

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on May 9, 2011**
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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, May 9, 2011, at the
6 Linzey D. Jones Municipal Building and was called to order by Village President Debra
7 Meyers-Martin at 7:01 P.M. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk
8 called the roll.
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10 Present: Trustees – Gibson, Ormsby, Oliver, Pennington, Nale and Waite
11 Village President, Debra Meyers-Martin
12 Village Clerk, Judi K. Rangel
13 Village Administrator, David Mekarski
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15 Absent: None.
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17 **SWEARING-IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:**
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19 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we are going to have the swearing-in of our
20 newly elected Trustees. Village President Meyers-Martin administered the oath of
21 Village Trustee to newly elected Trustee, Carolyn Gibson as follows: “I, Carolyn Gibson,
22 having been elected to the office of Village Trustee, in the County of Cook aforesaid, do
23 solemnly swear or affirm, that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the
24 Constitution of the State of Illinois, Code of Ordinances, Policies and Procedures
25 governing the Village of Olympia Fields, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of
26 the office of Village Trustee to the best of my ability.” Village President Meyers-Martin
27 congratulated Trustee Gibson. (There was a round of applause).
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29 Village President Meyers-Martin administered the oath of Village Trustee to newly
30 elected Trustee, Susan Ormsby as follows: “I, Susan Ormsby, having been elected to the
31 office of Village Trustee, in the County of Cook aforesaid, do solemnly swear or affirm,
32 that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of
33 Illinois, Code of Ordinances, Policies and Procedures governing the Village of Olympia
34 Fields, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Village Trustee to the
35 best of my ability.” Village President Meyers-Martin congratulated Trustee Ormsby.
36 (There was a round of applause).
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38 Village President Meyers-Martin administered the oath of Village Trustee to newly
39 elected Trustee, Kelvin Oliver as follows: “I, Kelvin Oliver, having been elected to the
40 office of Village Trustee, in the County of Cook aforesaid, do solemnly swear or affirm,
41 that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of
42 Illinois, Code of Ordinances, Policies and Procedures governing the Village of Olympia
43 Fields, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Village Trustee to the
44 best of my ability.” Village President Meyers-Martin congratulated Trustee Oliver.
45 (There was a round of applause).
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1 Village President Meyers-Martin introduced the three newly elected Village Trustees.
2 (There was a round of applause).

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4 **MINUTES:**

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6 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to dispense with the reading of
7 the Minutes of April 25th, 2011.**

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

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10 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Ormsby to approve the Minutes of
11 April 25th, 2011, as amended.**

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

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14 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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16 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she has Bills for Approval totaling
17 \$252,755.52. She stated that there is a Cover Memo in the Board Packet stating the
18 specific bills.

19 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to approve the payment
20 of bills for May 9th, 2011, in the total amount of \$252,755.52.**

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

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23 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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25 Village President Meyers-Martin opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:12 P.M.
26 There were members of the public in the audience. No members of the public wished to
27 address the Board. Village President Meyers-Martin closed Communications and
28 Petitions at 7:12 P.M.

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30 **FINANCE:**

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32 Trustee Pennington stated that he did not have a formal report this evening.

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34 **BUILDING:**

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36 Trustee Ormsby stated that she did not have a formal report this evening.

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38 **PLANNING:**

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40 **Ordinance #2011-11** – Trustee Oliver stated that the Educational Commission has a
41 number of members whose current terms have expired, which has prompted some
42 discussions about the need to amend Chapter 6, Article VI, Division 4, Section 2-207(a).
43 A copy of the Ordinance is in the Board Packet. The Ordinance states: “A member,
44 having been duly appointed shall continue to serve after the expiration of his/her term,
45 until his/her successor has been duly appointed. “

1 Administrator Mekarski stated that he spoke with the Village Attorney. The State Statute
2 provides for this. It can be assumed that until a governing authority replaces an individual
3 whose term has expired, that person can sit on the dais at whatever Board or Commission
4 he or she was appointed to. He stated that the Educational Commission will discuss at
5 their meeting tomorrow night the recruitment of new individuals. That may include
6 possibly asking the Board to send out a letter asking members that may not be attending
7 on a regular basis if they wish to continue on the Commission. Over the next one or two
8 months, the Village President will receive a formal report from Trustee Oliver as the
9 Liaison to the Educational Commission. The Village President will review all of the
10 appointments and submit them to the Board for approval. He stated that this eliminates
11 ambiguity. It is consistent with State Statute. It is consistent with the Village's Municipal
12 Codes. He stated that there is an Educational Commission meeting tomorrow night. This
13 clarifies that everybody who has been appointed is still a member. The Educational
14 Commission is a legal body that can convene and still do business.

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16 Trustee Pennington inquired if it was ever determined, or considered, to have a defined
17 period of time when that extension would occur. He stated that if the position has not
18 been filled, the current Commissioner could continue his or her position.

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20 Administrator Mekarski stated that all of the members of the Educational Commission
21 have specific terms. Trustee Pennington stated that he understands that. It is defined in
22 the Ordinance. He stated with respect to the undefined term, in the event that the position
23 is expired, and it is not filled, how has that been addressed, other than the fact that the
24 person will stay until it is filled. Administrator Mekarski stated that we are hoping that
25 would not be the case.

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27 Administrator Mekarski stated that Trustee Oliver will be working with the Commission
28 to look at a recruitment process for new Commissioners. He stated that they have drafted
29 a letter that will go before this body. With the Board's approval, the letter would go out
30 to inquire if the existing members would want to continue to serve. He stated that we
31 bring a list to the Board. We stagger the terms. It will insure 15-members with specific
32 terms. He stated that the language is in the Ordinances for the Planning and Zoning
33 Commission and the Community Relations Commission.

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35 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Pennington if he was referring to if
36 someone's term has expired and they don't want to continue. Trustee Pennington stated
37 that he was not asking about that. The point that he is trying to make is if there is going to
38 be that extension of time then that extension of time should be defined in the body of the
39 Ordinance.

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41 Trustee Waite suggested that the Board could take that up at a subsequent meeting when
42 the time has gone on too long. He stated that right now we are extending the term of the
43 people until we come up with a replacement.

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1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that you may want to address just how long that
2 extension could take place. If their term expired, would they have to be replaced within
3 the next six months? She does not believe that it is spelled out in the Ordinance.
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5 Trustee Pennington stated that the language in the Ordinance is ambiguous as it relates to
6 that matter because it doesn't state with any specificity. He stated that if there is going to
7 be an extension, how long will that extension be, 30-days, 60-days, 90-days, 180-days.
8 He stated that you have extension terms within the body of the Ordinance now. He is
9 suggesting that you put a defined term with respect to the extension, if it happens. He
10 stated that it may not even happen. He stated that if it does, it should be defined.
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12 Trustee Oliver stated that he understands Trustee Pennington's point. Trustee Oliver
13 stated that he will bring that before the Educational Commission for discussion.
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15 Trustee Ormsby inquired if this was becoming an issue. Trustee Oliver stated that we
16 have a number of members whose terms have expired by a month or so. He stated that
17 now is the time to begin having those members names submitted to me as the Liaison and
18 to the Village President for the acceptance of renewal of those terms. He stated that
19 Trustee Pennington's question is a legitimate question. He will bring that before the
20 Commission to see if they can come up with some language that will specify the duration
21 of what that extension might be.
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23 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired if the Board wanted to table the matter until
24 the Educational Commission determines that defined time, or if there was consensus of
25 the Board to move forward with a Motion.
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27 Trustee Waite stated that he thought the Board should move forward, otherwise, the
28 meeting tomorrow night would not be legitimate.
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30 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Village Attorney stated that the State Statute
31 provides for this. It is not absolutely necessary. The Village has done this with the
32 Planning and Zoning Commission and the Community Relations Commission. He stated
33 that it provides no question to the public whether or not it is a legal meeting. He stated
34 that we can take our time to go through our roster for the Educational Commission, and
35 the attendance list, and send out the possible letters of inquiry and submit names from the
36 Liaison to the Village President. The Village President can bring them up to the Board for
37 renewal with specific terms, and/or replacements with specific terms. He stated that we
38 normally do that. He stated that the process may take a few months.
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40 Trustee Waite stated that we could open-end it as suggested in the Motion, until we didn't
41 like the open-endedness, and at a subsequent Board Meeting the Board could say you
42 have gone too long and we are giving you a deadline of 30-days, and if you don't have it
43 by then, then we will do something about it. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that
44 is something that the Educational Commission can discuss.
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1 Trustee Gibson inquired whose responsibility it is to monitor this so that this doesn't
2 happen. She inquired if it has been a problem.

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4 Administrator Mekarski stated that he believes that the maintenance of all of our Boards
5 and Commissions with specific terms has not been adequately managed. That's why State
6 Statute recognizes this, as well as our Ordinances specify it in the Planning and Zoning
7 Commission and the Community Relations Commission. He stated that in the last few
8 months we have gone through Bond initiatives, the Budget, and other activities.

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10 Trustee Oliver stated that the Educational Commission has had a number of meetings
11 related to the School Board Elections. Administrator Mekarski stated that the Educational
12 Commission held some historic Joint Meetings in February and March with the Matteson
13 Education Commission and the Country Club Hills Special Education Committee. He
14 stated that we normally would have done this in January through the end of April. He
15 stated that time period was consumed with other activities.

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17 Trustee Ormsby stated that she thought that it would be beneficial to her if perhaps four
18 times a year the Board could have a report on what is going on, and who is attending the
19 meetings, and how the Educational Commission Members are doing. She stated that she
20 kind of feels out of the loop. She doesn't know what they are working on or what their
21 focus is. She stated that since we are the Board that started the Educational Commission,
22 she feels like they are not being connected very well right now. Trustee Oliver stated that
23 Trustee Ormsby made a great point.

24 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Ormsby to waive First Reading and**
25 **adopt on Second Reading Ordinance No. 2011-11 – An Ordinance amending**
26 **Chapter 6, Article VI, Division 4, "Educational Commission," Section 2-207(a) of**
27 **the Olympia Fields Village Code.**

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

29
30 **Park District Use of the Olympia Fields Conference Center for the Senior Camp –**
31 Trustee Oliver stated that there is a request from the Olympia Fields Park District for the
32 use of the Conference Center, the Old Village Hall, for their Senior Camp that is going to
33 run from June 9th through July 28th on Thursdays, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

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35 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that this is something that we have done for them
36 in the past.

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38 Trustee Waite inquired what the customary fee is. Trustee Pennington stated it is
39 \$100.00.

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41 Trustee Gibson stated that based on the information in the Board Packet, each senior is
42 paying \$80.00 to the Park District to attend the Senior Camp. She doesn't understand
43 why part of that fee couldn't be used for the rental of another facility, since it seems that
44 they don't have enough room in their own facility. She stated that is just her opinion.

1 Trustee Oliver inquired if she was wondering why they are not renting out some other
2 facility. Trustee Gibson stated no, she was wondering why they can't pay the fee that is
3 documented that the Village charges. She stated that if the people were attending the
4 Senior Camp without paying any money at all, and it was a gratuitous kind of thing, and
5 the Village was helping seniors within the Village, she could understand that. She stated
6 that part of that \$80.00 should go to maintenance for wherever they are going to hold this.
7 She was under the impression that they don't have enough room in their own facility for
8 the Senior Camp on that day and during those hours.

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10 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she understands Trustee Gibson's point. She
11 was looking at the list of the things that the summer camp does. They take trips. They
12 take a lunch cruise. They have an Ice Cream Social. She stated that it appears that there
13 are costs incurred by the Park District to hold this camp. She stated that she is assuming,
14 she doesn't know for sure, that the fee each person is paying is to cover these costs, for
15 example, for transportation.

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17 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin if the Village could charge
18 them a nominal fee of \$50.00 to cover the cleaning costs because the cleaning people
19 have to come in.

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21 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Administrator Mekarski if in the past the
22 Park District took care of cleaning up the area. Administrator Mekarski stated that the
23 Recreation Department has indicated that they will take the responsibility for cleaning.
24 They will also provide the proper Certificate of Insurance to eliminate any kind of
25 liability exposure. He stated that we are two governing authorities of the same citizenry.
26 We are trying to work cooperatively with our sister agency to maximize their proceeds
27 for the benefit of our seniors.

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29 Trustee Oliver stated that he would like to echo that. He stated that last year he had a
30 bone to pick with them because they were charging our baseball league monies to run
31 their program. He believes that we need to foster more intergovernmental affairs. They
32 are here in our Village. They are providing services for our senior citizens and others in
33 the area. He stated that maybe they should be charged some money.

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35 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Trustee Oliver if he was providing a service to all of these
36 kids and they are charging the baseball league. She stated that is difficult for me. Trustee
37 Oliver stated that he is bigger than that.

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39 Trustee Waite stated that he agrees with Trustee Gibson. They are charging \$80.00 a
40 person. Trustee Waite inquired how many people they get at these functions.

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42 Trustee Oliver stated that since they are using our facility, we could ask for some sort of a
43 report as it relates to our Old Village Hall. He stated that we could ask for a little bit of a
44 report so that we can find out for next year if this is something that is fair. He said the
45 \$100.00 he would pay it.

1 Trustee Waite stated that he has listened to a number of their presentations when they
2 have come before the Board and he is unimpressed. He stated that they want to run this
3 affair at the Old Village Hall which we have control over, but they want us to waive the
4 customary fee of \$100.00, but they are going to charge everybody that comes \$80.00.

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6 Trustee Oliver stated that he will do his best to advocate on their behalf. He stated as
7 Village President Meyers-Martin stated there are a number of activities that will cost
8 money. He stated at the end of the season they will probably break even. He doesn't
9 believe that they are doing this to make money. He believes they are doing it to provide a
10 service for the seniors.

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12 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she thinks it is a great service that they are
13 providing to the seniors. She is hoping that the spirit of cooperation in governance in this
14 Village would improve, so that the Village could support some of the entities that are
15 within the Village. She stated that the Park District is not perfect. The Village has had
16 many issues with them. She stated that we have done this in the past. This will go a long
17 way to at least indicate that we are cooperating with the Park District. They are the
18 Olympia Fields Park District. She stated that it is not the Matteson Park District or the
19 Flossmoor Park District. She believes that we are a small enough town that we need to
20 work together more so than to always be at each other's throats so to speak. She
21 understands that in some cases the Park District has been less than impressive. She stated
22 that this is for the seniors. She believes that there would be some sense of appreciation
23 from that group of individuals and residents in the Village.

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25 Trustee Nale stated that there is a \$100.00 deposit on the facility before we can have
26 anybody use the Conference Center. She stated that if it isn't cleaned up, the Village
27 would deduct that cost from the \$100.00. Trustee Gibson stated that if we waive the fee,
28 they don't pay the \$100.00.

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30 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that if they didn't cleanup, the Village could
31 always go back to them and inform them that they didn't leave the facility in the manner
32 that it should have been left.

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34 Trustee Waite stated that he would like to let them use the facility. He is willing to vote
35 yes right now. He thought that Trustee Gibson brought it up correctly. Are they
36 delivering \$80.00 worth of benefits to our citizenry? He thought that perhaps a few Board
37 Members could attend that, and make an assessment if they are doing a good job serving
38 our constituents.

39 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Waite to authorize the use of the Old**
40 **Village Hall to Olympia Fields Park District to operate the Summer Senior Camp**
41 **on Thursdays from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. from June 9th to July 28th, waiving the**
42 **customary fee; with the understanding that the Park District will file a Certificate of**
43 **Insurance per Village's specification and maintain responsibility of cleaning the**
44 **premises after use.**

1 Trustee Pennington inquired whether or not they will present the Certificate of Insurance
2 prior to their opening date. Administrator Mekarski stated absolutely. IRMA will require
3 that.

4 **Roll Call: (Trustees Gibson, Oliver and Waite voted Aye). (Trustees Ormsby,
5 Pennington and Nale voted No). Village President Meyers-Martin voted Aye.
6 Motion Carried.**

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8 **Authorization for the Olympia Fields Park District to sponsor a Fishing Derby on
9 June 4th at the Metra Pond** – Trustee Oliver stated that there is another request by the
10 Olympia Fields Park District. Denise Will, the Director of Parks and Recreation would
11 like to sponsor a Fishing Derby on June 4th at the Metra Pond over by 203rd Street from
12 9:00 A.M. to Noon. She would like to have children ages 4 through 12 fish in the pond
13 for a Fishing Derby.

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15 Trustee Pennington inquired if the pond is already stocked. Administrator Mekarski
16 stated that is a good question. The Village President had asked about that as well. He
17 believes through natural propagation there is a good amount of aquatic life in there. He
18 stated that even if you don't stock it, Herons and other wading birds go from one pond
19 and pick up some eggs and deposit them in the other pond. Trustee Pennington stated that
20 he is inquiring about fish in the pond. Administrator Mekarski stated that the birds carry
21 the fish eggs on their feathers and their feet and they self-propagate it. He stated that it
22 was designed to support aquatic life. It was dredged especially deep to allow a winter and
23 summer overturn so it doesn't become eutrophic. He believes that INDR will be stocking
24 the pond prior to the event.

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26 Trustee Waite inquired where the pond is located. Administrator Mekarski stated that it is
27 the large pond between the Olympia Club Subdivision and the Metra Facility.

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29 Trustee Pennington stated that we have signs posted throughout the Village where there
30 are ponds indicating no fishing. He sees a precedent setting here if this is allowed. He
31 stated that conceivably the residents that have ponds in their subdivisions where there are
32 no fishing signs posted will ask for the same thing.

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34 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she doesn't believe that there is a sign there
35 stating "No fishing." She has seen people fishing there.

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37 Administrator Mekarski stated that the lake by the Lakes of Olympia just north of the
38 subdivision attracts a lot of anglers.

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40 Trustee Gibson inquired whose responsibility it is when the normal person goes there to
41 fish and something would happen to them. Trustee Pennington stated that the Village is
42 responsible.

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44 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Village has an agreement with Metra that manages
45 the entire parking lot, ponds, and landscaped areas.

1 Trustee Gibson suggested that perhaps the Board should think a little deeper about what
2 would happen to the Village's funds if someone happened to be hurt over there. She
3 inquired if the Village has insurance to cover that.

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5 Administrator Mekarski stated that IRMA provides the Village with liability coverage for
6 an accident on a public right-of-way, a public sidewalk, including slipping into the pond.

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8 Trustee Pennington stated that we need to look at the exclusion sections of what IRMA
9 might have. He stated they may not include fishing or anything remotely subject to that
10 activity.

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12 Trustee Ormsby stated that they do this at Dolphin Lake in Homewood. She suggested
13 that the Village call over there and see how they insure that. She agrees with Trustee
14 Pennington about the signage. She believes that the Park District should put signage up
15 stating that this is a one-day event. She stated that we don't want little kids fishing there
16 without supervision.

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18 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she agrees, but she believes it would be to
19 the Village's benefit to investigate Homewood and what their policy is. She stated that
20 Dolphin Lake has fishing during the week. She doesn't know what the policy is. She
21 stated that they host a Fishing Derby there.

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23 Trustee Waite stated that if you put up no fishing signs, and if kids walk through the area
24 and fall into the pond without fishing, maybe we should say "No Trespassing."

25 Administrator Mekarski stated that at the end of the day, it won't make that much
26 difference in terms of overall liability.

27
28 Trustee Waite thought that you would get more kids out on the pond in the winter time
29 when they think the ice is safe. He stated that the kids love the Fishing Derby. He has
30 seen them in other areas where he has lived. He stated that the parents are usually there
31 and there is plenty of supervision. He would suggest that they not eat the fish.

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33 Trustee Nale stated that she would volunteer to investigate it with the Safety Committee.
34 Administrator Mekarski stated that Trustee Nale is holding a Safety Committee Meeting
35 on May 12th. He stated that we could get a hold of our IRMA representative and also do
36 some investigation with Homewood.

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38 Trustee Pennington stated that this is a Risk Management issue. He stated that all of us
39 want to make sure that our Risk Management Process is in place.

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41 Trustee Oliver inquired if the Board wanted to table this. Village President Meyers-
42 Martin stated that it is set for June 4th and it doesn't give them much time to prepare.
43 Administrator Mekarski asked the Board to support it. He stated that Trustee Nale can
44 gather the other data.

1 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Ormsby to authorize the Olympia**
2 **Fields Park District the use of the Village’s “Metra Pond” for a recreational Fishing**
3 **Derby to be held on June 4th from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. (Noon); with the**
4 **understanding that a Certificate of Insurance per Village’s specifications, that the**
5 **Park District maintain responsibility of the cleaning of the premises after use, and**
6 **further notify Metra of the event.**

7 **Roll Call: Ayes (4) (Trustees Pennington and Nale voted No). Motion Carried.**
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9 **Groundbreaking at Tolentine Park** – Trustee Oliver stated that the Board will be
10 receiving invitations to the Groundbreaking at the Tolentine Park, which is scheduled on
11 June 4th at 10:00 A.M. Trustee Oliver received that information from Denise Will this
12 afternoon.

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14 **PUBLIC WORKS:**
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16 Trustee Waite stated that he did not have a formal report this evening.
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18 Trustee Waite stated that he drove by the bridge and Country Club Drive. There are all
19 kinds of pipe and raw materials being delivered. There is a lot of activity going on. He
20 stated that it looks like the project is moving forward posthaste.
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22 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**
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24 **Employee ID Badges** – Trustee Nale passed out a sample of the Employee ID Badges.
25 She also passed out a sample of the ID Badges for the Police Department. She stated that
26 if the Board has any comments about them, she would be glad to hear them after the
27 meeting. Trustee Nale suggested that in order to accommodate the Trustees that they
28 come to the next Board Meeting at 6:30 P.M. in order to have their pictures taken for
29 their ID Badges.
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31 **Goals of the Department Heads** – Trustee Nale stated that she spoke with Naomi. As of
32 today, the Goals of the Department Heads are on the Village’s Website. Trustee Nale has
33 not viewed them yet. She stated that if you look at them and find any corrections, to let
34 her know right away.
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36 Trustee Pennington inquired of Trustee Nale as to why the Trustees needed an ID Badge.
37 Trustee Nale stated that it wasn’t necessary, but she thought it would be a nice thing to
38 offer to the Trustees. She believes that all of the Trustees should have one.
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40 Administrator Mekarski stated that he would encourage all of the Trustees to have one.
41 He stated that during an emergency, especially when roads are blocked, when we have to
42 get the Trustees over to the Village Hall as the Emergency Management Center, you
43 could be dealing with a volunteer from ESDA and they won’t let you go through a
44 barricade. He stated that if you have an official ID, you will have emergency clearance
45 when we need Trustees here during an emergency. He stated that it could be during a
46 tornado or a flood. He stated that in the flood of 2006 he had difficulty getting through

1 Vollmer Road without an ID. He had to contact the Chief and get authorization to pass
2 through.

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4 Trustee Waite stated that when we attend various functions, Trustees from other Villages
5 have an identification badge that indicates where they are from and who they represent.
6 He believes that is useful for people to see the Trustees and be visible at whatever
7 activities we may go to.

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9 Trustee Nale stated that we do have name tags now. They are magnetic. They do not have
10 your picture on them. The ID Badges will have your picture. They will have an expiration
11 date. There will be a policy written that will necessitate all employees especially, to wear
12 their ID Badges at all times while they are under employment in the Village.

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14 Trustee Waite inquired as to how you wear them. He inquired if there is a pin on them.
15 Trustee Nale indicated that you would wear it on your lapel.

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17 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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19 **LEADS – Holder of the Record Agreement** – Trustee Gibson stated that there is a
20 Memorandum in the Board Packet regarding the LEADS Holder of the Record
21 Agreement. A copy of the contract that was signed several years ago by the Olympia
22 Fields Police Department and SouthCom with respect to LEADS is also in the Board
23 Packet. Trustee Gibson stated that the information that goes into all the police
24 departments everywhere around the area are called LEADS. It is a reporting mechanism.
25 There is a systematic way of determining when those LEADS are taken off of the system.
26 LEADS have to be removed from the system within a certain period of time when
27 something has been concluded.

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29 Trustee Gibson stated that normally the police departments that do their own LEADS are
30 staffed 24-hours with an office and the police officers. She stated that we don't have a
31 24-hour police department. Prior to this, SouthCom was doing all the LEADS for
32 Matteson, Richton Park, Olympia Fields and Park Forest. SouthCom doesn't want to do
33 the LEADS anymore, even though we have a contract that says they should. There is an
34 association of all of the Municipalities. In their association meetings some of the police
35 departments have decided that they will do their own LEADS because they have a
36 24-hour police department. The Village of Olympia Fields needs someone else to do the
37 LEADS for the Village.

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39 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Olympia Fields Police Department is a
40 24-hour police department. The police department doesn't have 24-hours Records
41 Management. Trustee Gibson stated that we don't have anyone that will take care of
42 those things in a timely manner in the office, because they are not there.

43
44 Trustee Pennington inquired of Trustee Gibson if the contract with LEADS now is still
45 enforced. He inquired if it was coming up for expiration. Trustee Gibson stated that it has
46 not expired. She stated that the organization that the Municipalities belong to, is voting

1 not to have their LEADS done by SouthCom because SouthCom doesn't want to do
2 them.

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4 Trustee Pennington stated that the Village's contract with SouthCom with respect to
5 LEADS is still in effect. He inquired if they are breaching the terms of the contract.
6 Trustee Gibson stated that she wasn't sure because of the way that the grouping is done.

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8 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that there are two committees at SouthCom.
9 There is the Operating Committee and the Executive Board Committee. Each
10 Municipality that is a member of SouthCom gets two votes. They have only taken a vote
11 with respect to LEADS. They have voted supposedly that each community would take
12 back their own LEADS reporting. She stated that Olympia Fields was not in favor of that
13 because we do not have a 24-hour reporting mechanism in order to address that. She
14 stated that if we were out voted then the Village has to find an alternate operation in order
15 to have those LEADS.

16
17 Trustee Pennington inquired if the Village has found that operational source to go to at
18 this point. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have. Trustee Pennington
19 inquired if they can identify the name of that source. Trustee Gibson stated that they
20 would rather not identify the name of the source until the Village is ready to go ahead
21 with that. They don't want to give anybody any prior knowledge. Trustee Pennington
22 inquired if Chief Chudwin was still in negotiations with this. Trustee Gibson stated that
23 he is. Trustee Pennington inquired if the Board needed to act on this if he is still in
24 negotiations. Trustee Gibson stated that we need to act on this tonight.

25
26 Trustee Ormsby inquired what the Board is authorizing. Village President Meyers-Martin
27 stated that the Board is authorizing an agreement with a different operating source that
28 we switch over our LEADS reporting to.

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30 Trustee Gibson stated that negotiations have not been completed. Last week the Village
31 moved its LEADS Data System Reporting to CentralCom which is the name used by the
32 Lynwood Police Department. The Village will join in the Dispatch Center for Lynwood,
33 East Hazel Crest and Thornton. They have the facility, the data, and the material to do it.

34
35 Administrator Mekarski stated that the name of the agency is Lynwood CentralCom.
36 Operations were transferred over today, because there was a cutoff date at SouthCom and
37 Chief Chudwin had to maintain emergency operations. What is in negotiations is the
38 price to do that service. It will be somewhere between \$3,000.00 and \$6,000.00. The
39 Village doesn't want to exceed \$6,000.00.

40
41 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she spoke with the Mayor in Lynwood. They
42 are delighted to be able to take-over this reporting mechanism for the Village. She stated
43 that we are very happy to have the Village of Lynwood on board with us.

44
45 Trustee Pennington stated that his concern was the Board was going to act on a proposed
46 Motion without identifying an agency.

1 Administrator Mekarski stated that Chief Chudwin has been working with the transfer
2 negotiations all through the weekend. He stated that this just came down within hours
3 ago. Trustee Pennington stated fine.

4 **Motion by Trustee Ormsby, second by Trustee Oliver to authorize Chief Chudwin**
5 **to enter into an Agreement with Lynwood CentralCom Agency to convey “Holder of**
6 **the Record Agency” for operation of our LEADS responsibilities with the State of**
7 **Illinois.**

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

9
10 **Mutual Aid Response – OFPD Cairo, Illinois** – Trustee Gibson stated that the police
11 department is a member of the ILEAS, which is the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm
12 System. It is a mutual aid organization where members of response units go to the aid of
13 people in other areas when they are in need of help. Chief Chudwin is the Chairman of
14 the South Suburban Mobile Field Force. She stated that some of our officers went to New
15 Orleans to offer assistance.

16
17 Trustee Gibson stated that last Tuesday the Chairman of the Illinois Law Enforcement
18 Alarm System Committee asked for officers from the South Suburban Mobile Field Force
19 to go to Marion, Illinois to assist in the community where flooding is taking place. She
20 doesn't think that they assisted with the sandbagging. She stated that in a case like this
21 there are a lot of security needs. Seven officers from the South Suburban Mobile Field
22 Force from various communities went to give assistance. Trustee Gibson stated that
23 Sergeant Morgan and Officer John Pearson from the Olympia Fields Police Department
24 were sent. They were there Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. She stated that a
25 group of them will go and they will come back, and then another group will go if
26 whatever they were doing is not completed. The officers were in Poke County. She stated
27 that when you get to the southern part of the State, they may only have a Sheriff and a
28 couple of officers. She stated that they really do need assistance.

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30 Chief Chudwin stated to Trustee Gibson that some day when both officers are on duty
31 when there is a Board Meeting, he will have the officers come in so that the Board can
32 commend them on the work that they did.

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34 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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36 **Resolution #2011-04 – Declaration of official intent to reimburse expenditures –**
37 **Graymoor Sanitary Sewer Lateral Project** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the
38 first item under the Report of the Village Administrator is Resolution #2011-04 – A
39 declaration of official intent to reimburse expenditures, Graymoor Sanitary Sewer Lateral
40 Project. Administrator Mekarski stated that this year's Budget contains Engineering
41 Services Agreement in a series of sub contractual contracts for the Graymoor
42 investigative work to correct the laterals in the Sanitary Sewer Rehab Program in
43 Graymoor. That work has been budgeted both in revenues and expenditures. Money to
44 finance the project is being borrowed internally, amortized over 20 years and the Village
45 has set minor adjustments in the Sanitary Sewer Rate to finance that. Once the
46 investigative work is completed this year, which involves more than just engineering, it

1 involves a subcontract for a sewer rodding company to rod the laterals, subcontract with a
2 televising company to televise the laterals, subcontract with a contractor to install
3 cleanouts to allow both cameras and the work to be taking place from the public right-of-
4 way. There will be a series of Smoke Tests which would be subcontracted out. There will
5 be an engineering analysis and a recommendation. The recommendation would be for the
6 Board next year to go out on an Alternate Revenue Bond. The initial engineering estimate
7 is \$2,700,000.00 for this work. It could range as we indicated in our 2030 Plan, or in our
8 Budget, anywhere from \$1,400,000.00 to \$4,000,000.00. The Village hopes to replace
9 that internal financing with the Alternate Revenue Bond, GO Bond, next year. This is a
10 reimbursement Resolution which will allow the Village to expend and conduct the
11 investigative work this year, and then next year, or the subsequent year when a final
12 figure would be determined that can be folded into the GO Bond, the Alternate Revenue
13 Source, and that would be amortized during the life of that Bond.

14
15 Administrator Mekarski stated that this similar Resolution was utilized when the Village
16 initiated the first General Obligation Bond for the Comprehensive Sanitary Sewer
17 Rehabilitation Program. That allowed the initial investigative work and the Smoke
18 Testing and the televising. That was folded into the overall Bond. The Resolution was
19 drafted by the Village's Bond Counsel, James Shanahan. This meets both the statutory
20 requirements and the requirements of the Internal Revenue Service.

21 **Motion by Trustee Ormsby, second by Trustee Pennington to approve Resolution**
22 **No. 2011-04 – Declaration of official intent to reimburse expenditures – Graymoor**
23 **Sanitary Sewer Lateral Rehabilitation Project.**

24
25 Trustee Gibson inquired if the Village has made any in-roads in gaining entry into the
26 residences who have failed to respond to the private problems relative to their laterals.

27
28 Administrator Mekarski stated that is a very good question. He stated that there were
29 seven homes. He does not believe that the Village has gained entry to those seven homes
30 in Graymoor that required inspection follow-up to determine if they have complied with
31 the Village's Notice of Violations to correct the sanitary sewer issues or illegal
32 connections, which would let sump pump water or drainage into the Village's Sanitary
33 Sewer System. He stated that he could get a status on that from the Village Attorney and
34 from the Building Commissioner and report to the Board on that at the next Board
35 Meeting. He does not believe that the Village made any progress so far on that.

36
37 Trustee Gibson stated that she thought when the Board spoke about a month ago on this,
38 that there were letters that were getting ready to be sent to those residents. She believes
39 that representatives from Robinson Engineering and the Village Attorney, John Murphey
40 were present that evening discussing that matter.

41
42 Administrator Mekarski stated that he believes that the letters went out. He knows that
43 Mr. McDonnell has been corresponding with John Murphey to provide the past history to
44 Mr. Murphey in order for him to send the letters out.

1 Administrator Mekarski stated that in order to effectuate that Resolution, the Village
2 asked the Village Attorney to go into the Municipal Code and amend the Village Code,
3 eliminating the obsolete language that no longer would prevail under the implementation
4 of the new Resolution. Those changes were provided to the Board in a red line copy and a
5 black line copy. He stated that Judy Kolman has taken a significant amount of time to
6 walk you through the changes to the Village Clerk Section of the Village Code. She also
7 goes through an obsolete position which is the Office of the Village Collector. Cindy
8 Saenz currently serves as the Village Collector/Director of Finance and Administration.
9 The obsolete language pertaining to the Village Collector has been eliminated. The
10 statutory duties that are assigned to the Village Collector are carried out by the Director
11 of Finance and Administration. Those changes are also included.

12
13 Administrator Mekarski stated that because this deals with the abolishment of an official
14 statutory position, it does require a two-thirds vote of the governing authority.

15 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Ormsby to waive First Reading and**
16 **adopt in Second Reading Ordinance 2011-12 – An Ordinance amending various**
17 **sections of Article III, “Officers and Employees,” of the Olympia Fields Village**
18 **Code.**

19
20 Trustee Waite stated that in essence we are eliminating the Elected Village Clerk’s Office
21 and replacing it with an Appointed Village Clerk. Administrator Mekarski stated that the
22 Board did that by Resolution in November of 2010. He forwarded that as required under
23 law by letter dated January 12th, 2011, to the Cook County Clerk’s Office notifying them
24 of that action and giving them a certified copy of the Resolution. He stated that in order
25 for the Village President to submit a name for nomination to the Board, and concurrence
26 by this body for the Appointed Village Clerk, the Ordinance which conflicts with that
27 Resolution has to be amended.

28
29 Trustee Nale stated that in the Memorandum of Judy Kolman dated May 2nd, 2011, in the
30 first paragraph it says, “As you know, a Village with a population of fewer than 5,000
31 inhabitants ...” Trustee Nale inquired if there is any chance of the Village going beyond
32 that limit. Administrator Mekarski stated that target had to be met at the time of the
33 passage of Resolution No. 2010-10. He stated that we were way below that before the
34 U.S. Decennial Census. And after the U.S. Decennial Census we were 12 below 5,000 so
35 we continue meeting that criteria. Trustee Pennington stated that it will certainly change
36 by 2020. It doesn’t have any effect upon this. Administrator Mekarski stated that it
37 doesn’t affect this because the Board took the governing action while it met the criteria.

38
39 Trustee Gibson stated that we just received the information that we have officially 4,988
40 residents in the Village. Administrator Mekarski stated that even if the Village goes to
41 6,000 residents, when the Board made the action, it was below 5,000.

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

43
44 **Public Assembly Permit – North American Midway Entertainment to have a**
45 **Carnival at the Olympia Corners Shopping Center June 2nd - June 6th, 2011 –**

46 Administrator Mekarski stated that the next order of business is a Public Assembly

1 Permit – North American Midway Entertainment to have a Carnival at the Olympia
2 Corners Shopping Center June 2nd through June 6th, 2011. He stated that this has created
3 some concern in the Administration as to whether this event would really help stimulate
4 economic development for the Village’s Olympia Corners Shopping Center. He stated in
5 the Board Packet is a very strong letter from Chief Chudwin recommending that the
6 Board deny the request. He believes that was made in part on what happened at the
7 Village of Matteson approximately two years ago with their long-standing Matteson Fest.
8 Rival gangs from an outside community came into Matteson and upset a very peaceful
9 and tranquil operation. The festival had to be closed down. The Chief believes that
10 activity could ensue in Olympia Fields.

11
12 Administrator Mekarski stated that he has been in contact with Centro the Manager of the
13 Shopping Center. This is the Jewel/Osco Plaza. He spoke with Laura McLaughlin. They
14 indicated that they would withdraw this request. She indicated that she would forward
15 correspondence via e-mail to Administrator Mekarski. To-date he has not received
16 anything from her. He believes that because no one from Centro is here, nor someone
17 who is the local manager, that they must have expected that the Board would deny this.
18 He stated that it is the recommendation of the Administration and the Chief of Police to
19 deny the request.

20 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to deny North American**
21 **Midway Entertainment the Public Assembly Permit to host a carnival at the**
22 **Olympia Fields Corner Shopping Center June 2nd through June 6th, 2011.**

23
24 Trustee Oliver stated that he understands that there have been a couple of robberies in
25 that area. He was wondering if the owner of that shopping center has some other means
26 to clean that area up. He stated that by the Subway there is always a swirling wind that
27 picks up trash and dumps it in that area. We can never keep it clean. It always looks dirty.

28
29 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she has instructed John McDonnell to be
30 very vigilant on violations by people who have their trash containers that are always full.
31 When they are full, it does allow for the wind to come and pick it up and blow it around.

32
33 Trustee Oliver inquired if the Board approved the Carnival what benefit would there be
34 for the Village. He inquired what financial gain the Village would get out of it, if
35 anything. Administrator Mekarski stated nothing that is really tangible for the Village
36 itself.

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38 Trustee Waite inquired what about as to the merchants. Administrator Mekarski stated
39 that it would stimulate some economic development. Centro claims that it would increase
40 restaurant sales to Subway and McDonald’s.

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42 Trustee Gibson stated that you don’t know what kind of clientele you will be getting.

43
44 Trustee Oliver stated that he spoke with Randy Conn, the owner of McDonald’s to see
45 what he thought about this. When you look at the map, all of this would be adjacent to the
46 parking lot there. Mr. Conn was in favor of it in a way. He has the annual Auto Shows or

1 Car Shows. Mr. Conn’s suggestion was to pair the Carnival with a couple of other things
2 leading up to it; it might be more palatable to the community. Mr. Conn suggested that in
3 between the Car Show and the Carnival, a stage could be setup for some music groups.
4 But you need time to do it. Mr. Conn thought that it could work if it was planned better.
5 Mr. Conn is aware that it would be a concerted effort on the part of the police department
6 to provide security.

7
8 Trustee Waite stated that you also need traffic management because you would have a lot
9 more people coming and going.

10
11 Administrator Mekarski stated with regard to Trustee Oliver’s concern about the overall
12 management of the plaza, the Village President recently held a meeting with Centro, the
13 management of the Olympia Corners Shopping Center, as well as with representatives
14 from Jewel/Osco. She encouraged Jewel/Osco for a major rehabilitation of that center.
15 They addressed issues of the shopping center, the maintenance of it, the lighting and the
16 parking lot. Centro has been in bankruptcy for a number of years. It has recently been
17 purchased by the Blackstone Group. The Blackstone Group has some capital readily
18 available which should make a significant difference to Centro to manage that property.
19 They feel very optimistic about it. The purchase is going through the final stages so the
20 capital is not available yet to put into the plaza. The Village President discussed short and
21 long-range plans to work with this on a series of incentives, extending the TIF,
22 cooperating with activities with the County. He believes that things will progress
23 positively in the next six months to a year in that shopping center.

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

25
26 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

27 **To discuss matters of Personnel – Exceptions to the IL Open Meetings Act Section**
28 **5ILCS120/2(c)(1); with a need to reconvene –** Village President Meyers-Martin stated
29 that we are at the point in our Agenda where we will be going into Executive Session. We
30 will be taking action once we come out of Executive Session.

31 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to go into Executive**
32 **Session to discuss matters of Personnel – Exceptions to the Illinois Open Meetings**
33 **Act Section 5ILCS120.2(c)(1); with a need to reconvene at 8:32 P.M.**

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

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36 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Oliver to close Executive Session and**
37 **return to Open Session at 9:03 P.M.**

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

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40 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

41
42 **Resolution #2011-03 – A Resolution making appointments to various Village**
43 **positions, Commissions and Committees –** Village President Meyers-Martin stated that
44 she is seeking a Motion to amend Resolution #2011-03.

1 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to amend Resolution**
2 **#2011-03 to include the appointment of Cindy Saenz as Deputy Clerk and Director**
3 **of Finance and Administration.**

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

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6 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to approve Resolution No.**
7 **2011-03 – A Resolution making appointments to various Village positions,**
8 **Commissions and Committees.**

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

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11 **Appointment of the Village Clerk and establishment of annual salary –**
12 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to table the appointment**
13 **of the Village Clerk and the establishment of an annual salary until our next Board**
14 **Meeting scheduled for May 23rd.**

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

16
17 **Community Local Government Distributive Fund Impact Calculator –** Administrator
18 Mekariski passed out a packet to the Board. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that
19 the next item is the Community LGDF Calculator, which is the Local Government
20 Distributive Fund Impact Calculator. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is
21 bringing this before the Board this evening because there has been indications from our
22 legislatures, from South Suburban Mayors and Managers that there's going to be a
23 reduction in the Sales Tax, Motor Fuel Taxes, and Personal Property Replacement Taxes
24 to the Municipalities. The total impact to the Village would be a reduction of
25 \$116,719.20. She stated that this will make quite an impact on the Village and our
26 finances. The South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association is asking that the
27 Mayors, Village Administrators, and Trustees contact our State Representatives and our
28 State Senators regarding their vote on the Governor's proposal to reduce these taxes to
29 the local Municipalities.

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31 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that with the city and county there is an executive
32 summary of the Income Tax facts. The Governor is looking for \$300,000,000.00 to be
33 removed from State collected local government Income Tax Revenues. Between Fiscal
34 Year 2008 and 2012 we have lost based on natural revenue declines \$233,500,000.00.
35 She stated that this is a crucial element that we all need to be concerned about.

36
37 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that what she is asking for tonight is a consensus
38 to send the letter that is contained in the packet to Senator Maggie Crotty and Senator Toi
39 Hutchinson as well as to both of our State Representatives. The letter does state the
40 importance and the magnitude of these cuts. The letter indicates the Village's position on
41 the proposal from the Governor.

42
43 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that there is a copy of a sample Resolution that
44 many Municipalities have also been approving to send to the Governor.

1 Administrator Mekarski stated that because time is of the essence, they are asking the
2 Trustees to call the State Senators. The South Suburban Mayors and Managers
3 Association would like volunteers to go to Springfield and help lobby in the hallway and
4 in the parking lot and show concern. He stated that the Resolution won't carry any weight
5 compared to a phone call from a Trustee stating your concern to the \$116,719.20 impact
6 to the Village.

7
8 Trustee Waite inquired that if this doesn't pass in Springfield, then what is the alternative
9 on the part of the State Government. They will borrow some more money. Trustee
10 Pennington and Village President Meyers-Martin agreed that will probably be part of
11 their overall plan or strategy.

12
13 Trustee Oliver stated that in looking at these reductions, he was curious why Matteson
14 wasn't noted on there. He stated that Park Forest is getting hit with over half a Million
15 Dollars. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Chicago Heights is high also.
16 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Administrator Mekarski why that is.

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18 Administrator Mekarski stated that he didn't know why Matteson was not listed. He
19 stated that Park Forest has over 25,000 in population. He stated that most of your State
20 Revenue is set by population. The primary component of the LGDF is primarily the
21 Income Tax.

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23 Trustee Gibson stated that it goes by the number of residents because it is by per capita.

24
25 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Board has had time to review the letter.
26 She inquired of the Board if they are in agreement that the letter should be sent. Trustees
27 Oliver, Ormsby and Gibson agreed that the letter should be sent.

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29 Trustee Waite didn't think that the letter should be sent. He stated that there are
30 inconsistencies. He believes that a little over \$100,000.00 is not that big of a deal for the
31 Village. It is important, but some of the other Villages are hit with \$600,000.00,
32 \$700,000.00, and \$800,000.00. He stated that Matteson is not on the list at all. He was
33 wondering why Chicago Heights is so high.

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35 Trustee Pennington stated that he doesn't think that the Board should be concerned about
36 the other Municipalities. He believes that the Board should be concerned about what is
37 going on with the impact that this will have on the Village of Olympia Fields. He stated
38 that this \$116,719.20 from a financial perspective, will wipe out close to our surplus that
39 the Village has going into the 2011-2012 Budget. He doesn't believe that the Village
40 should be in that type of scenario. He stated that we don't really know what is going to
41 happen within the next six to 18-months. He stated that Metra is having the same problem
42 with the State. He was at a Finance Meeting with them today. He stated that it is critical.
43 He does not think that the Board should be concerned about what other Municipalities are
44 doing. The Board should focus on the impact it has on Olympia Fields because the Board
45 has to address the questions from the residents.

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1 Trustee Oliver stated that he believes that the Board should do both. He believes as the
2 stewards of the Village the letter should be sent out. He stated that we are one, small
3 community in this region. He believes that it would bode well if the South Suburban
4 Mayors and Managers Association collectively stood up and said, “We need these
5 monies. This is going to devastate our region.” Village President Meyers-Martin stated
6 that they are. Trustee Oliver stated that we could do both.

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8 Trustee Pennington stated that he believes that the Board should send the letter.

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10 Trustee Waite inquired if the package is accurate. He stated that someone made the point
11 that Matteson is not on there. Administrator Mekarski stated that the figures are coming
12 from the IML. He stated that if you go to the webpage there is a cost impact by
13 Municipality. The Community LDGF Impact Calculator is right on the front. He stated
14 that you should be able to click on that and see what Matteson is as well as any other
15 community. Craig Elliott was calling for action. He took information from the webpage
16 and inserted it. Trustee Waite stated that the action he is calling for is for us to all get
17 together and write a letter to Springfield. He stated that seems woefully inadequate. He
18 stated that they are asking us to take a \$3,000,000.00 hit after we have already taken a
19 \$253,000,000.00 hit. He stated that we are to write a letter saying that we don’t like it.
20 Administrator Mekarski stated that they want you to go to Springfield. They want you to
21 call and let your legislatures know how important this is. Trustee Waite stated that what
22 we do will have some affect. He would like it to be something positive rather than we
23 wash our hands of it. We throw it in your lap and we go borrow all the money and it takes
24 us further down the sewer. He stated that the whole state is in the tank. He doesn’t see
25 how it is not part of all of our responsibility to help them come up with a solution. He
26 stated that just writing a letter, and calling them on the phone, and saying vote no, he
27 doesn’t think does that.

28
29 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Waite if he was suggesting that in
30 addition to calling and voting no, that we should have some type of alternative for them.
31 Trustee Waite stated yes. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she thought that
32 Trustee Waite’s point was well-taken that there certainly needs to be some other viable
33 strategies. She believes that the Board’s first point of business is to get the letter out on
34 behalf of Olympia Fields. She stated that is the issue at hand now. She stated that she use
35 to work for a legislature. She stated that whenever there was a movement where people
36 were calling, they had phone banking going on, they had pulled together residents to call
37 constantly, that does get the ear of the legislature. She stated that it does work in that
38 respect. She stated that is something positive. She stated that going to Springfield and
39 lobbying that is where a lot of deals are done right in the hallways of the capitol. She
40 stated that is effective. She really couldn’t speak to an alternative strategy. She stated that
41 we have to do what we need to do for Olympia Fields at this particular moment. Trustee
42 Waite stated that he was in agreement.

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44 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we are in agreement with the letter. We will
45 get that out in a timely fashion.

1 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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3 **Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony** – Trustee Ormsby thanked everybody that
4 attended the Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony. She appreciates it. The Beautification
5 Committee appreciates it. Trustee Gibson read the Proclamation. Trustee Ormsby stated
6 that it is very important to our Tree City status.
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8 **Update on Construction at the 211th Street Metra Station** - Trustee Pennington stated
9 that it is coming along. A lot of additional issues were discovered when they were taking
10 the planks away from the platforms. There was a tremendous amount of damage and dry
11 rot and concrete issues. There were structural issues that delayed the project. Last Friday
12 Trustee Pennington spoke with Glen Peters who is the Project Manager on the project.
13 Mr. Peters stated that the station will probably not be completed until October. Once the
14 exterior dynamics have been completed, it is Mr. Peters plan to run double shifts on the
15 interior work.
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17 Trustee Oliver inquired if this plan is just for the Olympia Fields side, or both the
18 Olympia Fields side and the Park Forest side. Trustee Pennington stated that it is for the
19 Olympia Fields side. Trustee Oliver stated wasn't it suppose to be done by February.
20 Trustee Pennington stated that the structural problems threw it out of the water. They had
21 the construction strike as well. Administrator Mekarski stated that the project had to be
22 reengineered. Trustee Pennington stated that they had to rewrite the entire plans.
23

24 **Demolition of the building located at 20000 Governors Highway** - Trustee Ormsby
25 stated that she spoke with John McDonnell about the building. She doesn't want that to
26 come off the top of our list. She asked that the blank sign be removed that has been there
27 for the last 10 years. She stated that the sign is in violation of our Sign Ordinance. Mr.
28 McDonnell is going to send them a letter to remove the sign. Trustee Ormsby stated that
29 we should know something this week. She stated that Mr. McDonnell has to report to the
30 Village President so that we can bring something back to the Board.
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32 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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34 **Thank you to Village Clerk Judi Rangel** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that
35 she would like to give a vote of thanks to our Village Clerk, Judi Rangel, for working
36 with this Board over the years and being so committed to the Village. She stated that we
37 thank you for your service. She stated that we appreciate it. (There was a round of
38 applause). Mrs. Rangel thanked the Board.
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40 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENT:**

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42 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she did not have any further Resignations or
43 Appointments this evening.
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