

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on March 26, 2012**
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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, March 26, 2012, at
6 the Linzey D. Jones Municipal Building and was called to order by Village President
7 Debra Meyers-Martin at 7:00 P.M. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
8 Administrator Mekarski/Village Clerk called the roll.
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10 Present: Trustees – Gibson, Ormsby, Pennington, Nale and Waite
11 Village President, Debra Meyers-Martin
12 Village Administrator/Village Clerk, David Mekarski
13 Absent: Trustee Oliver.
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15 **MINUTES:**
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17 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to suspend the reading of**
18 **the Minutes of March 12th, 2012.**

19 **Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.**
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21 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Waite to approve the Minutes of**
22 **March 12th, 2012, as amended.**

23 **Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.**
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25 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**
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27 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she has Bills for Approval totaling
28 \$198,073.64. She stated that there is a Cover Memo in the Board Packet designating the
29 more significant payouts.

30 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Pennington to approve the payment**
31 **of Bills for March 26th, 2012, in the total amount of \$198,073.64.**

32 **Roll Call: Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**
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34 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**
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36 Village President Meyers-Martin opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:05 P.M.
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38 Mrs. Kimberly Jackson stated that she resides at 201 Lake Drive in the Village. She
39 wasn't able to attend the Town Hall Meeting on March 24th because she was out of town.
40 She thought it was last minute notice. Mrs. Jackson had a couple questions for
41 clarification regarding the contract with Chicago Heights for fire protection. Mrs. Jackson
42 inquired whether or not the Village looked at other Municipalities to partner with for fire
43 protection outside of Matteson.
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45 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we absolutely did consider other towns, yes.
46 Mrs. Jackson inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin whether or not the Village

1 considered, or did it seriously seek partnership. Village President Meyers-Martin stated
2 that once we discovered that the other towns that were under consideration did not have
3 the capacity to serve Olympia Fields, we did not pursue it any further. Mrs. Jackson
4 inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin whether or not Chicago Heights was the
5 only one that made the top pick to do business with. Village President Meyers-Martin
6 stated that they absolutely had the capacity. They had the willingness and the
7 receptiveness to work with the Village. They had the proximity that we needed. They
8 were willing to work with the Village in terms of our response studies that the Village did
9 with its engineering firm to make sure that the service that the Village would be receiving
10 would either be the same as or exceed the service that the Village has now. Mrs. Jackson
11 inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin what the contract period is for. Village
12 President Meyers-Martin stated that it is for five years. Mrs. Jackson inquired whether it
13 is locked at the price for five years, or if there are any increases over time.

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15 Administrator Mekarski stated that it has a CPI escalator. He stated 2% of the percentage
16 increase that is determined by the CPI, whichever is greater and capped at 5%.

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18 Mrs. Jackson stated that the Referendum failed for the 911 increase. She inquired what
19 the Village's plan is at this point.

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21 Administrator Mekarski stated that SouthCom is paid regardless of how it's financed.
22 The Village's current billing is approximately \$330,000.00. They collect only about
23 \$88,000.00 in 911 Surcharge Funds. The property taxpayer will pick up the difference
24 from the General Fund. It is unchanged from how it was financed in the past. He stated
25 that we were trying to free up the property taxpayer from carrying the burden of this
26 business function of the Village. We were trying to make it a user fee system. He stated
27 that the big users and all of our non-profits, St. James Hospital, District 227, and Aunt
28 Martha's have multiple lines. Since they are not paying property tax, and property tax
29 pays for three-quarters of the bill, essentially the residential taxpayers are subsidizing
30 those non-profits.

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32 Mrs. Jackson inquired whether or not there are any other options to generate additional
33 revenues for that. Administrator Mekarski stated that the only option would be to go back
34 out on Referendum. He has to check to see if that can be done after a one-year period or a
35 two-year period. He stated that there are no other options to raise revenue for 911. It is
36 either property tax or 911 surcharges. He stated that State Statute regulates cell phones.
37 Landlines, hard copper as well as voice over IP are the powers vested in the residents
38 through the Referendum Process.

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40 Mrs. Jackson inquired of the Board which Trustee is in charge of the Police Department.
41 Trustee Ormsby inquired if she meant who the liaison was for the Police Department.
42 Mrs. Jackson stated yes. Trustee Gibson stated that she is. Mrs. Jackson stated that she
43 spoke with Chief Chudwin a couple years ago about the police officers that are on duty
44 patrolling in the Village. Recently she has seen a couple of things that have kind of
45 disturbed her. She stated that one is rolling stops at stop signs and no turn signals. She
46 stated that last Monday she was on Route 30 going north on Olympian Way which is

1 Kedzie. She had an officer tailgate her all the way to 207th Street. She didn't appreciate
2 that at all. She wasn't sure if he was checking her license plate or what. He tailgated her
3 all the way to 207th Street where he turned to go back westbound on 207th Street. She
4 wants to make sure that it is brought up. She was almost hit by an officer over here by
5 Rich Central. She believed that he was on a hot pursuit but he didn't have his lights on.
6 She just wanted to bring that to the Board's attention.

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8 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that in terms of calling Chief Chudwin, he always
9 welcomes that especially if there are concerns. She stated that we encourage people to do
10 that, but coming to the Board is also a good idea because we like to hear what's going on
11 too because we can't be everywhere and see everything. Village President Meyers-Martin
12 thanked Mrs. Jackson for coming in. Village President Meyers-Martin closed
13 Communications and Petitions at 7:10 P.M.

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15 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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17 The Board did not have any items on the Consent Agenda this evening.

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19 **FINANCE:**

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21 **February 2012 Financial Statements – Corporate Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated
22 that he will be reporting on the Village's financial position ending February 28th, 2012.
23 Although the Village budgeted for a surplus for February, the Village ended the month in
24 deficit status. Actual fund revenue was favorable to Budget Projections by \$77,168.05, or
25 15% of Plan. The Village's Revenue Budget for February was \$515,808.68. The
26 Village's actual realized revenue for this period was \$438,640.63. The Village budgeted
27 for a sum of \$58,333.33 in Sales Tax Revenue and realized actual revenue in the amount
28 of \$46,158.83, or 21% of Plan. Although the amount of \$35,416.66 was budgeted for the
29 State Income Tax Revenue, the Village did not realize revenue in this line item. Real
30 Estate Tax Revenue in February was also within Budget. The February Budget was
31 \$250,000.00 and the Village realized \$226,589.03, or 9% of Plan. All of the other
32 revenue line items were within or met Budget Projections. Corporate Fund expense actual
33 was favorable to Budget Projections by \$21,717.38, or 5% of Plan. The Village's Plan
34 Expense Budget for February was set at \$466,661.38. The Village's actual incurred
35 expense in the fund was \$444,944.00. He stated that when comparing total revenue
36 incurred with total expense incurred, the Village realized a total fund deficit of \$6,303.37,
37 or 1% revenue to expense. The Fiscal Year to date actual plus encumbrance in the
38 Corporate Fund is at a deficit \$870,736.68.

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40 **Water Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that with respect to the Water Fund, the Village
41 budgeted for and closed February in deficit status. The Village's Revenue Budget for
42 February exceeded Budget Projections by \$33,027.85, or 22% of Plan. February's
43 Revenue Budget in this fund was set at \$119,132.16. The Village realized actual water
44 revenue of \$152,160.01. Expenses in the Water Fund exceeded Budget Projections by
45 \$110,667.56, or 42% of Plan. The Village's Expense Budget Projections was
46 \$152,723.38. The Village's realized expense was \$263,390.94. Trustee Pennington stated

1 that when comparing the actual total fund revenue with total fund expense, the Village
2 closed the month of February in a deficit \$111,230.03. The Fiscal Year to date actual plus
3 encumbrance in the Water Fund remains in surplus status at \$825,247.54.

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5 **Sewer Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that with respect to the Sewer Fund, the Village
6 budgeted for and closed the month of February in a deficit status in this fund as well. The
7 Village’s Projected Revenue Budget was \$118,015.00, and projected expenses of
8 \$281,388.29. This resulted in a Projected Total Fund Deficit of \$163,373.29, or 58% of
9 Plan. The Village’s actual realized revenue was within Budget Projections by 16%. The
10 Village’s actual realized revenue in the Sewer Fund for February was \$98,842.63 as
11 compared to the budget figure \$118,015.00. Actual expenses were within Budget Plan by
12 10%. Actual fund expense incurred was \$252,451.58 as compared to the Budget Sum of
13 \$281,388.29. This resulted in a total fund deficit of \$153,608.95. The Village’s Fiscal
14 Year to date actual plus encumbrance in the Sewer Fund for the month of February is a
15 deficit \$215,203.24.

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17 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Pennington if he would give a brief
18 explanation how from month to month it seems as though we have deficits. She is aware
19 that sounds rather ominous. She asked Trustee Pennington to explain how that all works
20 itself out.

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22 Trustee Pennington stated that it centers on timing. The major revenue fund generators
23 are as follows: Property Tax, Sales Tax, and State Income Tax. All of these are timing
24 issues. Due to the financial conditions of the State of Illinois, the Village gets its revenues
25 in later. It all comes to fruition at the end of the Fiscal Year. The Village is in its 10th
26 reporting period for the month of February. There are two more reporting periods in
27 March and April. The Village will see some clarity in the form numbers once those two
28 months come in. It is when items are booked because of the timing that we have. He
29 stated that on balance we have over \$4,000,000.00 in cash funds as he was about to show
30 in the Treasurer’s Report.

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32 **Treasurer’s Report** – Trustee Pennington stated that the Treasurer’s Report for the
33 month of February shows that we have a cash balance, a cash fund of \$4,500,330.49. The
34 next page shows the cash by financial institutions. That represents the Village’s cash as
35 well as its investments. That is \$4,956,760.33. The next page is the Village’s Cash Net of
36 Interfund Funds, which is \$4,500,330.00. He stated that the Village is going to run
37 deficits in those items where we have Capital Fund Projects going like our Sewer Fund
38 and our Water Fund. He stated that on balance we have sufficient funds in our accounts,
39 \$4,500,000.00 plus.

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41 Village President Meyers-Martin thought that it was important that Trustee Pennington
42 explain that because as we were going through this it is like deficit, deficit, deficit. She
43 stated that sounds a little ominous on the face of it. Trustee Pennington stated that in all
44 reality we have more than sufficient funds in our account. Village President Meyers-
45 Martin thanked Trustee Pennington for that explanation.

1 Trustee Gibson stated that no one was expecting Jewel-Osco to leave. The projection that
2 we made last year in the Budget wasn't able to come to fruition because they left. Trustee
3 Pennington stated that's true, among other things. He stated that we see activity in each
4 one of the individual accounts. He stated that as an example, the police might have
5 exceeded their Budget for overtime for the month of February, or there might be some
6 activity where our expenses will run exceedingly higher in one month than in a regular
7 month. That is solely the responsibility of timing and activity that occurs during that
8 period. He stated that it seems ominous but it is really not. The Village has in excess of
9 \$4,500,000.00 in cash ready and available.

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11 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we are out of Communications and Petitions.
12 She asked for a Motion to suspend the rules. She inquired of Mrs. Jackson if she had a
13 comment. Mrs. Jackson stated that she had a question.

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15 Mrs. Jackson inquired how much the Village projected for sales revenue from Jewel-
16 Osco for this Fiscal Year. Administrator Mekarski stated that it was about \$105,000.00 to
17 \$150,000.00. The Village's best projection was \$105,000.00.

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19 Trustee Pennington inquired of Mrs. Jackson if she is asking what the Village actually
20 projected or what was the loss. Mrs. Jackson inquired what the Village projected. Trustee
21 Pennington stated that it was about \$105,000.00. Mrs. Jackson inquired if Jewel left in
22 the fall. Village President Meyers-Martin stated August. Mrs. Jackson stated that we have
23 no revenue at all. Village President Meyers-Martin stated not from Jewel-Osco.

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25 Trustee Waite inquired of Mrs. Jackson if she understands the Village's Fiscal Year. Mrs.
26 Jackson stated that she did. She went through that with a water situation last year.

27 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to go back to the Agenda.**
28 **Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.**

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30 **BUILDING:**

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32 **Update – 20000 Governors Highway – Demolition of former Governors Restaurant**
33 **Building** – Trustee Ormsby stated that the building next door, the restaurant, they are
34 nearing the end of the process. They are now working on the Storm Water Management
35 removal. The trucks will be on site for probably another month. They have applied for an
36 extension to the County Permit to continue working. It is a very complicated demo. Mr.
37 McDonnell is watching them daily to make sure that everything is taken care of. They are
38 not slowing down.

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40 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is very happy that they are at this place.
41 Trustee Waite stated that it looks a lot better already. Village President Meyers-Martin
42 stated that we have been working over a year on this.

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44 Trustee Ormsby stated that she met with the Beautification Committee prior to the Board
45 Meeting this evening. The Beautification Committee is concerned that the property goes
46 back to its original status and that it will be maintained. They will be watching that to

1 make sure that it looks well once the building is down and all of the trucks are gone. She
2 stated that it does look like a nice piece of property.

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4 **Roadway Right-of-Ways** – Trustee Ormsby stated that the County and State
5 Departments have been out cleaning roadway right-of-ways throughout the Village. That
6 is the perimeters mostly, Western Avenue and Governors Highway. They discovered that
7 a lot of fences are in desperate need of repair. The people have been told to get their
8 fences repaired or they will be ticketed. The Village has received a lot of Permits for
9 people to have their fences repaired.

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11 **Spring Time Property Maintenance Issues** – Trustee Ormsby stated that when spring
12 starts there are always a lot of property maintenance issues. The Code Enforcement
13 Officer, Reginald Ford, has already been out due to the warm weather, and has already
14 noted several infractions. They will be advising people of what they need to do. She
15 stated that Mr. Ford has been busy.

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17 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she received a lot of questions regarding the
18 actual removal of those bushes and trees along Western Avenue. She stated that was done
19 by the State and not by the Village. The State was doing that in the process of cleaning
20 out their drainage ditches as well as some general repairs.

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22 Trustee Ormsby stated that the State is not very tidy. The Village is always annoyed at
23 the job the State does. The Village has asked the State to return to clean up a little bit
24 more. The Village doesn't know if they will or not. The State just comes in and clear cuts
25 and leaves the mess. She believes that the Village should speak to the State
26 Representative about that because it is unacceptable. That area is a perimeter of the
27 Village. She stated that a call has gone into the State. She will keep the Board advised of
28 that. She stated that it is a tremendous expense for the Village to go in there and do any of
29 that clearing and clean up after the State.

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31 **Governors Drive Fence** - Trustee Ormsby stated that since the Village's fence has been
32 installed, this corner which is at the east end of this little boulevard, the Village has had
33 some complaints about people turning. There seems to be a little bit of a visual issue. She
34 stated that people travel too fast on Governors Drive. She stated that it is not just here but
35 when you come out of the bank there are issues. She stated that it doesn't seem to be
36 monitored very well back there. She stated that the cars kind of fly along there at Park
37 and Governors Drive.

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39 Trustee Ormsby stated that she spoke with Mr. McDonnell, Mr. Ford, Mr. Alexa, and
40 Administrator Mekarski, and the Village President has been informed that we are going
41 to place a three-way stop sign. She believes that will slow the traffic and it will take care
42 of the visual turn. There is also a big issue with Park on Governors Drive. They are
43 having a hard time turning. That street doesn't monitor very well because it is so quick. It
44 is a short run and people just fly, especially if they are flying through that bank. She
45 spoke with Mr. Alexa. The reason it is on the Agenda tonight is because she would like to

1 get the stop signs in place. It doesn't need State approval. They are requesting one stop
2 sign on Park on Governors Drive.

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4 Trustee Gibson stated that Chief Chudwin asked her to meet him there at 6:15. She stated
5 that Public Works will erect the signs. She inquired what the cost is for those kinds of
6 signs. Trustee Ormsby stated that she thought that they were around \$100.00. Mr. Alexa
7 would install them. She has Beautification money that she will use if we can't find a
8 budget avenue for it. She has some money left in her Budget this year. She believes that it
9 is important to get the signs installed as quickly as possible. She doesn't want an
10 accident. She doesn't want people speeding anymore back there. She is going by the Dog
11 Ordinance Signage and the cost for that.

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13 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she, along with Trustee Gibson, Commander
14 Frey and Administrator Mekarski were out there today. She stated that we had the
15 question about the cost. She stated that the new regulations for signage enter into it. She
16 inquired whether or not it would be the new and improved signs that have the reflective
17 covering. Trustee Ormsby stated that should be standardized so we should do that.
18 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the cost we want to have is for those new
19 signs. Trustee Ormsby stated that she will make sure that Mr. Alexa gets that cost to us.
20 She stated that we are looking at four signs. She inquired whether or not she could
21 Motion that for approval.

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23 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Trustee Ormsby could make that Motion but
24 she should include that she will consult with Joe Alexa in terms of placement. Trustee
25 Ormsby inquired how she should handle it with the cost, because she doesn't know what
26 that is yet.

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28 Trustee Pennington inquired of Trustee Ormsby how much she has remaining in her
29 Budget. Trustee Ormsby stated that she probably has a couple thousand at this point. She
30 is finishing up the invoices from the landscaping. She was going to put that money
31 towards the Ash Borer. She believes that this is important.

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33 Administrator Mekarski suggested that she make the Motion to direct it to the Cost
34 Center under Streets, and let the Finance Director determine if there is an available
35 variance, and if there is a shortage, for that to be supplemented by the funds from the
36 Beautification Budget.

37 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to order the placement of**
38 **four stop signs at the intersections of Governors Drive and Park, and Village**
39 **Commons and Governors Drive to the specifications as determined by our Public**
40 **Works Director following consultation with our Traffic Safety Officer, Carl Frey,**
41 **and our engineer. The engineer usually geometrically determines where the**
42 **placement of the white stop line should be. And that all the costs would be borne to**
43 **the Cost Center of the Streets Budget, unless funds are deficient in that category, the**
44 **funds would be supplemented by funding from the Beautification Budget.**

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

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1 Trustee Ormsby thanked Village President Meyers-Martin, Trustee Gibson and
2 Administrator Mekarski for looking into that quickly so that they can get this done in a
3 speedy manner.

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5 **Dog Ordinance Signs** – Trustee Ormsby stated that the Dog Ordinance Signs have been
6 ordered. The Village expects them in a few weeks. Once they arrive they will be put in
7 place.

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9 Trustee Pennington inquired of Trustee Ormsby whether or not they have identified
10 specific areas where they want to place the signs. Trustee Ormsby stated that they have.
11 Trustee Ormsby and Mr. Ford will go out and mark the ground with spray paint. She
12 doesn't believe that they will have enough signs. They are going to hit as many high
13 usage areas as they can. She stated that 207th and Western is one of the worst areas.

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15 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that this addresses some of the concerns of the
16 Homeowners Association that brought this to the Board's attention. Trustee Ormsby
17 stated that she ordered 30 signs. Wysteria has requested a few signs. They are going to try
18 to hit the main parkways. The Ordinance Number will be on the signs. She is hoping that
19 this will go a long way to handle the problem that has been an issue.

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21 **Olympia Fields Named Tree City U.S.A. for 2012** – Trustee Ormsby stated that she
22 just received wonderful news that the Village has once again been named Tree City
23 U.S.A. for 2012. She stated that we are thrilled. (There was a round of applause). Village
24 President Meyers-Martin stated congratulations. Trustee Ormsby stated that is such an
25 honor for this Village.

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27 Trustee Ormsby stated that Dorothea Brown-Martin, who was a member of the
28 Beautification Committee, had to step down this year due to so many reasons. She is
29 responsible for the very first application that the Village put in, and the Village received
30 the status. She stated that for Arbor Day this year we are going to plant a tree in her name
31 to thank her for getting this started for the Village. She will be honored on Arbor Day.
32 Arbor Day is April 27th. Trustee Ormsby will provide the Board with more information at
33 the next Board Meeting. The tree will be planted in the new park by the Post Office. The
34 new park has yet to be named. Trustee Ormsby thanked the Board for their support. She
35 stated that the Beautification Committee had been waiting and waiting to hear, and she
36 just got the news today.

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38 **Thank You to the Village President and Administrator Mekarski for the Town Hall**
39 **Meeting** – Trustee Ormsby thanked Village President Meyers-Martin and Administrator
40 Mekarski for the Town Hall Meeting. She stated that it was a delight to see how enthused
41 Chicago Heights is to be part of this family. She stated that it went so far to assure the
42 Village that we are going to have wonderful, wonderful coverage. They are extraordinary
43 in their participation and they want to be part of this. She stated that she appreciates it.
44 She stated that there were 30 members of their team present at that meeting and they were
45 open to all questions. She stated that their Mayor was there along with their Fire Chief
46 and their Assistant Fire Chief. She stated that it went a long way to assure the people that

1 were there and to assure this Village Board that this change is going to be as seamless as
2 possible. She stated that it was very impressive. She thanked the Village President and
3 Administrator Mekarski for putting that together.

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5 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she thought that it turned out wonderfully
6 too. She stated that people had the opportunity to talk directly with the Fire Chief and the
7 Mayor and to get all of their questions answered and to get all of their concerns
8 addressed.

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10 Trustee Gibson stated that she went back to her Homeowners Association and kind of
11 admonished some of the people that were not there. She stated that the people had stated
12 that they have gotten so much information on that. The Village President has been to
13 every Homeowners Association that had a meeting. She stated that as a group we have
14 been working on that for such a long time. They felt that they didn't have to go to the
15 Town Hall Meeting because they understood everything. Trustee Gibson stated that she
16 was happy that was the answer.

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18 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that initially, the police will be going out on
19 every fire call with the fire department to make sure that the new firefighters find the
20 correct address and that they know where they are going. She stated that they have
21 already been out in the neighborhoods with their trucks familiarizing themselves with the
22 town to make sure that there are no glitches. She believes that is definitely due diligence
23 and a commitment to service to this town. She stated that we are excited about that.

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25 Trustee Ormsby stated that it was interesting in going through all 30 of their people there
26 that they started with 28 years of service and went down to like 20, 17, and 18 years. She
27 stated that there is longevity in that department. She believes that the Village is in great
28 hands. She stated that was very impressive.

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30 Administrator Mekarski stated that for those that were not there, one of the most moving
31 times of the meeting was to have the 30 firefighters in their dress blues behind the two
32 Mayors. They all introduced themselves to the public. They talked about their years of
33 service. They stated that they are excited about serving Olympia Fields. He stated that
34 right when they were done there was a fire call. One-third of them were scrambling to
35 make that fire call. He stated that the audience spontaneously broke out in applause. He
36 stated that it was a moving display. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it was a
37 nice meeting.

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39 **PLANNING:**

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41 There was no report in Trustee Oliver's absence.

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43 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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45 **Bid Award Recommendation for the 2012 Landscape Maintenance at the 203rd**
46 **Metra Parking Lot/Detention Basin and Cumberland Court – Trustee Waite stated**

1 that the one item that he has is the Bid Award Recommendation for the calendar year
2 2012 for the Landscape Maintenance at the 203rd Metra Parking Lot/Detention Basin and
3 Cumberland Court. The Bids have come in. He stated that the lowest Bid was \$6,000.00,
4 which is the Bid that we are recommending. The other Bids were \$7,200.00, \$9,525.00,
5 and then the high Bid was \$16,500.00. He stated that is kind of unusual that you have that
6 big a spread. Trustee Waite is going to investigate to see if they were bidding in
7 seriousness or whether or not they didn't want the business.

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9 Trustee Ormsby stated that is typical. It has happened almost every year.

10 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to accept the Bid Award**
11 **Recommendation as prepared by Joe Alexa, Public Works Director for the 2012**
12 **Landscape Maintenance at the 203rd Metra Parking Lot/Detention Basin and**
13 **Cumberland Court to Property Care Management in the amount of \$6,000.00,**
14 **which represents the lowest and best Bid, meeting all specifications as required**
15 **under this project.**

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17 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Trustee Waite that under "All proposals shall include the
18 following:" It states: "All paper, cans, bottles and any other debris must be cleaned up
19 and removed at the time of service," she inquired whether or not that was weekly service.
20 Trustee Waite stated yes. He stated that he believes so, but there are times of the year
21 when there is nothing to cut. Trustee Ormsby stated that is the only issue that they have.
22 They have received some complaints that there has been debris left in that area. She
23 doesn't know if they will do this or not. A complaint has been that on Monday mornings,
24 when you go down to the Metra Station to board the train, there is debris in there. She
25 doesn't know if they would consider just looking at that to pull that debris out. She stated
26 that there is really no one that is going to do that. The Village's Public Works
27 Department doesn't do it. She suggested that maybe they could look in there once a week
28 to see if there is debris, garbage in that tunnel.

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30 Trustee Gibson stated that is not part of the parking lot or the detention basin. Trustee
31 Ormsby stated that this is Metra. Trustee Waite stated that he goes through that tunnel
32 quite regularly going to the Post Office and he never noticed a lot of debris there. Trustee
33 Ormsby stated that they get a lot of complaints. It is more of a Monday type thing. It is
34 more over the weekend. Trustee Waite stated that on the Country Club side he has
35 noticed debris from time to time, but the Country Club takes care of that. He stated that
36 on the Village side there is not a lot of places to put debris and he has not seen debris in
37 the tunnel itself. Trustee Ormsby stated that we get complaints mostly on Mondays. She
38 stated that if it is not something that they will do that is fine.

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40 Village President Meyers-Martin asked Trustee Waite to check with Joe Alexa to find out
41 what is going to be the number of times they pick up. She inquired if it is once a week, or
42 is it as needed. She inquired what exactly is their proposal as part of this contract.

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44 Trustee Ormsby stated that if this is something that Trustee Waite does not want to ask
45 them, then she will have to ask Public Works to go down there and clean it out on
46 Mondays. Trustee Waite stated that he would check. Trustee Pennington stated that the

1 Village picks up the trash at 203rd Street. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Mr.
2 Alexa does it twice a week. Trustee Pennington believes that it is the responsibility of the
3 Village to check the tunnel on the Village's side. Trustee Ormsby stated that it is Metra
4 property though. Trustee Pennington stated that the Village holds the Maintenance
5 Contract on that property.

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7 Trustee Waite stated that the bidder was bidding on landscaping and cutting the grass. He
8 stated that if they find cans and bottles in the way they pick those up. He doesn't believe
9 that it is their responsibility to go down there and police that.

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11 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the bidder included that line in the contract.
12 She suggested that Trustee Waite get some clarity as to the number of times they plan on
13 doing it. She stated that it just enhances the information that we already have. Trustee
14 Waite stated sure, no problem.

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

16
17 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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19 **Human Resource Committee Report** – Trustee Nale stated that the Human Resource
20 Committee met on March 19th. The Committee began the review of the Employee
21 Manual and they will continue to do so over the next several months.

22
23 **Replacement Event for the Annual Sing-Along at the Metra Station** – Trustee Nale
24 stated that since Metra no longer permits us on their premises for our annual sing-along
25 event, they are discussing other possibilities of having an event that might include the
26 area businesses. She stated that most of the surrounding Villages have something for the
27 public every year. Trustee Nale stated that she touched based with Administrator
28 Mekarski and suggested that we have a Tree Trimming Party at one of the areas of
29 business that we have in the Village, either around Bizios or where Jewel use to be. She
30 suggested that maybe there could be a lot of activities for families there as well. Trustee
31 Nale stated that if anyone has any suggestions of something that they would like to see to
32 please let them know.

33
34 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Village President met with the merchants at
35 Olympia Square. He stated that Randy Conn with McDonald's, and the merchants, would
36 be excited about doing some kind of activity. Administrator Mekarski suggested a winter
37 craft show and hot chocolate, or get a group in to sell Christmas Trees. He stated that we
38 could do a tree lighting. He stated that anything to drum up additional activity would be
39 welcome. He stated that we might be able to get funds from Brixmor in order to help
40 sponsor it.

41
42 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that's true. She stated that they were pretty
43 enthusiastic about working with those merchants. She stated that she liked that idea.
44 Trustee Nale stated that she was going to get together with Administrator Mekarski in the
45 near future and discuss it a little bit further. She stated that it doesn't have to be a
46 Christmas affair. She stated that it could be held anytime during the year that we can

1 bring outside people into the Village and have something for our residents at the same
2 time.

3
4 **Goals of the Departments** – Trustee Nale thanked Administrator Mekarski for putting
5 the Goals of all of the Departments and the Organizational Chart on the way that the
6 Village actually works on the Village’s Website. She had requested that those items be
7 placed on the Village’s Website at the last Board Meeting.

8
9 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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11 Trustee Gibson stated that she did not have anything on the Agenda this evening.

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13 **Community Relations Commission Meeting** – Trustee Gibson stated that on March
14 27th, the Community Relations Commission will have a Call Meeting. The purpose of the
15 meeting is to determine and finalize the renewal, and the revised update of the Residents
16 Handbook information. Trustee Gibson has been working for the last three or four weeks
17 on this with Naomi. They have three or four different covers. They have learned that they
18 do not have to go to a lot of expense as the Village did before, because the Village has a
19 booklet printer within the system. The handbook can be done in-house. The objective is
20 to get as many of the handbooks distributed during the Volunteer Reception which is on
21 April 14th. They do not intend to incur the expense to mail the handbooks to the residents.

22
23 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

24
25 **Electric Aggregation Process – Notice of Public Hearing** – Administrator Mekarski
26 wanted to make the Board and the public aware that we are calling for our first Public
27 Hearing for the Electrical Aggregation Process for April 9th. The Village captured some
28 unusually good rates in bidding for electrical services for the Village’s infrastructure, the
29 Pump Stations and the Water Stations. NIMEC believes that the market is at the optimal
30 period to try to get the best rate for the residents. The Village has the option of
31 postponing the Public Hearing until May or June. He stated that recognizing that there
32 could be considerable value to the residents, he is bringing the Notice to the Board this
33 evening, and supports a Public Hearing for April 9th. The Notice was placed in the paper
34 on Sunday in order to achieve the Public Hearing on April 9th. He stated that if the Board
35 disagrees with that strategy, the Village can cancel the Public Hearing and reschedule it.
36 If the Board concurs in going ahead with the Public Hearing, then the first Public Hearing
37 would be held on April 9th. There would also be a second Public Hearing on April 23rd.
38 On April 9th information will be given from NIMEC and they can discuss any specific
39 questions that the residents may have on opting in and opting out.

40
41 Trustee Gibson inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not in the Notice the
42 Village Hall hours were correct. Administrator Mekarski stated on Monday they are from
43 8 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Trustee Gibson thought the hours had already been changed.
44 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Board approved the change, but the Village won’t
45 change that until they move over the cash to Thursday evenings.

1 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired whether or not there was a consensus of the
2 Board to hold the two Public Hearings on April 9th and April 23rd. There was a consensus
3 of the Board in moving forward with the two Public Hearings. Village President Meyers-
4 Martin stated that we will hold those Public Hearings on April 9th and April 23rd, 2012.
5

6 **Notice of Public Hearing – Sisters of St. Francis Health Services, Inc. Health System
7 Revenue Bonds, Series 2012 – Refunding the Indiana Health Facility Financing**

8 **Authority Health System Revenue Bonds, Series 2001** – Administrator Mekarski
9 stated that the second item on his report is a Notice relative to a Bond Hearing. This is a
10 Bond Hearing that is being held by the Franciscan Alliance, Sisters of St. Francis Health
11 Services, otherwise known as St. James Hospital. He stated that St. James Hospital is
12 working with the Indiana Bond Authority and Indiana Finance Authority to refinance
13 \$83,000,000.00 of Bonds under the IRS Code Section 147. The governing authority, that
14 is the host community where the Bonds have been employed, have to approve of the sale
15 of the Bonds. The Village has obtained a legal opinion from Shanahan & Shanahan, our
16 Bond Counsel. The legal opinion is dated March 23rd and it is in the Board Packet. There
17 is also a summary from the attorneys of Franciscan Health, Ice Miller that also parallels
18 the legal opinion of the Village’s Bond Counsel. Administrator Mekarski stated that he
19 wanted to read into the record the findings of the Village’s Bond Counsel so that there is
20 no confusion or doubt: “While we are approving \$83,000,000.00 of Bonds which would
21 be refinanced by the Indiana Finance Authority for the Franciscans, the Bonds will not be
22 considered debt of the Village. They will not be considered issued by the Village. They
23 will not have an impact on the Village’s Credit Rating, and will not expose the Village to
24 any liability on the Bonds. The Borrower will be the party ultimately responsible for any
25 obligations under the Bonds. The Village’s role is limited to approving the issuance of
26 the Bonds as the host of the facility which is the subject of the original financing and this
27 refinancing.” He wanted to make it real clear to the public that this has no financial
28 impact. It is merely a process that the Village has to go through to provide the public an
29 opportunity to comment. It is under the Internal Revenue Code Section 147. He stated
30 that this does not require any action of the Board. The Public Hearing is scheduled for
31 April 9th at 7 o’clock P.M.
32

33 **2030 Plan Workshop Meeting** – Administrator Mekarski reminded the Board that the
34 Workshop Meeting is coming up on April 2nd for the 2030 Long-Range Financial Plan
35 which is now our 2040 Long-Range Financial Plan. Trustee Ormsby stated that she is not
36 available that evening because she will be out of town.
37

38 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**
39

40 **Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Olympia Fields and the
41 Walgreens Company** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that in the Board Packet
42 is a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Olympia Fields
43 and the Walgreens Company. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she, along with
44 Trustee Ormsby met with the two managers of the two Walgreens on Vollmer Road and
45 Governors Highway. This was in relationship to their request to expand their Liquor
46 License. They now have wine and beer. They are looking to expand that to include

1 spirits. The Board had approved the request to enhance the Liquor License. The Village
2 requested from the two Walgreens Managers a Memorandum of Understanding regarding
3 some requirements that the Village had of them. The Memorandum includes what the
4 Village is requesting in turn for our enhancing that Liquor License. One item had to do
5 with property maintenance. The Village felt that the parking lots have been atrocious,
6 especially at the Walgreens on Vollmer Road. The Building Commissioner, John
7 McDonnell, was there when the Village President and Trustee Ormsby met with the two
8 managers from Walgreens. Mr. McDonnell made some recommendations to them in
9 terms of how they can improve that maintenance by getting a different type of trash
10 container. She stated that those containers get filled up and the wind gets a hold of that
11 debris and then it just blows it all over the place. The Village is constantly sending Public
12 Works out to clean the Boulevard on Kedzie simply because of all of this debris coming
13 from Walgreens. The Village is insisting that they step up and improve their maintenance
14 of their parking lots.

15
16 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we also had issues with tree replacement on
17 the detention behind the Walgreens on Vollmer Road. It is included in the Memorandum
18 of Understanding that they will remove and replace four of the dead trees adjacent to the
19 Storm Water Management Basin in the rear of the store. She stated that Walgreens has an
20 Electronic Sign. The Village has asked them to include from time to time Public Service
21 Announcements from the Village in terms of events that are going on, or information that
22 we would like to get out to the public. That is included in the Memorandum of
23 Understanding.

24
25 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have included landscaping, in terms of
26 improving that landscaping, because it has been totally below standard in terms of what
27 the Village requires, aesthetically speaking, cosmetically speaking, and certainly
28 sturdiness in terms of ordering trees that are destined to not survive.

29
30 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that because we are switching over our fire
31 service, all of the businesses in town will be required to change their alarm systems. The
32 Village is asking that Walgreens replace and convert their existing alarm systems at both
33 stores with the fire alarm systems that are connected by radio relay.

34
35 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Number 6 pertains to Security Evaluations.
36 Chief Chudwin has gone out to both locations to make sure that we have an update and
37 an evaluation of their Security Systems in terms of the elements and the existing security
38 that they have, and any updates that need to be made thereof. The parties are bound by
39 this Memorandum of Understanding. She stated that this is what we are requiring of the
40 Walgreens in order to proceed with the changeover of the Liquor System from a Class B-
41 2 to a Class B-1 full service.

42
43 Trustee Pennington inquired whether or not there was a particular reason why we didn't
44 go with a one year security evaluation as opposed to a two year evaluation.

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1 Administrator Mekarski stated that the expenses of Closed Circuit Camera Systems are
2 relatively high. The Village wanted to make sure that they were in there because
3 technology changes so rapidly and it becomes obsolete. He stated that we didn't think
4 that it was necessary to do it on an annual basis. He stated that we will defer it to the
5 pleasure of the Board on that.

6
7 Trustee Pennington stated that it was just a question. He thought that perhaps an annual
8 review would be more appropriate than a two year review.

9
10 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we talked to Chief Chudwin about that and
11 his position was that two years was sufficient. She stated that if we see that is not
12 working out for us we can revisit the term of that particular element of the Memorandum
13 of Understanding.

14
15 Trustee Pennington inquired whether or not it would be appropriate to put language in
16 item 6 to that affect. Village President Meyers-Martin stated certainly, if you think that
17 that is warranted.

18
19 Trustee Waite stated that Walgreens is a big company. They have liquor in thousands of
20 stores. He stated that they have as much interest in security as we do. He stated that if it
21 were to become evident between inspections something was lax, he is sure they would be
22 happy to listen to whatever the Village had to say. He doesn't think that the Village has to
23 try to micromanage their operation.

24
25 Trustee Pennington stated that he doesn't think that it is a question of micromanaging. He
26 stated that the Village wouldn't have to have the Memorandum of Understanding if
27 Walgreens was doing what they were supposed to do in the first place.

28
29 Trustee Ormsby believes that the language should go in there. She is a little confused that
30 it is not an annual review. She inquired if it is a timely thing to review that.

31
32 Administrator Mekarski stated no. He stated that it is the pleasure of the Board. The
33 Board can make an amendment and state "At a minimum, annually," and cross out "Once
34 every two years," and state "At a minimum, annually, Walgreens' management, at each
35 location, shall contact the Village Police Department to conduct a security evaluation for
36 the premises."

37
38 Trustee Ormsby inquired if it takes a lot of time by the Police Department to do that.
39 Administrator Mekarski stated not necessarily. It's a good part of a morning or afternoon.
40 It is a total sweep of the outside and a sweep of the inside, looking at the practices of
41 shelving the alcohol, making sure that the Closed Circuit TV's are operating properly and
42 that they are shooting at the right angles. Trustee Ormsby stated that from her
43 perspective, this whole thing is because they have not done what the Village asked them
44 to do, or hoped they would do. She would like it changed to an annual evaluation.

1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the language is just a result of the chief’s
2 input. Trustee Ormsby stated that she doesn’t like to overrule the chief. Village President
3 Meyers-Martin stated that if it is the consensus of the Board Members to change it to an
4 annual review certainly that can be amended. She stated that this language came as a
5 result of our conversations with Chief Chudwin.

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7 **Administrator Mekarski stated that if the Board wishes to make that change, then**
8 **make it a Motion condition on amending Paragraph 6, striking in the first sentence,**
9 **“Once every two years,” and replacing that with the word “annually.” So that it**
10 **reads “At a minimum, annually, Walgreens’ management, at each location, shall**
11 **contact the Village Police Department to conduct a security evaluation for the**
12 **premises. The security evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, an evaluation**
13 **of the shelving of all alcoholic products, security for high value alcoholic items, and**
14 **changes or upgrades to each store’s camera surveillance systems. The first such**
15 **security evaluation shall be conducted by the Police Department prior to the**
16 **issuance of the Class B-1 Licenses for each location.”**

17 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby that we adopt that**
18 **Motion.**

19 **Roll Call: Ayes (3) (Trustees Waite and Gibson vote No). Motion Carried.**
20

21 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to authorize the Village**
22 **President to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of**
23 **Olympia Fields and Walgreens Company as a condition associated with the issuance**
24 **of their Class B-1 Liquor Licenses for Store No. 03651 on Vollmer Road and Store**
25 **No. 07411 on Governors Highway.**

26 **Roll Call: Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**
27

28 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that as a result of the meeting that she and
29 Trustee Ormsby had with Walgreens, they were quite surprised to find out that the store
30 on Vollmer Road has never made a profit in the eight years that they have been there. She
31 told Walgreens at that meeting that she was going to take every opportunity that she
32 could, and she has been doing that, including at the Homeowners Association Meetings,
33 to encourage people to frequent and shop at the store on Vollmer Road. She encouraged
34 people to go to that store whenever possible, because we take the position that we want to
35 support the businesses in town. Village President Meyers-Martin is working with an
36 Economic Development Committee now where they are quite focused on business
37 retention.

38
39 Trustee Waite stated that maybe we should encourage them to put some ads in our
40 newsletter that goes out to all of the residents of Olympia Fields. He suggested putting a
41 feature article in there once in a while to let them know that we appreciate them.

42
43 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that came up during the discussion too. Trustee
44 Ormsby stated that we have two drugstores. We have CVS. She stated that we are not just
45 asking you to support the Walgreens, support everything in the Village that we have. She

1 stated that it is very important from hearing our Budget Report from Trustee Pennington
2 that we need our sales revenue.

3
4 Village President Meyers-Martin stated absolutely. She was just making the point that
5 they were quite surprised to find out that they had not turned a profit in all of those years.
6 They always seem to be busy. She stated that it has something to do with prescriptions.
7 She believes the prescriptions there are lower maybe because the other store is open 24
8 hours and people frequent that one more.

9
10 Trustee Gibson stated that we have had several complaints from residents about the
11 service that you get, particularly in the Pharmacy Department. Village President Meyers-
12 Martin stated that she had not heard about that. She inquired whether or not it pertained
13 to both stores or one store in particular. Trustee Gibson stated the store on Vollmer Road.
14 She stated that if you have a prescription and they don't have it, they tell you that you
15 have to go somewhere else. They will tell you to go to CVS. She stated that if you go to
16 the CVS, they will say that they don't carry it in the store, but they will get it for you and
17 we will call you within a few hours to let you know that we have it. She stated that in her
18 opinion, that is not good service. She stated that we need to speak to them about that as
19 well. Village President Meyers-Martin stated absolutely.

20
21 **Update – Geo-Soul’s Appeal – Illinois Liquor Control Commission** – Village
22 President Meyers-Martin stated that the next item is an update on Geo-Soul’s Appeal.
23 She stated that Geo-Soul was evicted from their premises on December 31st. Village
24 President Meyers-Martin as the Liquor Commissioner revoked their Liquor License
25 because they had no standing. They had no premises and therefore were not entitled to a
26 Liquor License. They now have appealed both the revocation of the Liquor License as
27 well as the eviction from their store. She stated that we have been in talks regarding
28 possible Economic Development in that space. The Village will wait to hear what the
29 ruling is as far as that appeal goes. The Village will wait for the Courts to make that
30 decision. That is the status of the situation with Geo-Soul.

31
32 Trustee Waite stated that it is his understanding that the Court is the one that gave them
33 the authority to evict them, and that they had voluntarily handed over the keys. It
34 surprises him that they think that they have any standing whatsoever.

35
36 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that when someone makes an appeal you just
37 wait for the ruling on that. She stated that it is surprising to her.

38
39 **Letter of Commendation from Cook County Department of Homeland Security &**
40 **Emergency Management to Chief Jeff Chudwin** – Village President Meyers-Martin
41 stated that in the Board Packet is a letter from Chief Chudwin regarding the Department
42 of Homeland Security & Emergency Management. She attended a meeting with Chief
43 Chudwin and the other Mayors in the South Suburban Region along with Trustee Gibson
44 and many of the Police Chiefs in the Southland. The G8 Conference was scheduled to be
45 in the City of Chicago, as well as the NATO Conference. The G8 Conference has been
46 moved to Camp David. The NATO Conference will be in Chicago. It is the feeling of all

1 of the Public Safety Officers, from her understanding, that the NATO Conference will be
2 just as disruptive as the G8 Conference. The concern was that some of these people who
3 would be traveling to protest at the NATO Conference would be traveling on our Metra
4 Systems and would be coming through some of the suburban areas, especially along the
5 ring suburbs that are closest to Chicago. Mayor Emanuel has decreed that he will not
6 allow protestors to sleep in the parks. She stated that those protestors may be coming out
7 south or going north to sleep in our parks. There has been consistent planning for over a
8 year to address some of those potential issues that may arise with strategies in place, and
9 resources being searched out in terms of addressing some of those issues.

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11 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that this is a letter commending Chief Chudwin
12 because he has sort of led the charge among the Public Safety Officers in the south
13 suburbs. She stated that we are very proud of him. She stated that he is certainly very
14 proficient at this kind of planning. The letter addresses that and she just wanted the
15 Trustees to know that as well as the audience.

16
17 **Town Hall Meeting** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she was going to
18 mention again the Town Hall Meeting regarding the fire service, but she believes that
19 everything has been said that needs to be said about that. It was a wonderful meeting. The
20 Village looks forward to working with the City of Chicago Heights. They are very
21 enthusiastic about working with the Village. She believes that it will be quality service.
22 She stated that she will continue to visit the Homeowners Associations to talk about this
23 one-on-one, because she believes that it is important to have that dialog. She stated that is
24 the perk of living in a small town, you can have that conversation with your public
25 officials regarding your concerns and things that you feel need to be addressed, or things
26 that you feel need to be answered. She believes that the residents of the Village deserve
27 quality service, and they will get that. The Village has done its due diligence to make sure
28 that that is the case.

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30 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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32 **Sign Ordinance** – Trustee Ormsby stated that she is appealing to the Village President
33 for assistance. She stated that she and Trustee Gibson need the Village’s Sign Ordinance.
34 It has been with the Village Attorney for several months now. Trustee Ormsby and
35 Trustee Gibson have worked on the Sign Ordinance for a year, year and a half. She stated
36 that as we have businesses interested in this community, we can’t enforce what we want
37 to enforce because Mr. McDonnell doesn’t have the authority to do that without the new
38 Sign Ordinance. Trustee Ormsby is aware that Judy Kolman is busy with other things in
39 the Village. She stated that this is putting the Village in kind of a bad position right now.
40 She stated that there is someone that is interested in occupying a building in the Village,
41 and we are putting demands on that, but we can’t enforce them because the Ordinance is
42 not in place. She stated that once we get the Ordinance, the Board has to review it, and
43 then it has to come back for approval. Teska has already worked on it. She suggested that
44 perhaps someone else in the law firm could review it. She stated that it is not complicated
45 other than language. They have had about ten meetings regarding the Ordinance.

1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she agrees that it has been in their hands for
2 quite a while. She stated that it has gotten to the point now where it is bordering on
3 outrageous in terms of the amount of time that it is taking to get that. Village President
4 Meyers-Martin stated that she will certainly follow-up with that. Trustee Ormsby thanked
5 Village President Meyers-Martin.
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7 **Lighting at 207th Street and Western Avenue** – Trustee Waite provided the Board with
8 a copy of an Accident Report for 207th Street and Western Avenue. They went back five
9 or six years. They only had six accidents at that intersection during that period of time.
10 There were none in 2006. In 2007, northbound on Western Avenue there were two
11 accidents. There were two vehicles involved in the accident. There were two injuries in
12 one of the accidents in 2007. The accidents occurred at 5:40 P.M. on May 23rd and 5:08
13 P.M. on August 31st, 2007, those were two rear-end accidents. The accidents occurred
14 during daylight hours. There was no lighting issue that could have solved those two
15 rear-end accidents.
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17 Trustee Waite stated that in 2008 there were three accidents. All three were rear-end
18 accidents. One occurred southbound on Western Avenue on March 12th, 2008, at 7:54
19 A.M. Another accident occurred eastbound on 207th Street at 11:20 A.M. He isn't sure
20 why that one is listed. Another accident occurred southbound on Western Avenue on
21 December 1st, 2008, at 7:45 A.M. All of those accidents occurred in the daylight hours.
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23 Trustee Waite stated that in 2009 there was an accident westbound on 207th Street on
24 January 24th at 9:43 P.M. That did not occur on Western Avenue. There was one car
25 involved that ran off of the road. There were no accidents in 2010. Other than a stop and
26 go light that may have an effect, he doesn't see anything involved with lighting in any of
27 these accidents. He is in the process of getting the information for 2011. He stated that we
28 had talked about improving the lighting there. The light has been changed there. He
29 stated that it is a little less light than some of the other overhead streetlights. He stated
30 that it doesn't appear that the lighting is a safety issue.
31

32 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Waite whether or not he shared any
33 of this information with the residents in Olympia Fields East. Trustee Waite stated no. He
34 just received the information at 4 o'clock this afternoon. He stated that two members of
35 the Olympia Fields East Homeowners Association are in the audience this evening. He
36 stated that they are welcome to have a copy of the report.
37

38 **Respond Now 5K Run/One Mile Walk** – Trustee Nale stated that there was talk several
39 months ago, about Respond Now having an event in the Village. She inquired whether or
40 not anything has come of that. Trustee Gibson thought it was in May or June. Trustee
41 Waite stated that it is in this month's newsletter. Trustee Nale was wondering whether or
42 not it had been approved. She remembers the gentleman bringing the matter up to the
43 Board.
44

45 Administrator Mekarski stated that we instructed him to go back to the Homeowners
46 Association and to also obtain the Certificate of Event Insurance. After he does those

1 things he is to come back before the Board. Administrator Mekarski is not aware if he has
2 completed the tasks that the Board had requested or not. The Board has to approve it. He
3 stated that the Board approved it in concept. The Board instructed the gentleman to
4 secure Event Insurance and work with the Homeowners Association, coordinate with the
5 Park District and the Police Department and then come back to the Board. Village
6 President Meyers-Martin stated that the gentleman had a conversation with the police.
7 Trustee Nale stated that there is nothing definite yet. Administrator Mekarski stated no,
8 but we can contact him and see if he has completed all of that. Trustee Nale thought the
9 event would be a great idea. She was just wondering what had happened to it.

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11 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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

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15 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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

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20 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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22 **To Discuss Matters of Personnel – Open Meetings Act Section 5ILCS120/2(c)(1) –**
23 **Motion by Trustee Waite, second by Trustee Pennington to go into Executive**
24 **Session at 8:30 P.M. to discuss matters of personnel according to the Open Meetings**
25 **Act Section 5ILCS120/2(c)(1).**

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

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28 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will be going into Executive Session. The
29 Board will not be taking any action after Executive Session closes.

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31 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to return to Open Session**
32 **at 9:25 P.M.**

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

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35 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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37 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to adjourn at 9:25 P.M.**

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

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40 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**