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MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Held on March 3, 2014

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, March 3, 2014, at the Linzey D. Jones Municipal Building and was called to order by Village President Debra Meyers-Martin at 6:30 P.M. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Administrator Mekarski/Village Clerk called the roll.

Present: Trustees – Nale, Byrd, Hudson and Waite
 Village President Debra Meyers-Martin
 Village Administrator/Village Clerk, David Mekarski

Absent: Trustee Gibson and Trustee Oliver.

DCEO Public Sector Energy Efficient Rebate Agreement – LED Street Light Program – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that tonight we need to garner authorization to execute this Agreement with TL Energy and also the amendment to the Project Budget and Village Local Match.

Trustee Waite stated that we have been talking about this for about two-years. There are a couple of items that might increase the cost slightly, but it won't have a large impact. The way that it was before, there was a one-year payback in the cost of doing this after you took into consideration the Grants and the subsidies that the Village is getting from the State and other places. Trustee Waite checked into the Village's inventory as to the bulbs that are in stock for replacement. It is less than \$100.00. The Village gets them from Helsel-Jepperson. He believes that the Village could return the bulbs to Helsel-Jepperson. There are hold Harmless Agreements in the contract. He doesn't believe that there is anything that would stop the Board from moving forward with this.

Administrator Mekarski stated for the record that on January 27th the Board approved our DCEO Agreement. He stated that the Purchase Agreement that is before the Board was approved by Judy Kolman. Changes were made by the attorney for TL Energy. The changes were agreed to by the Village's Legal Counsel, Judy Kolman. There are two actions tonight. The first action is authorization for the Village President to execute a Purchase Agreement with TL Energy for the installation of the LED Lighting. The second is an amendment to the Project Budget and the Village Local Match to accommodate the State of Illinois Prevailing Wage Requirements. The contract initially quoted "Non-union wages." Administrator Mekarski stated that our Legal Advisor indicated that the DCEO required, and all State Contracts require wages to match the prevailing wage or union rates. TL Energy attempted to get that today but was unable to get those final figures. He stated that we could have a Change Order and authorize our Public Works Director to process that and bring it back to the Village, or we could defer that one section to the next Board Meeting. It will not affect the Grant amount for DCEO. It would raise the total Project outlay and it would increase the Village's Local Match. The Village's Match is coming from a variance in the General Fund and 50% from the Metra 203rd Street Account.

Administrator Mekarski stated that Mr. DeGiulio Mohammed is a contractor for Energy One Lighting which is a competitor.

1 Village President Meyers-Martin read the following Motion: “To authorize the Village President
2 to execute a Purchase Agreement with TL Energy for installation of LED Lighting, and further
3 amend the Project Budget and the Village Local Match to accommodate the State of Illinois
4 Prevailing Wage Requirements.” No one made the Motion and there was no second.

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6 Administrator Mekarski stated that with the approval of the Purchase Agreement TL Energy can
7 order the equipment which they have about six-weeks to get in. The Prevailing Wage issue has to
8 be taken care of prior to installation which would only occur after the acquisition. We have to
9 complete the entire project by April 30th because we have to send in for the rebate by May 15th.
10 We are authorized to proceed right now. We just have to come back and amend the Project
11 Budget and the project match. The total outlay was \$41,168.86. Out of that the State will give a
12 rebate of \$25,276.10. The Village’s net cost was \$15,892.76 with 50% coming from the General
13 Fund and 50% coming from the 203rd Street Metra Account. If it goes up 20% because of the
14 Prevailing Wage Act it won’t be a significant increase to our Local Match.

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16 Trustee Waite stated that the \$15,000.00 is overstated because we didn’t take into consideration
17 the fact that we had calculated in there that we were doing the work with our Boom Truck and
18 some of our Village Labor. He calculated that it would cost the Village about \$6,000.00 out of
19 the whole deal, and the Village was going to get back \$6,000.00 each year for the 15-years that
20 this is in place. Trustee Waite stated whether it is \$6,000.00 or \$15,000.00 it doesn’t matter
21 because we are generating a savings fast enough and in a short enough period of time. He stated
22 that it is not typical of the way we do things to calculate it like that.

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24 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she doesn’t feel comfortable with this. She would
25 like to go forward with the first part of the Motion. She rescinded the Motion because no one
26 moved on it anyway. She stated that we will just do the authorization which is the first part. We
27 will come back with those specific numbers so that everybody is clear as to what this Agreement
28 will contain. Administrator Mekarski stated that we could do that next week.

29 **Motion by Trustee Waite, second by Trustee Byrd for authorization to the Village**
30 **President to execute a Purchase Agreement with TL Energy for installation of LED**
31 **Lighting.**

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33 Trustee Nale inquired whether or not this includes the Metra Lot, the Olympia Club Subdivision,
34 and the Governors Office Park.

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36 Administrator Mekarski stated that it includes all the areas where we have street lights under our
37 jurisdiction. Trustee Nale stated that she was under the understanding that it was going to be the
38 Metra Parking Lot only. Administrator Mekarski stated that we have a limited number of street
39 lights outside of the Metra Lot. Kedzie Avenue is the second largest area. There is isolated
40 lighting at various intersections and at a handful of the subdivisions.

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42 Trustee Waite stated that we could go back and renegotiate all of the street lights, even the ones
43 that Commonwealth Edison is providing at a fixed cost and a flat rate cost because if the Village
44 took over those, and put in the LED Lights, they should reduce the Village’s costs enough that
45 the Village could profit from taking over that lighting.

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47 Trustee Nale stated that she would like to know how many lights are going to be affected by this
48 cost. Trustee Waite stated that it is approximately 100 or less.

1 Administrator Mekarski stated that under Addendum A there are 30 street lights at Kedzie
2 Avenue. There are 51 at the Metra Parking Lot. There are three at the Olympia Club Subdivision.
3 There are three at Governors Office Park. That is included in the Board Packet.

4 **Motion by Trustee Byrd, second by Trustee Waite to suspend the rules.**

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

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7 Mr. DeGiulio Mohammed stated that he is with Energy One LED Lighting. He resides in the
8 south suburbs. DCEO who is supplying the rebates asked him to come out and speak. They
9 supply LED Lighting all over the country. The warranty that is being offered by TL Energy is a
10 five-year warranty. Energy One offers a 20-year warranty on all of their lights. The lights are on
11 about 4,000 hours a year. Their warranty is for 200,000 hours which is for 20-years. They would
12 like to afford better lighting for the Village. He stated that the Village would be revisiting this
13 again in five-years when the rebates may or may not be available. They can get the Village about
14 25% more in rebates from DCEO. He thanked Administrator Mekarski for allowing him to come
15 out and speak to the Board. He asked the Board to hold off making a decision for another
16 48-hours. He stated that he would bring a light out. Their products are made in America. He
17 stated that TL Energy's lights are made in China.

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19 Trustee Waite stated that the largest manufacturer in the world of LED Lighting is a company
20 called "Cree." They have factories in China and in the United States.

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22 Administrator Mekarski stated with all due respect to Mr. Mohammed, the difficulty with Mr.
23 Mohammed's request is the timing. In order for the Village to get the \$25,000.00 it has to
24 complete the installation prior to the end of April so that they can send it into the DCEO before
25 May 14th. The Village researched with the DCEO Legal Staff and with the Village's Legal
26 Advisor whether we could work with a single vendor, a single source process. It was the contract
27 with TL Energy that did the energy audit and billed out all the numbers for the rebate for this
28 Grant. They were reluctant in doing that work pro bono unless they were allowed to be part of
29 the Application. That was okay with our Legal Advisor provided we brought that to the attention
30 of the Board which we did. Their Application was approved and pre-authorized to proceed. We
31 have authorized the Village President to enter into this Agreement. This Agreement reflects the
32 specifications, requirements, and equipment that TL Energy put in. Tonight was a perfunctory
33 thing to get a legal contract with TL Energy to include indemnification and insurance
34 requirements and a default clause. He respects any competitor that comes to the Village. The
35 timeliness of changing in mid-stream would jeopardize this Grant in his opinion. He would
36 encourage the Board to go forward with the Motion as presented.

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38 Mr. Mohammed stated that he did the evaluations of the Village six or seven-months ago with
39 DCEO. It would take 48-hours to get the response back. The delay wouldn't hamstring the
40 Village.

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42 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is sorry that Mr. Mohammed's timing seems to
43 be off in terms of presenting this information in light of the fact that we are here, we called a
44 Motion, and we passed this previously.

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

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1 Administrator Mekarski stated that we will bring in the information on the Prevailing Wage
2 Requirements and any kind of modification or amendment to the Purchase Agreement at the next
3 Board Meeting.

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5 Trustee Waite stated that the supplier in this Agreement told him that their warranty was 15-
6 years. He doesn't know why this changed to five-years. The original supplier of the LED
7 Lighting offered something in the area of 20-years. The LED Lighting is well-known to last
8 somewhere in the neighborhood of 25-years. He believes that it is a typo.

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10 Administrator Mekarski stated that he will look into that.

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12 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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14 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Hudson to adjourn at 7:00 P.M.**

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

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17 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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