

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**  
2 **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
3 **Held on March 9, 2015**  
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5 The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at the  
6 Linzey D. Jones Municipal Building and was called to order by Village President Debra Meyers-  
7 Martin at 7:00 P.M. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Administrator  
8 Mekarski/Village Clerk called the roll.  
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10 Present: Trustees – Gibson, Nale, Oliver, Byrd, Hudson 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 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**  
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18 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Byrd to approve the payment of Bills for**  
19 **March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015, in the total amount of \$181,840.22.**

20 **Roll Call: Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.**  
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22 **COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:**  
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24 Village President Meyers-Martin opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:02 P.M.  
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26 **Request for Signs Warning of Deer** - Miss Gloria Rosson inquired whether or not there could  
27 be added signage for “Deer Crossing,” particularly around 207<sup>th</sup> off of Kedzie and up in the  
28 wooded area. She stated that there seems to be an abundance of them and they tend to dart out.  
29 Miss Rosson inquired whether or not there could be signage warning pedestrians “Deer,  
30 Beware.”  
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32 Trustee Waite stated that there is a male deer over there and that is his harem. They have been  
33 running all over the neighborhood.  
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35 Miss Rosson stated that her daughter lives over there and they just settle on her front lawn. She is  
36 just asking for a couple of signs. That is all. She is not asking the Village to get rid of Bambi.  
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38 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will talk to Jim Landini. Village President  
39 Meyers-Martin requested that Miss Rosson give the Village a general idea of where the signs  
40 should be placed, or where she is seeing the most activity.  
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42 Administrator Mekarski suggested that Miss Rosson drop him a quick Memo. He will work with  
43 Trustee Waite to speak with Jim Landini. Administrator Mekarski stated that we have a variance  
44 in the Public Works Department where we could do that before May 1<sup>st</sup>.  
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46 **Public Commentary at Board Meetings** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that there  
47 seems to be an ongoing misunderstanding of what our public commentary entails here at the

1 Village Hall. She believes that it may be because the night that we discussed that, and the night  
2 that we voted on it there weren't very many people in the room and therefore there is a  
3 misunderstanding. She stated that while we did set time limits, we also said that we never work  
4 with a hard clock, and from that point to now we have never inhibited or asked anyone to cut  
5 short their comments. The Ordinance does provide for the fact that if someone is commenting  
6 and they have gone on for an extended period of time, they have the ability to Motion to extend  
7 the amount of time that they have so they can finish their thoughts.

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9 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she hopes that there is more clarity within the  
10 Village that the public commentary was designed by the Attorney General's Office in order to  
11 allow everyone to have the ability to speak, but not allowing any one person to takeover a  
12 meeting. She hopes that it clears up the fact that everyone has the ability to speak always in this  
13 Board Room. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that they have the ability to complete their  
14 thoughts so that the Board understands what their position is. Village President Meyers-Martin  
15 closed Communications and Petitions at 7:08 P.M.

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17 **FINANCE:**

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19 **Budget Meeting** - Trustee Byrd stated that he did not have a Formal Report this evening.  
20 Trustee Byrd thanked the Village President, Administrator Mekarski, the Board Members, Chief  
21 Krull and everyone else who put four or five-hours in on Saturday. We did a wonderful job. We  
22 are ready for 2015/2016. Trustee Byrd stated that he wanted to personally thank everyone.

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24 **BUILDING:**

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26 **Political Signage** - Trustee Hudson stated that she did not have a Formal Report this evening.  
27 She spoke with Administrator Mekarski today. Trustee Hudson inquired whether or not it was  
28 going to be made clear to people who are running for Political Office as to what the signage  
29 would be this year.

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31 Administrator Mekarski stated that he spoke with the Village President. The Building  
32 Commissioner will put out a Notice to all of the candidates that have filed for the upcoming  
33 April Election, and giving them the Rules and Regulations as set forth by Ordinance. He stated  
34 that signs are not allowed in the public right-of-way. They are allowed on private property and/or  
35 commercial property if they are provided permission. Those rules will go out. The Building  
36 Commissioner and the Code Enforcement Officer are already beginning enforcement of that  
37 Ordinance.

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39 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will notify everyone of what that Ordinance  
40 entails.

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42 **PLANNING:**

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44 **Educational Commission – Approval of the 2015 Mini Grant Awards** – Trustee Oliver stated  
45 that he has one report and two announcements. There is a request by the Educational  
46 Commission for the approval of the 2015 Mini Grant Awards. In the Board Packet are the Mini

1 Grant selections, as well as the letter that went out to the Superintendents, Educators, and  
2 Principals of our feeder schools.

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4 Trustee Oliver asked Ilene Waite who is a member of the Educational Commission to fill the  
5 Board in on the details.

6 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Oliver to Suspend the Rules to allow Ilene  
7 Waite to speak.**

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

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10 Commissioner Waite stated that the first Mini Grant was given to Tamara Arrington from Rich  
11 Central High School. She was awarded \$1,000.00 for a student laptop and a camera to use in  
12 their Audio Visual Programs. The idea is that this will help prepare the students to go to work in  
13 this area or continue in this area of study.

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15 Commissioner Waite stated that Amy Boyle from Sauk School in District 162 was awarded  
16 \$507.89 to implement a school-wide, student-run bookstore. The student-run bookstore will be  
17 run by students with special learning needs. The bookstore will be open to everyone in the  
18 school. They are getting a cash register. They are going to go through the whole process of  
19 running a store and figuring out what they need to have, and how they sell the books. It is a  
20 wonderful activity. Commissioner Waite stated that it was her favorite. It is a project oriented  
21 learning experience that will really mean something to them.

22  
23 Commissioner Waite stated that Dana Calderon from Sauk School in District 162 was awarded  
24 \$972.53 to purchase non-fiction books for her fifth-grade classroom library. The new Common  
25 Core Standards require considerable learning with non-fiction books. A lot of the books that  
26 were available to them are Dick and Jane, Spot and Puff. They do need non-fiction books. She  
27 stated that the more they can get in their specific subject areas the better.

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29 Commissioner Waite stated that Tabitha Coleman from Wilson School in District 170 was  
30 awarded \$998.28 for the Arithmetickles Math Night. This will be a school-wide evening. They  
31 will invite the families. Everybody is trying to get people involved in the schools. A gentleman  
32 comes and he does things, and they have contests. They are going to serve ice cream.

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34 Commissioner Waite stated that Philip Crews from Rich Central High School was awarded  
35 \$897.00 to purchase three Squire Affinity Jazz Bass Packs. He has a Jazz Band. Mr. Crews does  
36 wonderful work. The kids respond really well to him. They have some of these Jazz Packs that  
37 include guitars and bass and a number of things like that. They are too old and dilapidated to be  
38 repaired.

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40 Commissioner Waite stated that Angela Foushi from Kennedy School in District 170 was  
41 awarded \$856.46 to purchase materials for Math Centers and independent study for her fourth-  
42 grade students. Commissioner Waite stated as a former teacher, the Math Centers and  
43 independent study are wonderful opportunities for children to work on their own. The more that  
44 you have that they can do on their own and move at their own speed, the more that this will free  
45 up some time for the teachers to work with them on a one-to-one basis. She stated that this  
46 material is for a fourth-grade classroom, but fifth and sixth-graders that are kind of behind and  
47 need something can be sent in to work on these things too.

1 Commissioner Waite stated that Linda Green, K. Baker, B. Bradshaw, J. Collins, A. Daniels, A.  
2 Flanagan, D. Gant, and S. Healy from Illinois School in District 162 have been awarded  
3 \$1,000.00 to purchase a planned, sequential, explicit writing program. One of the hardest things  
4 to teach is writing. This will give them a basis for that. The program they have asked for runs  
5 from second-grade through sixth-grade. The students will be able to work at their own speed.  
6 There will be projects they can work on independently. The teachers will be meeting individually  
7 with these students.

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9 Commissioner Waite stated that Jennifer Krichbaum from Illinois School in District 162 is  
10 awarded \$1,000.00 to purchase non-fiction Science and Social Studies Information Texts and  
11 Materials. This is non-fiction material.

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13 Commissioner Waite stated that Amie Leib from Huth Middle School in District 162 is awarded  
14 \$300.00 to purchase books and CDs for a unit on Maya Angelou. We did award a Mini Grant to  
15 Amie last year. That was for a unit on Langston Hughes. We felt that this was worthwhile.

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17 Commissioner Waite stated that Karen Lane from Huth Middle School in District 162 is awarded  
18 \$395.95 to purchase supplies for a food unit for her seventh and eighth-grade classes. It is  
19 activity based. They can use their Spanish that they are learning. We thought that it was an  
20 imaginative way to go about it.

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22 Commissioner Waite stated that Stephanie Licker from Serena Hills School in School District  
23 161 is awarded \$270.00 for her fourth-grade students to participate in the Egypt Unwrapped  
24 Class at the Field Museum. They study Egypt. They even mummified a hotdog. This is  
25 somebody who thinks about getting her kids involved.

26  
27 Commissioner Waite stated that Kelli Malone and Nicki Gloude from Illinois School in District  
28 162 are awarded \$278.16 to purchase Writing Units. That ties into the other award with  
29 numerous people involved. She stated that those kids from Illinois School better be able to write.

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31 Commissioner Waite stated that Luann Parduhn from Matteson School in District 162 was  
32 awarded \$712.83 to purchase interactive learning materials to use with their Smart Board. She  
33 stated that over 100-students would be using this.

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35 Commissioner Waite stated that Kelly Richardson from Richton Square School in District 162 is  
36 awarded \$957.89 to purchase Science materials for use by 136-students that are in two Early  
37 Childhood Classes, and three At-Risk Prekindergarten Classes. They will be teaching the basics  
38 of Science. The materials will be used by the five classrooms. This is for kids with special  
39 learning problems. Science is a wonderful way to get them involved. She stated that you end up  
40 using Math and Reading, and you tie it around a subject matter that makes some sense.

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42 Commissioner Waite stated that Kelly Stadter from Rich Central High School in District 227 was  
43 awarded \$180.00 to purchase materials to review and prepare students in her AP Statistics Class  
44 Test. If they get a 3, 4, or 5 on the test, they will get college credit for that course. She had been  
45 using a book that she owned, but it is falling apart. The kids in the class will have a book.

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1 Commissioner Waite stated that she would be happy to answer any questions. We are doing 15  
2 Mini Grants this year. The total of the Mini Grants is \$10,326.98 instead of the \$10,000.00.  
3 Commissioner Waite stated that this is a program that she really, really believes in. It makes a  
4 difference. It lets the teachers know that we really care about the kids. We care about them. We  
5 are not just messing with the higher ups. We want to see good things happen in the classroom  
6 and they appreciate it. (There was a round of applause).  
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8 Trustee Oliver stated that Commissioner Waite's Subcommittee is under the leadership of  
9 Reginald Ford. Karen McCray is also on the Subcommittee. He stated that between the three of  
10 them, they have reviewed each of the 39-Applications and had to painstakingly figure out which  
11 of the 39 was most appropriate for the awards, which they now bring to the Board and ask for  
12 their assistance to go beyond the \$10,000.00 budgeted for the Mini Grants. He stated that with  
13 the least amount of money, this program gets the most bang throughout the whole District. He  
14 stated that often the teachers go into their own pockets to go beyond the means of what the  
15 schools provide. These are projects that they would like to do if they only had the money.  
16 Trustee Oliver thanked Commissioner Waite.

17 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to award fifteen Educational Grants,**  
18 **totaling \$10,326.98 to the District/School/Instructor as listed in the attached and**  
19 **recommended by the Village of Olympia Fields Educational Commission in their meeting**  
20 **of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015; and authorize the Administration to notify the fifteen Grant Recipients**  
21 **of their award which will be presented in a ceremony at the next Board of Trustees**  
22 **Meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.**  
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24 Trustee Byrd stated that there were 39-Applications and 15 Mini Grants Awarded. He believes  
25 the program is an excellent program. He stated that his thing is to make sure that all of the  
26 School Districts are involved. Trustee Byrd inquired of the 39-Applications, what is the  
27 breakdown of the School Districts that applied. He noticed that about eight out of 15 went to  
28 District 162. That is why he asked the question.  
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30 Trustee Oliver stated that it is a great question. The letters that went out throughout the entire  
31 School Districts that our students feed into, we had a total of 39-Applications. He stated that  
32 eight came from Rich 227. Out of District 162, we had five from Arcadia, four from Huth, four  
33 from Illinois, one from Indiana, one from Matteson, one from Sauk, and three from Richton  
34 Square. We had three Applications from District 170: One from Kennedy, one from Garfield,  
35 and one from Wilson. He stated that out of District 161, we had two from Serena Hills and one  
36 from Flossmoor Hills.  
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38 Trustee Byrd inquired whether or not there were any from District 209, Bloom. Trustee Oliver  
39 stated that the Applications went out across the Districts that our students feed into. These were  
40 the ones that advanced an Application.  
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42 Trustee Byrd inquired what the criteria for selecting candidates are. He stated that if they don't  
43 finish the Application completely they are tossed out. Trustee Byrd inquired what criteria are  
44 used to select the final candidates.  
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46 Trustee Oliver stated that is another great question. There was a Rubric that was developed by  
47 the Subcommittee some years ago which we have been following. It has a lot to do with what are

1 the teachers offering in terms of advancing the idea of the Illinois School Standard of Common  
2 Core. How does that impact the student? What is the maximum amount of students that it will  
3 impact? The teacher provides us with creative ways of using that money. The Subcommittee tries  
4 to make sense of that based on this Rubric. Trustee Oliver inquired of Administrator Mekarski  
5 whether or not he was involved with the Rubric itself.  
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7 Administrator Mekarski stated that he was not involved with the Rubric. Reginald Ford who is a  
8 long-standing member of the Commission was and Dr. Langon and Dr. Collier. Commissioner  
9 Waite stated that Susy Mekarski was involved. Administrator Mekarski stated that Susy  
10 Mekarski was a former member of the Educational Commission. Generally the Subcommittee  
11 chooses not to get just simple equipment, but something that is innovative and that would spark  
12 interest amongst the other teachers. When you see the teachers come in two-weeks from now and  
13 accept the award, you will see a glow on their face. The word gets back into the school and it  
14 becomes infectious. Superintendent Davis stated that the power of these small Grants goes way  
15 beyond the individual class. There is a competitive spirit of excellence. That is what the  
16 Educational Commission is all about.  
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18 Trustee Byrd stated that it does get infectious when the School Districts are awarded that. His  
19 concern is that too many are going to District 162. If you continue to do that the other School  
20 Districts will not apply. He is aware that some of them did not send in Applications. You have to  
21 make an effort to get Applications from them because you want that infectious spirit to go into  
22 them too and not just 162. He stated that all of those schools are being represented in this  
23 District.  
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25 Village President Meyers-Martin suggested that the Educational Commission may want to  
26 consider for a School District like Bloom that you got no Applications from, sometimes it is  
27 because the right people did not get the Application. She suggested following up with a School  
28 District that you have not gotten any response from just to see where, or who got the  
29 Application.  
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31 Trustee Oliver stated that we will certainly take that under advisement. Trustee Byrd stated that  
32 on the Commission there are suppose to be six ex-officio people from the different School  
33 Districts. Trustee Byrd inquired whether or not there are any there. Administrator Mekarski  
34 stated currently no. We had ex-officio members in the past. The Principal from Rich Central,  
35 Maseo Rainey, was a long-standing ex-officio member, and prior to that we have had some  
36 School Board Members serving as ex-officio members. We had a School Board Member from  
37 Homewood-Flossmoor High School for a period of time. We had some representation  
38 incidentally from other Districts, but never a real long-standing commitment to have a standing  
39 member there. Trustee Byrd stated that his reasons for that would solve some of the problems  
40 getting an Application in because they are suppose to be representing the School Districts.  
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42 Administrator Mekarski stated that it is a good suggestion. At the next meeting the Educational  
43 Commission can talk about doing some solicitation of our Superintendents and see if we can get  
44 some Ad Hoc Committee Members on there. The Commission would benefit from it even if it is  
45 a Guidance Counselor, a Teacher or an Administrator. Trustee Byrd stated that it is a great  
46 program.  
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1 Trustee Waite stated that if we give this information to some of the newspapers and help them  
2 write articles about where the Grants came from, and maybe provide a list of where there were  
3 no Grants, you might get some of the parents to take notice and inquire why there weren't any  
4 Grant Applications that came from their kids school. Some of those questions have to be asked  
5 of the individual schools. Village President Meyers-Martin stated absolutely.  
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7 Trustee Oliver stated that is another great idea and suggestion. This year we had 39 Applications.  
8 Last year we had 66. Someone is going to be left out. Maybe a school submitted an Application  
9 every year. The onus of the responsibility is for the Commission to decide which merits the most  
10 for the Applications that year to award the Grant to. That is why he applauds the Subcommittee.  
11 He knows it can't be an easy job. He applauds the Subcommittee for the work that they do to  
12 select the best of the Applications.

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

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15 **Planning and Zoning Commission Workshop** – Trustee Oliver stated that he wanted to make  
16 sure that the public is aware that on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. there will be a Planning  
17 and Zoning Commission Workshop with the purpose of reviewing the Town Center Plans. We  
18 have been discussing the Town Center Plans for quite some time. It is our hope to get as much  
19 public input as possible every step along the way. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.  
20 He stated maybe bring a neighbor to the workshop to review the Olympia Fields Town Center  
21 Plan.  
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23 **Park District Town Hall Meeting** – Trustee Oliver stated that the Park District will be hosting a  
24 Master Plan Town Hall Meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. sharp at the barn at Sergeant Means  
25 Park. They have some plans and some ideas about how they are going to move the Park District  
26 forward. He stated that it would behoove us to attend that meeting as well.  
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## 28 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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30 **Executive Safety Committee Meeting** – Trustee Nale stated that on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>,  
31 the Executive Safety Committee will be meeting to make some additional plans that we have  
32 delayed for quite a while.  
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34 **Virgin Health Miles** – Trustee Nale stated that the Virgin Health Miles is an organization that  
35 the Village hired to help employees improve their health by walking and doing other things. The  
36 head of that program, Janet Blakes, will be visiting the Village on March 12<sup>th</sup>. She will answer  
37 any questions that any of the employees have at that time as far as the monitors that they use for  
38 walking. She will offer additional equipment the employees can use with the monitors that they  
39 currently have. The employees receive monies for certain miles that they cover during a specific  
40 period of time. We have not had a good response to this program for various reasons. We started  
41 to plan this in the winter. It has been delayed for the last two years due to the very bad winters  
42 we have had. The third time it was delayed because all of the Department Heads were called out  
43 of town for a specific meeting. We are hoping that the event on March 12<sup>th</sup> will be a big success.  
44 The program will be presented at 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.  
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46 Trustee Nale stated that Naomi Perkins who is one of the secretaries has been very diligent in  
47 passing out pamphlets to all of the Department Heads. All of the unit secretaries have been very,

1 very good at getting the employees registered for the program. Trustee Nale stated that Roxanna  
2 Scott got all of the Public Works employees registered in about 15-minutes. She stated that we  
3 owe a lot to the secretaries in the different departments.  
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5 **Employee Manual** – Trustee Nale stated that the Human Resource Committee has been  
6 attempting to update the Employee Manual for maybe two or more years. It has dragged out  
7 quite a long time. Trustee Nale spoke with Administrator Mekarski earlier in the week.  
8 Administrator Mekarski was kind enough to volunteer to explain the delays that occur when  
9 developing a program like this, especially since we have the Police Department with their  
10 specific needs.  
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12 Administrator Mekarski stated that Trustee Nale is taking on a real ambitious project that hasn't  
13 been touched by the Village for well over a decade. Our Employee Manual has been updated  
14 incrementally, but never comprehensively. We are analyzing the entire document. It is going  
15 through a thorough legal review to ensure that it is consistent with State and Federal Labor Law  
16 changes, which are really significant. There have been numerous changes over the last decade  
17 which has to be included in the Manual. Since Chief Krull has been here he has also put a new  
18 evolution to his Standard Operating Procedures. It started with the former Chief and is  
19 continuing with Chief Krull. He is subscribing to an Operating Procedure sponsored by the  
20 Illinois Municipal Risk Management Association called "Lexipol." He stated that Lexipol  
21 provides a Manual, and updates that Manual on a regular basis with Personnel Rules and  
22 Regulations, as well as Standard Operating Procedures which has the authority of the Chief to  
23 sign.  
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25 Administrator Mekarski stated that those personnel elements that control the Police Department  
26 had to be extracted out of that process of that Manual, and they have to be merged with the  
27 Village's Personnel Manual. We can't have three controlling documents: the Personnel Manual,  
28 the Union Contract for Police, and then the Lexipol Personnel Element of the SOP or Standard  
29 Operating Procedures. He stated that it is not a simple task. Administrator Mekarski along with  
30 Chief Krull spent about four or five-hours with Judy Kolman last week at the request of Trustee  
31 Nale. Administrator Mekarski stated that we will be working on this probably comprehensively  
32 for the next six to nine-months. Once it is completed, it will go through a Department Head  
33 Review. We will probably hold a Work Session with the Board of Trustees. We will then pass it  
34 onto Trustee Nale for a thorough review with the Human Resource Committee, and then back to  
35 this Board for adoption by Ordinance or Resolution.  
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37 Trustee Nale inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not he thought this should be  
38 completed within a year.  
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40 Administrator Mekarski stated that he would think so. We are deep into the weeds, if you will, in  
41 the analysis. We have the dedicated resources of the Department Head Team plus Judy Kolman  
42 going through the document thoroughly.  
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44 Trustee Nale thanked Administrator Mekarski for the explanation. She stated that the Human  
45 Resource Committee was getting upset. We have been working on this for so long. She thanked  
46 Administrator Mekarski for verifying that. Administrator Mekarski thanked Trustee Nale for  
47 taking this project on.



1 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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3 **Resolution #2015-05 – A Resolution Approving the First Amendment to Exclusive**  
4 **Agreement between the Village of Olympia Fields, IL and RedFlex Traffic Systems, Inc. –**

5 Trustee Gibson stated that she has one item tonight. That is Resolution #2015-05 – A Resolution  
6 Approving the First Amendment to Exclusive Agreement between the Village of Olympia  
7 Fields, IL and RedFlex Traffic Systems, Inc., RedFlex Amendment; extending the Agreement  
8 with RedFlex Traffic Systems, Inc. for an additional five-year term with two additional two-year  
9 terms per camera per Section 2 of the Agreement. Trustee Gibson stated that in the interest of  
10 traffic safety and motor vehicle crash reduction, the Chief has been working with our Traffic  
11 Administrator Les Delya. They have completed the negotiation process with RedFlex Traffic  
12 Systems to renew the original contract for red light photo enforcement at selected intersections in  
13 the Village. This has been reviewed by the Village Attorney, Judy Kolman.

14 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to approve Resolution #2015-05 - A**  
15 **Resolution approving the First Amendment to Exclusive Agreement between the Village of**  
16 **Olympia Fields, IL and RedFlex Traffic Systems, Inc. RedFlex Amendment; extending the**  
17 **Agreement with RedFlex Traffic Systems, Inc. for an additional 5-year term with two**  
18 **additional 2-year terms per camera per Section 2 of the Agreement.**

19  
20 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Chief Krull whether or not he wanted to weigh-in  
21 on any information. Administrator Mekarski asked Chief Krull in his remarks for the public  
22 record, to enter some statements into the record relative to how this is working to address public  
23 safety and accidents at these intersections.

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25 Chief Krull stated that over the term of this contract we saved the Village over \$51,000.00. It is a  
26 five-year contract with an option to renew for two-years on the Village's behalf if you so choose.  
27 The program was started September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. The term of that contract expired on August 29<sup>th</sup>,  
28 2014. Since that time we have been in open negotiations with the RedFlex Company and other  
29 Photo Enforcement Companies in the area to try to get the best deal we can while trying to  
30 increase the safety on our roadways. The traffic crash reduction which is the primary goal of this  
31 program has been reduced slightly at these intersections. The only caveat being is at 30 and  
32 Western that has been under construction for the last eight, nine, or 10-months. That typically  
33 slows people down quite a bit anyway.

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35 Chief Krull stated that throughout the new portion of the Agreement, a fourth intersection is  
36 going to be added at Western and Vollmer. The Traffic Crash Stats do state that we have a  
37 problem there. It seems that the other photo enforcement efforts have been concentrated along  
38 Lincoln Highway, along Route 30. We are going to move over to the other side of town at  
39 Western and Vollmer. We have started the IDOT Permitting Process for that. The accident stats  
40 do support a Red Light Photo Enforcement Program at that intersection as well. We have vetted  
41 other vendors. Due to the previously existing infrastructure with RedFlex with the billing and all  
42 the processing that is involved, as well as the cost reductions we chose to stay with RedFlex at  
43 this time.

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45 Trustee Waite inquired of Chief Krull how many accidents were at Vollmer and Western. Chief  
46 Krull stated that for the last year there has been 21 Type 1 Crashes. He stated that Type 1  
47 Crashes are accidents that resulted in very serious injury where someone has to be taken to the

1 hospital. He stated that Type 2 Crashes are accidents involving property damage over \$500.00.  
2 There were 48 of them throughout the last year. Flossmoor responds to some of those accidents  
3 as well over there because we have to figure out whose jurisdiction it is. Trustee Waite stated  
4 that he goes through that intersection almost every day and he has yet to see one accident there.  
5 He has seen a couple of accidents where people were killed. He stated that there seems to be  
6 some disconnect.

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8 Chief Krull stated that they send out traffic spotters who will sit there and monitor the traffic  
9 conditions. The other thing that they are counting is the amount of people that are going through  
10 a red light. He prefers not to see anybody get hurt at all at anytime. He believes that throughout  
11 the course of the program we will see a drastic reduction.

12  
13 Trustee Nale stated that she has gone through that particular intersection maybe three or four  
14 times a week. She stated that the traffic that is headed south they don't stop. They glide very  
15 slowly right through that intersection and right up Western Avenue. There were seven cars today  
16 while she had the red light. She stated that it is really bad.

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18 Chief Krull stated that he would agree with that assessment. We want to change driver behavior.

19  
20 Trustee Waite inquired of Trustee Nale if she is making a right turn; going south on Vollmer and  
21 making a right turn. Trustee Nale stated she is on Vollmer Road headed for Western Avenue.  
22 She was stopped at a red light. There were cars that had to stop and then turn so they were  
23 headed south on Western. They did not stop. They glided through the intersection and turned.  
24 She stated that there is a need there.

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26 Trustee Gibson stated that all you need to do is drive along that route. We drive it every day,  
27 three, four, five, six times a day. The proliferation of traffic on that road has doubled or tripled.  
28 Sometimes the traffic is backed up to Kedzie Avenue going east. She stated that sometimes when  
29 those cars that are on Western going south it is backed up. Sometimes you cannot even get across  
30 to turn because there is so much traffic there. She is sure it is because of the condition of Route  
31 30. Trustee Gibson stated that Route 30 is so terribly bad.

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33 Administrator Mekarski stated that the route from Crawford to Kedzie gets somewhere between  
34 11,000 and 13,000 trips per day. The segment that Trustee Gibson is talking about gets 22,000  
35 average daily trips. That is one of the reasons why we were able to get the \$1,000,000.00 Grant  
36 to do widening there and getting a higher clearance for the bridge. It is almost double the amount  
37 of traffic on the other sections of Vollmer Road. He stated 22,000 daily trips per day.

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39 Trustee Oliver stated that what caught his attention in the Memo from Chief Krull was the very  
40 first sentence, "In the interest of traffic safety and motor vehicle crash reduction." He stated that  
41 we started the program four or five-years ago. Chief Krull stated in 2011. Trustee Oliver inquired  
42 of Chief Krull what the norm was then compared to what it is now. If you say that there was a  
43 reduction, what is that percentage, if you know?

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45 Chief Krull stated that he doesn't have that information in front of him right now. He can  
46 certainly provide that in a written format to Trustee Oliver. The whole idea with these programs  
47 is traffic safety. We can look back to 2011 and prior and see how many accidents were there pre-

1 photo enforcement. You want to see a gradual reduction in the amount of accidents there. Chief  
2 Krull stated that he will further research that so that he is stating accurate numbers.

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4 Trustee Oliver stated that the only reason why he is asking the question is because if we are  
5 talking about data, and talking about extending the contract, if we are really interested in traffic  
6 safety and motor crash reduction we need to know what was and what is. If there is a “drastic  
7 reduction” what amount would that be to then suggest we should then extend it for another five-  
8 years. Trustee Oliver stated that one of the things that he is noticing about the contract is it talks  
9 a lot in Section B each of these cameras will have separate, distinct and independent five-year  
10 terms. Chief Krull stated correct. Trustee Oliver stated that at the bottom it talks about the  
11 customer, (Olympia Fields) may exercise a right to extend the initial term. He stated that if we  
12 decide there are no more accidents on Lincoln Highway it doesn’t say anything about severing  
13 the contract.

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15 Chief Krull stated that what we also need to look at is the amount of violations that occur at each  
16 intersection. Although the traffic crashes seem to have reduced, the amount of violations has  
17 been somewhat steady there. We are not changing driver behavior as much as we want. If the  
18 amount of violations actually go down, then at that point we are could look at the accident data  
19 and the number of violations that have occurred there and make that suggestion to terminate that  
20 intersection.

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22 Trustee Oliver stated that it doesn’t offer that as part of the contract. It is just to extend it for  
23 five-years per camera. Chief Krull stated that this is just an Amendment. If you look at the  
24 original contract there is an out clause in there. Trustee Oliver stated that he didn’t see that. Chief  
25 Krull stated that Chief Chudwin did an outstanding job with the original contract. The Village  
26 got quite a few concessions that were not normally offered to other customers with RedFlex. He  
27 can’t say enough good things about what Chief Chudwin did with that contract. In the original  
28 contract there is an out clause.

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30 Trustee Waite stated that Chief Chudwin was a lawyer. Chief Krull stated that he was a very  
31 good lawyer from that. It was the first contract that he wrote. It is volumes.

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33 Trustee Hudson stated that when people are coming from the north going south there is a sign  
34 that says, “No right-hand turn on red.” She sees them turning all the time there. Chief Krull  
35 stated correct. That is the change in driving behavior that we are trying to address.

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37 Trustee Waite inquired when was that right turn on red discontinued there. It wasn’t always  
38 there. Chief Krull stated that he doesn’t have any knowledge on that. Trustee Waite thought it  
39 was in the last year or two. Trustee Hudson stated that it has been there. Trustee Gibson stated  
40 that it is the one coming from the north going south on Western. It is not on the other side. Chief  
41 Krull stated that your sight lines are compromised because of the woods and the roadway  
42 obstructions.

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44 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the other thing that we have done is if, in fact, there  
45 is someone that has a violation, RedFlex, and they don’t believe that they actually did it,  
46 Olympia Fields unlike most towns allows you to come in and you sit with Les and he shows you

1 your car, and he shows you the light and all of those things. She stated that not many towns are  
2 willing to do that but we have done that.

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4 Chief Krull stated that he can't say enough good things about Les. He does spend an inordinate  
5 amount of time, but it is time well-spent bringing people into his office and sitting them down in  
6 front of the monitor and actually showing them that violation.

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8 Chief Krull stated that he wanted to recognize Gladys Foster as well. This was literally an  
9 eleventh hour work of art for her to get this in your packet this week. She spent quite a bit of  
10 time trying to get this squared away. He wanted to acknowledge her efforts as well.

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

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13 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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15 Trustee Oliver inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin whether or not Trustee Waite got his  
16 report in. Village President Meyers-Martin apologized and stated that she didn't have that on her  
17 Agenda.

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19 Trustee Waite stated that he did not have a Formal Report this evening.

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21 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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23 **Resolution #2015-06- A Resolution Waiving Advertising of Bids for the Graymoor Lateral**  
24 **Lining Rehabilitation Project and Approving a Contract between the Village of Olympia**  
25 **Fields and Performance Pipelining, Inc. to Complete Work in the Public Right-of-Way and**  
26 **on Private Property (A/K/A "Change Order One")** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the  
27 Resolution before the Board is Resolution #2015-06 - A Resolution Waiving Advertising of the  
28 Bids for the Graymoor Lateral Lining Rehabilitation Project and approving a Contract between  
29 the Village of Olympia Fields and Performance Pipelining, to complete work in the Public Right-  
30 of-Way and on private property (A/K/A "Change Order Number One"). He encouraged members  
31 of the public to look at the exhibit. We are very, very proud of this project. It is creating some  
32 regional attention and stir from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Illinois Environmental  
33 Protection Agency, MWRD, and the Corps of Engineers. It is one of the first projects of its kind  
34 in the country where there is a true project partnership between the Federal Government and  
35 Local Government to solve comprehensively infiltration and in-fill problems, or rainwater  
36 coming into the Sewer System, surcharging it, threatening the possibility of pollution going into  
37 a regulated stream. That is a tributary of Butterfield Creek. What is worse is the possibility of  
38 sewer backups in the 141 homes in Graymoor either on the first floor slab or the basement itself.  
39 This is a problem that is inherent throughout the Village.

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41 Administrator Mekarski stated that you often hear the Administration talk about \$15,000,000.00  
42 to \$20,000,000.00 of Capital Improvements. It is not something that we like to do. We don't like  
43 to throw money literally in the sewer. It is a requirement imposed by the EPA, IEPA, and the  
44 MWRD, and enforced by the State Attorney General. This community had a violation a number  
45 of years back on sewers that were surcharging on Country Club Drive. That could have resulted  
46 in a \$35,000.00 fine per day, every day until it is corrected. This Board mitigated that. He stated  
47 that part of the mitigation strategy was working with what we are doing in the Graymoor Ponds.

1 That is another public/private partnership with the homeowners. Ultimately, this project has to be  
2 completed.

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4 Administrator Mekarski stated that what you have before you is a map showing 141 homes. We  
5 are lining the sanitary sewer laterals. Work was previously completed in this subdivision where  
6 all the sewer mains were lined. The T-Joints, the laterals where the laterals meet the sewer main  
7 were lined, reinforced or grouted. We did other point repairs on the system. He stated that when  
8 he talks about “lining,” they clean and rod the sewer line or the sewer lateral. The sewer lateral is  
9 that line going from the main to the house. They clean and rod that. Then they put a nylon,  
10 fiberglass sock and under heat and pressure they blow the sock up into the pipe. When the pipe  
11 cools, you have a pipe inside a pipe. They then go in with a robotic instrumentation and that  
12 robotic instrumentation cuts the orifice in any kind of line that is connecting into the sewer main,  
13 or sometimes the laterals “Y” off to one bathroom on the east and one bathroom on the west. The  
14 robotic arm has to cut those holes to allow the sanitary sewer to flow into the area.

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16 Administrator Mekarski stated that this project was a Bond Project for 1.6 Million Dollars. We  
17 were able to secure over numerous years, \$500,000.00 from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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19 Trustee Waite stated that the laterals, the tiles are about this long and they fit loosely inside of  
20 each other. They are bound to leak. He stated coming back later and floating this thing in the  
21 inside to eliminate the permeation of ground water, it is a little bit smaller as a result but it  
22 doesn't have to carry the ground water.

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24 Administrator Mekarski stated correct. That is a good point that Trustee Waite is making.  
25 Administrator Mekarski stated that in Graymoor it is even worse because the majority of the  
26 lateral lines are vitrified clay. In some of the new subdivisions like The Trails you have the  
27 green, plastic pipe. In Graymoor and the older subdivisions it is a clay pipe. That clay pipe gets  
28 saturated with ground water over the years and becomes very soft. It is porous to allow breaks,  
29 frost and freeze cycles and root hairs getting into those seams. It ultimately corrects it for a long  
30 period of time. Even though we did almost \$3,000,000.00 of work in Graymoor to do all the  
31 work on the mains, to do work on the T-Joints, to do the point repairs, we are still not meeting  
32 the MWRD and IEPA requirements. We have to go beyond that and what we are doing is the  
33 laterals. The Army Corps of Engineers went out on a comprehensive Bid for their portion of the  
34 project which is \$500,000.00 within the public right-of-way. Their bidding requirements are  
35 much more rigorous than the Village. They have very stringent requirements for minority and  
36 women enterprise solicitation and evaluation. Since they went through that rigorous bidding  
37 requirement, our legal advisor has indicated that we were able to negotiate with the selected  
38 contractor that the Federal Government selected. That provided us two unique opportunities.  
39 First and foremost if we went out on separate Bid there could have been the danger to get two  
40 contractors doing the same sewer line. We would have double the mobilization costs, double the  
41 supervisory costs and we would have to do the projects at two different staging's, and then we  
42 would have a problem seaming this nylon sock that would stop at the right-of-way and then  
43 would have to be seamed somehow and continue towards the house. We have a single contractor  
44 now. We got the highest level of efficiency and effectiveness. They will let the sock in from the  
45 clean out at the main, at the sanitary manhole, and they will extend that sock all the way to the  
46 home. They will calculate the linear footage and the time involved for what work is done in the  
47 public right-of-way which will be billed to the Army Corps of Engineers. After the public right-

1 of-way it will be billed to the Village's Project. He stated that by doing that, not only did we save  
2 the public \$500,000.00 by getting this Grant, but we will be saving an additional \$381,000.00  
3 through really vigorous negotiations that the Administration conducted with Robinson  
4 Engineering to get Performance Pipelining on the job.

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6 Administrator Mekarski stated that any savings we would receive from this would be put in an  
7 encumbered account to be used for sanitary sewer work in another area in the Village. We have  
8 60% of the Village to address. We have other areas that impact Butterfield Creek. More than  
9 likely we will probably be doing Hawthorne Hills as another priority area, to eliminate that  
10 rainwater so we can protect homes from sanitary sewer backups and to protect the environment.

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12 Administrator Mekarski stated that for Graymoor it is a real win-win. We only have about 10  
13 homeowners left that need signing. He wanted to thank publicly the Graymoor Homeowners  
14 Association, and former Trustee Bill Pennington who is a member of that Board who has worked  
15 hand-in-hand with us in getting those letters out, and holding Homeowners Association Meetings  
16 about the project. They have been going door-to-door to get the maximum sign-up in Graymoor.  
17 The last letter is going out today. We are going to give that list to Leon Francisco, the President  
18 of the Homeowners Association and to our former Trustee. They indicated that they are going to  
19 ring the doorbells again and see if we can get 100% activity on this. It is a very fantastic project.  
20 Administrator Mekarski stated that he has a Motion.

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22 Trustee Gibson inquired of Administrator Mekarski that you have 14 homeowners who haven't  
23 signed, how will that affect the whole program.

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25 Administrator Mekarski stated that obviously it is going to have an impact. That is one of the  
26 things that they were trying to communicate to the Graymoor Homeowners. It is not simply an  
27 individual decision. You don't want your sanitary sewer lateral lined, and if your line is leaking  
28 like a sieve, it could impact your neighbor. Your neighbor could have a sanitary sewer backup  
29 once we have the discharge, or the emergency relief valves closed at Butterfield Creek. We gave  
30 notice to the EPA, IEPA, and MWRD that we have these emergency discharge pipes which were  
31 there for years. We have a legal obligation to close those under the Clean Water Act. It could  
32 impact it. He stated that at the level of 141 homes, and we only have 14 to go, it shouldn't be  
33 significant. We are hoping that this last letter can make a difference and that when the  
34 contractors are out and they are going through that particular segment of the street that we can  
35 sign-up a few more and close this gap.

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37 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she met with the Graymoor Board last week. They  
38 seem to be optimistic that they may be able to get those other homeowners onboard. Mr.  
39 Francisco thought as a result of the Village President coming out, and going over some of the  
40 elements of the work that needs to be done, as well as their Pond Project that they may be able to  
41 be persuasive with those homeowners.

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43 Trustee Waite stated that if we have to do that work subsequent to the other work having already  
44 been completed, the cost is going to be somewhere around \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 per home.  
45 Now it is what? Administrator Mekarski stated that it is essentially free.

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1 Trustee Oliver inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not the remaining 14 are in the  
2 home, or are they snowbirds.  
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4 Administrator Mekarski stated that it is a combination. Some are bank owned properties. He  
5 stated that Trustee Hudson can work with the Building Commissioner and the Code Enforcement  
6 Officer to see if there are any bank contacts so we can make some final contacts.  
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8 Trustee Oliver stated that if they are snowbirds, do they leave a forwarding address of where  
9 they are in their absence. Trustee Oliver inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not we  
10 have any records like that where we might be able to contact them. Administrator Mekarski  
11 stated that we have some, but some choose not to forward. He stated that possibly the  
12 Homeowners Association may have better records. He stated that usually a neighbor knows if  
13 you are going to be gone for an extended period of time. He stated that might be something you  
14 want to ask former Trustee Pennington about while he is here tonight.  
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16 Administrator Mekarski stated that there is flow monitoring that is taking place prior to the  
17 project. There is flow monitoring that will take place after the project. If we determine that some  
18 of these 14 homes are causing a problem and they were in the home and they refuse to  
19 participate, then there will be Code Enforcement action. That could go all the way to legal  
20 enforcement action. We would require the homeowner to do it privately. That would cost them  
21 anywhere from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00. It is a very long run up to some of those homes. That  
22 would be unfortunate. The great thing about Graymoor Homeowners, this is really a home value  
23 to them because when they sell their house, they don't have to worry about their Sanitary Sewer  
24 System on a point inspection. It is going to be repaired. Those will last 20, 30-years. It adds  
25 value to the home.  
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27 Trustee Gibson stated isn't it true that the work that you are doing now actually is on private  
28 property.  
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30 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Army Corps of Engineers is doing work in the public  
31 right-of-way. We are doing work under private property. It is on private property. It is under the  
32 ground, but because it is part and parcel of really now the only solution for our public problem, it  
33 was deemed by our legal advisor to be in the public interests to get this accomplished. If this was  
34 not accomplished in this fashion, we would have had to send Code Enforcement Notices out to  
35 all 141 homeowners and give them one to two-years to do up to a \$20,000.00 job. There  
36 wouldn't be economies of scale. The price could be larger. Ultimately, the public still would get  
37 the fines from the State Attorney General, the EPA or the IEPA.  
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39 Administrator Mekarski stated that if anyone doubts any of this come into my office. He will  
40 show a report that they were required to file with the Environmental Protection Agency. It is  
41 about five to six-inches thick. Trustee Waite knows it thoroughly. Administrator Mekarski stated  
42 that after we delivered this five to six-inch document with color photographs, maps, Smoke  
43 Testing, and monitoring, we were asked to answer ancillary questions. We had another document  
44 of two-inches. He keeps those on his desk all the time while this project is going on to let folks  
45 know how serious this issue is.  
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1 **Motion by Trustee Byrd, second by Trustee Oliver to approve Resolution #2015-06 – A**  
2 **Resolution waiving advertising of Bids for the Graymoor Lateral Lining Rehabilitation**  
3 **Project and approving a Contract between the Village of Olympia Fields and Performance**  
4 **Pipelining, Inc. to complete the work in the public right-of-way and on private property**  
5 **(A/K/A “Change Order One”).**

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

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8 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she wanted to thank Congresswoman Kelly because  
9 she was very instrumental in getting those funds released from the Army Corps of Engineers.  
10 Village President Meyers-Martin and Administrator Mekarski had gone to D.C. and met with the  
11 Army Corps of Engineers. They lobbied for this Grant. They put the Application in. It was being  
12 held up. Congresswoman Kelly was very instrumental in getting those funds released to the point  
13 of sending representatives here from the Army Corps of Engineers for our groundbreaking. She  
14 wanted to thank Congresswoman Kelly for all of her help in this matter.

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16 **REPORT OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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18 **Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) Letter Writing Campaign to Governor**  
19 **Rauner** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that on the table she has a copy of the  
20 upcoming Newsletter that everyone should be receiving very, very soon. In the Newsletter she is  
21 asking for a “Call for Action” for a Letter Writing Campaign to the Governor regarding this  
22 proposed reduction in the LGDF. It is causing quite a stir amongst the Municipalities to the point  
23 that you have all types of governances reaching out to the Governor, all Municipalities reaching  
24 out to their citizens to be a part of that Letter Writing Campaign. It will be quite detrimental to  
25 all of us, to our Budget, if the proposed cuts for our Village which would be approximately  
26 \$250,000.00 were to take place. She stated that you have the Illinois Municipal League, the  
27 Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association all coming  
28 together and writing letters to the Governor saying that this would be quite detrimental. She  
29 hopes that everyone will go to the website which is [www.iml.org](http://www.iml.org). You can tap onto that link and  
30 add your signature to that letter to be sent to the Governor’s Office. Village President Meyers-  
31 Martin has received a letter from Senator Hastings asking her to reach out to the residents to be  
32 part of this Letter Writing Campaign. She received a letter from Representative Anthony  
33 DeLuca. Everyone is concerned. It may not be the worst case scenario, but any cut to that fund  
34 would be detrimental to the Village, to our Budget, and to our ability to provide services. She  
35 urged everyone to be part of that Letter Writing Campaign and add your signature to her letter.

36  
37 Trustee Waite stated that one of the other projects that are at risk is the Illiana Expressway. He  
38 stated although they have mentioned before and identified places to spend that money that would  
39 give a greater return up on the north side of the metropolitan area, we get so little down here that  
40 this means a lot in terms of Economic Development for our particular area. He believes that it  
41 would be a disaster to have it cancelled. There are a lot of farmers that don’t want it going  
42 through their farmland. He believes that it would set us back a very, very long time.

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44 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she agrees. The Governor’s Budget Address  
45 included many cuts; more than just to the LGDF, but that is what affects us the most directly, but  
46 to all kinds of things from child care, to health care. He has more or less just taken a machete to



1 the Budget. She stated that she agrees with Trustee Waite in terms of the Illiana Expressway and  
2 many other projects that are quite important to the State of Illinois.

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4 **April 1<sup>st</sup> is April Food Day** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that April 1<sup>st</sup> is April  
5 Food Day. At Village Hall we will have receptacles for you to donate food to provide additional  
6 resources to our Food Banks. There is a flier in the foyer. It does say that “The Local Food  
7 Pantries estimate that the need for food and toiletries has more than doubled in the past five-  
8 years. And while many individuals think of Food Pantries during the winter months, need is  
9 typically higher in the spring and the summer as donations decrease and supplies diminish.” She  
10 would appreciate it if anyone can donate canned goods or toiletries. The flier gives suggestions  
11 in terms of what is most needed. She stated that we take that to the United Way Food Delivery  
12 which is located at the Convention Center in Tinley Park. Village President Meyers-Martin  
13 stated that we will be participating all the way up to April 1<sup>st</sup>.

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15 **AM Audit** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have discussed at previous Board  
16 Meetings about our Energy Audit. We had been stalled with that process because we had  
17 questions regarding the contract with AM Audit. We took it to our legal advisor. They went over  
18 it with a fine tooth comb. We made suggestions and recommendations for that contract to be  
19 changed. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is happy to announce that AM Audit  
20 accepted all of those changes. We will be bringing that contract back at our next Board Meeting.

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22 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Energy Audits help you find revenue. They go in  
23 and find out where you are wasting money and where you are overspending in your energy costs.  
24 We are very excited to be participating in that. We have not had an Energy Audit in the Village  
25 for about 10-years.

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27 **Coffee with the Village President** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Saturday,  
28 March 14<sup>th</sup>, would have been her regular “Coffee with the Village President.” She cannot do it  
29 this Saturday. She stated that “Coffee with the Village President” has been moved to March 21<sup>st</sup>,  
30 8:30 A.M. until 10:30 A.M. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that following “Coffee with  
31 the Village President” there will be a Candidates Forum in the Board Room. She hopes that you  
32 can join her for coffee and if not for coffee at least for the Candidates Forum. Village President  
33 Meyers-Martin believes that it will be interesting, exciting, and all of those things that  
34 Candidates Forums are.

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36 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

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40 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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42 **College Savings Night** - Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Congresswoman Robin  
43 Kelly is hosting a College Savings Night on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the  
44 Matteson Public Library. If you are interested in finding out information, or signing up to Bright  
45 Start or College Illinois, Congresswoman Kelly will be holding a Workshop on that. Village  
46 President Meyers-Martin stated that from personal experience Bright Start is a very good  
47 program.

1    **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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

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6    **ADJOURNMENT:**

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8    **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to adjourn at 8:25 P.M.**

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

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11   **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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