski stated that Metra has directed their legal to give the Village a Maintenance  
27 Agreement, Easement Agreement. Trustee Pennington stated that we have to look at the  
28 cost associated with that. Trustee Ormsby stated that they have a bid, which she questions  
29 just to get it back in shape of \$12,000.00. She stated that the Village has its own  
30 landscaper and she would like him to look at it. She would like the Village to have all of  
31 that property instead of having it split. Once it is completed, she would like to dedicate it  
32 to someone.

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34 Trustee Pennington stated that he would look into it from Metra's standpoint. President  
35 Jones stated that he did not believe that the Village should commit to doing anything  
36 about that in its current configuration, or a reconfiguration, until the snow is gone and we  
37 can go out and hear what Trustee Ormsby's vision is for it and get a cost proposal for it.

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39 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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41 President Jones stated that he did not have any Resignations or Appointments.  
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1 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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3 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to adjourn at 8:29 P.M.**

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

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6 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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