

1 President Jones stated that Officer Guy is being promoted to Sergeant in the Olympia
2 Fields Police Department for his many years of service. President Jones administered the
3 oath of Police Sergeant to Officer Guy as follows: "I, James Guy, having been appointed
4 to the position of Police Sergeant in the Village of Olympia Fields, in the County of
5 Cook, State of Illinois, do solemnly swear, that I will support the Constitution of the
6 United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and all Ordinances of the
7 Village of Olympia Fields, and that I will discharge the duties of the position of Police
8 Sergeant according to the best of my abilities." (There was a round of applause).

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10 Chief Chudwin stated that this is truly a great moment for all of us. Chief Chudwin stated
11 that Officer Guy is recognized throughout our entire region at the very highest levels
12 from Federal Agencies, County, and local. He stated that wherever he goes and he
13 mentions Officer Guy's name, everyone states "that is the finest police officer we have
14 worked with." He stated that it is a great honor for all of these 24 years to call him a
15 friend, to work with him, to be honored by his service, and that whatever he chooses to
16 do in his life he will be the best at it. He thanked Officer Guy and stated that he is the
17 best. (There was a round of applause).

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19 Trustee Meyers-Martin congratulated Officer Guy on his service, his dedication and
20 commitment to the Village. She stated that she has not had the opportunity to interact
21 with him much because he has always been busy. She stated that it has been rewarding to
22 hear about all of his accomplishments, and about all of the good work he has done with
23 the U.S. Customs Service. She stated that the Village of Olympia Fields is truly proud of
24 him and all of the work that he has done, as well as the rest of the Public Safety
25 Department. She is very happy that she is the liaison to the Public Safety Department and
26 working with Chief Chudwin and all of the officers. (There was a round of applause).

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28 Officer Guy stated that he doesn't have enough words to be able to express his gratitude.
29 He is truly humbled by the Promotion. He stated that it has been a great 24 years working
30 with all of the people in the Village, the Trustees, and President Jones. He expressed his
31 thanks to everyone in the Village. (There was a round of applause).

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33 At 7:10 P.M. there was a brief recess in order for photos to be taken with the Board and
34 the police officers. The Board Meeting resumed at 7:17 P.M.

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36 **Light at 207th Street and Western Avenue** - Mr. Larry Mullins stated that he resides at
37 20808 Alexander Street. He is a member of the Olympia Fields East Homeowners
38 Association. He stated that the light at 207th Street and Western Avenue is still out. The
39 residents can't find the street. They are running up on the common ground. Trustee Oliver
40 stated that he spoke with Joe Alexa about this. Mr. Alexa has been in contact with Miss
41 Eberhardt with ComEd. There is a problem underground and ComEd is suppose to be
42 taking care of this matter. Trustee Oliver stated that even as a resident it is difficult to
43 navigate on that street in the dark. He stated that Mr. Alexa has been on top of this
44 matter. It is out of Mr. Alexa's hands and up to ComEd to do the repairs. Mr. Alexa has
45 been given assurances that ComEd is on top of this matter.

1 President Jones stated that the Village is trying to get ComEd to move it along. He
2 doesn't know if there is something temporary that the Village can do in the meantime,
3 such as flashing horses. President Jones stated that we would review that with Mr. Alexa
4 to see if there is some kind of short-term, reasonable, safety strategy that the Village can
5 put into effect. He stated that it wouldn't be aesthetically pleasing, but it might improve
6 visibility. President Jones closed Communications and Petitions at 7:19 P.M.

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8 **FINANCE:**

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10 **Ordinance #2010-06 – An Ordinance Abating the 2009 Tax Levy for the General
11 Obligation Bonds, Series 2005A of the Village of Olympia Fields – Trustee**

12 Pennington stated that his first item on the agenda is Ordinance #2010-06 – An
13 Ordinance Abating the 2009 Tax Levy for the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005A
14 of the Village of Olympia Fields. This is on Second Reading. Trustee Pennington stated
15 that this matter was brought before the Board at the last meeting on First Reading.

16 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Oliver, to approve Ordinance
17 #2010-06 – An Ordinance Abating the 2009 Tax Levy for the General Obligation
18 Bonds, Series 2005A of the Village of Olympia Fields on Second Reading.**

19 **Roll Call: Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**

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21 **Ordinance #2010-07 – An Ordinance Abating the 2009 Tax Levy for the General
22 Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2008 of the Village of Olympia**

23 **Fields - Trustee Pennington stated that the next item is Ordinance #2010-07 – An**
24 **Ordinance Abating the 2009 Tax Levy for the General Obligation Bonds (Alternate**
25 **Revenue Source) Series 2008 of the Village of Olympia Fields. He stated that this is on**
26 **Second Reading.**

27 **Motion by Trustee Pennington; second by Trustee Oliver to approve Ordinance
28 #2010-07 – An Ordinance Abating the 2009 Tax Levy for the General Obligation
29 Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2008 of the Village of Olympia on Second
30 Reading.**

31 **Roll Call: Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**

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33 **Meeting on March 20th** – Trustee Pennington stated that the Board of Trustees met on
34 Saturday, March 20th to review the 2010/2011 Budget. The Board completed the Budget
35 review. The Board found the Budget to be in order.

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37 President Jones stated that the Budget Ordinance would be put into final form. It will be
38 before the Board on First Reading at the Board Meeting on April 12th. The matter will be
39 before the Board on Second Reading at the Board Meeting on April 26th.

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41 **BUILDING:**

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43 There was no report in the absence of Trustee Ormsby.
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1 flood. The \$20,000,000.00 can be reallocated to the SSMMA Housing Collaborative
2 associated with the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. That means the Village would
3 have a chance to go forward with The Traditions and the rehab strategies.

4 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Oliver to approve Resolution #2010-04 -**
5 **A Resolution authorizing the execution of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the**
6 **Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative.**

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8 Trustee Meyers-Martin inquired as to what the status of the Keck and Keck house would
9 be once it was preserved. Administrator Mekarski stated that under the Neighborhood
10 Stabilization Program, the Federal Funds would go to remodel and refurbish the house.
11 The home would be placed back on the market for home occupancy. Administrator
12 Mekarski stated that there has been a lot of interest from the architectural community
13 around the region in the home. Rather than have it go back on the market for home
14 occupancy, it may go to a foundation or a not-for-profit organization. The Village may be
15 able to preserve the home for landmark status. It is one of the only mid century homes
16 that has steel eye beam construction. There is one-inch slate in the entire structure. At this
17 point in time, Administrator Mekarski doesn't know what will happen to the home in the
18 future. There is a lot of interest to try to preserve it. It may go to a homeowner. He
19 believes that if the home goes to a foundation, or the Architectural Society wants to
20 preserve it, that would be in everyone's best interest. He believes that it is a gem for the
21 entire region. It could be a landmark for the Village to try to protect.

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23 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that if it was going to be deemed a landmark, there are
24 funds available in different programs like the Treasurer's Office, where you can get below
25 market, interest rate funds to preserve it, but it would have to be designated as a
26 landmark, as opposed to putting it back on the market. Administrator Mekarski requested
27 that Trustee Meyers-Martin forward that information to his office and he will forward
28 that information to the head of the Collaborative so that it can be shared with the Chicago
29 Metropolitan Housing Development Corporation and some of the other groups that are
30 looking at it right now. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that she would forward that
31 information to Administrator Mekarski.

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33 Trustee Gibson inquired as to who owns the house now. Administrator Mekarski stated
34 that the Shaw's owned it. It is in foreclosure. He doesn't know whether or not the
35 foreclosure has been perfected. Administrator Mekarski believes that it is a bank owned
36 property right now. He stated that there is going to be an attempt by some of the groups
37 to open up negotiations with the bank, to see if the bank would be willing to donate the
38 home to a foundation, or an Architectural Society rather than actually selling it.

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40 Trustee Gibson inquired that if all of this comes to fruition, and then they decide to sell
41 the house, how would the Village be involved. Administrator Mekarski stated that if it
42 went through the typical Neighborhood Stabilization Program and Federal Funds were
43 utilized to rehab the home, it would be placed on the market for purchase and the
44 homeowner would be responsible to own it and maintain it. He stated that if the home
45 goes to a foundation, or Architectural Society, or another group to preserve it, it might be
46 utilized for tours and studies. The home is, approximately, 5,000 square feet. He stated

1 that a lot of this is still in the developmental stages. If there is not an effort to try to
2 restore it, the home will go to the wrecking ball, and the Village and the entire state
3 would lose a historically significant structure.

4 **Roll Call: Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**

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6 President Jones stated that the roof of the structure is unstable. It is taking in water. The
7 Building Department is going to go over and inspect the roof, and have a roofing
8 contractor provide the Village with a bid for the roof. He stated that by the middle of the
9 summer the house will be filled with mold and nobody would be able to do anything with
10 it. President Jones stated that he might come back to the Board regarding some sort of
11 emergency funding to secure the property, so that these other long-term matters actually
12 can work before the structure is destroyed.

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14 **Repaving of Country Club Drive – Authorization to execute Country Club Drive**
15 **Improvement Agreement** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the last item on his
16 agenda is the repaving of Country Club Drive. He has a Shared Cost Agreement with the
17 Olympia Fields Country Club. At the last meeting the Board approved a Motor Fuel Tax
18 Program, which included for next year the authorization for Baxter & Woodman to go
19 out and bid for the repaving of Country Club Drive. The engineering estimates are
20 \$240,000.00 following a Traffic Study, which was authorized by the Village President
21 and the Board. Administrator Mekarski stated that the Olympia Fields Country Club has
22 agreed to share in the cost of repaving at 50%. The Country Club has asked the Village to
23 assist them in financing this over five to eight years. The Agreement does not specify a
24 dollar amount. The manager of the Country Club indicated that they have budgeted
25 \$20,000.00 annually for this cost.

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27 President Jones stated that we would put this on hold. He stated that once the Village
28 receives the bids, it will know what the numbers are, and the matter can be brought back
29 before the Board for approval.

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31 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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

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35 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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37 **American Cancer Society – "Relay for Life"** – Trustee Gibson stated that at the Board
38 Meeting on February 8th, two young ladies came in from the American Cancer Society to
39 obtain sponsorship from the Village for their program. They are asking for teams to work
40 with their walk-a-thon, and they are asking for donations from each Village. Trustee
41 Gibson stated that the last correspondence she received was how they estimated their
42 sponsorship depending on population. They are asking that the Village have a team of
43 two in their walk-a-thon. They have \$1,000.00 in sponsorship from the Glenwood Wal-
44 Mart. They have pledges of \$1,000.00 or more from other businesses. They have not
45 received anything yet from any Municipalities. Their goal is \$4,000.00 in sponsorships,

1 and \$28,000.00 for teams. They are requesting a donation of \$1,000.00 per team. The
2 sponsorship level for Olympia Fields that they have submitted is \$250.00.

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4 President Jones inquired as to when the event is, and what the deadline is for sponsorship.
5 Trustee Gibson stated that the deadline for sponsorship is May 31st. "Relay for Life" is
6 June 10th. President Jones stated that we told their representatives that when they secure
7 funding from the other communities, Olympia Fields would tender a check.

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9 **"Party in the Park"** – Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that at the last Board Meeting she
10 brought up that the Park District was going to have their "Party in the Park." Trustee
11 Meyers-Martin did receive numbers from Denise Will. She provided those numbers to
12 the Board at the Budget Meeting on Saturday. It was recommended that they get some
13 numbers from the Police Department and Public Works, to obtain the costs that are being
14 accrued in those two departments to help the Park District with the event. It was further
15 suggested that a representative of the Park District attend the Board Meeting on April
16 26th.

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18 President Jones stated that he is sure that dialog will continue between Trustee Meyers-
19 Martin and Denise Will of the Park District regarding this event. He stated that Trustee
20 Ormsby wanted to raise some issues with the Park District with regard to their
21 maintenance of their parks. He stated that there might be other Board members that share
22 those concerns. He suggested that Trustee Meyers-Martin and Trustee Ormsby have a
23 meeting with Denise Will at the Park District, and discuss the Budget issue and the
24 maintenance issue. Then on April 26th or before then, a recommendation can be made by
25 the Board as to how much they would like to contribute to the Park District's event.

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27 Administrator Mekarski stated that there was a suggestion that we start the Board
28 Meeting on April 26th at 6:30 and have the Chairman of the Park District and Denise Will
29 speak with the Board. He stated if the Trustees are going to meet with Denise Will before
30 then, it may not be necessary to schedule that. President Jones stated that he hopes that
31 we can avoid that. He suggested that Tim Bradford or Rich Pozdol be contacted before
32 Denise Will is contacted, in order to put one of their Board Members in the picture about
33 these two issues. He stated that the Park District only has one source of revenue, property
34 tax, and whatever minor fees they make off of rentals. He is sure that their money is tight.
35 He doesn't know what their capabilities are to beautify their parks.

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37 **Money Owed to the County** - President Jones stated that when the Village entered into
38 the contract with the County of Cook to have them spend \$8,000,000.00 of County
39 money to redo Kedzie Avenue, there were components of that program that the Village
40 had to undertake itself. Mainly, the lighting, but some of the add-ons to the County
41 Program were bills the Village had to absorb. The Village's cost on this was \$319,511.45.
42 President Jones believes that was paid through Federal Funding that the Village received
43 through Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr., and funding that the Village received from the
44 State. Last year the County sent the Village a bill for the remaining balance, which is
45 \$90,000.00. The Village did not pay it at that time because the Village was waiting on
46 money that it was owed from the State. The Village did receive that money from the

1 State. The Village has the money and it will pay the bill. That will probably be reflected
2 on the Bills for Approval at the next Board Meeting. President Jones stated that this
3 closes this out with the County and the State with respect to this project.

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5 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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

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9 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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11 President Jones stated that he did not have any Resignations or Appointments.

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13 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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15 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to adjourn at 7:54 P.M.**

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

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18 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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