

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on April 9, 2012**
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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 9, 2012, at the
6 Linzey D. Jones Municipal Building and was called to order by Village President Debra
7 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, Oliver, Pennington, Nale and Waite
11 Village President, Debra Meyers-Martin
12 Village Administrator/Village Clerk, David Mekarski
13 Absent: Trustee Ormsby.
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15 **MINUTES:**
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17 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Gibson to dispense with the reading of**
18 **the Minutes of March 26th, 2012.**

19 **Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.**
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21 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Nale to approve the Minutes of March**
22 **26th, 2012, as presented.**

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 \$124,484.73. She stated that there is a Cover Memo in the Board Packet designating the
29 more significant payouts.

30 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the payment**
31 **of Bills for April 9th, 2012, in the total amount of \$124,484.73.**

32 **Roll Call: Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**
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34 **PUBLIC HEARING:**
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36 **Residential Aggregation for Electric Rates** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated
37 that we have several Public Hearings this evening. The first one is for our Residential
38 Aggregation for Electric Rates. Village President Meyers-Martin opened the Public
39 Hearing at 7:05 P.M. Village President Meyers-Martin read the Notice of Public Hearing
40 which states as follows: “Public Hearings will be held on April 9th, 2012, and April 23rd,
41 2012, at 7:00 P.M. The Hearing will be held in the Board Room of the Linzey D. Jones
42 Municipal Building – Village Hall, located at 20040 Governors Highway, Olympia
43 Fields, IL 60461. A Referendum was passed on March 20th, 2012, authorizing the Village
44 to negotiate for electric rates. The purpose of the Hearing is to obtain input on the
45 Electric Residential Aggregation Plan for residents and small businesses of the Village. A
46 copy of the proposed plan is available for review in the Village Hall Office during regular

1 business hours of 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., Tuesday through Friday & Mondays 8:00
2 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Written and oral comments will be accepted.”

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4 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that “On March 20th, the voters of Olympia
5 Fields gave the Village Board the authorization to run a Municipal Aggregation Program.
6 The purpose of the program is to lower the residents’ power costs on your individual
7 ComEd bills. The Village will administer the program under the terms of the Plan of
8 Operation and Governance, which is available to you. The purpose of this hearing is for
9 the public to make any comments or recommendations to the Plan.

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11 For those of you not too familiar with aggregation, let me summarize it. Municipal
12 Aggregation is similar to how many Municipalities negotiate rates for residential garbage
13 collection. Instead of 20 different garbage collection companies serving the residents, the
14 Village can negotiate lower rates by including all the residents within the Village. The
15 Village staff sends out bids to prospective collection companies, analyzes the bids,
16 negotiates the rates, and picks a winning supplier. The Village then informs the residents
17 which supplier they will use and the rate they will be charged.

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19 Municipal Aggregation is similar. The Village will act as the purchasing agent for all of
20 the residents and small commercial users within a community. The Village will compare
21 all the bids from power suppliers with the current ComEd rate. If a lower rate can be
22 negotiated, then the Village will act on behalf of all of its residents and move everyone to
23 the new power supplier.

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25 ComEd continues to deliver the power over their wires. ComEd will continue to bill you.
26 You will have the same account number and you will send your payment to the same
27 address. In the event of an outage, ComEd will continue to respond and repair the outage.
28 (You would not be a “second class citizen.”) There is no financial impact to ComEd, as
29 they do not currently make any money on the power you purchase from them. Therefore,
30 it makes no difference to them if the community moves to a new power supplier.

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32 If a new supplier is selected, each resident on the standard ComEd residential rate will be
33 contacted by the Village to explain the new pricing and terms. You will be given two
34 options to Opt Out of the program if you prefer not to participate in the Village’s program
35 and continue to purchase your power with ComEd.” Village President Meyers-Martin
36 opened the hearing up to any comments by the audience.

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38 Mr. Mel Schneider of 666 Birch Lane stated that he has been around here for 60 years.
39 He stated that one of the things that he is interested in knowing is whether in the
40 negotiation procedures, will there be a request for the providers to have what is the
41 equivalent of ComEd’s RRTP Program. That is their Watts Spot Program. 2. Will there
42 also be a provision that the ICC control the pricing as it does now in ComEd?

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44 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she would let Administrator Mekarski
45 answer those questions because he has been working closely with NIMEC in terms of
46 those negotiations.

1 Mr. Schneider stated that they have a Watts Spot Program which is in place and it has
2 been in place for quite a while. In his case it is netting him a 20% savings, and the
3 Village is only talking about a 17%. He stated the question is will the providers offer that
4 same program in your negotiations. It is a Real Time Pricing Program.

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6 Administrator Mekarski stated that he would give a formal answer at the second Public
7 Hearing. He stated that at the Public Hearing tonight we can take comments from the
8 residents. Administrator Mekarski will confer with the NIMEC officials. At the second
9 Public Hearing on April 23rd, the Village will give specific answers to the questions from
10 the first Public Hearing. He stated that we may have a NIMEC representative on the
11 telephone line with us to take questions back and forth. He knows that Municipalities will
12 have a great amount of latitude to put specifics into its bidding structure, its
13 specifications. The Village has to be careful with what specifications it includes in its
14 Bidding Package. A lot of the Municipalities for the benefit of the public insure in their
15 specifications that should you wish to later on opt back into Commonwealth Edison that
16 you don't pay any kind of penalty or fee. That was included in the 19 Municipalities that
17 went through the Electrical Aggregation Process two years ago. The Village would
18 probably go along with Municipalities with similar language. He stated that as far as that
19 particular program, that could have an effect on the ultimate overall price. He has to
20 confer with NIMEC to determine whether that specification would then affect an overall
21 lower bid by the provider. He stated that if you put too many constraints on your
22 specifications, the bidders for electrical power have to include all those scenarios, even
23 though this program might be only utilized by a small percentage of the populace it could
24 bring up the rates a few cents and ultimately not achieve our overall objectives of saving
25 power as compared to ComEd. He has to research that. He will respond to Mr. Schneider
26 after the meeting once he confers with NIMEC prior to the meeting. He stated that Mr.
27 Schneider could get the information and come back on the 23rd.

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29 Mr. Schneider stated that the point Administrator Mekarski made about opting back into
30 ComEd if you went along with the consolidation, he suggests that the Village just state
31 when it is possible for us to opt out, as long as it's after the point where you can do your
32 report, we can make the decision to either stay in or opt out at that particular point in
33 time.

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35 Administrator Mekarski stated that you will be given two notices from Commonwealth
36 Edison giving you the right to opt out of the Village's Program. He stated that you will be
37 able to compare apples and oranges. You will be able to compare the Village's rate with
38 the Commonwealth Edison rate.

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40 Mr. Schneider stated that in the description of the work that is to be done, there was a
41 form there for opting out. He stated that if that was one of the forms, then we are kind of
42 reducing the opportunity for us to evaluate what it is to act on it.

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44 Trustee Nale stated that on Page 3 it does say something about anyone who has RRTP.
45 She inquired whether or not that was an answer to Mr. Schneider's question. Trustee

1 Pennington stated that it is on the “Summary Guide about Municipal Aggregation.” He
2 stated that it is the fourth bullet point.

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4 Administrator Mekarski stated that the answer is a little ambiguous to him. It states
5 “Anyone who has RRTP – Residential Real Time Pricing – they are billed for hourly
6 usage based on peak and off-peak hours. This is somewhat rare.” He stated that it doesn’t
7 answer it.

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9 Mr. Schneider stated that he had an opportunity to go on the website. It said that none of
10 these providers that the Village was talking to have that particular program in place. That
11 is the reason he is bringing it up.

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13 Administrator Mekarski stated that the question we need to answer is would that have an
14 effect on the overall price of the residents. Would the specification constrain the process
15 where the price would be higher than if we left the specification out? How many people
16 are currently using the RRTP Program? Those are some of the issues we have to weigh.

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18 Mr. Schneider stated that he doesn’t see where that is a factor at all. Administrator
19 Mekarski stated that if there were a great percentage of folks using it we would include it
20 as a specification. Mr. Schneider stated that there must be some benefit for ComEd to
21 offer the program. It would be an offer that other providers would likewise see as a
22 definite advantage. The advantage is for the user to use the service at a time when it isn’t
23 generally used which is what ComEd is looking for.

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25 Administrator Mekarski inquired of Mr. Schneider how much money he saves on an
26 annual basis. Mr. Schneider stated that his last calculation was 27%. Administrator
27 Mekarski stated that is significant.

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29 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it is certainly something to bring up when we
30 start looking at these providers, to find out whether or not that is something that we can
31 negotiate into our contracts with them.

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33 Trustee Waite inquired of Mr. Schneider whether or not they attach something to his air
34 conditioning unit that communicates back. Trustee Waite stated that he has attachments
35 on his air conditioner; it enables ComEd to regulate the use of electricity off of that. He
36 inquired whether or not that is part of that program.

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38 Mr. Schneider stated that this is a program they offered a couple of years ago. It requires
39 you to replace your meter. You have to sign a contract to be with them for one year for
40 them to recoup the cost of the new meter. It bills you based on the hour that you are using
41 the power rather than a daily rate. He will do washing and dishwashing at midnight when
42 the rates are much lower. He stated that he is living alone and getting that kind of
43 savings. He stated that families should get a tremendous amount.

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45 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mr. Schneider what his second question
46 was. Mr. Schneider stated that the ICC controls the rates that ComEd can charge. They

1 can go into the marketplace, but the eventual price that they charge has to be approved by
2 the State of Illinois. There was nothing in the descriptions that he read in the proposal
3 that had that particular binding affect on any of the providers that the Village may select.
4 The question is would you try to negotiate that into the contract also.

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6 Administrator Mekarski stated that NIMEC informed the Village that the new power
7 company would still have to pay the same delivery rate charged by ComEd which is
8 regulated by the ICC, Illinois Commerce Commission.

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10 Mr. Schneider stated if what you are telling me is true how do they do the 15%. He stated
11 that is theoretically lower than what ComEd is doing.

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13 Administrator Mekarski stated that he will have to check on that with NIMEC.
14 Administrator Mekarski asked the Recording Secretary to forward the questions from the
15 Public Hearing this evening to him this week so that he can direct them to NIMEC. He
16 will read the responses from NIMEC into the Public Record at the second Public Hearing
17 on April 23rd. He stated that we may have a representative here or we may have a
18 conference call with a representative from NIMEC.

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20 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that because we are working with NIMEC, it was
21 the Board's understanding that in working with them and allowing them to broker for the
22 Village, that we would be in essence achieving the lowest rates. So if, in fact, the ICC is
23 involved, then that would be something that we would want them to bring that
24 information to this Board so we can make an informed decision.

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26 Mr. Schneider stated that as long as it is possible for a resident to opt out or stay in after
27 your negotiations he is satisfied.

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29 Administrator Mekarski stated that you will receive two letters and you will be given
30 approximately a 30-day notice. He stated that based on the notes that they forwarded to
31 the Board, NIMEC is pointing out that with the RRTP Program, you're one of the
32 exceptions where you won't automatically be part of the Village's Program because your
33 savings are substantial.

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35 Mr. Schneider stated that he can understand that because there is an obligation to contract
36 for that meter.

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38 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will be providing residents that
39 information on the savings so that they can choose whether or not they want to opt out.

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41 Mr. Schneider stated that his only request is that we be given an opportunity. He is not
42 saying that anybody should be forced into the program.

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44 Administrator Mekarski stated correct. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we
45 want to provide all the information so you can make an informed decision.

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1 Trustee Pennington inquired if there is a reason why a representative from NIMEC isn't
2 here, given the fact that we have this item which is an important item for the Village in a
3 Public Hearing this evening.

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5 Administrator Mekarski stated that there were dozens upon dozens of Municipalities
6 going to Referendum. NIMEC has a limited staff. They have about 10 or 15 individuals
7 working throughout the State at Public Hearings tonight. They are trying to take their
8 work force and separate them between Municipalities. The initial game plan was to
9 stagger the communities for the next three months. The rush for all of the Municipalities
10 to hold their Public Hearings ASAP was the market hitting the bottom. They are pushing
11 as many communities as possible to take advantage of the low prices of the market, and it
12 is causing multiple conflicts across the State. He stated that we do have two Public
13 Hearings.

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15 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have a second Public Hearing. We have
16 the opportunity to make sure that we do have a representative.

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18 Trustee Pennington stated that's fine. He was just curious. Village President Meyers-
19 Marin stated that the Trustees were provided with a "Summary Guide about Municipal
20 Aggregation" that includes frequently asked questions, including the RRTP Program. It
21 includes some information on that. There were no other comments or questions from the
22 public or the Board. Village President Meyers-Martin closed the Public Hearing at 7:20
23 P.M.

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25 **Health System Revenue Bonds, Series 2012 (Sisters of St. Francis Health Services,**
26 **Inc. Obligated Group)** – Village President Meyers-Martin opened the Public Hearing at
27 7:20 P.M. for the Health System Revenue Bonds, Series 2012 (Sisters of St. Francis
28 Health Services, Inc. the Obligated Group). Village President Meyers-Martin stated let
29 the record reflect that "This is a Public Hearing being held pursuant to the requirements
30 of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Notice of this
31 Hearing was published on March 25th, 2012, in the Southtown Star, a newspaper of
32 general circulation in the Village of Olympia Fields, Cook County, Illinois. This is a
33 Hearing regarding a Plan by the Issuer to issue, not to exceed, \$83,000,000.00 in an
34 aggregate maximum principal amount of the Issuers Health System Revenue Bonds
35 Series 2012, Sisters of St. Francis Health Services, Inc. Obligated Group, the Bonds. The
36 Issuer will loan the proceeds of the Bonds to Franciscan Alliance, Inc. f/k/a Sisters of St.
37 Francis Health Services, Inc. an Indiana nonprofit corporation which is the Borrower. A
38 portion of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used by the Borrower to: (1) Refund the
39 Indiana Health Facility Financing Authority Health System Revenue Bonds, Series 2001
40 (Sisters of St. Francis Health Services, Inc. the Obligated Group) and the Indiana Finance
41 Authority Health System Revenue Bonds, Series 2008D (Sisters of St. Francis Health
42 Services, Inc. the Obligated Group) (collectively, the "Refunded Bonds"), the proceeds of
43 which were originally used to finance or refinance all or a portion of the costs of
44 construction of improvements to, renovation of and the acquisition of equipment for
45 Franciscan St. James Health, located at 20201 South Crawford Avenue, Olympia Fields,
46 Illinois; Franciscan St. James Health Comprehensive Cancer Institute, 3900 203rd Street,

1 Olympia Fields, Illinois; St. James Franciscan Health Medical Pavilion, 3700 203rd
2 Street, Olympia Fields, Illinois; and Franciscan St. James Health Heart and Vascular
3 Institute, 3800 203rd Street, Olympia Fields, Illinois (the “Projects”), each owned by the
4 Borrower and will pay certain costs of the issuing Bonds. The Village will not be the
5 Issuer of the Bonds and will not be obligated for the payment of the Bonds or any costs
6 associated therewith.”

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8 Village President Meyers-Martin introduced Cindy Brassea and Thomas Senesac,
9 representatives from Franciscan St. James Health, and Steve Washington from Ice Miller.
10 She asked them to give an overview of this process and what we are doing here tonight.

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12 Mr. Senesac thanked the Board for having the Public Hearing. He stated that the purpose
13 of the Bonds is to take advantage of some better interest rates than when they were issued
14 in 2001 through the refinancing. Some of the Bonds were at a fixed basis. They are
15 moving to a variable rate which is very attractive given the current interest rates. He
16 stated that is really the only purpose of the Bonds at this point.

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18 Mr. Washington stated that you could be asking if the Indiana Financing Authority is
19 issuing the Bonds, why does the Village have to approve the financing. He stated that it is
20 a tax requirement. In order for these to be tax exempt under the Internal Revenue Code,
21 the Village as the host of the projects, the projects are located in Olympia Fields, in order
22 for the Indiana Finance Authority to issue the Bonds and have them be tax exempt, they
23 have to have the Village’s approval for the financing as well. That is the purpose of the
24 Hearing and to ultimately request approval. There were no further comments or questions
25 from the public or the Board.

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27 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that originally this was on the Agenda under
28 “Finance” for Trustee Pennington. She stated that because of the nature of the Resolution
29 she is asking for a Motion to move that up to this point of the Agenda.

30 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to move the item from**
31 **“Finance” on the Agenda and move it up to this point of the Agenda.**

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

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34 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to approve Resolution**
35 **#2012-03 – A Resolution of the Village of Olympia Fields, Illinois, approving the use**
36 **of a portion of certain Bond proceeds to refund the Indiana Health Facility**
37 **Financing Authority Health System Revenue Bonds, Series 2001 and the Indiana**
38 **Finance Authority Health System Revenue Bonds, Series 2008D the proceeds of**
39 **which were used to finance and refinance certain improvements to Franciscan St.**
40 **James Health, Franciscan St. James Health Comprehensive Cancer Institute, St.**
41 **James Franciscan Health Medical Pavilion and Franciscan St. James Health Heart**
42 **and Vascular Institute.**

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

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45 Village President Meyers-Martin closed the Public Hearing at 7:25 P.M.

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1 **Proposed 2012-2013 Budget** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that our final
2 Public Hearing for tonight is on the proposed 2012-2013 Budget. Village President
3 Meyers-Martin opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 P.M. She stated that in the Board
4 Packet is the final draft of the Budget. She inquired whether or not the members of the
5 public had any comment on the Budget. There were no comments from the public.
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7 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that this was the result of many hours on the part
8 of our Finance Committee. She thanked Trustee Pennington and Willett Hudson for the
9 hard work that they did as members of the Finance Committee. She also thanked the
10 Department Heads who spent many hours working on the Budget to make sure that the
11 Village ended up with a balanced Budget, which the Village did with a modest surplus.
12 She stated that we are very happy about that. She stated that it really was a rough year,
13 this year. The Board made a lot of hard decisions. She stated one decision which was
14 very difficult, was to not give any increases to staff until later on when the Board can
15 revisit the Budget as they look at the numbers that come in. She stated that it was a
16 difficult time for us and they appreciate all of the Department Heads and all of the staff
17 that put in hard work. Village President Meyers-Martin inquired again whether or not
18 there was any public comment. There were no comments from the members of the public.
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20 Trustee Gibson inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin whether or not the Budget
21 has gone on Public Record already. Trustee Pennington stated no. It will go on Public
22 Record. Trustee Gibson stated that it would be kind of hard for the public to comment on
23 it if they haven't seen it.
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25 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it would be, but we did have to have the
26 hearing for the Budget on First Reading.
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28 Administrator Mekarski stated that it does give the opportunity for the public to bring up
29 any issues that they would like to see funded or that they would not like to see funded,
30 efficiencies, inefficiencies in local government. He stated that we put it up for First
31 Reading in Public Hearing to get a general, Democratic, deliberative dialog on the whole
32 budgetary process.
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34 Trustee Waite stated that the year before we had a really bad winter and we called on our
35 employees to do extraordinary things in keeping everything running in the Village when
36 the Villages around us were shutting down. He stated that we did give our employees an
37 above average increase last year. He just wanted to point that out.
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39 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we did. She stated that while many Villages
40 have to lay off staff, the Village of Olympia Fields has not had to do that. She stated that
41 we are very grateful for that. She stated that at the end of the day it was a difficult
42 process. She stated that we will be covering this in Finance with Trustee Pennington.
43 There were no public comments on the Budget. Village President Meyers-Martin closed
44 the Public Hearing on the 2012-2013 Budget at 7:30 P.M.
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1 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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3 Village President Meyers-Martin opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:30 P.M.

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5 **Establishing an Olympia Fields Citizens Police Academy – Officer Garcia & Officer**
6 **Kickert** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that for discussion tonight is
7 establishing the Olympia Fields Citizen Police Academy. She stated that Chief Chudwin
8 and Deputy Chief Kickert are present this evening.

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10 Chief Chudwin thanked Village President Meyers-Martin and the Board for the
11 opportunity to be here this evening. He stated that we come here this evening based on
12 work that was previously done through Trustee Gibson, the Public Safety Liaison, and
13 our Public Safety Committee Member, Mr. Schneider.

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15 Trustee Gibson stated that this was presented recently at the Public Safety Committee
16 Meeting. The Committee Members were all present and they unanimously are
17 recommending this program to the Village. They approve it.

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19 Chief Chudwin thanked Trustee Gibson and the Public Safety Committee. He stated that
20 our officers came to us and said that they are aware of the programs in the communities
21 around the Village. This requires the effort of all of the officers on the department. It is a
22 training session and an educational opportunity. It is an opportunity to educate the
23 residents on what the Public Safety Mission is. Chief Chudwin introduced Officer Victor
24 Garcia and Officer Dan Kickert of the Olympia Fields Police Department. He stated that
25 they initiated the project and they came to the Public Safety Committee with it. That is
26 why they are here tonight representing the department.

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28 Officer Garcia thanked Chief Chudwin and Deputy Chief Kickert for giving them the
29 opportunity to present the program. He thanked Trustee Gibson and the Public Safety
30 Committee for their support. He thanked Village President Meyers-Martin and the Board.

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32 Officer Garcia stated that they have done research in the past couple of months and they
33 have researched this on their time off. They reached out to other organizations like the
34 Greater Illinois Citizen Police Academy Association. There is an association established
35 in Illinois. They have provided the two officers with tremendous support and resources.
36 They have had hands-on experience with Flossmoor. They allowed the two officers to
37 participate in their Citizen Police Academy. They attended classes. They got to see how it
38 is instituted and how it is run. They would like to tailor this to the Village and what its
39 needs are. They want to present to the Board the concept of the Citizen Police Academy.
40 The officers presented a PowerPoint Presentation to the Board.

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42 Officer Garcia stated that the reason that they started up with this project is because there
43 were certain things that caught their eye in normal patrol work. As an example, they had
44 received a call for a residential burglary. A home was broken into and items were stolen.
45 The burglary was discovered a day and a half later because the resident was on vacation.

1 There was a reverse 911 call that went out to the residents about two years ago informing
2 them about residential burglaries that were going on and to keep a lookout. After a
3 resident had received the reverse 911 call, a day and a half later, he contacted the police
4 to let them know that he saw subjects come out of a car and go to the rear of the residence
5 and come back to the car with backpacks on and leave. This was during broad daylight.
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7 Officer Garcia stated that after another resident received the reverse 911 call, he saw
8 subjects outside his door and he immediately called the police. There was a residential
9 burglary in process.

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11 Officer Garcia inquired how is our relationship with the citizen and the police. He stated
12 that we have to educate the citizens on how to report suspicious activity. They have to
13 know how to protect their houses and they have to know how the police work. He
14 inquired whether or not they know how to properly use the 911 System.
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16 Officer Garcia stated that “The mission of the Olympia Fields Citizen Police Academy
17 (CPA) is to foster a strong and effective relationship between the Police Department and
18 the Olympia Fields community. The CPA will accomplish this mission by educating and
19 training our community members through direct interaction and experience with the
20 Police Department. This will provide an opportunity for the community members, police
21 officers, and members of local government to interact and learn from each other in the
22 process.” They want to educate and communicate with the residents. The residents can
23 educate the police about their needs, and the police can educate the residents on how the
24 police work. He stated with that is the communication.
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26 Officer Kickert stated that the goals of the Citizen Police Academy are to involve every
27 officer on the department as well as much of our local resources. They want to get the
28 officers out in front of the community and establish a relationship with the community.
29 He stated that by establishing a relationship with the community they can work together
30 to be proactive and stop these problems before they start. They can open the lines of
31 communication with properly trained citizens. Those citizens will be able to relate to the
32 police problems that they are having in their community that the police might not be
33 aware of. They can teach those citizens how to look and be the eyes and ears for the
34 police. He stated that this is a small Village and there are not that many officers on patrol
35 at any given time. He stated that if we can train every citizen to be a part of the police
36 force by just observing and calling, we can greatly reduce the number of potential crimes
37 that can happen in the Village.
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39 Officer Garcia stated that the way to do that is through the concept of operations policy.
40 The officers would be the instructors. It would be based on each officer’s expertise in
41 their field. Detective Akiyama would teach about investigations. Officer Metzger would
42 teach about K9 Operations. They would use the Village Hall. He stated that if they need
43 to use the Park District they will coordinate with them or even Rich Central if they
44 needed a larger area to work with. The timeframe is late September 2012. The reason for
45 September is because summer vacation is over. It is the start of the school year. They

1 maximize participation by people being present. It will be a 12-week program, two or
2 three hours one day a week in evening classes.

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4 Officer Kickert stated that as far as selecting members of the community to participate in
5 the program, they would have to have some restrictions. They would like the individuals
6 to be a minimum of 21 years old with no felony convictions on their background. They
7 would like to generate interest in the program by promoting it through the Park District
8 and various programs. They have spoken with Mr. Malak at the Park District. They are
9 going to work hand in hand with him to generate this interest. He stated that if they can't
10 generate enough interest to fit our stringent guidelines as far as who will be part of the
11 program; they may open it up to people that work in businesses in the Village. They may
12 open it up to relatives of police officers from the Village, or they could open it up to
13 people that live in surrounding communities, Matteson, Richton Park, and Park Forest
14 who do not have a Citizen Police Academy. He stated that if that was done the Village
15 residents and the Village's business owners would get first priority.

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17 Trustee Waite inquired whether or not there would be a charge for this. Officer Garcia
18 stated no. The officers will be donating their time or compensated through their time off
19 but not through monetary value. He stated that we may do a fundraiser. There will be a
20 minimal fee getting it started as far as paperwork, ID's and so forth.

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22 Officer Garcia stated that the classes will be structured. There will be lectures, seminar
23 style along with PowerPoint. They will be actively participating through first-hand
24 experience with the Ride-Along Program, and having to conduct a Field Sobriety Test as
25 an officer would do for a DUI so that they can see how it is actually done. He stated that
26 using the south suburban resources it wouldn't be just the police department giving
27 lectures. They would draw upon the resources that are present for the residents in the
28 south suburbs like the Domestic Violence, South Suburban Family Readiness Center.

29
30 Officer Kickert stated that some of the basic topics they would cover are:
31 Communications. He stated that people know to call 911 and the police come. He stated
32 that not everybody knows exactly who is coming, or what exactly 911 is going to ask
33 them or what exactly 911 does. He stated that we can have them go to the SouthCom
34 Dispatch Center and learn about what they do and the information that they need to give
35 so that the police can respond appropriately. They can teach them about the Department
36 Structure. They will know who has what role. They will know who to see if they have a
37 problem in the Village, and they will know who to see if they have a problem with an
38 officer that works for the police department. He stated that when it comes to the K9
39 Operations, we can do a demonstration by putting another officer in a bite suit and
40 showing them how the police dog works. He stated when they see the police dog out in
41 the neighborhood they will know that dog is working and it is not to be approached. They
42 could be hurt. They would learn why the Village needs a police dog. He stated that we
43 would teach them Traffic Enforcement. They can see the studies and the statistics
44 showing that traffic stops for speeding does save lives. We can teach them Use of Force,
45 Firearms, Crime Prevention, and Community and Police as Partners. He stated that goes

1 back to them working with the officers. It is that extra set of eyes and that extra set of
2 ears.

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4 Officer Kickert stated then there is the Criminal Justice System. He stated that all too
5 often police officers from specific Villages get the blame on cases that were not
6 prosecuted the way the victim would like to see it. He stated that a lot of that burden is on
7 the Court System. He stated that just because we know somebody did something and they
8 know it, it doesn't necessarily mean that they can prove it beyond a reasonable doubt, and
9 that is something that they would like to share with them.

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11 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Chief Chudwin for introducing Officer Garcia
12 and Officer Kickert for this presentation.

13
14 Trustee Waite inquired whether or not they were going to teach gun safety. Officer
15 Kickert stated that they are going to teach firearm safety. They plan to teach the residents
16 why we have firearms and what they can do if they have firearms in their home, and the
17 process of keeping firearms out of the hands of children. They thought about maybe
18 having the residents use a firearm if they wanted to. He stated that when they attended the
19 Flossmoor Citizen Police Academy they took the residents to their range. He stated that
20 with very stringent safety measures in place they allowed them to fire two or three rounds
21 out of a handgun. It let them hear what the bullet sounded like. It made them realize that
22 these are not toys and they are to be taken very seriously, and if you are not ready to
23 accept that responsibility you should not own a firearm.

24
25 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired whether or not there is an optimal class size
26 that they are looking at as far as minimum or maximum class size. Officer Garcia stated
27 that ideally they would like 15 to 20 members per class. He stated no more than 25. They
28 would want a minimum of 15 people before they would start a class.

29
30 Trustee Oliver suggested that perhaps the presentation should be offered to the
31 Homeowners Associations. They would certainly get at least one member from each one
32 of the Homeowners Associations. Officer Garcia stated that they had discussed that. They
33 would like to go to each Homeowners Association. They feel it would be great to have a
34 member of each Homeowners Association present in an Academy Class, because they
35 would pass on what they have learned and they can be a Liaison to that Homeowners
36 Association.

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38 Trustee Nale believes that it is a great idea. It is absolutely wonderful.

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40 Mrs. Nancy Dietz stated that if the minimum age is 21, is there a cutoff age. Officer
41 Garcia stated no. The reason they do 21 is for the maturity factor. There is no cutoff for
42 the maximum age.

43
44 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she believes that it is a very exciting,
45 innovative idea and project. She stated that we had started to discuss this when she was
46 the Trustee Liaison to the Public Safety Committee. She stated that there was huge

1 excitement and support among the Committee. She stated that the Board will not be
2 taking any action tonight. She inquired whether or not there was a consensus from the
3 Board if they would like Officer Garcia, Officer Kickert and Chief Chudwin to move the
4 Public Safety Department in this direction to get this moving.

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6 Trustee Waite stated that he is enthused. He stated that it is a great idea. Trustee
7 Pennington stated by all means. Trustee Gibson stated that she gave them her
8 wholehearted support.

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10 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is glad to hear that. She stated that we
11 look forward to working with you in the future and you have the Board's support. (There
12 was a round of applause).

13
14 Trustee Pennington inquired whether or not they have put together a Budget. Officer
15 Kickert stated that they have several plans in place for fundraisers. He spoke with Mr.
16 Malak from the Park District.

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18 Chief Chudwin stated that they would like to have an opportunity to sit down with the
19 Finance Committee and talk about how they would potentially fund this. There are
20 several different options. He would ask for guidance from Trustee Pennington, the
21 Village President and the Board as to what they think would be best. They do not
22 anticipate expenses that exceed \$1,000.00 to \$1,200.00 maximum to be able to do this.

23
24 Trustee Waite stated that the states that have Concealed Carry Laws and require a
25 Training Program, they charge the individual for doing that. That is why he inquired if
26 they were going to charge the individual participants to participate.

27
28 Chief Chudwin stated that they are two different training concepts. He doesn't know of
29 anyone that is charging for this particular program. He is suggesting that we not do that.
30 He stated that if the other matter came to pass, we would have significant discussion and
31 that would be a separate issue. He stated that this program is an extraordinary benefit to
32 us collectively as a Village. He stated that they would invite the Village President and the
33 Trustees to be a part of this process, if not the entire process, recognizing their time
34 limitations. They would like them to come and speak to the residents that are a part of the
35 program in order to understand the Political Leadership Process and how it impacts on
36 Public Safety. He stated that every day we are working on these issues.

37
38 Village President Meyers-Martin asked Trustee Gibson to provide her with an overview
39 of the curriculum as they start putting that together. She stated that what she has now is
40 very general. Chief Chudwin stated that they will provide her with that.

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42 Trustee Waite stated that the vast majority of the residents don't have any contact with
43 the police officers. He doesn't think that people realize what a fine staff and what a fine
44 group of people you have. He believes that this program will further that perception that
45 the Village has one of the best police departments in any of the southern suburbs.

1 Chief Chudwin thanked Trustee Waite for his comments. He stated that this is a project
2 for all of the police officers on the police department. The officers have all agreed that
3 this is a team effort. They want to work from every level from the Village President and
4 the Board on down. He stated that he, along with the Deputy Chief and the Command
5 Staff have committed themselves to support and assist them. He stated that from his
6 perspective we have to build a future leadership cadre within our own police department.
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8 Mr. Schneider is a member of the Public Safety Committee. He stated that one of the
9 things in being critical of the police department he was trying to get a Table of
10 Organization to answer what Trustee Waite was saying. He stated that he wants that
11 because it would draw him much closer to the officers, and when they were around doing
12 things he could make sure that his neighbors knew what was going on. He stated that has
13 happened already. He stated that Linzey stopped by one day and there was a big crowd
14 playing basketball. He was wondering why all those guys were there and they didn't call
15 the police department. Mr. Schneider wanted them there. It was important for him to have
16 that kind of relationship with the police department to know what was going on. The
17 Table of Organization would give him the list of names of the officers. He stated that we
18 are a small community, but we have a large police force in the way that they accomplish
19 things.
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21 Chief Chudwin thanked the Board for allowing them to be here this evening.
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23 **Award to the Village from the American Public Works Association for the**
24 **Graymoor Pump Station** – Village President Meyers-Martin introduced Mary
25 Clumpner from Robinson Engineering. Administrator Mekarski stated that Mary
26 Clumpner was the Village's very first Village Administrator. Mrs. Clumpner
27 congratulated Village President Meyers-Martin, the Board, and Administrator Mekarski
28 for the foresight to let them submit this for the APWA 2012 Environmental Award
29 Category for the Pump Station in Olympia Fields that they did. She stated that Village
30 President Meyers-Martin and Trustee Waite were there to accept the award.
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32 Trustee Waite stated that the old Pump Station is gone. Today was its last day. It has been
33 removed. Mrs. Clumpner stated that it was in a floodplain. It was created in 1967. She
34 stated that over time everything deteriorated and it becomes costly to run it. It was a
35 danger to the environment being in a floodplain. The new one has been raised and lifted.
36 The driveway to it is smaller so you don't have storm water runoff. She stated that you
37 have efficient pumps that do variable speeds which saves on the electricity. She stated
38 that because of all of that, the Village is presented with an award from the American
39 Public Works Association. (There was a round of applause).
40

41 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Mrs. Clumpner for bringing the award in. She
42 stated that it was a very enjoyable presentation when she and Trustee Waite were there to
43 accept the award.
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45 Trustee Pennington stated that is the Graymoor Pump Station. He stated that the residents
46 of Graymoor thank you tremendously.

1 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Robinson Engineering for all of their hard
2 work. She stated that they are one of the Engineering Firms that the Village works very
3 closely with. No one else from the public wished to address the Board. Village President
4 Meyers-Martin closed Communications and Petitions at 7:55 P.M.

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6 **FINANCE:**
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8 **Report on the Budget Work Sessions** – Trustee Pennington stated that his report this
9 evening would center on the Village’s 2012-2013 Budget. He stated that for the last 16
10 weeks this Administration, along with the Village’s Treasurer, the Village’s Finance
11 Director, the Department Heads along with their respective teams worked tirelessly to
12 develop the 2012-2013 Budget. He stated that this Administration is mandated by
13 Ordinance to have a balanced Budget. He stated that we pride ourselves in taking on that
14 task and achieving the same each year. During this Nation’s great recession, the Village
15 always maintained a balanced Budget, as well as its AAA Bond Rating from Standard &
16 Poor’s.

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18 Trustee Pennington stated that he is pleased to report that after four drafts of this Budget,
19 we have a balanced Budget with a respectable surplus. It is not modest. It is a respectable
20 surplus. He deems a modest surplus at \$10,000.00. He believes that \$76,875.00 is a
21 respectable surplus given these times. He stated that achieving this milestone did not
22 come easy. They were compelled to freeze wages across the Board in 2012 and 2013.
23 The Village was not immune to the economic challenges experienced in the region. In
24 many cases the Village is in a better economic position than some. He stated that when
25 the Village lost Sales Tax and Property Tax Revenue from Jewel-Osco in August, and the
26 potential of losing other businesses in the Olympia Square Shopping Plaza due to the loss
27 of this anchor tenant, we had to take immediate measures to minimize future losses both
28 in business and in revenue.

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30 Trustee Pennington stated that although it appears that the National economy is
31 improving ever so slightly we, in local government, must be prudent with our economies
32 in order to continue to bring the resources and services the residents of Olympia Fields
33 desires and expects. He thanked the Board of Trustees in their deliberations over the past
34 16 weeks, four months, because this was not easy. He stated that this was not an easy
35 Budget to put together this year. He thanked his Finance Committee. He stated that Miss
36 Willett Hudson is a very strong member of his Finance Committee. She is in the audience
37 this evening. He also thanked and recognized Arthur Byrd, Al Riley, Jr., Attorney Ngozi
38 Okorafor and Mr. Louis Lee for their valued input, advice and counsel on this Budget. He
39 thanked the Department Heads because they had to really sharpen their pencils in dealing
40 with this Budget. He stated that we will take a second look at this Budget in time. He
41 stated that as the economy strengthens, we may be in a better position to take a second
42 look at the Budget perhaps in the fourth quarter of this year. He stated that we do have a
43 balanced Budget. We have a surplus and we can go forward in 2012-2013.

1 **Ordinance #2012-09 – An Ordinance regarding the Annual Budget of the Village of**
2 **Olympia Fields for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year on First Reading. –**
3 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Nale to adopt Ordinance #2012-09 –**
4 **An Ordinance regarding the Annual Budget of the Village of Olympia Fields for the**
5 **2012-2013 Fiscal Year on First Reading.**

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

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8 **BUILDING:**

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10 **Update – 20000 Governors Highway – Demolition of former Governors Restaurant**
11 **Building** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Trustee Ormsby is not here this
12 evening. She has a couple of items to report on from Trustee Ormsby’s report. The first
13 item is an update on 20000 Governors Highway, the demolition of the former Governors
14 Restaurant Building directly to the north of the Village Hall. The Building
15 Commissioner, John McDonnell, has indicated that the demolition of 20000 Governors
16 Highway is still ongoing. The contractor has had a minor setback due to a gas line that
17 was never disconnected on the site. Nicor has since taken care of that. The structure is
18 down and the contractor continues to remove the parking lot and the foundation from the
19 structure. There will be grading improvements to this site for Storm Water Management
20 so you will see equipment there for the next month weather permitting. They have also
21 applied for an extension to their County Permit to continue the work.

22
23 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that if you have been attending Board Meetings,
24 this has been an ongoing process for over a year. In January of 2011 it was determined
25 that the building needed to come down. It had been an eyesore for over 25 years. It did
26 not do anything to increase the attractiveness of the Village both for Economic
27 Development, as well as residential consideration for people looking to move into town.
28 It was her opinion as well as Trustee Ormsby’s that dilapidated; vacant buildings do
29 nothing for a community. They are a detriment. They certainly do not improve your
30 ability to attract businesses as well as home ownership. She is very happy that we have
31 finally reached this point. She stated that it was not easy. The Board has been reporting
32 on it month, after month, after month. She is very excited that it is moving along in spite
33 of the setback as far as the gas line goes. The Village thought that the gas line had been
34 taken care of months ago, but now it has discovered that it was not.

35
36 **Tree City Flagpole** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she will read the
37 Memo from Trustee Ormsby. She would like to take the opportunity to inform the Board
38 of Trustees of two of the activities being coordinated through the Village’s Beautification
39 Committee. The first item involves the purchase and installation of the Tree City
40 Flagpole which is within our Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget, and the second is an
41 invitation to all Board Members as well as the audience to celebrate this year’s Arbor
42 Day on April 27th, 2012. As far as the Tree City Flagpole, the flagpole has been
43 purchased for the purpose of flying the “Tree City Flag.” This is a budgeted item from
44 the 2011-2012 Beautification Budget. The flagpole will include a plaque. The cost of
45 both, plus installation is not to exceed \$1,000.00. The pole will be located in the newly

1 acquired Olympia Fields Park at 203rd Street and the Metra Station. It has been reviewed
2 and approved by Joe Alexa, the Public Works Director.

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4 **Arbor Day Celebration** – Village President Meyers-Martin read the Memo from Trustee
5 Ormsby which states as follows: “The Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony will be held
6 on April 27th, 2012, in the A.M.” Village President Meyers-Martin inquired whether or
7 not we have an exact time. Administrator Mekarski stated no. She stated that if you are
8 interested in attending please call Village Hall and we can confirm the time.

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10 “This year’s tree will be dedicated to Dorothea Brown-Martin. It was Dorothea’s vision
11 to bring the elite status of “Tree City” to our Village. The Beautification Committee will
12 celebrate her efforts with a plaque placed near the tree. Dorothea resigned from the
13 Beautification Committee this year.

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15 Each year on Arbor Day, we invite a school to be part of the tree planting ceremony.
16 David Mekarski has suggested reaching out to the Charter School. DJ Landscaping
17 purchases tree samplings for planting. This is all part of meeting the criteria necessary to
18 be considered for Tree City status.” She stated that Trustee Ormsby would like to invite
19 the entire Board to be part of this year’s Tree Planting Ceremony on April 27th.

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21 **PLANNING:**

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23 **Olympia Fields Park District – Fishing Derby Request** – Trustee Oliver stated that he
24 was going to take his items out of sequence. He wanted to start out with the Olympia
25 Fields Park District Fishing Derby request. He stated that in the audience is Mr. Malak
26 who is the Superintendent of Recreation in Olympia Fields. Last year they had their first
27 Fishing Derby at the pond located at 203rd Street and the Metra Station. He understands
28 that they caught quite a bit of fish. They hope to do that again this year on June 9th at the
29 same location. He asked Mr. Malak to come up and say a few words.

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31 Mr. Malak thanked the Board and Trustee Oliver for having him here this evening. He
32 stated that last summer the Park District offered their first Fishing Derby at the Metra
33 Pond. They had a handful of residents come and they had a lot of fun catching some
34 small fish out of the pond. He stated that it is about the bonding experience between
35 families and neighbors that helps build the community in such recreational activities. The
36 Illinois Department of Natural Resources allows only a certain number of days in the year
37 when you can do this kind of catch and release fishing without a license. They would like
38 to repeat this event.

39
40 Trustee Gibson inquired of Mr. Malak what he needs from the Village in order to do that
41 or what do you need as a granted permission for that Metra Pond.

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43 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Village manages the entire site on behalf of Metra
44 under contract with Metra, the parking lot, the pond, and the maintenance. He stated that
45 we have a proposed Motion to give the authority to this governing authority to the

1 governing authority of the Park District to sponsor the event. He stated that by doing that
2 you are covering this event with the Village’s overall Liability Insurance.

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4 Trustee Pennington stated that he will not imply anything to Metra and the Village won’t
5 have any issues with Metra as well.

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7 Trustee Gibson inquired of Mr. Malak how many people participated last year, children
8 included.

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10 Mr. Malak stated that he believes that there were around 20 participants. They are hoping
11 that it will grow this year through marketing efforts and with those that were there last
12 year bringing friends. He would like to see about 40 people there.

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14 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mr. Malak how often that pond is restocked.
15 Mr. Malak stated that he doesn’t believe that the pond is restocked. He believes that it is
16 just the fish that are naturally there.

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18 Trustee Waite stated that the ducks get the fish eggs on their feathers, and they fly in and
19 land, and they wash off and they hatch. That is how they get there. Mr. Malak is sure that
20 there is a lot of recatching. He stated that it is fun for the kids. They love it.

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22 Administrator Mekarski stated that we had that pond dug at a depth to support aquatic
23 vegetation, aquatic flora, and fauna. It is dug 12 to 15 feet at the center to allow turnover
24 on an annual basis, which helps produce a higher level of oxygen to support the fishery
25 resources.

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27 Trustee Waite stated that you need to dig it deep enough so it doesn’t freeze all the way
28 to the bottom. He stated that it doesn’t cost that much to have somebody come out and
29 dump a truckload of bass in the pond.

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31 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that is why she was curious. She does see a lot of
32 people fishing there, not just children.

33 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to authorize the Olympia**
34 **Fields Park District the use of the Village’s “Metra Pond” for a recreational Fishing**
35 **Derby to be held on June 9th from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. (Noon); with the**
36 **understanding that a Certificate of Insurance per the Village’s specifications, that**
37 **the Park District maintain responsibility of cleaning the premises after use and**
38 **further notify Metra of the event.**

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

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41 **Educational Commission – April Meeting; Discussions and Actions** – Trustee Oliver
42 stated on behalf of the Educational Commission we wish to thank the Board for the
43 restoration of the full Educational Commission Budget. He stated that we understand that
44 we have some fences to mend. The Educational Commission learned that it had been
45 remiss in not providing reports to this Board and to the Village as a whole. He stated that
46 in our archives there is so much, that the Board will be proud to learn what we, the

1 Educational Commission, has accomplished over the years. The Educational Commission
2 promises the Board a special report so that it will get an idea of what some of those items
3 are. One of the members of the Educational Commission has volunteered to initiate this
4 report. They are going to dig into the archives. He stated that it will be impressive.
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6 Trustee Oliver stated that at the last Educational Commission Meeting something came
7 up that it wants the Board to understand. He stated that at the Budget Review Meeting on
8 March 31st, Chairman Pro Tem Mekarski had somewhat intimated that he had thought
9 about resigning from the Educational Commission. The Commission discussed that at its
10 meeting. The Educational Commission in its entirety, loudly and clearly, wants the Board
11 to understand that we cannot let David Mekarski, its Chairman Pro Tem, not serve in the
12 capacity that he is currently doing. His position within the Educational Commission is
13 that important. Part of the rationale behind this is that he is probably the only member
14 that is impartial. Trustee Oliver inquired whether or not Dr. Gibson who is a member of
15 the Educational Commission could assist him in declaring just how much the
16 Commission wants David Mekarski to continue to be in this position. He is non-partisan.
17 He stated that the rest of us are all very opinionated. He stated that if there was anyone
18 else to run this Commission it would never be the same. In fact, it would probably dry up
19 and blow away. He believes that the Commission is just way too important. He stated that
20 you will see what we have accomplished over the years.
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22 Trustee Waite stated that he doesn't think that David Mekarski is non-partisan at all. He
23 believes that he is very aggressively partisan in favor of providing our kids a good
24 education and that is why he is needed there.
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26 Trustee Oliver stated that David was very instrumental in helping the Commission in its
27 embryotic stage to get to a point where now the Educational Commission pretty much
28 governs itself. David Mekarski more or less keeps the checks and balances. The
29 Commission runs itself. He stated that David has information that nobody else on the
30 Board or in the Village would be able to provide the Commission with. He has a strong
31 sense of what the Village's understanding is of what the Educational Commission is
32 suppose to be about. He stated that if the Commission strays away from some issues that
33 it might not know much about, David will bring up what the Ordinance might say or
34 something that will bring us back in line. He stated that his presence is greatly needed,
35 and we will proudly stand up anywhere and say that we have to have David to be our
36 Chairman Pro Tem.
37

38 Trustee Oliver stated that with regard to the College and Career Readiness Program, the
39 Subcommittee is to meet with Dr. Radtke who is the President of Prairie State College.
40 The College and Career Readiness Program will be focusing on the middle school, the
41 sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. The purpose is for the kids and the parents, most
42 importantly the parents, to understand the importance of parental involvement. The
43 Commission wants to start the College and Career Readiness Program this year. Dr.
44 Radtke is going to assist the Commission in launching the College and Career Readiness
45 Program that will begin in the fall of this year.
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1 Administrator Mekarski stated that the entire Subcommittee, including Trustee Oliver, is
2 meeting with Dr. Radtke tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock at Prairie State College. He is
3 offering a partnership with the Educational Commission and the college to facilitate some
4 of the Commission's program objectives to make it even better for the parents in getting a
5 mindset of secondary education, college, into the parents and children's minds right from
6 the onset.

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8 Trustee Oliver asked Village President Meyers-Martin to suspend the rules so that Dr.
9 Gibson can provide any additional information about the importance of David's position
10 as Chairman Pro Tem.

11 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Waite to suspend the rules.**

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

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14 Dr. Ernie Gibson stated that he is not prepared to make a report as such. He stated that he
15 would like to point out to the Board that David Mekarski basically was mandated or
16 appointed as the President Pro Tem of the Commission. He appreciates Trustee Oliver's
17 remarks, but what he is saying is this is what we want and what we are going to have. Dr.
18 Gibson believes that this is something that the Commission should be coming to the
19 Board of Trustees and asking that they continue his leadership on the Commission. He
20 stated unanimously we had a very good, fruitful discussion on that. He stated that this is
21 something that we want. This is something that we need. He stated that hopefully the
22 Board will more or less go along with our wishes.

23
24 Trustee Waite inquired whether or not at the Budget Review Meeting on March 31st,
25 there was a Motion. Trustee Pennington stated that we did not. He stated that this is very
26 important. He stated so let's not cloud the issue with respect to what we did or didn't say
27 on that particular Saturday. He has no objections with the position of Administrator
28 Mekarski as President Pro Tem. The Ordinance is quite specific. The Ordinance calls for
29 a President Pro Tem and a Chairman. We do not have a Chairman on that Commission.
30 He stated that if David wants to be the Chairman of the Commission, all well and good.
31 He stated that before the Board takes any action, he would like to see the report that is
32 forthcoming. He would reserve the right to make comments at that time.

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34 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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36 **Water Towers** - Trustee Waite stated that the west water tower has been shutdown. It
37 will be back up and running this week. They are doing some lining of the tanks. After it is
38 finished they will move on to the east water tower.

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40 **Demolition of the Old Graymoor Lift Station** – Trustee Waite stated that they did
41 demolish the old Graymoor Lift Station Building.

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43 **Dump Truck** – Trustee Waite stated that the dump truck that Public Works ordered last
44 July was delivered today.

1 Trustee Gibson stated that it was her impression that we had already done the service
2 work for the west tower and the east tower.

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4 Administrator Mekarski stated that this was part of the contract requirements for painting
5 both the interior and the exterior. The contract called for a final inspection after the
6 completion of the project. The Village sent a robotic camera into the tower and it found
7 some minor areas that had to be touched up. In order to do that the entire tank was
8 drained. The paint company went in and did a little sandblasting and repainted those
9 certain areas so that it meets 100% of the specifications under the contract.

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11 He stated now that they completed the Vollmer Tower they are going to do the same
12 thing with the Lincoln Highway Tower. The Village will have a tank that should have a
13 life span of about 13 to 15 years with the new technology and the innovative epoxy
14 coatings that they have applied.

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16 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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18 **Resident Handbook** – Trustee Nale stated that she did not have a formal report this
19 evening. She received a revised copy of the Resident Handbook in her mailbox. She
20 wanted to thank the clerk, Naomi Perkins, in Administration who worked on that. She
21 also thanked the Community Relations Commission. She stated that they did a fine job.

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23 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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25 Trustee Gibson stated that she did not have any Public Safety Report. Everything seems
26 to be going pretty well in the Village. They have had no problems and they are very
27 thankful for that.

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29 **Reminder - Volunteer Appreciation Reception – Saturday, April 14th, 2012** - Trustee
30 Gibson stated that as the Liaison to the Community Relations Commission she wanted to
31 remind everyone that the Volunteer Appreciation Reception is this Saturday, April 14th.
32 She stated that registration begins at 9:30 A.M. The reception starts at 10:00 A.M. at the
33 Olympia Field Country Club. She asked that everyone R.S.V.P. if they have not already
34 done so. They have to give the Country Club their final count by Wednesday.

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36 **Resident Handbook** – Trustee Gibson stated that she has been working very closely for
37 the last month with Naomi to take care of the upgrading of the Resident Handbook. They
38 will be passing out the Resident Handbook at the Volunteer Appreciation Reception.

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40 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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42 **Discussion Only – Ordinance #2012-08 – An Ordinance authorizing aggregation of**
43 **electrical load and adopting an Electric Aggregation Plan of Operation and**
44 **Governance** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the first item is for discussion only. It
45 is the Electrical Aggregation Ordinance #2012-08. A copy of the Ordinance is in the
46 Board Packet. It is not listed on the Agenda for First Reading. It would be listed after the

1 second Public Hearing for waiving of First Reading and adoption under Second Reading.
2 He stated that we will get answers to the specific questions from the audience at the
3 Public Hearing. He stated that hopefully we will have a person from NIMEC here or on
4 the phone for the second Public Hearing.

5
6 Administrator Mekarski asked the Board to review the Electrical Power Aggregation Plan
7 prior to the preparation of the next Board Agenda on April 18th or 19th. It was prepared
8 on the Village's behalf by NIMEC. He stated that if there is anything that needs to be
9 modified, changed, or explained, to give him a call ahead of time. He stated that we can
10 get on the phone with David Hoover from NIMEC so that we can get specific answers to
11 your questions so that the Board can adopt it at the next meeting.

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13 Administrator Mekarski stated that we have a choice to have a bid go out for the
14 Municipality to either accept a minor fee for handling the administration of electrical
15 aggregation or not. He stated that some of the communities that previously went through
16 the process took that option. The Board had expressed at that time that they would like to
17 take the option to have some of its administrative costs covered by the electrical
18 aggregation process. It doesn't have a major impact on rates. It will help provide some
19 minor funding into the Village's Budget. That is one of the elements that is part of the
20 Plan and part of the specification process.

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22 Administrator Mekarski stated that if the Board adopts this at the next meeting it is in the
23 best position to take advantage of the lowest market that we have seen in years in the
24 electrical supply process.

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26 Trustee Gibson inquired whether or not there are a lot of companies that provide these
27 services. Administrator Mekarski stated yes. Trustee Gibson inquired whether or not the
28 Village has decided which one it is going to use, or is an RFP going out to each of them
29 to see who gives us the best deal. Administrator Mekarski stated that we are going out on
30 a Reverse Bidding Process or an RFP Process. He stated that it won't be an actual
31 bidding process. It is being coordinated by NIMEC. There are companies that provide the
32 brokerage service that NIMEC is providing. He stated that earlier when the Board started
33 this process, the Board had a Resolution where it agreed to utilize the services of NIMEC
34 which the Village has enjoyed over the years for the Village's Pump Facilities. So the
35 Village is not going out on RFP for the brokerage services. The Village is going to go out
36 on a short list of companies. There have been some changes in the market. Exelon just
37 absorbed Constellation which was one of the major, private companies providing
38 electrical power that was competing against Exelon.

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40 Trustee Pennington stated that it is a new cost center for Exelon off the side.

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42 Administrator Mekarski stated that is absolutely true. He stated that Exelon gave the
43 Village one of the best bids in our Municipal Pump Facilities. He stated that we went
44 down from \$6.04 to \$4.33 per kilowatt hour. Exelon was the awarding bid for multiple
45 Municipalities for pumping facilities.

1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that when the NIMEC Representative was here,
2 we did grill him about that process, and bringing in those competitive bids for us to
3 finally make that decision. Trustee Pennington stated that's right. Village President
4 Meyers-Martin stated that we plan on holding him to that.

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6 Administrator Mekarski stated that this Electrical Aggregation Plan is available for any of
7 the public. Residents can stop in at Village Hall and they will provide you with a copy.
8 The Village is going to download a copy on the website as well.

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10 **General Services Administration (GSA) of the Federal Government – Relocation of**
11 **the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Office now located at 3615 Park Drive, Olympia**
12 **Fields, Illinois** – Administrator Mekarski stated that he received a letter on April 2nd,
13 2012. It was addressed to the Village President. It was from the GSA informing the
14 Village that it is the intent of the GSA to relocate the Internal Revenue Service which
15 lease expires on Governors Office Park on 1-31-2014. He understands that the IRS had
16 already vacated the premises. The lease expires in 2014. He has not confirmed that. He
17 stated that this is Legal Notice to the governing authority that the Federal Government
18 intends to leave our Village. He stated that when we received that we immediately
19 forwarded a copy to Rick Bryant from Congressman Jesse Jackson's Office.

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21 Administrator Mekarski stated that he is presenting this to the Board to hopefully get
22 support of the governing authority to ask our Congressman to intervene on our behalf, to
23 try to see if we can convince the IRS to reverse that decision and maintain their
24 occupancy in the Village.

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26 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Rick Bryant indicated that he would have
27 Congressman Jackson write that letter. He wasn't sure if it would do any good.

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29 Trustee Gibson inquired of Administrator Mekarski that if they already moved what good
30 would it do. Administrator Mekarski stated that they might renew the lease. Village
31 President Meyers-Martin stated that they might come back. Administrator Mekarski
32 stated that if the Board could support it by way of a Motion, it would give further
33 confirmation to Congressman Jackson's Office that the interest not only meets the wishes
34 of the Village President, but the majority will of the Board of Trustees.

35 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to approve our outreach to**
36 **Congressman Jackson to intercede on our behalf as the Village of Olympia Fields to**
37 **the IRS.**

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

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40 **Move by Well Group Health Partners** - Administrator Mekarski stated that we received
41 notice from the Well Group Health Partners about a big move. He stated that our
42 representatives from St. James are here today. He asked if Mrs. Brassea could discuss the
43 news.

44 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to suspend the rules.**

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

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1 Mrs. Brassea stated that the letter that Administrator Mekarski handed to her and Mr.
2 Senesac is in reference to a move of the Well Group Health Partners which is located
3 currently on Dixie Highway and Vollmer Road. She stated that they will be relocating the
4 majority of its services to our current professional office building on the Olympia Fields
5 Campus of St. James. The move will take place over the course of the next 18 months. It
6 should be completed by March of 2013. A couple of the services have already been
7 moved over. This is to better utilize the facilities that are readily available to us on our
8 Olympia Fields Campus. There are 80 physicians that are part of the Well Group Health
9 Partners. Some of them are already located in Olympia Fields. There are about 40 that are
10 at the current location at Vollmer and Dixie Highway.

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12 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we certainly welcome them to the Village of
13 Olympia Fields. She stated that we are happy to have the Well Group Health Partners.
14 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to go back into regular**
15 **session.**

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

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18 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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20 **Report on the 2030 Financial Plan** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the
21 first item is the Report on the 2030 Financial Plan. She stated that the Board recently held
22 its review of the 2030 Financial Plan. She stated for the benefit of the audience, the 2030
23 Plan is an innovative process that we began in 2006. She stated that unlike any of the
24 other Villages in the surrounding area that she is aware of, the Village actually looks at
25 expenses and revenue going forward to the year 2030. That is to better prepare the
26 Village for what possible expenses and expenditures the Village will need to make in the
27 upcoming years. That prepares the Village better financially in order to deal with
28 emergencies, to deal with crises because we already projected out to 2030. They look
29 specifically at Public Works and what costs the Village is going to incur from that fund,
30 looking at streets, looking at the water costs, looking at sewer costs, and looking at sewer
31 rehabilitation. The 2030 Plan takes all of those types of costs into consideration. It does
32 the same with Building, the Police, and the Administration side of the Village. The
33 Village has been doing this since 2006. It has served the Village well. It has added to the
34 fact that we are a AAA Bond Rated Village, because we do take our due diligence to look
35 at these types of costs going forward as far as 2030. She doesn't believe that many other
36 towns take that kind of foresight.

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38 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked the Board and the Village Treasurer, Don
39 Theobald, for working with the Village and the Village Administrator in looking at these
40 types of costs in a way that helps us prepare and plan for the years coming forward. She
41 stated that it better serves our residents as well so that we are never surprised at what we
42 see going forward for the Village. She stated that she is very happy about that.

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44 **Volunteer Appreciation Reception** – Village President Meyers-Martin encouraged
45 everyone in the audience to attend the Volunteer Appreciation Reception. She stated that
46 we will be naming some new members to our Hall of Fame. It is a chance for the Village

1 to celebrate the level of volunteerism that we have in the Village which is great. She
2 stated that we have residents that are highly engaged, very enthusiastic, and community
3 spirit is top in their minds. She encouraged everyone to come out to that on Saturday,
4 April 14th starting at 10:00 A.M. She stated that it is held at the Olympia Fields Country
5 Club which is a shining star in the Village of Olympia Fields and we are very proud of
6 that relationship.

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8 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

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12 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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14 The Board did not have any New Business to discuss this evening. Mr. Schneider asked if
15 he could speak. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have to suspend the rules
16 in order for him to speak. She stated that she was sorry.

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18 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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20 **Randall Hampton – Reappointment to the Police Pension Board** - Village President
21 Meyers-Martin stated that she has one reappointment for Mr. Randall Hampton. He is
22 being reappointed to the Police Pension Board. She stated that we are happy to have him
23 reappointed and to continue his service to the Village. She stated that we have a highly
24 engaged community. She stated that we thank Mr. Hampton for his service and for his
25 reappointment.

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27 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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29 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to adjourn at 8:50 P.M.**

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

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32 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**