

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on April 11, 2011**

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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 11, 2011, at
6 the Linzey D. Jones Municipal Building and was called to order by Village President
7 Debra Meyers-Martin at 7:03 P.M. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The
8 Clerk called the roll.

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10 Present: Trustees – Gibson, Pennington, Nale and Waite
11 Village President, Debra Meyers-Martin
12 Village Clerk, Judi K. Rangel

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14 Absent: Trustee Ormsby
15 Trustee Oliver
16 Village Administrator, David Mekarski (Administrator Mekarski was attending
17 the APA Boston Conference to obtain Continuing Education Credit Hours
18 required by the State)

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20 **MINUTES:**

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22 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to dispense with the reading of**
23 **the Minutes of March 28th, 2011.**

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

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26 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the Minutes of**
27 **March 28th, 2011, as presented.**

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

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30 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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32 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she has Bills for Approval totaling
33 \$197,262.86. She stated that there is a Cover Memo in the Board Packet designating and
34 highlighting the more notable entries.

35 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the payment**
36 **of bills for April 11th, 2011, in the total amount of \$197,262.86.**

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

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39 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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41 Village President Meyers-Martin opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:06 P.M.

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43 **Complaint about the Police Department -** Mr. Samuel DeBose stated that he resides at
44 3466 Woodland. On March 21st he came to the police department to report that a vehicle
45 was stolen. He stated that Officer Metzger reluctantly accepted his report. The officer
46 stated that he would get back to Mr. DeBose. A week had passed and Officer Metzger

1 had not contacted Mr. DeBose. Mr. DeBose called Officer Metzger. Mr. DeBose was
2 informed that Officer Metzger was not in on the day that he called. Mr. DeBose called the
3 next day. The woman at the police department informed Mr. DeBose that she wasn't sure
4 if Officer Metzger was in. Mr. DeBose then asked to speak with Chief Chudwin. The
5 woman at the police department informed Mr. DeBose that the Chief does not get
6 involved with stolen vehicles.

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8 Mr. DeBose stated that Officer Metzger took his report and stated that he would get back
9 to him but he never did. Officer Metzger had the wrong number in the Police Report. Mr.
10 DeBose's name was misspelled in the Police Report. Mr. DeBose provided Officer
11 Metzger with a copy of the ownership papers to the vehicle. The papers indicated that the
12 vehicle had been in Mr. DeBose's name for over two years, and Mr. DeBose's name was
13 still misspelled in the Police Report.

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15 Mr. DeBose stated that he lost his wife two and a half years ago. One of his stepdaughters
16 took one of the vehicles. Officer Metzger asked Mr. DeBose why he didn't report it. Mr.
17 DeBose stated that he didn't report it because of compassion. Officer Metzger informed
18 Mr. DeBose that he should contact the Secretary of State, and contact the people at Leads
19 and they could take care of this. When Mr. DeBose contacted the Secretary of State in
20 Chicago Heights, they informed him that he had to contact the Secretary of State in
21 Springfield. He stated that when he contacted the Secretary of State in Springfield, they
22 were surprised to hear that the officer was not willing to take him to get the vehicle when
23 he reported the vehicle stolen, and he knew where the vehicle was.

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25 Mr. DeBose stated that he is not a cop. He does not know the procedures. He feels that
26 this was handled in a very poor way. He stated that the lady out front stated that the Chief
27 of Police does not get involved with stolen vehicles. He decided that the next place to go
28 was to a Village Meeting and make this public. He thought maybe someone could look
29 into this and get back to him.

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31 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we are glad that you came this evening. She
32 stated that it is very unusual for the Board to receive complaints about the police
33 department. They are usually on top of things. She stated that he was right to come to the
34 Board Meeting. The Board wants to hear about issues that are going on in the Village that
35 it may not be aware of. Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mr. DeBose when
36 he reported this to the police.

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38 Mr. DeBose stated that he reported it on March 21st. He provided the Board Members
39 with a copy of the Police Report. The spelling mistakes in the report are highlighted. Mr.
40 DeBose stated that first he went to the Park Forest Police because his stepdaughter lives
41 in Park Forest. The Park Forest Police stated that they could not handle it because the
42 vehicle was not stolen from Park Forest. Then he came to the Olympia Fields Police
43 Department. He stated that he felt that the people that were serving him, felt like they
44 were too busy to be serving him.

1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Mr. DeBose reported the vehicle stolen, but
2 he knows where the vehicle is and who has it. Mr. DeBose stated yes.

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4 Trustee Gibson inquired of Mr. DeBose if there was any way that he could get the vehicle
5 from his stepdaughter without taking it. Mr. DeBose stated no. Trustee Gibson inquired
6 of Mr. DeBose if his stepdaughter would return the vehicle to him. Mr. DeBose stated
7 that she wouldn't return it to him. He stated that the vehicle was in his wife's name. She
8 died, and it is his understanding that her property then becomes his property. He had the
9 title put into his name. The Secretary of State did that in '08. He was waiting for his
10 stepdaughter to negotiate a way to get the title from him. The report indicates that his
11 stepdaughter had an accident and Mr. DeBose got served with a bill for \$3,500.00 for an
12 accident that she had. He stated that he had nothing to do with it. He stated at that point,
13 compassion stops.

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15 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Trustee Gibson is our Public Safety Liaison.
16 She stated that we will certainly follow-up with Chief Chudwin tomorrow and someone
17 will be in touch with you. Village President Meyers-Martin closed Communications and
18 Petitions at 7:12 P.M.

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20 **FINANCE:**

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22 **Ordinance #2011-10** - Trustee Pennington stated that the first item on his Agenda is
23 quite important to the Village, it is Ordinance #2011-10 – An Ordinance providing for the
24 Issuance and Sale of \$3,350,000.00 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue
25 Source), Series 2011 of the Village of Olympia Fields. He stated that this is on First
26 Reading. Trustee Pennington turned the matter over to Jim Shanahan, the Village's Bond
27 Counsel.

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29 Mr. Jim Shanahan stated that we started out with an authorizing Ordinance to get the
30 process started. The backdoor period for a Referendum challenge has run. Now they are
31 authorized to go ahead and issue the Bonds to sell them. They have taken bids. The bids
32 have come in favorably for the Village. They are looking at 20% or 30% across the Board
33 under where they budgeted. Before the Board this evening is the First Reading of the
34 Ordinance. There are several blanks in the Ordinance. The blanks will be filled-in upon
35 the sale of the Bonds on April 25th.

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37 Mr. Shanahan stated that next week the Board will have a Special Meeting for a BINA
38 Hearing which is required by Illinois Law before you can sell Bonds. On April 25th they
39 will be able to solidify the bids and they will know how many Bonds they need to sell.
40 He stated that the Village is sitting in a nice position. One of the reasons for that is the
41 Village's AAA Credit Rating was reapproved. The Village has the highest possible credit
42 rating. Mr. Shanahan stated that these are Alternate Revenue Bonds and they have
43 pledged the revenues from the Water and Sewer System, and the Telecommunications
44 Tax. There is a spot in the Bond Ordinance for a Tax Levy. That will be levied as a
45 backstop in case there is ever a shortfall in the revenues that they are pledging. With the
46 AAA Credit Rating it is less likely that they would have to draw on that Tax Levy, so

1 every year they will have an Abatement Ordinance. He stated that on April 25th they will
2 have the sale. They will provide the Board with a new Ordinance with all the details
3 filled-in that reflect the sale. They are looking at a closing date around May 10th. He
4 stated that at that time, it will be funded, and then we can move forward with paying for
5 the project.

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7 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mr. Shanahan if he could explain to the
8 Board why the Bonds were not sold on April 11th as originally anticipated, and why the
9 Bonds are now going to be sold on April 25th.

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11 Mr. Shanahan stated that the numbers were more favorable and it made sense to delay it a
12 little bit. They didn't want to have to sell more than what they expected. They pushed
13 back the Hearing for the Bond Issue Notification Act, (BINA), which is required to be
14 held seven-days before the actual sale. He stated that by waiting a couple weeks they are
15 going to be able to borrow less money to get the same project that they originally
16 budgeted for 3.74 Million Dollars. Right now they are looking at 3.3 Million Dollars.

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18 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that they are going to call for a Special Meeting
19 on April 18th. Mr. Shanahan stated that the purpose of that Hearing is for the public to
20 have a chance to have comments on the project.

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22 Trustee Waite inquired of Mr. Shanahan what the likely interest rate is that they will get.
23 Mr. Shanahan stated that it is hard to tell. He stated that the Speer Financial people are
24 the numbers guys. He stated that over the past 18-months they have seen historical, low
25 interest rates. He stated that with the Village's credit rating it will receive as favorable an
26 interest rate as anybody else that will be selling that day.

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28 Trustee Waite inquired of Mr. Shanahan what the difference is between a "AAA Credit
29 Rating" and a one "A Credit Rating." Mr. Shanahan stated that you are looking at
30 anywhere from 20 to 35 basis points. He stated that over the course of 20 years, that's
31 \$3,000,000.00 or \$4,000,000.00. Trustee Pennington stated that there is a very substantial
32 difference. Mr. Shanahan stated that the Village is sitting in a very enviable position
33 amongst its fellow Municipalities in the State. He stated that the Village should be proud
34 of that. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we are proud of that. Village
35 President Meyers-Martin thanked Mr. Shanahan for coming to the meeting this evening.
36 Mr. Shanahan stated that it has been a pleasure working with you.

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38 Trustee Gibson inquired of Mr. Shanahan if he was going to attend the Hearing on April
39 18th. Mr. Shanahan stated that he could attend that Hearing.

1 period was \$909,468.75. The Village's actual realized revenue was \$353,416.59, or 61%
2 of Plan. The Village's Expense Budget for this fund was \$457,853.71. The Village's
3 actual realized expense in this fund was \$56,609.90, or 87.6% of Plan. The total fund
4 surplus for February in the Sewer Fund was \$296,806.69, or 34.2% of the total fund. The
5 Village's Fiscal Year to date actual plus encumbrance for February is a surplus in the
6 amount of \$532,192.54.

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8 **BUILDING:**

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10 There was no report in the absence of Trustee Ormsby.

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12 **PLANNING:**

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14 There was no report in the absence of Trustee Oliver.

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16 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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18 **Recommendation for Final Payment to Technologies USA, Inc.** - Trustee Waite stated
19 that we have a recommendation from our consultants to make a final payment to
20 Technologies USA, Inc. in the amount of \$130,430.59 for work completed in the Sanitary
21 Sewer Rehabilitation Cured-in-Pipelining and the Lateral Cured-in-Place Pipelining in
22 the Village.

23 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to accept the**
24 **recommendation from Robinson Engineering dated March 21, 2011 (Project #09-**
25 **179) a final Waivers of Lien and Final Payment Request Invoice #86969, in the**
26 **amount of \$130,430.59, for work associated with the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation**
27 **Cured-in-Pipelining and Lateral Cured-in-Place Pipelining, ARRA Loan L170052.**

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

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30 Trustee Pennington stated that with respect to this particular payment, the Village did
31 realize some economies of scale. He stated that the Village is saving funds tremendously
32 on this particular project.

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34 **Recommendation for Partial Payment to Gaskill & Walton** - Trustee Waite stated that
35 the next item that he has is a recommendation for partial payment to Gaskill & Walton
36 Construction Company in the amount of \$12,404.70 for work completed in connection
37 with the Graymoor Lift Station Improvements.

38 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to accept the**
39 **recommendation from Robinson Engineering dated March 25, 2011 (Project #09-**
40 **180) for partial Waiver of Lien and payment if Invoice #4, (#6803-1445), in the**
41 **amount of \$12,404.70, for work completed through February 28, 2011 on the**
42 **Graymoor Sanitary Sewer Lift Station.**

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44 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that previously Robinson Engineering did a
45 marvelous presentation for the Board on the GIS Pavement Management Systems.

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

1 **Employee ID Badges** - Trustee Nale stated that Naomi in Administration is working on
2 the ID Badges for all of the employees. The Human Resource Committee will be writing
3 up a policy for the employees to wear the ID Badges while they are scheduled to work in
4 the Village. Trustee Nale stated that they will be useful in the case of an emergency if any
5 identification is needed.

6 Trustee Waite stated that he attended the Open House for the Southland College
7 Preparatory Charter High School. He noticed that other Trustees that were there from
8 other Villages had badges indicating who they were. Trustee Nale stated that the Trustees
9 will be getting badges with their pictures on them.

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11 **Welcome Back Trustee Nale** - Village President Meyers-Martin welcomed back Trustee
12 Nale. She stated that we are glad to have you back.

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14 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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16 Trustee Gibson stated that she did not have a formal report this evening. She stated that
17 everything seems to be going well in the Public Safety Department.

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19 **Thank You to the Public Safety Department** - Trustee Waite stated that the Public
20 Safety Department has done a marvelous job so far this year, especially through the
21 blizzard. He stated that when the Villages around us were all shutdown, we were still
22 open.

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24 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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26 There was no report in Administrator Mekarski's absence.

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28 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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30 **Special Board Meeting and Public Hearing on April 18th, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. –**
31 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to call a Special Board**
32 **Meeting and Public Hearing for the Bond Issue Notification Act (BINA) on April 18,**
33 **2011, at 7:00 P.M.**

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35 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that there will only be one item on the Agenda on
36 April 18th. She doesn't anticipate the meeting being very long.

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38 Trustee Gibson inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin if there was another Special
39 Meeting on April 14th. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that there is a Special
40 Meeting on April 14th.

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

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43 **Grand Opening of Southland College Preparatory Charter High School** – Village
44 President Meyers-Martin stated that she attended the Grand Opening on Sunday, April
45 3rd, of the Southland College Preparatory Charter High School. She stated that it is a
46 beautiful school. It was a beautiful event. There was a beautiful ceremony. She believes

1 that the school will be quite successful. They have all of the technology and all of the
2 bells and whistles at the school. She is looking for good things from them. Village
3 President Meyers-Martin stated that with Dr. Davis as the CEO of the Charter School, she
4 doesn't think it can be anything but successful. She was very happy to be there and she
5 thought that it was a wonderful, wonderful event.

6 Trustee Waite stated that it was magnificent. He was amazed at what they did with the
7 building. He stated that Dr. Davis extended an invitation for people to come and visit the
8 school. The Biology Lab had State of the Art equipment. The Computer Lab had about
9 50 desks with brand new Apple Computers. He stated that he was speechless when he
10 saw the way they turned the insurance building into a school. He couldn't believe what
11 they did in such a short period of time. The parents and students were enthusiastic. There
12 were 600 people in the room for the ceremony with people standing to get inside the
13 door. He stated that it is amazing what can happen when everybody is working together.

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15 Village President Meyers-Martin encouraged everyone if they have the opportunity, to go
16 see the Southland College Preparatory Charter High School.

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18 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

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22 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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24 **Volunteer Reception** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that on Saturday, April
25 16th the Volunteer Reception will be held at the Olympia Fields Country Club from 10:00
26 A.M. to Noon.

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28 Trustee Gibson stated that invitations went out about six weeks ago to the volunteer
29 members on the Commissions and Committees within the Village. Trustee Gibson stated
30 that we could not do what we do in this Village without our volunteers that give their
31 time and their services.

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33 Village President Meyers-Martin encouraged the volunteers to attend the reception. She
34 stated that if you are not a volunteer, to become a volunteer. She stated that we have a
35 very good time at the Volunteer Reception.

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37 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENT:**

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

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