

1                                   **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**  
2                                   **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
3                                   **Held on February 25, 2013**  
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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 25, 2013,  
6 at the Linzey D. Jones Municipal Building and was called to order by Village President  
7 Debra Meyers-Martin at 7:00 P.M. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.  
8 Administrator Mekarski/Village Clerk called the roll.  
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10 Present: Trustees – Gibson, Ormsby, Oliver, Pennington, Nale and Waite  
11                                   Village President Debra Meyers-Martin  
12                                   Village Administrator/Village Clerk, David Mekarski  
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14 Absent: None.  
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16 **MINUTES:**  
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18 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Oliver to suspend with the reading of**  
19 **the Minutes of February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

20 **Voice Vote:                   All Ayes.                                   Motion Carried.**  
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22 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the Minutes of**  
23 **February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013, as presented.**

24 **Voice Vote:                   All Ayes.                                   Motion Carried.**  
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26 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**  
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28 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she has Bills for Approval in the amount of  
29 \$122,450.35. She stated that there is a Cover Memo in the Board Packet designating the  
30 more significant payouts.

31 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the payment**  
32 **of Bills for February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in the total amount of \$122,450.35.**

33 **Roll Call:                    Ayes (6-0)                                   Motion Carried.**  
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35 **REVISED AGENDA:**  
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37 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that before we move to Communications and  
38 Petitions, she wanted to note that we are working with a Revised Agenda.  
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40 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**  
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42 Village President Meyers-Martin opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:03 P.M.  
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44 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have a very pleasant and exciting event to  
45 take place in Communications and Petitions and that is the swearing-in of Deputy Chief  
46 Carl Frey. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we are very excited about that.

1 She stated that Carl Frey has been with the Village for a very long time and has served  
2 recently in the position of Commander. She stated that we certainly appreciate all of his  
3 hard work, his dedication, and his assistance with the Board and the Village in the  
4 transition to our new Police Chief, Chief John Krull. Village President Meyers-Martin  
5 stated that we want to thank you for that as well.

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7 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she wanted to acknowledge that in the  
8 audience tonight we have the family of Deputy Chief Frey. She stated that we have his  
9 wife, Lori, and his son, Mitch, and his daughter, Jena. His brother Donald is here as well  
10 as his sister, Pam. His niece Abbey is also present. Village President Meyers-Martin  
11 welcomed everyone. She stated that we are not use to having this many guests in our  
12 Board Room for Board Meetings. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is very  
13 happy to see everyone and she thanked everyone for coming. She asked Deputy Chief  
14 Frey and Chief Krull to come forward. She also asked Trustee Gibson who is the Trustee  
15 Liaison to the Public Safety Committee to step forward.

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17 **Swearing-In of Deputy Chief Carl Frey** - Village President Meyers-Martin  
18 administered the oath to Commander Carl Frey as follows: "I, Carl Frey, having been  
19 appointed to the position of Deputy Chief of Police, in the Village of Olympia Fields, in  
20 the County of Cook aforesaid, do solemnly swear or affirm, that I will support the  
21 Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I  
22 will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Deputy Chief to the best of my  
23 ability." Village President Meyers-Martin stated congratulations. (There was a round of  
24 applause and a standing ovation).

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26 Deputy Chief Frey stated that there will be no speech. He is not a speech giver. Deputy  
27 Chief Frey thanked everyone for coming. Deputy Chief Frey has been with the Village  
28 for 29-years.

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30 Trustee Gibson stated that it gives her great privilege to welcome Deputy Chief Frey to  
31 this position. She stated that Deputy Chief Frey has been a staunch worker in our Village  
32 for a long time. She has enjoyed her time working with Deputy Chief Frey during her  
33 time as the Liaison for the police and the Public Safety Committee. She believes that he  
34 will do a very good job and she is expecting him to do that. Deputy Chief Frey stated  
35 thank you very much. (There was a round of applause).

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37 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she had one comment. She stated that we  
38 have worked very closely over the years and she appreciates all of the help that Deputy  
39 Chief Frey has provided to the Board and to the Village, and to his commitment and hard  
40 work. She stated that even though he is a Cubs Fan she still likes him. Deputy Chief Frey  
41 stated thank you very much. (There was a round of applause).

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43 Village President Meyers-Martin asked Chief Krull to share with the audience how this  
44 all happened.

1 Chief Krull stated that this is very difficult for him because he is very, very impressed  
2 with Deputy Chief Frey. He stated that during the transitional process he can't say  
3 enough good things about him. He stated that Deputy Chief Frey will be able to help him,  
4 to help the Village and the police department bridge that historical gap in between then  
5 and now. The transitional process will keep going smoothly. He is confident that  
6 everything will go very, very well for each and every one of us. He stated thank you very  
7 much. He stated, "I appreciate your friendship. You are the best." (There was a round of  
8 applause).

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10 **Gift from Deputy Chief Frey** - Trustee Ormsby stated that today we had the pleasure of  
11 hanging a gift from Deputy Chief Frey. It was a gift from Deputy Chief Frey's wife to  
12 him, and now it is the Village's gift. It is on the 9-11 Memorial. She asked that everyone  
13 take the time to look at it on the way out. She stated that it is very impressive and we are  
14 very happy to have it. Trustee Ormsby thanked Deputy Chief Frey.

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16 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we want to thank Deputy Chief Frey for that  
17 donation.

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19 **Village's Bidding Process** – Dr. Ernie Gibson stated that he resides at 208 Wysteria  
20 Drive. He stated that there is a negative somewhat in the community in reference to our  
21 bidding process and the way that we administer it here. Dr. Gibson inquired what the  
22 procedures are so that the community can understand how the Village performs its  
23 bidding process. He stated that some are saying that we are very unfair to any number of  
24 minorities. Dr. Gibson inquired whether or not the Board could explain procedurally how  
25 the Village goes about the bidding process.

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27 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she would be happy to give an overview of  
28 that process so that everyone has a clear picture of how the process works. Village  
29 President Meyers-Martin stated that she and Helen Burleson had a conversation regarding  
30 the desire for minority contractors to be involved in that bidding process for some of the  
31 work that goes on in the Village. She stated that we are not privy to a lot of major  
32 projects here in the Village. The Village has a \$1,700,000.00 Project coming up. When  
33 the question first came up, Village President Meyers-Martin approached Robinson  
34 Engineering which does a lot of the work in the Village. They are involved in the bidding  
35 process. Robinson Engineering assured the Village that they do outreach to minority  
36 contractors, but there is no set aside in the Village for minority contractors. The Village is  
37 obligated by Ordinance to accept the lowest bid.

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39 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have approached Robinson Engineering  
40 to display our concern about being able to go forward and involve minority contractors in  
41 some of the work going forward. Village President Meyers-Martin received a Memo  
42 from the Village Attorney, John Murphey, because the Village did approach him as to  
43 what options the Village did have in that arena. Mr. Murphey provided the Village  
44 President with a couple of bullet points. "We are bound to State Laws which require  
45 competitive bidding, and the Village must award contracts to the lowest responsible  
46 bidder for each project. They do attempt to outreach to qualified MFBE's, which are

1 Minority and Female Business Enterprises, as well as DBE's, and that specific quotas  
2 have not been approved by the Courts.”

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4 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that they have had conversations with Robinson  
5 Engineering. She stated that Robinson Engineering is reaching out to the “Black  
6 Contractors United” in relationship to the work that will be done on the Road Project. It  
7 is still in question whether or not IDOT will allow the Village to provide any percentage  
8 of minority contractors at this point, because this work is being funded by MFT Funds.  
9 She stated that we are still in conversation about it. She stated that according to the  
10 Memo, we have to approach IDOT as far as what percentage we would be able to include  
11 as our work force in terms of minority contractors.

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13 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that this has not fallen on deaf ears. The Village  
14 is aware that there is a necessity to look into that, and a necessity to do outreach to  
15 minority contractors. She stated that they may not be the major contractor, but there is  
16 certainly an opportunity for them to be subcontractors. She believes that is a beginning to  
17 move in that direction so that we are having a diversified work force in the Village. It has  
18 not fallen on deaf ears. The Village has done all of the research, investigations, and  
19 inquiries thus far. This is the information that the Village has received. The Village will  
20 not stop inquiring about it until it has a final picture of how that is going to look going  
21 forward for future work in the Village. She stated that she is going by Mr. Murphey's  
22 Memo to the Village as well as the Memo from Robinson Engineering as far as what has  
23 happened traditionally in the past.

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25 Dr. Gibson inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin whether or not Mr. Murphey is  
26 the Village Attorney. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that he is.

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28 Trustee Pennington stated that in order to get the designation of a prime contractor with  
29 IDOT, Metra, the City of Chicago, CTA, and all of the regional transportation authority,  
30 a contractor must apply directly to that agency. He stated that having worked with this  
31 same problem with Metra, we have seen that a lot of the minority owned companies are  
32 not DBE Certified to be a Disadvantaged Minority Enterprise. He stated that includes  
33 women, Native Americans, Latinos, etcetera. They must first apply directly to that  
34 agency. He stated that in this case it would be IDOT. It would be IDOT's determination  
35 whether or not they qualify under IDOT's recommendations and parameters.

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37 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we are happy that Robinson Engineering is  
38 approaching the Black Contractors United so that we know that people are aware that this  
39 bidding process is going on and they have that opportunity to submit those bids. She  
40 stated that hopefully they will be certified in either the DBE or the MFBE category. If  
41 they are not certified, there are plenty of agencies that can assist them in that certification:  
42 Cook County, the City of Chicago, and Central Management Services all do that  
43 certification. She stated that if they come to the Village, the Village knows where to send  
44 them to become certified.

1 Administrator Mekarski stated that the reason that the Village as a local government has  
2 to abide by IDOT's Rules and Regulations is because this \$1,700,000.00 project of road  
3 repaving is being done without the necessity of raising local property tax. The Village is  
4 using Motor Fuel Tax, which is a State Funded resource to pay a large portion of the  
5 indebtedness, which is approximately \$100,000.00 a year for 20-years. The Village is  
6 supplementing that with about \$18,000.00 to \$20,000.00 in Sales Tax. The bulk of the  
7 money is coming from State Funds. Therefore, you have to abide by IDOT's standards.  
8 He was going to read the section about the Black Contractors United. He has additional  
9 copies. He has one for Helen Burleson as well as any other interested parties. He stated  
10 that we are including non-discriminatory provisions in our big contracts.

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12 Dr. Gibson stated that he asked a question and that Administrator Mekarski should be  
13 directing his comments to him. He is not speaking for Helen Burleson. He is speaking for  
14 himself. Administrator Mekarski stated that Dr. Gibson is right. Dr. Gibson stated that he  
15 was in charge of purchasing for 30 some years at the College of DuPage. He is fully  
16 aware of all of the explanations that have been given. He stated that he has enough  
17 information.

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19 Trustee Ormsby stated that she has been the Liaison to the Building Department for 13  
20 years. Historically, their process has been always open. Every bid that they have looked  
21 at has been open for everyone to bid. They have made an effort to do that. She stated that  
22 when we were building this building, we delayed the process of a bid so that we could get  
23 more contractors. She stated that historically, that has been the goal to get anyone  
24 interested in bidding to bid. Trustee Ormsby stated that it has been a transparent  
25 operation since she has been a Trustee for 13-years. She thanked Dr. Gibson for coming  
26 forward so that could be clarified. Dr. Gibson stated thank you so much. Administrator  
27 Mekarski thanked Dr. Gibson.

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29 **Comments by Mrs. Burleson** - Mrs. Helen Burleson stated that Dr. Gibson brought up  
30 something that she had been discussing. Mrs. Burleson stated that she had some questions  
31 and they probably overlap what Dr. Gibson is asking. Mrs. Burleson requested that when  
32 the Board uses initials or vernacular particular to a particular occupation if they would  
33 please define it. She stated that most of us are not involved in this on an everyday basis  
34 and when they use initials if they would define them, it would help others to understand.

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36 Mrs. Burleson inquired of the Board how contractors are notified, or how do contractors  
37 know when a project is available for them to bid on. She inquired of the Board whether or  
38 not the Village advertises.

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40 Administrator Mekarski stated that they do a solicitation or a general advertisement. He  
41 stated that in this kind of bid where it is IDOT approved, they get the Prequalified Bid  
42 List. They make sure that a Notice of the bid opportunity is given to the prequalified  
43 contractors. Unfortunately, the Black Contractors United is not on the Prequalified IDOT  
44 List. There is plenty of opportunity for them to do sub work for one of the prime  
45 contractors. In the bid specifications the Village tries to include criteria that encourage

1 minority enterprise hiring, nondiscrimination, and also the provision for hiring Illinois  
2 Laborers over out-of-state laborers since we are so close to Indiana.

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4 Trustee Pennington stated that he believes that we have to make a clarification. He stated  
5 that Black Contractors United would not appear on IDOT's Approval List. It is just an  
6 organization that supports and directs African-American Contractors to opportunities like  
7 the one that we have. It would be up to Robinson Engineering to pass that information on  
8 to the Black Contractors United, who would in turn contact contractors within their  
9 membership. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that is what they have agreed to do.

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11 Trustee Gibson stated that she was under the impression that this kind of information  
12 goes out in the newspaper. Trustee Ormsby stated that it is printed. Trustee Waite stated  
13 that when we advertise our Bonds people know that there are some projects coming up  
14 for work in the Village. Most contractors look through the newspapers when those are  
15 coming up so that they can make sure that they are in the bidding process. They would  
16 contact the Public Works Department and make sure that they are on the Bid List that  
17 would receive the specifications in the various kinds of work that needs to be done for  
18 that particular project and the dates and times when the bids would be requested. Once  
19 they are on the list, when the Public Works Department gets ready to begin reviewing  
20 bids, they send it out to all the contractors that have contacted them to make their bids.

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22 Trustee Ormsby stated that with projects a Bid Packet is prepared. Anyone can pick it up  
23 that is interested in bidding. The notification goes into the newspapers and it is  
24 advertised. Anyone can pick up the Bid Packet. Whether they choose to bid or not once  
25 they get the Bid Packet is entirely up to them. Trustee Ormsby stated when this building  
26 was let, we had to do a couple rounds of packets. We ended up with five-bidders. They  
27 pick up the Bid Packets after the notification is placed in the newspaper.

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29 Trustee Waite stated that often times the minority contractors will pick up the packets and  
30 they make the bids, and they never get the business. So they get discouraged. He doesn't  
31 know what the Village could do to help them understand the process better.

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33 Trustee Pennington stated let's not confuse this project with what Trustee Waite is  
34 talking about, with the IDOT Project. Trustee Waite stated that he was speaking in  
35 general.

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37 Trustee Pennington stated that with the IDOT Contract, since the Village is dealing with  
38 Federal Funds, all contractors must be prime contractors in order to get this bid. He stated  
39 that if a minority enterprise is not a prime contractor with IDOT, then they cannot bid  
40 specifically, but they can get subcontract work from the prime contractor. It would be up  
41 to the prime contractor to advise the subcontractors, in this case minority subcontractors,  
42 of the opportunity to bid for that work.

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44 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she believes that is what she said. She stated  
45 that perhaps her microphone is not on.

1 Mrs. Burleson stated that she keeps hearing the name “Robinson.” Mrs. Burleson  
2 inquired what the role of Robinson is in the bidding process.

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4 Administrator Mekarski stated that Robinson is one of two engineers of record. We have  
5 Baxter & Woodman and Robinson Engineering. He stated that our engineer works in  
6 concert with the Village Administration, the Village Administrator’s Office, the  
7 Department of Public Works, and the Board of Trustees. They prepare all of the  
8 engineering documents from the Permit itself through the bid documentation. They  
9 advise and give recommendations to the Board on the bids that they will analyze after a  
10 sealed bid is received and opened. It is always chosen on the lowest and best bid. He  
11 stated that sometimes you have a low bid, but when you scrutinize the bid you find out  
12 they didn’t meet specifications, or they have some material fault, they have financial  
13 difficulties, or they may not have been able to perform previous projects. They can be  
14 disqualified as long as you have those parameters spelled out in your bid specs of what  
15 your evaluation process is.

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17 Mrs. Burleson stated that she invited Mr. Trimuel. Trustee Gibson stated let’s not forget  
18 that our engineering companies provide us at times with many avenues to get Grants.  
19 They sometimes write the Grants and present them to us for approval. She stated that  
20 companies like Robinson Engineering and Baxter & Woodman sometimes have the  
21 ability to assist the Village in saving money with Grants, because sometimes we don’t  
22 know where the Grants are, but they do because they are in the business.

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24 Trustee Oliver stated that there are several different layers of this question being posed  
25 here. 1. We have Federal Grants and other monies that are provided to the Village in  
26 which we are mandated and obligated to spend it in a certain fashion, thereby getting a  
27 bidder to come in and take on that project. 2. There are other monies that the taxpayers  
28 pay for projects that are out there, that probably ends up being granted to the lowest  
29 bidder as well. He believes the concern is, is there a message from the Board, is there a  
30 message from the Village that says we want to as best as possible encourage minority  
31 businesses to do business with us because with the population that we have, some of  
32 these monies certainly could go to some minorities, if not in this Village, in the  
33 surrounding area. 3. The question is, as a Village, is there a way for folks to know when  
34 they do business in the Village, that we are advocating for the best qualified minorities to  
35 be part of the qualifying bidders’ application. He believes that is what he is hearing.

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37 Mrs. Burleson stated that is why she invited Mr. Trimuel. Mr. Trimuel stated that his  
38 name is Gammon Trimuel, Jr. He is with Gammons Asphalt Paving. They have been in  
39 business for over 45-years. They are certified with IDOT, PACE, Metra, and the City of  
40 Chicago. They have been working with many of the local Villages over the years. He  
41 didn’t know whether or not a prime contractor had been selected on this particular job  
42 yet.

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44 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have not gone to bid yet.  
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1 Mr. Trimuel stated that he couldn't be a prime contractor but he could be a subcontractor  
2 for the work that is coming up.

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4 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the information that they received was that  
5 the minority contractors that may be involved with this project would in all likelihood be  
6 subcontractors and not the prime contractor. She stated that we have made that  
7 information available and we have made it known to Robinson Engineering so that when  
8 they do start with that bidding process that they are reaching out, and making sure that  
9 everyone is aware that we are at bid for this project and what subcontract work would be  
10 available.

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12 Trustee Waite inquired of Mr. Trimuel whether or not he has contacted the Department of  
13 Public Works to make sure that he is on the Village's list of bidders when they are  
14 looking for contractors.

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16 Mr. Trimuel stated that this is the first that he has heard of the opportunity and he will  
17 make sure that he contacts them. Trustee Waite stated that you have been in business 45  
18 years and this is the first time you have come to tell us you want our business. Mr.  
19 Trimuel stated no. Mrs. Burleson stated that she solicited him. She has been doing her  
20 research and due diligence. Trustee Waite inquired of Mr. Trimuel where he has been in  
21 45 years. Mr. Trimuel stated that they have been doing work in the Village over the  
22 years. He stated that they haven't done any major projects in the Village. Trustee Waite  
23 inquired of Mr. Trimuel what projects he has done.

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25 Mr. Trimuel stated that they have done Metra jobs in Tinley Park and Harvey. They have  
26 done private work, driveways in the Village. They have worked with Robinson  
27 Engineering over the years so they should be familiar with them. They are doing work for  
28 the Markham Park District. Robinson Engineering is part of that project also.

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30 Trustee Waite stated that we are eager to have contractors like yourself come forward and  
31 say we want your business. He stated that the more contractors we have like that the  
32 better it is for us as a Village, and the residents of the Village, because we get jobs done  
33 on a more competitive basis. He stated that we don't try to exclude anybody.

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35 Village President Meyers-Martin suggested that Mr. Trimuel contact Jeff Koza who is the  
36 engineer. She provided Mr. Trimuel with Mr. Koza's telephone number.

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38 Trustee Pennington inquired of Mr. Trimuel whether or not he has ever been a prime  
39 contractor on any project. Mr. Trimuel stated no. He stated that normally we don't  
40 qualify for that umbrella. It is hard to provide the insurance rates. He stated that we are  
41 still relatively a small business. Trustee Pennington stated that the insurance is always a  
42 fallback in terms of becoming a prime contractor. Trustee Waite stated and the bonding  
43 and so forth.

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45 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Mrs. Burleson for coming this evening.

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1 **Concern with some Contract Work in the Village** – Mr. John Taylor stated that he  
2 resides at 20441 Ithaca. He has a concern with some of the contract work that is being  
3 done in the Village. There is a new Group Home next door to him. He understands that  
4 by State Law there is nothing that we can do to stop them from coming into the area.  
5 They had to install a Sprinkler System in the Group Home. It is a single-family home and  
6 they are trying to convert it. They applied for a Permit through the Building Department  
7 to tap into our water line. They never told the Water Department that they would be  
8 pressure testing the lines. They did pressure tests on the lines in several spots. They  
9 messed up the water on at least half of his block. He had dark, brown water coming out of  
10 his faucet one day. Several of his neighbors had the same problem. He stated that if these  
11 contractors are going to come in and interrupt the quality of life of the people here, it  
12 should concern the Village. He spoke with the Water Department. He has had great  
13 cooperation from them and he is not saying that they are at fault in any way. He stated  
14 that we need to have some follow-up on these contractors coming in doing work, and  
15 nobody is checking on what they are doing. He stated that they didn't have permission  
16 from the Water Department to pressure test the lines. He had to flush his lines out for at  
17 least four-hours. He had a brand new water tank. He had 65-gallons that he just basically  
18 dumped down the drain. Mr. Taylor inquired who is going to pay for this water bill now.  
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20 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Group Home is not governed by local authority. It  
21 is governed by State authority. The construction of the Group Home is regulated by local  
22 government. He stated that our building official is very copious and very thorough to tell  
23 the owners who are doing the construction that all contractors have to be licensed with  
24 the Village. They have to be insured with the Village. They have to be qualified  
25 contractors. He stated that if they began some work with the contractor without securing  
26 a Permit from the Water Department, they did that in violation and could be subject to a  
27 fine.  
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29 Mr. Taylor stated that they had a Permit to tap into the line to install the Sprinkler  
30 System. They didn't have permission in that Permit to do any pressure testing of our  
31 system. That is the main problem on that project. When he talked to the Water  
32 Department, they had stated that they didn't know anything about it. They were there  
33 within five-minutes to try to check out what was happening. They have been very  
34 cooperative and diligent on their job to follow-up. They did not catch this particular  
35 contractor. He has the name of the Plumbing Contractor at home that did this work. He  
36 has come out to install this line. He has dug up the ground in front of that house and the  
37 one across the street.  
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39 Administrator Mekarski stated that we do multiple inspections. He stated that if there was  
40 a tap-in to our water line, our Plumbing Inspector would be assigned to do multiple  
41 inspections throughout the construction period. He stated that there are times when a  
42 customer will violate and not make the call indicating that they are going to do an  
43 activity, but they are still subject to the Laws and Ordinances of the Village. He stated  
44 that it could go through a violation procedure even now if it was established that it was  
45 done without a Permit.  
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1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that should be our next step. She stated that if  
2 they took out a Permit and they went beyond the scope of that Permit, then they are liable  
3 under that insurance that they are responsible to take out, to reimburse any damage that  
4 was done. She stated that should be our next step. She stated that if Mr. Taylor has the  
5 name of the contractor, we need to get in touch with the Water Department and John  
6 McDonnell and make sure that they took out all the proper steps.

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8 Mr. Taylor stated that he talked to them. They know who the contractor is. It was on the  
9 Permit that they secured. They are aware of who did this. He believes that the Village  
10 needs to have a follow-up. He stated that if we are having contractors come into our area  
11 and doing work, they should be doing quality work, and somebody needs to follow-up on  
12 it.

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14 Mr. Taylor stated that he has lived in the Village for 19-years. He stated that we had work  
15 done on the curbs and stuff and they cut our electric line for our entranceway lights. They  
16 are still in the same disrepair that they were two-years ago. He stated that nothing is  
17 being done.

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19 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Mr. Taylor when this happened if he spoke with John  
20 McDonnell or just somebody at the front office at Village Hall. She just wanted to know  
21 so that she could follow-up. Mr. Taylor stated that he spoke to the front office and they  
22 referred him to the Water Department and he spoke to them. He spoke with Joe at the  
23 Water Department. He has had great cooperation from Joe and his assistant.

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25 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Mr. Taylor whether or not he ever spoke with the Building  
26 Commissioner, John McDonnell. Mr. Taylor stated that he did not speak with him. He  
27 was unavailable at the time. Trustee Ormsby stated that she will follow-up with him. Mr.  
28 Taylor stated that with the water thing he called Village Hall and they knew nothing  
29 about the project at all. Trustee Ormsby inquired of Mr. Taylor who he spoke with at  
30 Village Hall. Mr. Taylor stated that he spoke with the young ladies that answered the  
31 phone. He doesn't remember which one he talked to. They told him that he should speak  
32 with Joe. They gave him Joe's number. Mr. Taylor called Joe and he did follow-up on the  
33 water problem.

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35 Trustee Ormsby stated that going forward, whenever there is construction, it is under  
36 John McDonnell. She stated that unfortunately when you speak to the front office they  
37 are not aware of every project. She stated that if you go to John McDonnell and get into  
38 his voice mail he will get back to you. She stated that she will follow-up with this.  
39 Trustee Ormsby stated that she didn't know what Mr. Taylor was talking about with the  
40 electrical wires getting cut at his entranceway, but she would like to know about that. She  
41 stated that is the first she is hearing of that. She stated that shouldn't have happened. She  
42 stated that we will follow-up on that and see if we can get that rectified.

43  
44 Mr. Taylor stated that it is both entranceways on 207<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Ormsby stated that she  
45 didn't know about it and she isn't sure that anybody at the Village knew about it or they  
46 would have followed up on it. She stated that she will follow-up on that.

1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that if we had known about it, there would be no  
2 way that two-years later it would still be in disrepair. Trustee Ormsby stated that we  
3 would have immediately fixed that for you. She stated the next time tell the front office,  
4 but get to John McDonnell. She stated that Group Homes like every piece of construction  
5 are scrutinized. They pay special attention to Group Homes because they have special  
6 criteria. They are looked at several different times. Trustee Ormsby stated that I  
7 apologize for you having so much of an issue and not getting an answer. She stated that  
8 she will follow-up with Mr. McDonnell.

9  
10 Administrator Mekarski stated that if you cannot get one of the Department Heads you  
11 can contact the Village Administrator. He stated that he is the representative of the Board.  
12 The Department Heads report to his office on a day-to-day basis. He stated that I will  
13 assure you that I will get an answer and get the follow-up that you need. He is in the  
14 office nine times out of 10 unless he is in meetings in the region.

15  
16 Trustee Oliver stated that since he and Mr. Taylor spoke a couple of nights ago, he did  
17 call the Water Department on Mr. Taylor's behalf. The Water Department has nothing  
18 but glowing things to say about Mr. Taylor. They don't have anything on record  
19 regarding that project or the Group Home next door. He informed Mr. Taylor that he  
20 doesn't have to speak with Public Works on this matter. Trustee Oliver's next call was to  
21 Mr. McDonnell but he hasn't heard from him yet today.

22  
23 Trustee Ormsby thanked Mr. Taylor for coming in. Village President Meyers-Martin  
24 stated that hopefully we will get a resolution to that.

25  
26 Mr. Taylor stated that as residents living in the Village, that we need to follow-up and as  
27 we see something going on, to make the Board and everyone aware of these things  
28 happening.

29  
30 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that you have to do that. Trustee Ormsby stated  
31 we appreciate it. Mr. Taylor stated that it is affecting the quality of life of the people that  
32 live here. When he first heard about the Group Home he made calls and found out where  
33 we stand as far as the legality and everything and what the State's Rules are. He  
34 understands that. He hopes that is the only problem he will have with that Group Home.  
35 Mr. Taylor stated that he has been a General Contractor and he knows the process of  
36 getting Permits and what you have to do to comply with that Permit, and what you can't  
37 do to go beyond your Permit. There are repercussions behind that. He understands that.  
38 He has been in the construction field since 1970. He has a lot of experience. He is  
39 currently a Home Inspector for the State of Illinois. He can work anyplace in the State of  
40 Illinois. He knows what it takes for residential and commercial properties. He believes  
41 that we need to follow-up on these contractors that are working in our Village and seeing  
42 that they are complying with what they are asking. He stated that if they are going to do  
43 work we need to have quality work. Otherwise, we don't want those contractors working  
44 in our Village.

1 Mrs. Burleson inquired of the Board whether or not the Board had the ability to deny a  
2 Permit for a Group Home.

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4 Administrator Mekarski stated no, it is regulated by State Statute. Mrs. Burleson stated  
5 that she works with a group and they were trying to get a Group Home in Harvey. Their  
6 Board of Trustees denied them. Trustee Pennington inquired of Mrs. Burleson how long  
7 ago that was. Mrs. Burleson stated that it has been about two-years ago. Trustee  
8 Pennington stated that they were working against established law because we have no  
9 control over that.

10  
11 Administrator Mekarski stated that we have control over the building process. We can  
12 control the construction.

13  
14 Trustee Ormsby stated that the Sprinkling System is a very expensive endeavor.  
15 Sometimes that discourages Group Homes because it is an expensive endeavor. She  
16 stated that if they don't comply, then the Village can deny. If they comply, the Village  
17 cannot.

18  
19 **Proposal for Deduct Water Meters** - Mr. Anton Shareef stated that he resides at 132  
20 Graymoor Lane. He stated that they have Deduct Water Meters. They measure the  
21 amount of water going in sewage and the amount of water that is not. He wanted to know  
22 if we could have that for our residents. He would like to have it at his house. He has  
23 literature on it.

24  
25 Trustee Waite stated that you have a water meter that tells you what water is coming in.  
26 There is another meter that you can put on the outbound water, the gray water, black  
27 water.

28  
29 Mr. Shareef stated that it is basically used for outside uses like the Water Sprinkler  
30 System and washing the cars.

31  
32 Trustee Waite stated that it divides the water use for irrigation. It doesn't charge you for  
33 sewer if the water is going to irrigate your lawn.

34  
35 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mr. Shareef whether or not he is asking for  
36 himself individually to have that kind of meter, or for the Village to do it Village-wide.

37  
38 Mr. Shareef stated Village-wide. Trustee Ormsby stated you are a vendor. Mr. Shareef  
39 stated that he is not a vendor. He is a resident. Trustee Pennington stated that he is my  
40 neighbor.

41  
42 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired whether or not the Village could have the  
43 literature.

1 Trustee Gibson stated that she has heard of towns and Municipalities that do this. Mr.  
2 Shareef stated that Mokena is one and he believes New Lenox. Trustee Gibson stated that  
3 we happen to be one that doesn't use it at this time.

4  
5 Trustee Waite stated that all Villages when it comes to water, they want to generate a  
6 certain amount of revenue to cover a variety of things. He stated that one is the water  
7 coming in and the other is the sewer. He stated that if you try to differentiate in a more  
8 complicated way, it won't be differentiated in a way that is going to lower the overall  
9 cost.

10  
11 Mr. Shareef stated that he has an Underground Water Sprinkler System. The meter  
12 measures the amount of water that is being used outside the house. He stated that in that  
13 way he is not charged a higher sewage rate.

14  
15 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we love innovative things here. She  
16 suggested to Mr. Shareef that with the material he has, he should sit down and talk to Joe  
17 Alexa who is the Director of Public Works. She stated that he could give Mr. Alexa an  
18 inside look at this meter as far as the benefits, the values, the down side, and the cost. She  
19 stated that perhaps Mr. Alexa would then make a recommendation to the Board. She  
20 stated that it might be something that we can implement depending upon the viability and  
21 the reasonableness of the meter. She stated that it might be something we could  
22 implement in phases.

23  
24 Mr. Shareef stated that he would speak with Mr. Alexa. Trustee Gibson stated that she  
25 understands that when you have this kind of Deduct Water Meter you get two bills. You  
26 get an out flowing bill of water that you are using for your car wash and Sprinkling  
27 System, and you get a totally different bill for your regular water that goes through the  
28 sewer.

29  
30 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she has heard of this and it certainly has its  
31 benefits. She thanked Mr. Shareef for bringing that information to the Board. Village  
32 President Meyers-Martin closed Communications and Petitions at 7:50 P.M.

33  
34 **FINANCE:**

35  
36 **January 2013 Financial Statements – Corporate Fund -** Trustee Pennington stated that  
37 this evening he will be reporting on the Village's financial position ending January 31<sup>st</sup>,  
38 2013. He stated that beginning with the Corporate Fund; we planned for and closed this  
39 fund in January in deficit status. Fund revenue was favorable to Budget Projections by  
40 \$31,120.76, or 11% of Plan. The Village's Revenue Budget for January was \$249,517.43.  
41 The Village's actual realized revenue for this period was \$280,638.19. Corporate  
42 expenses were unfavorable to Budget Plan by \$44,425.03, or 8% of Plan. The Village's  
43 Plan Expense Budget in this fund was set at \$545,638.09. The Village's actual incurred  
44 expense in this fund was \$509,063.12. Trustee Pennington stated that when we compare  
45 total fund revenue incurred with total fund expense incurred, we realize a total fund  
46 deficit of \$44,297.37, or 52% revenue to expense. The Village's Fiscal Year to date

1 actual plus encumbrance in the Corporate Fund for the month of January is a deficit in the  
2 amount of \$132,747.94.

3  
4 **Water Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that with respect to the Water Fund we closed  
5 January in surplus status. The Village’s Revenue Budget for January was set at  
6 \$137,758.75. The Village’s realized actual water revenue was in the amount of  
7 \$155,757.76, a difference of \$17,999.01, or 12% favorable to Budget Projection.  
8 Expenses in the Water Fund were unfavorable to Budget Projection by \$28,365.35, or  
9 21% of Plan. The Village’s Expense Budget Projection was \$109,412.30. The Village’s  
10 realized expense was \$137,777.65. Trustee Pennington stated that when comparing the  
11 actual total fund revenue with the actual total fund expense, the Village closed the month  
12 of January in surplus status in the amount of \$17,980.11. The Fiscal Year to date actual  
13 plus encumbrance in the Water Fund remains in surplus status at \$302,452.44.

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15 **Sewer Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that we closed the Sewer Fund in January in  
16 deficit status. The Village’s Projected Revenue Budget was \$83,640.08. The Village’s  
17 realized actual fund revenues were in the amount of \$91,899.14 or 9% favorable to  
18 Budget Projection. Actual expenses were unfavorable to Budget Plan by 60%. Actual  
19 fund expenses incurred were \$162,582.14 as compared to our Plan Expense of  
20 \$64,410.47. Trustee Pennington stated that when we compare actual revenue incurred  
21 with actual expenses incurred, we realize an actual total fund deficit of \$70,683.00. The  
22 Fiscal Year to date actual plus encumbrance in the Sewer Fund for the month of January  
23 remains a surplus \$1,905,164.04.

24  
25 **Treasurer’s Report of Cash Balances for the Period Ending January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013** –  
26 Trustee Pennington stated that we have the Olympia Fields Treasurer’s Report of Cash  
27 Balances for the period ending January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013. The Village’s cash net fund balances  
28 remain healthy at \$8,364,917.53. This figure represents the distribution of funds through  
29 various banks that the Village does business with. The cash net of Interfund by fund is a  
30 healthy \$8,260,123.00. The Interfund is those funds that are borrowed from the General  
31 Fund or the General Fund Accounts for specific items being handled in the Village. The  
32 final page of the report gives a bar graph on the amount of funds and how they are  
33 distributed in bar graph form for the General Fund.

34  
35 **Finance Committee** – Trustee Pennington stated that the Finance Committee met last  
36 week. The Finance Committee looked at Draft 1 of the 2013/2014 Budget for the Village  
37 of Olympia Fields. There are questions as to be expected. He believes that they will be  
38 able to move forward on the next round of reviews which is scheduled for the early part  
39 of March.

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41 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Pennington in relationship to the  
42 other investments, what the rate of return is of Illinois Funds.

43  
44 Trustee Pennington stated that is not reflected on this report. Trustee Pennington stated  
45 that he is not aware of the total rate of return. He believes that you would have to look at  
46 each one of the Fund Accounts in order to get a general percentage and then factor in

1 those into an aggregated percentage. Trustee Pennington stated that he would have that  
2 information for Village President Meyers-Martin at the next Board Meeting.

3  
4 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she was just curious. She is now working  
5 with Illinois Funds. She was just wondering how they are in comparison to the other  
6 investments. She stated that they are really low. Trustee Pennington stated that the  
7 Village has 33% invested in Illinois Funds. Village President Meyers-Martin stated yes,  
8 as most towns do. Trustee Pennington stated that is a very valid question that Village  
9 President Meyers-Martin posed. He stated that he is not aware of their particular rate of  
10 return. Trustee Pennington stated that he would find that out for Village President  
11 Meyers-Martin. Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Trustee Pennington for doing  
12 that.

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14 **BUILDING:**

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16 **Sign Variance – 2555 Lincoln Highway – Parkwood Enterprises** – Trustee Ormsby  
17 stated that she just wanted to make the Board aware that the Sign Commission had a  
18 meeting on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, to approve a variance. Trustee Ormsby along  
19 with Trustee Gibson and John McDonnell were present at the meeting. The variance was  
20 for the Medical Building on Route 30. Trustee Ormsby stated that there were about 20  
21 people here in support of the variance that was requested. It was so important to them that  
22 this signage be readable. Most of their staff came, along with the owner of the building  
23 and the doctors. They were very enthusiastic and so thrilled that we granted this to them.  
24 She stated that it was pretty amazing. She stated that they are all young, wonderful  
25 people. They are thrilled to be in the Village. Trustee Ormsby wanted to make the Board  
26 aware that we have some very happy business owners in the Village.

27  
28 Trustee Gibson stated that they never really had a sign that reflected who they have in the  
29 building. It is very difficult for the people who are trying to find them, to find them.

30  
31 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it just says “Professional Building.” Trustee  
32 Gibson stated that one of the reasons for the variance is that a while back IDOT took over  
33 some of the land that they had. There was originally a lot of space between the highway  
34 and the easement. That was taken away. She stated that the variance had to be requested  
35 because it didn’t come within the parameters of our Sign Ordinance.

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37 **PLANNING:**

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39 Trustee Oliver stated that he did not have a Formal Report this evening.

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41 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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43 Trustee Waite stated that he did not have a Formal Report this evening.  
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1 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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3 **Executive Safety Committee Planning Update** – Trustee Nale stated that a presentation  
4 was held on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013, with the members of the Horton Health Group,  
5 Administrator Mekarski, and the Department Heads. It was to consider joining with the  
6 Horton Health Group to provide associated health care to the Village’s employees.  
7 Denise from Robinson Engineering, Kevin Herman and Mike Wojack from Horton  
8 Health Group were the presenters of the hour long presentation. Trustee Nale stated that  
9 it was quite thorough.

10  
11 Trustee Nale stated that they are going to have a further discussion on that program at the  
12 next Executive Safety Committee Meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013. There are pros and cons.  
13 It is a really great program. She has some concerns financially with it, and it will have to  
14 be investigated further. Trustee Nale stated that she would like to do something to aid the  
15 employees in taking care of their own health, which will result in lower costs to the  
16 Village. Trustee Nale stated that the Board will be hearing further from her about the  
17 program as time goes on.

18  
19 Trustee Pennington inquired of Trustee Nale whether or not there is a cost associated  
20 with this program. Trustee Nale stated that there is a cost. Trustee Pennington inquired of  
21 Trustee Nale whether or not the Horton Health Group quoted that cost. Trustee Nale  
22 stated that they did, but it had certain stipulations to it which she is not clear on. She  
23 doesn’t want to speak about it until she is clear on it. Trustee Pennington stated that he  
24 understands.

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26 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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28 **Tornado Warning System Update** – Trustee Gibson stated that her report this evening  
29 is concerning an update on the Tornado Warning System. She stated that it was brought  
30 to her attention by Deputy Chief Frey and Officer Barry that since the original installation  
31 of the Village’s Warning Siren System, the Village has expanded in population and in  
32 area. They had a chance to discuss severe weather safety and the various safety Warning  
33 Systems in place. They discovered some dead zones in the system.

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35 Trustee Gibson stated that the Village currently owns and operates two sirens. One is in  
36 the old Village Hall and the other siren is in the Oakwood Lift Station. These were  
37 installed years ago after the severe tornado that was out west. New sirens will cost  
38 approximately \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 each.

39  
40 Trustee Gibson stated that it came to their attention that the Country Club has a siren  
41 installed on top of the clubhouse. The Siren System has not been used in the past several  
42 years. It was used for a while as a Lightning Warning System for the golfers. Since then  
43 the Country Club installed a new Lightning Warning System for the golfers. This siren  
44 has the capability of being integrated into the Village’s Warning System, with the  
45 addition of a radio controller to allow the siren to be activated by either SouthCom or the  
46 Police Department. Some of the police officers have investigated with Braniff



1 Communications. Trustee Gibson stated that at the time she was given this information  
2 they were awaiting the cost of installing the radio receiver. She met with representatives  
3 of the Country Club. They assured her that they were in accord with whatever the Village  
4 needed to connect that siren to the Village's Warning System.

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6 Trustee Gibson stated that since that time, Chief Krull, Deputy Chief Frey, and Officer  
7 Barry received a quote from Braniff Communications. The cost is \$2,437.00. Chief Krull  
8 is requesting \$2,500.00 so that they can be sure that all of the money is taken care of. The  
9 Manager of the Country Club, Russell Ruscigno, indicated that all the Village had to do  
10 was to indicate to Braniff Communications that they should get in touch with the Country  
11 Club to find out exactly what they have to do, and the Country Club would be very  
12 willing to do what was necessary so that the Village will be completely covered.

13 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to suspend the rules in**  
14 **order for Chief Krull to address the Board.**

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

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17 Chief Krull stated that Officer Sean Barry is the one that brought this matter to his  
18 attention. Chief Krull stated that he has sat down with each officer in the department. He  
19 has been picking their brains for things that would improve the Village. Chief Krull  
20 stated that Officer Barry is an untapped resource here. He is a trained weather tracker and  
21 a tornado spotter. It was explained to the Chief that there is a dead spot in the center of  
22 the Village. There are two Tornado Sirens that work. There is a siren on the steeple of the  
23 Country Club that is not being used. It is an asset that he thought the Village could  
24 leverage. The Chief let Officer Barry and Deputy Chief Frey run with the project. Officer  
25 Barry contacted Braniff Communications. Chief Krull stated that he is asking for  
26 \$2,500.00 to provide a little bit of wiggle room. The estimate came in at about \$2,433.00.  
27 It is to install a radio, wireless controller to activate that siren. Both ends of the Village  
28 will be covered as well as the center of the Village. He stated that location wise it is a  
29 great idea if you think about the commuter lot and the rail system running through there.  
30 In the event of a weather incident, everybody knows that warning is going off and the  
31 entire Village is covered.

32  
33 Trustee Waite stated that the siren that the Country Club has is extraordinary. He stated  
34 that when it would go off you can hear it everywhere in the Village. It certainly has the  
35 power. He stated that if all you need is a controller it is a win-win. Chief Krull stated that  
36 he is hoping that it will be a win-win.

37  
38 Trustee Gibson stated that Mr. Ruscigno had said that he would take it back to his Board  
39 and he did do that. The Board of the Country Club is in agreement with it. The Village  
40 just has to have Braniff Communications contact the Country Club and tell them what  
41 they have to do and they will be allowed to do it.

42  
43 Trustee Waite stated that there are approximately 50-homes that people live in on the  
44 Country Club property that would benefit from the reactivation of that Alarm System.  
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1 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Gibson what kind of process is that  
2 for Braniff to come out and make that connection.

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4 Trustee Gibson stated that she doesn't know that yet. She believes that Officer Barry and  
5 Deputy Chief Frey are working on that. They will be in touch with Russell Ruscigno at  
6 the Country Club. Trustee Gibson didn't believe that it had to be a Motion tonight if the  
7 Board decides it can stay as a budgetary item.

8  
9 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Gibson that if we get the go ahead  
10 to do that, what kind of timeline are we talking about. Trustee Gibson stated that she will  
11 have to let the Village President know that as soon as she knows. Village President  
12 Meyers-Martin stated that she believes that tornado season is coming. Trustee Gibson  
13 stated that she believes that their intent is to get it up and running as fast as they can.  
14 Trustee Gibson will keep the Board apprised of how that system is going.

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16 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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18 **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 219 – Graymoor Sanitary Lateral Project –**  
19 Administrator Mekarski stated that this item is on your Revised Agenda regarding the  
20 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 219 Funding for the Graymoor Sanitary Sewer  
21 Lateral Project. The Village has been working for about two-years on the opportunity of  
22 getting Federal Funding to help one of the two Public Projects in Graymoor, the  
23 Graymoor Ponds and/or our Sanitary Sewer System. He stated that we are very, very  
24 pleased to announce that today we have a packet before you which came in on Friday  
25 afternoon at 3:26 P.M. requesting that we turn around all the legal paperwork that is in  
26 the packet by tomorrow afternoon. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is advancing to  
27 their District Commander a recommendation to subsidize the Village's Graymoor Lateral  
28 Project by some inclusion of \$533,333.00 of Federal Funds. Administrator Mekarski  
29 stated that it is a 75/25 match. He stated that it is 75% in Federal Funds or \$400,000.00,  
30 and 25% in local funds, or \$133,333.00. The local match can be taken from the Bond  
31 initiative that the Village just released for \$1,700,000.00 of Sanitary Sewer bond work. It  
32 is another contractual opportunity. This is specifically for sewer lining of sewer laterals  
33 and repairing T-connections.

34  
35 Administrator Mekarski stated that a lot of the Village's Sanitary Sewer System has aged  
36 in place and has cracks and leaks. It is allowing rainwater to get into the Sanitary Sewer  
37 System and it causes three things that we have to eliminate. It causes a violation with  
38 MWRD, IEPA and the EPA. He stated that we have to keep a certain amount of rainfall  
39 out of the Sewer System because they treat it unnecessarily; raising everybody's cost for  
40 Sanitary Sewer. More importantly, if we don't eliminate the amount of rainfall into the  
41 Sewer System, it taxes the Village's Sewer System. It fills up the pipe and the sanitary  
42 sewer. When it needs to go down the pipe, it doesn't have the capacity, and it backs up  
43 possibly into our streets, into our streams, and worst of all into our basements. That is  
44 something that we cannot tolerate. It could involve substantial liability and fines.

1 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Board has already approved the \$1,700,000.00  
2 Project to line the laterals in Graymoor to eliminate this inflow and infiltration. Today we  
3 have the opportunity to get \$400,000.00 to subsidize it. That means the Board can do one  
4 of two things. The Board can pay off the Village's debt early, or pay in advance reducing  
5 our debt obligations, and/or transferring this \$400,000.00 to another neighborhood where  
6 we can tackle the same issue. This project directly saves the residents dollars. We are  
7 tackling the problem from the public right-of-way. If the Village didn't do this, 114 out  
8 of 144 homeowners in Graymoor would be stuck with a bill anywhere from \$5,000.00 to  
9 \$15,000.00 apiece. In a period of recession that is just too hard. It isn't just in Graymoor;  
10 it is Village-wide that this problem is going to be tackled. This happens to be the first  
11 phase. He stated that the Motion is drafted to authorize the Village Administrator to sign  
12 various documents that are contained in the packet. When he received the packet he sent  
13 it immediately to Trustee Pennington for Finance and Trustee Waite for Public Works.  
14 The documents were reviewed by the Village Attorney and the Village Engineer. It will  
15 be ready for tomorrow with very minor changes in the contract to go forward for  
16 execution.

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18 Trustee Waite stated that this is a pretty substantial opportunity for us to do a major  
19 project and have money left over.

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21 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is not complaining, but when they went  
22 to Washington and met with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers two-years ago, it didn't  
23 really look as though this was going to come to fruition. She stated now that it has we  
24 certainly are happy. She stated after two-years for them to send the information on a  
25 Friday and want it all back by Tuesday she thought that was kind of odd.

26  
27 Trustee Ormsby stated that we are requesting the funds. She inquired of Administrator  
28 Mekarski whether or not it is a sure thing that we have the funds.

29  
30 Administrator Mekarski stated that it is requesting the funds. It is going to the District  
31 Commander. He has the final say. There is a question on how the Federal Sequester could  
32 affect Federal Funds across the Board on all departments. He stated that possibly what  
33 could be going on is because of the sequester, the Federal Agencies are saying get the  
34 stuff that is shovel ready and get it to me ASAP.

35  
36 Trustee Pennington stated that he would suspect that is the case. He stated once we have  
37 the documentation in place executed by the appropriate parties, notwithstanding what is  
38 going to happen with the sequestration, we have it in place, and chances are we will get  
39 the money.

40 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to authorize the Village**  
41 **Administrator to forward to the U.S. Corps of Engineers a letter of intent, self-**  
42 **certification of financial capability; and further authorize the Village Administrator**  
43 **to enter into an Agreement between the Department of the Army and the Village of**  
44 **Olympia Fields, Cook County, Illinois, for design and construction assistance for the**  
45 **sewer rehabilitation and clean out installation, Village of Olympia Fields, Cook**  
46 **County, Illinois; which will authorize the Village to solicit Section 219 Grant**

1 **Funding, in the amount of \$533,333.00 at a 75%/25% cost share (\$400,000.00 in**  
2 **Federal Funding and a Local Match of \$133,333.00). Local Match financed from the**  
3 **Village’s Sanitary Sewer Graymoor Lateral Project Bond Fund.**

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

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6 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**  
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8 **207<sup>th</sup> Decorative Street Lights** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that there is a  
9 Memo in the Board Packet regarding the 207<sup>th</sup> Street Decorative Street Lights, which are  
10 a part of the safety improvements at Governors Highway and 207<sup>th</sup> Street on Scott Drive.  
11 This intersection has been a subject of discussion for months now as it relates to the  
12 Tolentine Park. The Village has gone round and round with IDOT to make that section  
13 safer for the children and the residents who would be crossing Governors Highway, four-  
14 lanes of traffic at 55 miles-per-hour at the very least to get to Tolentine Park. Village  
15 President Meyers-Martin stated that the Village was awarded funding in order to make  
16 some safety improvements which are listed here. 1. Pedestrian activated flashing beacons  
17 on Governors Highway with advance signage and marked crosswalk for a pedestrian  
18 crossing that meets ADA requirements. 2. Signage for shared bicycle lanes on 207<sup>th</sup>  
19 Street between Governors Highway and Olympian Way. This will connect with the  
20 existing bike lanes on Olympian Way and the existing multiuse path at Tolentine Park. 3.  
21 A sidewalk on the south side of 207<sup>th</sup> Street from west of Governors Highway to Hellenic  
22 Drive. This will connect with the existing sidewalk on Hellenic Drive, one block west  
23 and parallel to Olympian Way, and the multiuse path at Tolentine Park. She stated that a  
24 bonus of those improvements the Village received is the ability to put decorative lighting  
25 along 207<sup>th</sup> Street which would be part of those monies that have been set aside for those  
26 improvements. There is a drawing of the decorative lights in the Board Packet. Village  
27 President Meyers-Martin stated that for the benefit of the audience, they are like the  
28 decorative lights that go along the boulevard on Kedzie as well as in our Metra Lot. They  
29 are very attractive lighting fixtures.

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31 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that there would be 16 light poles required to  
32 light the 3,500 feet of roadway and sidewalk. There is no action for the Board to take.  
33 She stated that it is very exciting. She stated that 207<sup>th</sup> Street is very dark and this would  
34 be an extremely attractive addition to that area.

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36 Trustee Pennington stated that it will look nice. Administrator Mekarski stated that our  
37 engineer wants to know if there is any opposition with either the design selected and/or  
38 the concept of the lighting.

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40 It was the consensus of the Board that this is acceptable, decorative lighting.

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42 Trustee Nale inquired whether or not the residents along that part of the highway would  
43 be notified that there will be street lights. Village President Meyers-Martin stated yes.  
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1 Trustee Waite stated that it would be interesting to use that new Lighting System, the  
2 LED. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that they are not eligible for this. Trustee  
3 Pennington stated because of Federal Funding.

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5 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we can let Robinson Engineering know that  
6 we are all on board with this particular project.

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8 **Town Hall Meetings** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she wanted to  
9 remind everyone in the audience that we are hosting two Town Hall Meetings. The first  
10 one is on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at 7:00 P.M. at the Arcadia Elementary  
11 School. The purpose of the Town Hall Meetings is in order to introduce Chief Krull to  
12 the residents, and maybe to residents who do not have the opportunity to have a  
13 Homeowners Association Meeting. The Village President and Chief Krull have been  
14 attending the Homeowners Association Meetings.

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16 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the second Town Hall Meeting will be held  
17 on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, at 9:00 A.M. at the Cathedral of Joy Church on Western  
18 Avenue. The thinking was to have a week night and a weekend to make it assessable to  
19 all the residents. She stated that if they can't make the meeting on the week night,  
20 perhaps they can make the meeting on the weekend. Village President Meyers-Martin  
21 stated that she is looking forward to that. She is looking forward to any Trustees that are  
22 available to participate in those Town Hall Meetings.

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24 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

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28 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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30 The Board did not have any New Business to discuss this evening.

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32 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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

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37 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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39 **To Discuss Matters of Collective Bargaining - Open Meetings Act Section**  
40 **5ILCS120/2(c)(2) –**

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42 **To Discuss Matters of Property Acquisition – Open Meetings Act Section**  
43 **5ILCS120/2(c)(5) -**

44 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to go into Executive Session at**  
45 **8:30 P.M. to Discuss Matters of Collective Bargaining according to the Open**  
46 **Meetings Act Section 5ILCS120/2(c)(2).**

1 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to go into Executive**  
2 **Session at 8:30 P.M. to Discuss Matters of Property Acquisition according to the**  
3 **Open Meetings Act Section 5ILCS120/2/(c)(5).**

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

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6 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Board will not be taking any action once  
7 it comes back into Open Session. She thanked everyone for joining the Board tonight.

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9 **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**

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11 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to go back into Open Session at**  
12 **9:28 P.M.**

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

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15 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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17 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Gibson to adjourn at 9:28 P.M.**

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

19 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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