

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on April 28, 2014**
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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 28th, 2014, at the
6 Linzey D. Jones Municipal Building and was called to order by Village President Debra Meyers-
7 Martin at 7:03 P.M. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Director of Finance/Deputy
8 Village Clerk Cynthia Saenz called the roll.
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10 Present: Trustees – Gibson, Nale, Oliver, Byrd, Hudson, and Waite
11 Village President Debra Meyers-Martin
12 Director of Finance/Deputy Village Clerk, Cynthia Saenz
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14 Absent: Village Administrator/Village Clerk, David A. Mekarski
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16 **MINUTES:**
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18 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to suspend with the reading of the**
19 **Minutes of March 24th, 2014; April 14th, 2014, and April 14th, 2014, Special Board Meeting.**
20 **Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.**
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22 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Oliver to approve the Minutes of March 24th,**
23 **2014, as amended.**
24 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**
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26 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the Minutes of April 14th,**
27 **2014, and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of April 14th, 2014, 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 in the amount of
33 \$65,231.54. She stated that there is a Cover Memo in the Board Packet designating the more
34 significant payouts.
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36 Trustee Oliver stated that before he votes on this, there is a bill in the amount of \$350.00 to MOF
37 Baseball. He wanted to make sure that there was no conflict of interest. Trustee Oliver inquired
38 where that money comes from.
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40 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it comes out of the Golf Fund. She stated that we
41 now have to record everything that goes out of the Golf Fund for the Homeowners Associations,
42 and for Charities such as the MOF Baseball.
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44 Trustee Waite inquired of Trustee Oliver with regard to the conflict of interest, whether or not
45 Trustee Oliver was concerned with his involvement with MOF Baseball. Trustee Oliver stated
46 yes. Trustee Waite stated that if that is a note of concern to Trustee Oliver when it comes time to
47 vote for that Trustee Oliver can just recuse himself.
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1 Trustee Oliver stated that he asked the question to determine how he was going to vote. Trustee
2 Waite stated that if Trustee Oliver recuses himself, it will pass anyway because there are more
3 than enough people present to pass it. Trustee Oliver stated that he understands.
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5 Village President Meyers-Martin stated for clarity purposes, the funds go to the baseball
6 organization and not to the individual. Trustee Waite stated right.

7 **Motion by Trustee Byrd, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the payment of Bills for**
8 **April 28th, 2014, in the total amount of \$65,231.54.**

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

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11 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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13 Village President Meyers-Martin opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:08 P.M. There
14 were members of the public in the audience; however no one wished to address the Board.
15 Village President Meyers-Martin closed Communications and Petitions at 7:09 P.M.
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17 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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19 **A. Recommendation for payment of Invoice #1301503-02 to Iroquois Paving**
20 **Corporation for work completed in connection with 2014 Street Resurfacing**
21 **Program – Phase I (Street Bond) – MFT Section 13-13-00031-00RS in the amount of**
22 **\$34,113.43.**
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24 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Consent Agenda is the portion of the Agenda
25 where we have Bills that have been previously discussed. She stated that we only have one item
26 today on the Consent Agenda and that is item 5(A), which is the recommendation for payment of
27 an Invoice to Iroquois Paving Corporation for work completed in connection with the 2014
28 Street Resurfacing Program.

29 **Motion by Trustee Waite, second by Trustee Hudson to approve under the Consent**
30 **Agenda item 5(A).**

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

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33 **FINANCE:**

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35 **Ordinance #2014-15 – An Ordinance approving the Annual Budget of the Village of**
36 **Olympia Fields for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year (First and Second Reading)** – Trustee Byrd
37 stated that the first thing on the Agenda is the 2014-2015 Budget. The Board should have a
38 Memorandum from Cynthia Saenz the Director of Finance. There was a slight change due to the
39 expected retirement of our Public Works Director. The change is \$45,917.00 in expenses which
40 is \$9,183.00 from streets. On the expense side, line number 6, the Water Fund is \$18,367.00.
41 And on line number 6 in the Sewer Fund is \$18,367.00. There will be a slight change from the
42 last draft. Trustee Byrd stated that you had Draft # 4. This is Draft #5. This is the Final Draft that
43 the Board will be voting on this evening. Trustee Byrd stated that with that change on there, we
44 still have a surplus of \$69,147.00 on the General Fund side. We also have a surplus in the Water
45 Fund and the Sewer Fund.

46 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Nale to waive First Reading and approve in**
47 **Second Reading Ordinance #2014-15 – An Ordinance approving the Annual Budget of the**
48 **Village of Olympia Fields for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year.**

1 Trustee Waite inquired of Trustee Byrd whether or not those items that he mentioned are based
2 on somebody's retirement.
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4 Trustee Byrd stated that if you look at the Memorandum, it is based on the Public Works
5 Director's anticipated retirement. It is the anticipated payouts for that person's sick days.
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7 Trustee Waite inquired whether or not there is going to be somebody replacing the Public Works
8 Director. Trustee Byrd stated that money is due regardless if someone is replacing him. That will
9 be part of a salary. Those sick day payouts are due to that person at retirement.
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11 Trustee Waite inquired of Trustee Byrd whether or not you have a Budget for whoever is going
12 to be replacing that person. Trustee Byrd stated that person is already in the Budget for next year.
13 That individual person's retirement is in the Budget for next year.
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15 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she was going to have the Director of Finance,
16 Cynthia Saenz speak to that because she is very instrumental in the Budget.
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18 Mrs. Saenz stated that we already have a salary budgeted for the Public Works Director. That is
19 already factored into the Budget. She stated that Joe Alexa, the current Public Works Director
20 has a sick day bank. It is a pre-1990 sick day bank. The calculation that you see here is based on
21 his sick day bank and some benefits the Village will payout when he retires, along with any
22 vacation that he accrues this year that would normally be taken next year.
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24 Trustee Waite stated that he understands and he thanked Mrs. Saenz.
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26 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Joe Alexa will have been with the Village of
27 Olympia Fields for 32-years. He has been a wonderful Public Works Director. Certainly, we will
28 go with that in terms of our Budget.
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30 Trustee Waite inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin whether or not Mr. Alexa has trained
31 a replacement for himself. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that he is in the process of
32 training a Deputy Director. Trustee Waite stated that he told Mr. Alexa that he couldn't leave
33 until he had somebody ready to take his place.
34 **Roll Call: Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.**
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36 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked the Trustees for all of their hard work during the
37 Budget Cycle, as well as the Department Heads, including Chief Krull who is here tonight.
38 She stated that it is very difficult when you are working with some very challenging numbers.
39 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked everyone for all of their time and for their fiscal
40 responsibility to the Village of Olympia Fields. She stated that we do better than most in terms of
41 our Budget Cycle and the passage of our Budget.
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43 **March 2014 Financial Statements** - Trustee Byrd stated that the next thing he has is the March
44 Financial Report for Revenue and Expenses. He stated that on the Revenue side we had budgeted
45 \$786,291.00 in the General Fund. The Village actually received \$897,237.00 in the General
46 Fund. In the Water Fund the Village had budgeted \$163,833.00. The Village actually received
47 \$165,783.00. In the Sewer Fund the Village budgeted \$96,236.00 for revenue. The Village
48 received \$94,647.00 in revenue for the month of March.

1 Trustee Byrd stated that on the Expense side in the General Fund the Village budgeted an
2 expense of \$690,425.00. The Village actually spent \$696,868.00. In the Water Fund the Village
3 budgeted \$104,683.00 for expenses. The Village actually spent \$109,601.00. In the Sewer Fund
4 the Village budgeted an expense of \$96,873.00. The Village actually spent \$91,371.00.

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6 Trustee Byrd stated that the second page gives you the current month of surplus and deficit. The
7 Village budgeted for a \$95,866.00 surplus during that month. The Village actually had a surplus
8 of \$200,369.00. He stated that in the Water Fund the budgeted amount was \$59,150.00. The
9 actual Water Fund was \$56,182.00. In the Sewer Fund the Village budgeted a deficit of \$637.00.
10 The Village actually has a surplus of \$3,376.00. In the General Fund for the month of March, the
11 General Fund had outperformed what the Village had budgeted. The Water Fund was slightly
12 under.

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14 Trustee Byrd stated that if you look at the “Year-to-Date Surplus and Deficit” the Village
15 budgeted to have as of 11-months a \$173,128.00 deficit in the General Fund. We are actually at
16 \$174,533.00. We are pretty close to what we budgeted for in that fund. In the Water Fund the
17 Village had budgeted a \$39,163.00 surplus. The Village actually had \$73,828.00 in the Water
18 Fund. The Water Fund continues to perform quite well. In the Sewer Fund the Village budgeted
19 a \$279,051.00 deficit. We are at \$215,377.00. It is outperforming what we had budgeted for. The
20 Water Fund, the Sewer Fund, and the General Fund are pretty much on task with meeting this
21 Budget. Next month we will be getting the final for 2013-2014.

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23 Trustee Byrd stated that the last page is the graph showing the Village’s ups and downs and
24 straight lines for the year. It shows that we are still on the way of meeting our Budget for 2013-
25 2014.

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27 **Treasurer’s Report of Cash Balances** – Trustee Byrd stated that the last item is the Treasurer’s
28 Report of Cash Balances. He stated that the total amount in cash in our accounts is
29 \$7,051,740.58. It shows where that money has been distributed in each institution. The last page
30 shows the Interfunds.

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32 **Thank you to Director of Finance, Cynthia Saenz** - Village President Meyers-Martin stated
33 that she has a cold and she must be delirious because we could not pass the Budget, work on the
34 Budget, and consider a Budget without our Director of Finance, Cindy Saenz. She puts together
35 all of the numbers. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it was a faux pas on her part not
36 to make mention of that. Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Cindy Saenz. Trustee Byrd
37 apologized for not thanking Cindy. He stated that we are constantly in conversation.

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39 Mrs. Saenz stated that she just considers it part of her job but she thanked Village President
40 Meyers-Martin and Trustee Byrd. Trustee Byrd stated that Mrs. Saenz does a wonderful job.
41 (There was a round of applause).

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43 **BUILDING:**

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45 **Building Department** - Trustee Hudson stated that she did not have a Formal Report this
46 evening. She stated that she is still working on getting the status of the projects that Mr.
47 McDonnell has been working on for the Building Department, as well as the Beautification
48 Committee on the beautification of the Village.

1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that is interesting. She stated that we did have Arbor
2 Day.

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4 Trustee Hudson stated that we did have Arbor Day and we did have Earth Day Projects as well.
5 Trustee Hudson stated that there were some areas that did look much, much better. She is sure
6 that some people did do what they expected them to do. Trustee Hudson stated that she
7 understands that one area was a little upset because their people didn't do it. Trustee Hudson is
8 going to talk to that area to see if she can get them to do it. Trustee Hudson thanked all of the
9 people that did go out and make our Village beautiful and picked up things that they know
10 should be picked up. She stated that she appreciates it.

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12 Trustee Hudson thanked Chief Krull for making sure that there was safety at the Arbor Day
13 planting.

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15 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Chief Krull certainly did that. She stated that we
16 planted three-trees in the 207th Street Parkway in Olympia Fields East, because that was
17 devastated by the Emerald Ash Borer. We are trying to replenish that. She knows that there are
18 many areas of the Village that have been affected by this horrible disease. Village President
19 Meyers-Martin stated that trees are expensive so we have to do it a little bit at a time. She stated
20 that it was wonderful to be able to plant those three, new trees there. Village President Meyers-
21 Martin thanked Trustee Hudson and the Beautification Committee for putting that together.

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23 **PLANNING:**

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25 **Announcement of the Southland College Preparatory High School – Career Readiness and**
26 **College Preparation Program on May 30th, 2014, for Middle School Students –** Trustee
27 Oliver stated that last year there was collaboration between the Educational Commission,
28 Southland College Preparatory High School, as well as a number of community colleges within
29 the area that makes up “SMHEC.” They collaborated to put on a Career Readiness and College
30 Preparation Program at the Southland College Preparatory High School. This year it is scheduled
31 to take place on May 30th. This is an announcement to put it on your calendar. There will be
32 more information that will come out in time for this May 30th program. He stated that if you can
33 get away to attend the program, it will be an awesome thing to do. It is for the middle schools in
34 our area. It includes parochial as well as public schools. It is for the sixth, seventh, and eighth
35 graders in our area.

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37 Trustee Waite inquired of Trustee Oliver what time. Trustee Oliver stated that it generally begins
38 around 8:30 A.M. or 9:00 A.M. It lasts until noon and a lunch is provided. Trustee Oliver will
39 provide the Board with more information regarding the program as we get closer to the date.

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41 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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43 **Joe Alexa Retiring -** Trustee Waite stated that the news of Joe Alexa retiring is good news for
44 Mr. Alexa but kind of bad news because Mr. Alexa is a fountain of knowledge. He stated that we
45 have our work cut out for us going forward to make sure we get somebody that can cover all of
46 that. He stated that if anyone knows people that might fit that position, they may want to have
47 them get their Resumes up-to-date and get them in.

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1 **Emerald Ash Borer** – Trustee Waite stated that one of the things that is close to his heart, but
2 not part of Public Works is the Emerald Ash Borer. He has talked about that before. Trustee
3 Waite stated that last summer down past the park they had insecticide going into the trees. The
4 insecticide is called a “systemic.” The tree takes it into its vascular system, draws it up as the sap
5 rises in the spring into the tree. The Emerald Ash Borer starts ingesting the insecticide and it
6 dies. That takes care of the Emerald Ash Borer for that particular year. He believes that most of
7 those trees are dying. Trustee Waite stated that if you look down close to the ground you can see
8 where the people that take care of the grounds, when they are whacking the weeds with the weed
9 whackers they are also whacking the trees and it cut the bark all the way around. He stated that
10 the Emerald Ash Borer may not have had anything to do with those trees dying. It is probably the
11 people who are in charge of cutting the grass and cutting the weeds, and not paying attention to
12 the weed whacker and getting it too close to the bark. Those are small trees. He stated that big
13 trees would have no impact on it. The buds are on the trees now. Trustee Waite stated that right
14 now is the time when you should be doing something if you have Ash Trees on your property. It
15 is pretty simple. You can go to Home Depot and get the insecticide. There are two brands, Ortho
16 and Bayer. Bayer has gotten approval from the EPA. There are advertisements on the radio
17 advertising Bayer. They can’t advertise that without the approval of the EPA. At the base of the
18 tree on the ground you carve out a little area. It tells you on the package one cup for every five-
19 inches of tree diameter. You put it in the area that you dug out and cover it up and put some
20 water in it and then you can forget about it until next year. If you have two-thirds of the canopy
21 still intact, the chances are really good that you can save those trees. It is a lot cheaper than
22 removal and disposal of the trees.

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24 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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26 **Office Ergonomics Training Update** – Trustee Nale stated that on April 17th an in-service
27 entitled “Office Ergonomics” was presented by Roy Jensen who represents IRMA who is our
28 Risk Management Agency. The first hour was devoted to a PowerPoint Presentation. The second
29 hour was devoted to a hands-on demonstration at an actual work station in Administration. She
30 stated that questions were answered and corrections were made in the way the seating
31 arrangements were at each work station. Mr. Jensen was thanked by everyone for his hands-on
32 approach. Trustee Nale stated that the following day she sent a letter to Mr. Jensen thanking him.

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34 Trustee Nale stated that after the program she discussed a tentative program with Mr. Jensen
35 including a luncheon learning in-service with Public Works. Trustee Nale hopes that will be
36 scheduled in the fall of this year.

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38 **Report of the Olympia Fields Library Board** – Trustee Nale stated that the library now has a
39 new drop box at 203rd Street. The new drop box receives discs as well as books. It was moved
40 slightly to allow for better accessibility to the mailbox.

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42 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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44 Trustee Gibson stated that she did not have a Formal Report this evening.

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1 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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3 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Administrator Mekarski had to do his obligatory
4 session with the American Planning Association (APA). She stated that we will not have a report
5 from Administrator Mekarski.

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7 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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9 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is going to turnover her report to Chief Krull
10 related to some Amendments to Ordinances related to Public Safety.

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12 **Ordinance #2014-16 – An Ordinance Amending Subsection 1-10(b) of Section 1-10,**
13 **“General Penalty for Violation of Code; Continuing Violations; Exceptions,” of Chapter 1**
14 **of the Village of Olympia Fields Village Code (First and Second Reading).**

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16 **Ordinance #2014-17 – An Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 14, Sec. 14-81,**
17 **“Immobilization/Towing and Impoundment,” of the Village of Olympia Fields Village**
18 **Code (First and Second Reading).**

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20 **Resolution #2014-04 – A Resolution Approving the Collection Services Agreement,**
21 **Amendment No. 2 between the Village of Olympia Fields and Municipal Collections of**
22 **America, Inc. (MCOA).**

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24 Chief Krull stated that it is very important that everyone understands that we already have these
25 Ordinances in place. The intent of this entire Collections Program was to try to collect any
26 uncollected or outstanding debt owed to the Village. We are able to do that because Illinois State
27 Statute allows us to do that. When somebody is sent to collections there is always a fee or a cost
28 associated with that. Previously, the Village was only receiving a small portion of the actual fine
29 that was collected, with the Collection Company receiving another portion of that payment.

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31 Chief Krull stated that in May and October of 2013 we entered into a Service Agreement with
32 Municipal Collections of America. That is our collections company. In the Ordinances that are
33 before the Board this evening there are a couple of changes that are critically important. Prior to
34 these changes the Collection Company was receiving 25% of the debt that was collected with the
35 Village receiving the other 75% portion of that. Due to the add-on fees and through the State
36 Statute the Village now is going to be receiving 100% of the fine. The violator will be
37 responsible for the 35% collection fee charged by the Collection Company. The Ordinances
38 before the Board will allow the Village to enact that 35% Collection Fee. He stated that through
39 all of these Ordinances the changes was to uniform the collection process regardless of when the
40 debt was incurred. Whether it is an old debt or a new debt, as soon as the debt is sent to
41 collections there will be a 35% add-on fee for that debt. Previously, there was a two-tiered
42 system. It became very confusing and very difficult to account for at the end of the month when
43 everybody was trying to reconcile their books. The Ordinances include all of the Village’s Local
44 Tickets for parking and equipment violations. It also includes the Red Light Photo Enforcement
45 and the Seizure and Impound of vehicles towed subject to a lawful arrest. We put all of those
46 violations into one place and made that collection fee standard across the board so it is easier to
47 try to keep a count of everything. The most important reason we did all of this was for our Photo
48 Enforcement Program which started in 2008. There are approximately 7,690 unpaid tickets

1 floating around out there. The total liability is \$1,400,000. 00. That is not to say that the
2 Collections Company will be able to collect all of that money, although it would be nice, but the
3 violators that they do track down will be responsible for paying the fine amount plus the 35%
4 add-on fee that is charged by the Collection Agency.

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6 Chief Krull stated that throughout this project we should recognize all of the efforts of Cynthia
7 Saenz and Traffic Administrator Les Delya. He stated that without their help none of this would
8 have happened.

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10 Trustee Gibson stated congratulations. Chief Krull stated we have not collected anything yet but
11 he is confident that we will. Trustee Gibson stated that we will. Trustee Byrd stated that it is a
12 start.

13 **Motion by Trustee Byrd, second by Trustee Gibson to waive First Reading and adopt in**
14 **Second Reading Ordinance #2014-16 - An Ordinance Amending Subsection 1-10(b) of**
15 **Section 1-10, “General Penalty for Violation of Code; Continuing Violations; Exceptions,”**
16 **of Chapter 1 of the Village of Olympia Fields Village Code.**

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

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19 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Oliver to waive First Reading and adopt in**
20 **Second Reading Ordinance #2014-17 - An Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of**
21 **Chapter 14, Sec. 14-81, “Immobilization/Towing and Impoundment,” of the Village of**
22 **Olympia Fields Village Code.**

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

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25 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Gibson to approve Resolution #2014-04 - A**
26 **Resolution Approving the Collection Services Agreement, Amendment No. 2 between the**
27 **Village of Olympia Fields and Municipal Collections of America, Inc.**

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

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30 **Meeting with Chicago Southland Economic Development Commission** – Village President
31 Meyers-Martin stated that on Friday she was at a meeting with the Chicago Southland Economic
32 Development Commission. Congresswoman Kelly was there as well as the Secretary of the
33 Illinois Department of Transportation, Ann Schneider. Mrs. Schneider gave an update of the
34 South Suburban Airport. The FAA is currently doing an Air Space Study. They plan to conclude
35 that in November. They will then move onto the Environmental Study. She stated that we had
36 been given word that the airport would probably break ground in 2017. Mrs. Schneider from
37 IDOT stated that it is more likely to be 2016. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that
38 sometimes news of the airport gets lost in the shuffle because we have been dealing with it for so
39 long. It looks as though they are right on target. The State has done everything that they needed
40 to do thus far. We are hoping that in November when there is an election for Governor that that
41 won’t impede the movement that the State has made towards this South Suburban Airport. The
42 FAA is very enthusiastic about working with the State. Congresswoman Kelly has been meeting
43 with them constantly to get that moving.

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45 **April Food Day** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Village of Olympia Fields
46 was involved in food collection for the local food pantries. She stated that over 10,000 pounds of
47 food was collected throughout the region. It was distributed to Restoration Ministries Pantry;
48 Together We Cope Food Pantry; Respond Now of Chicago Heights; Respond Now of Sauk

1 Village; Ford Heights Community Service Organization; Catholic Charities of South Holland,
2 and the Food Pantry of Rich Township. She stated that all of the La Quinta Inns throughout the
3 State of Illinois participated. The Tinley Park Convention Center hosted the collection of the
4 food. The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau was very instrumental in getting the
5 word out and making that a successful day. Village President Meyers-Martin thanked everyone
6 that donated food. She hopes that the Village of Olympia Fields, as well as other entities in the
7 Chicago Southland will continue to participate in April Food Day. She stated that in Rich
8 Township they have practically tripled the number of people that come to their pantry looking
9 for food since the recession in 2008. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that anything that
10 we can do we are very happy to participate.

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12 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

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16 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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18 Trustee Nale stated that she has some concerns about the signs that are reappearing along
19 Vollmer Road advertising different businesses that are there. She inquired whether or not that is
20 going to be a continuing practice or is this going to stop.

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22 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that is against the Sign Ordinance for those signs to be
23 out. She stated that Reggie Ford is responsible for monitoring those signs. Village President
24 Meyers-Martin stated that she doesn't know if they applied for a Special Use of those signs
25 which they have done in the past. Great Clips has asked for that when they have had special
26 events going on. She doesn't believe that is what is happening. She stated that we will get in
27 touch with Mr. Ford right away.

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29 Trustee Gibson stated that she and Trustee Hudson got an email from John McDonnell indicating
30 that this week they would be looking at the Final Draft of the Sign Ordinance, and they would
31 also be looking at the approval of a particular sign somewhere in the Village. She couldn't
32 remember where. Trustee Gibson stated that they might be closer to bringing that Sign
33 Ordinance to the Board.

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35 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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37 **Appointment – Joseph M. Martin to the Planning and Zoning Commission** – Village
38 President Meyers-Martin stated that she has tonight for the Board's approval the Appointment of
39 Joseph M. Martin to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Martin is a former City Manager
40 in Hazel Crest and a former staffer in the Planning Department of the City of Chicago Heights.
41 Mr. Martin is currently the Chairman of the Community Relations Commission. Mr. Martin's
42 Application is in the Board Packet.

43 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Nale to approve the candidacy of Joseph M.**
44 **Martin to the Village of Olympia Fields Planning and Zoning Commission for a term**
45 **continuing until a new appointment is made by the Village President.**

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

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48 Village President Meyers-Martin congratulated Mr. Martin. Mr. Martin thanked the Board.

1 **Reappointment – Randall Hampton to the Police Pension Board** – Village President Meyers-
2 Martin stated that she has the Reappointment of Mr. Randall Hampton to the Police Pension
3 Board.

4 **Motion by Trustee Hudson, second by Trustee Oliver to approve the Reappointment of**
5 **Randall Hampton to the Police Pension Board.**

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

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8 **Resignation – Beverly Sokol from the Educational Commission** – Village President Meyers-
9 Martin stated that sadly she has the Resignation of Beverly Sokol from the Educational
10 Commission. She stated that Bev Sokol has served many, many years in many, many capacities
11 in the Village of Olympia Fields. She is “the Energizer Bunny.” Village President Meyers-
12 Martin stated that we regretfully have to accept her Resignation from the Educational
13 Commission.

14 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Gibson to accept the Resignation of Beverly**
15 **Sokol dated March 26th, 2014, and further authorize the Village Administrator to send a**
16 **Letter of Appreciation on behalf of the Village President and the Board of Trustees for**
17 **service to our Village.**

18 Trustee Waite inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin whether or not we should have a
19 Proclamation to demonstrate our gratitude for her many years of service. He stated that it is just
20 an idea.

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22 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that is possible.

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

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25 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we thank Beverly Sokol for all of her hard work in
26 the Village of Olympia Fields.

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28 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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30 **Motion by Trustee Waite, second by Trustee Gibson to adjourn at 7:48 P.M.**

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

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33 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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