

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on May 11, 2009**

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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, May 11, 2009, at the
6 Olympia Fields Village Hall and was called to order by President Jones at 7:33 P.M. The
7 assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Village Administrator called the roll.

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9 Present: Trustees – Gibson, Ormsby, Oliver, Pennington, Nale, Meyers-Martin
10 President Linzey Jones
11 Village Administrator – David Mekariski

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13 Absent: Village Clerk, Judi Kay Rangel

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15 **SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

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17 President Jones stated that he, along with Trustee Nale, Trustee Meyers-Martin and
18 Trustee Pennington were reelected at the election held on April 7th. Judge Michelle
19 Simmons, a resident of Olympia Fields, administered the Oath to President Jones and to
20 Trustee Nale, Trustee Meyers-Martin, and Trustee Pennington. (There was a round of
21 applause).

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23 President Jones stated that we would go out of order and go into Communications and
24 Petitions.

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26 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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28 President Jones opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:38 P.M.

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30 **Tree City Award and Growth Award** – Trustee Ormsby stated that tonight the
31 Beautification Committee is presenting the Village with the Tree City Award. This is the
32 second year that the Village has received the Tree City Award. The Village also received
33 the Growth Award this year. Trustee Ormsby stated that the members of the
34 Beautification Committee that are present this evening are as follows: Chair, Arlene
35 Burke, Susan Moroney, Kay Mangan, and Dorthine Brown-Martin.

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37 Arlene Burke stated that the Beautification Committee celebrated Arbor Day on April
38 17th. The Beautification Committee planted a Red Bud Tree on the corner by Village
39 Hall. Approximately, 30, three, four, and five year old students from the Epitome of
40 Excellence School behind Village Hall each put about a teaspoon of dirt on the tree to
41 help plant it. The Arbor Day Celebration is something that the Beautification Committee
42 does each year to earn the Tree City Award.

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44 Dorthine Brown-Martin stated that the Village received the Tree City Award for the
45 second year in a row. The Village received the Growth Award for the first time. She
46 presented President Jones with the Growth Award and the Tree City Award along with a

1 hat. (There was a round of applause). She made a presentation to Trustee Ormsby.
2 President Jones stated that it was an excellent job by the Beautification Committee and
3 Trustee Ormsby. Trustee Ormsby stated that there is a flag for the Village as well. She
4 stated that Dorthine Brown-Martin goes to Springfield to receive the award for the
5 Village. She stated that the Beautification Committee is thrilled to have Dorthine Brown-
6 Martin, and the Beautification Committee is thrilled to have this status again.

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8 Dorthine Brown-Martin provided booklets and pamphlets for the residents containing
9 information on how to take care of trees.

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11 Trustee Gibson congratulated the Beautification Committee on all the work they do,
12 specifically, the Tree City Award and the Growth Award. It is her understanding that the
13 Growth Award is only awarded to a few Municipalities. She stated that we should be very
14 proud. She stated that the Beautification Committee does a marvelous job of keeping our
15 Village beautiful and up-to-date. (There was a round of applause).

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17 **Recognition to Rich Central Students for Outstanding ACT Scores for the 2008-**
18 **2009 School Year** – Administrator Mekarski stated that approximately two and a half
19 years ago the Village embarked on a visioning process. 78 stakeholders representing a
20 cross section of the community in every profession and every walk of life met to define
21 the strategies that were critical towards economic sustainability and enhancing our
22 quality of life. The main thing that came out of that process was the quality of life in our
23 community couldn't be sustained without quality of education. Administrator Mekarski
24 stated that after that meeting, President Jones embarked on a Steering Committee to look
25 at various strategies to improve or move the six School Districts towards a path of
26 educational excellence. The Steering Committee culminated with the creation of the
27 Olympia Fields Educational Commission. Administrator Mekarski stated that Olympia
28 Fields is the only community in the State of Illinois, to our knowledge, that has a Blue
29 Ribbon Panel designed to work in partnership with the School Boards and the parents
30 towards improving the quality of education.

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32 Administrator Mekarski introduced Maceo Rainey, Principal of Rich Central High
33 School. Administrator Mekarski stated that through Mr. Rainey's leadership the high
34 school is moving towards a new dimension. He stated that Mr. Rainey has with him eight
35 students and their parents. The students achieved outstanding scores on the ACT Exam.
36 (There was a round of applause).

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38 Mr. Rainey stated that he serves the communities of Olympia Fields, Matteson, Country
39 Club Hills and pockets of Richton Park and Tinley Park as Principal of Rich Central High
40 School. Rich Central High School was built in 1961. He stated that it is a very emotional
41 time at the high school right now with graduation coming up. He stated that it is difficult
42 and emotional watching the seniors participate in their last sporting event or activity at
43 the high school. Mr. Rainey stated that the students leave as young adults. Mr. Rainey
44 presented each student with a Certificate.

1 **Nupur Chopra** - Mr. Rainey introduced Nupur Chopra and her parents. Mr. Rainey
2 stated that Miss Chopra is a resident of Olympia Fields. She will be attending Drake
3 University with a six-year study plan for Pharmacy. (There was a round of applause). Mr.
4 Rainey stated that she served as President of the French National Honor Society. He is
5 very proud of her academic and social accomplishments.

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7 Miss Chopra stated that she was President of the French National Honor Society
8 throughout her four years of high school. She has participated in soccer and Ecology
9 Club. She has participated in various clubs and sports. She believes that she has become
10 well-rounded with participating in Temple work and Community Service. She had fun in
11 high school. She hopes to do well in college. She knows that Pharmacy will be difficult.
12 She will work hard. She has learned ethics and skills from her parents, family, friends,
13 and from authority figures. She thanked everyone for recognizing her. (There was a
14 round of applause).

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16 **Shakira Kimball** - Mr. Rainey introduced Shakira Kimball and her mother. Mr. Rainey
17 stated that Miss Kimball has over a 4.0 grade point average with Honors Classes. She is a
18 talented volleyball player. She will be attending Eastern Michigan University. She is a
19 resident of Olympia Fields. He is very proud of her academic, social, and athletic
20 accomplishments. (There was a round of applause).

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22 Miss Kimball stated that her four years at Rich Central have been wonderful. She has
23 been on the Honor Roll since her freshman year. She participated in various clubs. She
24 was inducted this year into the French National Honor Society. She was inducted into the
25 National Honor Society. Miss Kimball participated in volleyball for four years, and
26 softball for three years. She has performed Community Service at St. James Hospital for
27 the last three years. She believes that she is ready for college. (There was a round of
28 applause).

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30 **Jacob Cohn** - Mr. Rainey introduced Jacob Cohn and his parents. Mr. Cohn transferred
31 to Rich Central from Marian Catholic High School. He has been the Captain of the
32 Varsity Football Team and the Captain of the Varsity Baseball Team. He has a grade
33 point average of over 4.0 with Honors Classes. He will be attending Hampton University.
34 (There was a round of applause).

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36 Mr. Cohn thanked Mr. Rainey for the award. He thanked his parents for making him the
37 person that he is now. He thanked God for blessing him so much. He will be attending
38 Hampton University. He will play football there and study Architecture. He believes that
39 the last four years have made him grow into a well-rounded person. He believes that he is
40 ready for college. (There was a round of applause).

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42 **Aisha Durley** - Mr. Rainey introduced the parents of Aisha Durley. Mr. Rainey stated
43 that Aisha is not present this evening. Her parents are here to represent her. Aisha Durley
44 is a resident of Olympia Fields. Miss Durley has over a 4.5 grade point average on the
45 Honors Scale. She is an enthusiast of Actuary Science. Last summer she was selected out
46 of a pool of students to participate in an Actuary Science Program at Illinois State

1 University. She will be attending Ohio State University. She will study Actuary Science.
2 Mr. Rainey is very proud of Miss Durley's accomplishments and wishes her the best of
3 luck at Ohio State University. (There was a round of applause).

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5 Mrs. Durley thanked Mr. Rainey and the Village for honoring the students this evening.
6 She believes it is important to celebrate their accomplishments. She stated that her
7 daughter is very determined. She was determined to attend Ohio State University. She
8 received several Scholarships. Her daughter is determined to do Actuarial Science even
9 though people have told her it is a challenging career. Her daughter has always been a
10 strong Math student and she knows that she will be successful. (There was a round of
11 applause).

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13 **Valarie White** - Mr. Rainey introduced Valarie White and her parents. Miss White is a
14 resident of Olympia Fields. Mr. Rainey stated that Miss White is a Majorette and an
15 Honor Student. He stated that Miss White has been a cornerstone of leadership for the
16 young ladies at Rich Central High School. She will be attending the University of
17 Missouri. She is majoring in Education. She wants to become a Math Teacher. Mr.
18 Rainey is very proud of the academic and social accomplishments of Miss White. (There
19 was a round of applause).

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21 Miss White stated that she was Captain this year of the Majorette Team. She was
22 President over the Future Teachers Club. She participated in the Journalism Program for
23 the last four years as a layout and editor designer. She stated that Rich Central has
24 prepared her with her Honors Classes for college. She thanked Mr. Rainey for
25 acknowledging her. She is ready to take on the challenge. (There was a round of
26 applause).

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28 **Caitlin and Megan Dyson** - Mr. Rainey introduced Caitlin and Megan Dyson and their
29 parents. They are residents of Olympia Fields. He is very proud of the examples that they
30 have set at Rich Central High School. They have written articles for the school
31 newspaper. They are critical thinkers. They think outside of the box. They will be
32 attending Milligan University. (There was a round of applause).

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34 Miss Megan Dyson stated that throughout high school her and Caitlin have accomplished
35 a long list of things. They were both members of the Journalism Program. Megan stated
36 that she was a member of National Honor Society.

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38 Miss Caitlin Dyson stated that she was the sole competitor in the DECA Competition
39 from the District. She stated that they were on the Speech Team and Mathletes. They
40 have done Community Service. Caitlin stated that she works at Culver's. Megan works at
41 Wendy's. They work for a fundraising company as well. They appreciate everything that
42 Rich Central has done for them. They thank everyone for acknowledging them and they
43 stated that it is a great honor. (There was a round of applause).

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45 **Oludamilala Gomith** - Mr. Rainey introduced Oludamilala Gomith and her parents. He
46 stated that Miss Gomith represents one of the highest ACT Scores ever recorded at Rich

1 Central High School. She has a 4.6 grade point average with Honors Classes. She will be
2 choosing between Yale University and Princeton University. Mr. Rainey stated that these
3 students represent the best that the community has to offer. (There was a round of
4 applause).

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6 Miss Gomith stated that she is the Valedictorian. She will attend Yale. She has been
7 President of the Spanish National Honor Society. She is a member of the National Honor
8 Society. She volunteers at the Olympia Fields Park District. She started her own tutoring
9 and babysitting company two years ago. She has been involved in other activities. She is
10 ready to venture out into the world. She hopes to accomplish a lot more in the future. She
11 stated that we represent the next generation of leaders. She prays that we do well and that
12 we represent Rich Central to the best of our ability, and that we represent the world to the
13 best of our ability. She thanked everyone for recognizing her publicly. She stated that her
14 parents raised her to be everything that she is. She thanked her community as well.
15 (There was a round of applause).

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17 Mr. Rainey stated that an African Tradition is that the youth must ask for the rite of
18 passage to a higher level of human society and educational development. This permission
19 comes from the community as a whole. Mr. Rainey read the rite of passage with the
20 audience granting permission for the rite of passage. (There was a round of applause).
21 The parents pinned their son or daughter at this time. (There was a round of applause).

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23 President Jones stated that the Village would try to put the tape on Channel 4 and e-mail
24 a copy to Mr. Rainey.

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26 **Sump Pump** – Mrs. Ann Summers who resides at 2432 207th Street stated that she
27 moved to the Village in February. She stated that when she looks out her side window
28 there is a sump pump that is running across her neighbor's yard and it empties into her
29 yard. When you look out the window you can see the line coming across the neighbor's
30 yard and it ends in her yard. She stated that she called the Village about this and did not
31 receive a return call. She came to Village Hall about this a month ago. She spoke with
32 Mr. Peterson. Someone came out to look at the situation and she was told that it was
33 legal. She does not believe that it is legal. If it were legal, she would like someone to tell
34 her why it is legal. The yard stayed wet until she paid \$150.00 to have someone dump a
35 truckload of dirt on that side to block the water. She would like someone from the Village
36 to come out and look at the yard again. She put grass seed on the dirt but it has not grown
37 yet.

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39 President Jones thanked Mrs. Summers for bringing this to the Board's attention.
40 President Jones stated that he and Administrator Mekarski would review this with the
41 Building Commissioner. Administrator Mekarski will probably come out there to look at
42 the situation. President Jones stated after he, Administrator Mekarski, and the Building
43 Commissioner review this, they would report back to Mrs. Summers.

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45 **Crossover from Travers to Graymoor** – Mrs. Taffy Mack who resides at 71 Graymoor
46 presented a letter to the Board. Mrs. Mack is requesting that something be done to make

1 the crossover from Travers to Graymoor safer. She was a witness shortly after the
2 accident that occurred on April 26th that killed her friend and neighbor Jan Lipshutz. She
3 stated that something must be done. A light could be installed, or a sign, or lowering of
4 the speed limit. Mrs. Mack reminded the Board that Marian High School is just a short
5 distance east.

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7 Mrs. Mack pointed out that the Governors Hometown Award sign was impeding the view
8 when exiting Graymoor. After a request by her to Public Works, the sign has been
9 removed. The background of the sign was the same color as the asphalt. She is grateful
10 that the sign was removed. She stated that the guys at the Public Works Department are
11 really good guys.

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13 She doesn't know whose jurisdiction is involved as far as a light, a sign, or lowering of
14 the speed limit. She has lived in the Village for 45 to 50 years. Joe Orr Road was a
15 country road. There is a lot of traffic on it now. She does not want to see anybody else
16 killed.

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18 President Jones thanked Mrs. Mack for coming in. President Jones is sure that the
19 President of the Graymoor Homeowners Association who is here this evening will be
20 working with the Board to see what can be done. He stated that the Village would
21 investigate it. President Jones stated that someone will follow-up with Mrs. Mack directly
22 in terms of the ability of the Village to change things on Joe Orr Road. The Village does
23 not own Joe Orr Road. He believes that it is a County road. Travers is owned by Chicago
24 Heights. President Jones stated that they will look into this with Chicago Heights and the
25 County, and that someone will get back to Mrs. Mack by phone in a couple of weeks. If
26 she has not heard from the Village within a couple of weeks she should contact the
27 Village.

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29 **Streetlight Being Placed on 204th Street** – Mrs. Brunetta Hill-Corley stated that she,
30 along with her neighbors, Betty Ruzich and Cathie Cook appeared before the Board in
31 March in regard to a streetlight being placed on 204th Street. At that time, it was
32 requested that they present the matter to their Homeowners Association, which they have
33 done. Mrs. Brunetta Hill-Corley stated that David Brooks, President of the Homeowners
34 Association, informed them that the homeowners were not the ones that would be
35 approving the light. The Board would make the decision. It was suggested at the
36 Homeowners Association meeting that they might want to prepare a Petition. Mrs.
37 Brunetta Hill-Corley stated at the Board Meeting in March she had inquired as to whether
38 or not a Petition would be required, and that President Jones had informed her that a
39 Petition was not needed.

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41 Mrs. Brunetta Hill-Corley is concerned about the vast darkness that is apparent on that
42 street. She has had someone turn the corner and the driver has pulled down by the side of
43 her garage in her yard. Mr. Corley stated that the streetlight could be located on either the
44 northeast corner or the southeast corner. President Jones inquired as to what the position
45 of the Homeowners Association was on this matter. Mrs. Ruzich stated that they don't
46 have a position. She stated that Trustee Nale was at the meeting. Trustee Nale stated that

1 she was at the meeting when the matter was discussed. The residents were directed to get
2 a Petition and discuss it with the various neighbors and come back with the decision of
3 the various neighbors. Mrs. Brunetta Hill-Corley stated that the position of Mr. Brooks
4 was that most of the neighbors do not reside in that area and it didn't impact them. When
5 Mr. Brooks suggested a Petition, she had informed Mr. Brooks that President Jones stated
6 that there was no need for a Petition.

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8 Mrs. Ruzich stated that the light would not shine into anybody's home. It will shine on
9 the street.

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11 Trustee Nale stated that at the Homeowners Association Meeting it was discussed that the
12 people that live in that area where the street lamp would be located, should be consulted
13 and have their opinions considered. Mrs. Brunetta Hill-Corley stated that there is only
14 one opposition to the street lamp.

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16 President Jones stated that the Board does not need a Petition to act on this. He was
17 hoping to have a consensus from the Homeowners Association. They were given the
18 opportunity to take a position and they chose not to. He stated that is fine. He stated that
19 the residents did what he had asked them to do at the meeting in March. President Jones
20 stated that this was budgeted for. He will have the Village Engineers provide additional
21 information to the Board. The Board will have it before them for discussion and a vote.
22 He thought the matter would be before the Board for discussion at the first meeting in
23 June. He suggested that they call Village Hall on June 5th and speak with Cindy to check
24 to see whether or not the item is on the agenda for the first meeting in June.

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26 **Rich Central High School** - Mrs. Betty Ruzich who resides at 20320 Harding stated that
27 she had five children that graduated from Rich Central High School. They were all very
28 well educated. One child is a Learning Disability Teacher and one child is a Doctor. She
29 stated that Mrs. Nale's son graduated from there as well.

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31 **New Community Officer** – Mrs. Ruzich stated that she understands that the Village is
32 going to have a new Community Officer instead of the other one that had two jobs. She
33 hopes that the new Community Officer will go around the Village finding things wrong.
34 She believes that he should keep a record of what he found and put it in the next Village
35 Newsletter. She is hoping that he is better than the last one.

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37 She stated that people are dumping debris in the undeveloped area over here. She
38 believes that a sign should be put up coming out of Harding against that. President Jones
39 inquired as to whether or not she was referring to the undeveloped area where the condos
40 are scheduled to go. She stated that is the area that she was referring to.

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42 **Trimming Trees in Parkway** – Mrs. Ruzich inquired as to whether or not the Village
43 was going to do anything about trimming the trees in the parkway. President Jones stated
44 that there is always a schedule. A certain amount of the taxpayers' dollars are expended
45 on trimming the trees. He stated that there are a lot of common areas around the Village,
46 and the Village can only do so much. However, if Mrs. Ruzich is concerned about a

1 particular tree, she should contact Public Works and let them know which tree she is
2 concerned about. Mrs. Ruzich stated that they never came down Harding Avenue and
3 there are a lot of trees hanging over the roadway. President Jones stated that a note has
4 been made and it will be raised with Joe Alexa. President Jones closed Communications
5 and Petitions at 8:26 P.M.

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7 **MINUTES:**

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9 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to approve the**
10 **Minutes of April 27, 2009, as amended.**

11 **Voice Vote: All Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.**

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13 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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15 President Jones stated that he has Bills for Approval totaling \$169,395.22.

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17 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to approve the payment of**
18 **bills for May 11, 2009, in the total amount of \$169,395.22.**

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

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21 **FINANCE:**

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23 **Recommendation to Approve the Annual Maintenance Contract for Computer**
24 **Services in the Amount of \$24,960.00** - Trustee Pennington stated that the Computer
25 On-site Service Agreement is between Spectrum Computer Services and the Village of
26 Olympia Fields. The Service Agreement is up for renewal. The Service Agreement
27 provides for on-site maintenance, help desk support, hardware repair, installation or
28 upgrading of computer hardware and software to our administrative area. Trustee
29 Pennington stated that this is a fee for services agreement. It covers a three year block
30 effective May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010; May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011; and May 1,
31 2011 to April 30, 2012. The standard billable hours under this Agreement calls for 208
32 hours of service at \$120.00 per hour. This is further broken down to 16 hours per month,
33 four hours per week. This translates to a total annual fee of \$24,960.00 for 2009.
34 Although the Agreement provides for the same number of hours in 2010 and 2011, there
35 is a \$5.00 increase in the billable hours for those other years. The Village has agreed to
36 this practice in the past. Trustee Pennington stated that he has reviewed the Agreement
37 and finds it to be in order.

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39 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to authorize the Village**
40 **President to enter into the On-site Service Agreement with Spectrum Computer**
41 **Services to provide on-site computer maintenance services in an amount not to**
42 **exceed \$24,960.00 in 2009. This covers the period of May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010.**
43 **May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011, and May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012.**

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45 President Jones stated that this vendor has been with the Village for the last three or four
46 years and does an excellent job, and is very responsive to the Village's call outs for

1 service and there has never been a complaint about the service. President Jones proposed
2 that the Board support this.

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

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5 **Online Bill Pay, Credit Card Acceptance and Remote Deposit at Village Hall –**

6 Trustee Pennington stated that in an effort to increase productivity and enhance
7 functionality within the Finance Department, Director Cynthia Saenz has announced that
8 beginning next week the Finance Department will have the ability to remotely deposit all
9 checks and money orders that the Village receives on a daily basis directly into the
10 Village's bank account by way of remote access scanning. This will end the need for
11 daily trips to the bank. This will provide Director Saenz with immediate access to deposit
12 information and cleared check information. The Village has enhanced the accounting
13 software so that the Village can accept debit and credit card payments at Village Hall. By
14 the end of this week, the residents will have the option of paying their utility bills online.
15 There will be a link on the Village's Website that will allow residents to log onto a secure
16 server that will accept debit cards, credit cards and e-checks. Residents may also choose
17 to receive an e-bill instead of a paper bill through the website. The online bill feature will
18 not be activated until May 15, which starts the next billing cycle. Notice of this will be
19 posted on Channel 4 as well as on the website. Director Saenz will have an article in the
20 next Village Newsletter informing residents of this new and valuable service.

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22 Trustee Nale stated that it is marvelous. Trustee Ormsby stated that they are great,
23 positive changes. She stated that it is great customer service for our Village. Trustee
24 Oliver inquired as to whether or not this included the quarterly parking permits for the
25 Metra. President Jones stated that he did not know. Trustee Pennington stated that right
26 now it just covers the utility bills. President Jones stated that there is no reason why that
27 could not be added to cover the payment of parking tickets, or tickets issued by the police
28 department or the Code Enforcement Officer. He stated that he would mention that to
29 Director Saenz to see what can be done to have that added as well.

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31 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that the State of Illinois has something similar to this. She
32 inquired as to whether or not Charter One is charging a fee for this and if they are, she
33 was wondering how much they were charging. President Jones stated that there is a fee
34 associated with all the services, but for this particular service he did not know what that
35 fee was. President Jones suggested that Trustee Meyers-Martin speak to Cindy Saenz
36 about this in order for Cindy to prepare a Memo for the Board.

37
38 **Resolution #2009-04 – A Resolution Adopting an Identity Theft Policy –** Trustee
39 Pennington stated that in the Board Packet is a Memorandum dated October 23, 2008
40 from the Village's legal counsel addressing the adoption of Red Flags Identity Theft
41 Policy. Trustee Pennington stated that due to the fact that there was confusion with
42 respect to the role of the Municipalities in this Red Flags Identity Theft Policy concept
43 the matter was tabled for six months. Now that the residents will be able to pay their
44 utility bills online and pay by debit or credit card, the Village falls into the category of
45 creditor where this policy would apply.

1 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Ormsby to approve proposed**
2 **Resolution #2009-04 – A Resolution Adopting an Identity Theft Policy.**

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

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5 **BUILDING:**

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

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9 **PLANNING:**

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11 Trustee Gibson stated that she did not have a formal report this evening. She wanted to
12 report to the Board that the Sign Committee made every effort to setup a meeting with
13 Mr. Tinaglia, Miss Madeja of Great Clips, and the Manager of Butterfield Plaza. They
14 were not able to setup a meeting due to the fact the individuals were not available during
15 the past two weeks. Trustee Gibson stated that the Sign Committee would continue to try
16 to setup a meeting.

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18 President Jones stated that he would like to continue the dialog. It is in the Village's best
19 interest to improve the signage at the location. Trustee Gibson and Trustee Ormsby will
20 ask Mr. Peterson to try to setup a meeting.

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22 **Verizon Wireless Tower** – President Jones stated that the Plan Commission meeting was
23 cancelled as it relates to the Verizon tower next to Currie Motors for two reasons. 1. The
24 attorney for Currie Motors informed President Jones that the project was on hold as far as
25 they were concerned. The Village Attorney informed President Jones that from his
26 reading of the Village's Ordinances, that matter shouldn't be in front of the Plan
27 Commission. It is a matter that is within the Board's discretion. 2. Due to the fact, the
28 Petitioner, Currie Motors has withdrawn the Petition; it will not be necessary for the
29 matter to come before the Board.

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31 **Western Avenue/Route 30 Corridor** – Trustee Gibson stated that there is a meeting
32 regarding the Western Avenue/Route 30 Corridor on Wednesday, May 13th at 10:30 A.M.
33 Trustee Gibson and Trustee Ormsby are available to attend that meeting. Trustee Oliver
34 will be out of town.

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36 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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38 **Recommendation for Payment to Insituform Technologies USA, Inc. for work**
39 **performed in conjunction with the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Cured-in-Place**
40 **Pipelining in Graymoor and Hawthorne Hills Subdivisions – Estimate #1** – Trustee
41 Oliver stated that the only item he has before the Board is in regard to the Sanitary Sewer
42 Rehabilitation Cured-in-Place Pipelining in Graymoor and Hawthorne Hills Subdivisions.
43 He stated that the bulk of the work has been completed. There are some subcontractors in
44 the area doing some work. Insituform Technologies USA, Inc. is requesting \$219,120.30,
45 which is a partial waiver of lien.

1 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Ormsby to approve payment Number 1**
2 **to Insituform for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Cured-in-Place Pipelining in**
3 **Graymoor and Hawthorne Hills Subdivisions for an amount not to exceed**
4 **\$219,120.30.**

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

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7 President Jones stated that page 2 of the document provided by Insituform demonstrates
8 that they have completed all the sanitary sewer relinement. They still have work to do on
9 the laterals in the rights-of-ways. The other thing left to do which is on a different
10 contract is the manhole covers. The Village has not received a payment request for that so
11 that is still a work in progress. President Jones stated that as a result of the inspections
12 last year, a number of properties were found to have improper connections to the sewer
13 system. President Jones and Administrator Mekarski are working on a communication to
14 those residents. The Board had previously discussed possibly giving the residents up to a
15 year to make those corrections. President Jones asked Administrator Mekarski to speak
16 with Charter One to see if the bank can manage a program where the Village might be
17 able to make some monies available on a loan basis or a subsidy. President Jones is
18 personally leaning towards a loan. He does not believe that the taxpayers' dollars should
19 be given away to individual taxpayers. Once all that information is obtained, it will be
20 brought before the Board. Hopefully, that will be done in the next 30 days. The Finance
21 Department may review the information before it is presented to the Board. President
22 Jones stated that it is better for the community to have these repairs done on an
23 expeditious basis. By reducing infiltration of rainwater into the sewer system, the Village
24 substantially reduces the pressure on the sewer system, reduces the likelihood of charging
25 in the sewer system, and it reduces the likelihood of outflows in the manhole covers.

26
27 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Village has an anticipated cost for each defect.
28 President Jones stated that the Board took a proactive step of taking ownership as a
29 governmental entity of the laterals once they get into the public right-of-way. He stated
30 that the Board didn't have to do that. The sewer line that is coming directly out of the
31 homes and then coming into the public right-of-way, some of those are deteriorating.
32 That is residential property. He stated that the Board did not make a policy decision on
33 whether or not the Village should take those on, or whether the Village should impose
34 that obligation on the homeowner. Clearly, it is the homeowner's responsibility to
35 maintain those laterals. The Board has not made a policy decision on that. President Jones
36 stated that we have to find out how much that is going to cost and decide as a Board how
37 to handle that. That is something that has to be done in the next 30 to 45 days.

38
39 **Street Sweeper** - Trustee Oliver stated that he hopes the residents noticed that Public
40 Works was out last week performing street cleaning throughout the Village. President
41 Jones stated that the Village hired a street sweeper. Trustee Pennington stated that it did
42 not come through Graymoor. Trustee Oliver stated that it was to be done everywhere that
43 the Village plows except in Olympia Club due to the second lift. President Jones stated
44 that the Board would get a report from Joe Alexa to confirm that the street sweeper went
45 through the entire Village.

1 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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3 **CPR Program** – Trustee Nale stated that Mr. Syren from the Matteson Fire Department
4 conducted a CPR Class for the Department Heads and Trustees on April 30th. The class
5 lasted, approximately, two hours. There were seven individuals present. Mr. Syren
6 informed the class of things that they should not do when performing CPR. He showed
7 them how to perform CPR on an infant. He showed them how to perform the Heimlich
8 Maneuver on each other and on themselves. He informed them when not to use it. It
9 should not be used on children. Mr. Syren offered to come back for any other instruction
10 that the Village may wish in the future.

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12 President Jones stated that the issue of the e-mails and websites would be taken up under
13 "Unfinished Business."

14
15 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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17 **Safety Roadblocks** – Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that on May 9th Public Safety
18 conducted safety roadblocks at Governors Highway and Route 30. The roadblock took
19 place between 11:00 P.M. and 3:00 A.M. This was conducted in partnership with the
20 Village of Matteson. Several infractions were found as a result of the roadblock.

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22 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that another roadblock would be held on May 15th between
23 11:00 P.M. and 3:00 A.M. It will be conducted in partnership with the Village of
24 Matteson. All of the overtime associated with the roadblock to be held on May 15th will
25 be reimbursed through the Grant from the State. The Grant will also provide new radar
26 equipment to the Public Safety Department.

27
28 **Speed Enforcement** – Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that speeding enforcement has been
29 stepped up again at 207th Street as well as other streets in the Village. The speeding
30 enforcement will be for school buses as well. Superintendent Blondean Davis was
31 informed that the Village would be ticketing school buses if they were speeding. Dr.
32 Davis was informed of this in order for her to notify the bus company that the buses
33 would be ticketed if they were speeding. That goes into effect now. Trustee Meyers-
34 Martin stated that Dr. Davis did not have a problem with the buses receiving a ticket if
35 they are speeding.

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37 **RedFlex** – Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that they are waiting for permit approval from
38 IDOT in regard to RedFlex at Orchard and Route 30.

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41 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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43 **Variance Request – Accessory Structure – 20050 Western Avenue Notice of Use**
44 **Restriction** – President Jones stated that he is going to take up the matter of the Variance
45 Request under Unfinished Business. He stated that this should have been done before.
46 President Jones stated at the last meeting the Petitioner's Architect made a presentation

1 regarding the accessory structure. At that time, the Board Members indicated that they
2 did not have an objection to the accessory structure. At that time, President Jones wanted
3 some language to prevent the owners from utilizing the accessory structure as a separate
4 dwelling unit and/or for Commercial purposes. The matter was turned over to the Village
5 Attorney for review. President Jones provided a copy of the Notice of Use Restriction to
6 the Petitioners.

7
8 **Motion by Trustee Meyers-Martin, second by Trustee Ormsby to authorize a**
9 **Variance to Section 23-342 of the Village's Code permitting an oversized accessory**
10 **structure at 20050 Western Avenue (PARCEL 1: 31-13-202-003-0000); PARCEL 2:**
11 **31-13-202-004-0000), and further permitting said structure to exceed the maximum**
12 **floor area of 200 square feet, to exceed the maximum height of 15 feet, and to allow**
13 **the accessory building to be located outside the area directly behind the principle**
14 **structure; conditioned on the property owner recording a Notice of Restriction as**
15 **prepared and attached by our Village Attorney dated 5/12/09 with the Cook County**
16 **Recorder of Deeds on Parcels 1 and 2.**

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

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20 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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22 **Engineering Services Agreement Between the Village of Olympia Fields and Baxter**
23 **& Woodman Engineers for the Country Club Drive Traffic Study Project –**
24 Administrator Mekarski stated that this was previously before the Board for discussion.
25 The matter was discussed further in the Budgetary Workshops. This provides for a
26 contract with Baxter & Woodman for an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00 to prepare a
27 Traffic Study for Country Club Drive. The administration will then be able to enter into
28 discussions with the Country Club for a possible future Shared Maintenance Agreement
29 for the improvement of that residential street.

30
31 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Nale to authorize the Village President**
32 **to enter into an Engineering Service Agreement with Baxter & Woodman to**
33 **complete a Traffic Study for Country Club Drive at an estimated cost not to exceed**
34 **\$3,500.00, with said funds to be derived from the Village's Fiscal Year 09/10 Road**
35 **Fund Budget.**

36
37 Trustee Ormsby stated that she is glad that the Board is looking at this. President Jones
38 stated that we want to determine how much traffic on that road belongs to the Country
39 Club and how much belongs to the Village. Once that is determined, President Jones
40 believes that the Village can have a conversation with the Country Club about their
41 obligation to help fund improvements to that road. He stated that the road needs
42 resurfacing in several sections. It is not on the schedule to be done this year. It should be
43 done next year. Previously, the Village entered into some sharing agreements with the
44 Country Club but none regarding the road. Before the Senior Open in 1997, the Country
45 Club did provide the Village with a significant amount of money to resurface the road.

1 President Jones believes that it is a moral obligation not to shift all of that expense to the
2 taxpayers of this Village.

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

4
5 **Ordinance No. 2009-07 - An Ordinance Declaring Certain Property Surplus and**
6 **Authorizing its Disposition** – Administrator Mekarski stated that this Ordinance
7 provides for the donation of surplus vehicles and equipment to the Dixmoor Police
8 Department. When Administrator Mekarski and Chief Chudwin were conducting
9 seminars at the request of President Jones to help the neighboring communities that do
10 not have a large administrative staff in preparing the applications for the Federal Stimulus
11 Dollars, it was brought to the attention of Chief Chudwin and Administrator Mekarski by
12 the Village Attorney for Dixmoor that there are many times, for extended periods of
13 times that the Village of Dixmoor does not have a police vehicle to dispatch to a service
14 call. Customarily, these vehicles would have been traded in for under \$1,000.00. The
15 vehicles could also be submitted to the auction with the South Suburban Mayors and
16 Managers Association. At that auction, the vehicles could yield anywhere from \$500.00
17 to \$3,700.00 each. This depends on their age, mileage, and the condition of the vehicles.

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19 Administrator Mekarski stated that Chief Chudwin had approached him and President
20 Jones about donating these two retired vehicles to the Dixmoor Police Department rather
21 than trading them in or submitting them for auction. The Village Attorney drafted the
22 Ordinance.

23
24 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Ormsby to approve on First and**
25 **Second Reading proposed Ordinance No. 2009-07, an Ordinance Declaring Certain**
26 **Property Surplus and authorizing its Disposition.**

27
28 Trustee Ormsby stated that she thought it was great. President Jones stated it helps us to
29 help them. Morally, it is the right thing to do. Trustee Pennington inquired as to when the
30 transfer would take place. Administrator Mekarski stated it would take place in the next
31 week or two weeks. The vehicles are being stripped out now. The Village will donate the
32 ancillary equipment in order to equip the vehicles as patrol vehicles. ESDA has donated
33 two light bars that they no longer need. The Village of Dixmoor will install the
34 equipment.

35
36 Trustee Pennington inquired as to whether or not the Village has to show evidence of
37 serviceability for those two vehicles to the Dixmoor Police Department. President Jones
38 stated the vehicles would be given as is, without warranty. He stated that the cars have
39 been maintained. It is not worth it for the Village to keep spending the money to maintain
40 them. The Village tries to rotate two new cars into the fleet of police vehicles every year.
41 Once the vehicles reach 85,000 to 90,000 miles on them they can't be used as police
42 vehicles.

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

44
45 Administrator Mekarski thanked the Board on behalf of his office, Chief Chudwin and
46 President Jones.

1 **Update to IEPA Sanitary Sewer Stimulus Project – Olympia Fields L170052 –**
2 **Facilities Approval Plan** – Administrator Mekarski stated that he has been working all
3 morning with representatives from Robinson Engineering, and with Joe Alexa, and Cindy
4 Saenz, on the details associated with the financial packages and the loan packages for the
5 IEPA Stimulus Bills. Revisions on some of those documents are being made before
6 President Jones gives his final signature so that they can be forwarded for consideration
7 of the Grants and Loans. Administrator Mekarski stated that in the Board Packet there is
8 a letter dated April 21st from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency confirming
9 that the facility plan prepared by Robinson Engineering has been approved by the IEPA.

10
11 **Parkway at 207th and Parthenon and Spartan Way** - Administrator Mekarski stated
12 that we had promised the residents in Arcadia that we would look into curbing by
13 Arcadia Elementary School. The Board previously viewed photographs of deteriorating
14 road conditions and of right-of-way conditions associated with bus movements along that
15 area. Joe Alexa is working with Baxter & Woodman. A final report should be provided to
16 the Board by the next meeting in order for the Board to address that issue.

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18 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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20 President Jones stated that he did not have a formal report this evening.

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22 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (CONTINUED)**

23
24 **Website Trustee E-mail Addresses** – President Jones stated that at the last meeting,
25 Trustee Nale brought up whether or not the Village should list the e-mail addresses of the
26 Trustees and their area of responsibility on the Village's Website in order for residents to
27 e-mail them directly. President Jones asked Cindy Saenz to look into that. In the Board
28 Packet is a Memo from Cindy Saenz dated May 8, 2009. President Jones stated that
29 Cindy Saenz is proposing that they create electronic e-mail addresses on the website for
30 each of the Trustees. As the e-mails come in, they would be processed to Administrator
31 Mekarski and Cindy Saenz. They would review the e-mails first since the Trustees have
32 many other responsibilities in their professional and personal lives. The e-mails would be
33 forwarded to the Trustees with the action taken by Administrator Mekarski or Cindy
34 Saenz. If they felt there was something that a Trustee had to respond to personally, the e-
35 mail would then be forwarded to that Trustee. President Jones asked the Board to review
36 the Memo. The matter will be placed on the Agenda for formal discussion at the first
37 meeting in June. Trustee Nale stated that she would like the Human Resource Committee
38 to discuss this at their meeting on May 18, 2009.

39
40 **Olympia Club** - Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that a few months ago she had mentioned
41 about the pile of dirt that is currently on the site where the condos were to be built. At
42 that time, it was wintertime and the Board decided to hold off. Now that spring is
43 coming, she is wondering what the plan is to deal with that. President Jones stated that
44 would be reviewed with the Building Commissioner. He does not believe that the dirt
45 will be removed. He stated that it might be smoothed out so it is less noticeable.

1 President Jones stated that there are a lot of issues in Olympia Club. There isn't any
2 money to finish building out the single-family site. There are a lot of problems
3 aesthetically in there. There are open spaces and there is the lack of landscaping. The
4 developers don't have any money.

5
6 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Village is considering moving up the final paving
7 of Olympia Club. It is usually done when 75% or 80% of the units are installed. That may
8 not happen for another five or six years. The base could deteriorate to the point where it
9 would be more costly to the developer and eventually to the taxpayers, because it would
10 erode future road conditions.

11
12 President Jones asked Administrator Mekarski to convene a meeting with the Building
13 Commissioner, Madison Homes, Sligo Five, and Trustees Ormsby and Gibson on what
14 we can do to improve the quality of life for the residents that live there now. President
15 Jones stated that the forming panels have been there the entire winter. He would like
16 them removed. Nobody can find the contractor that owns the forming panels.

17
18 **Burnside** – Trustee Gibson inquired as to the status of Burnside. Administrator Mekarski
19 stated that Burnside is bankrupt. The Traditions was taken over by the Royal Bank of
20 Canada. They are managing that asset. Administrator Mekarski had a conversation with
21 Gregg Szilagy with RBC concerning RBC taking responsibility for the paving. The
22 insurance agency is refusing to yield the Bond for the final lift. The only recourse would
23 be to sue them. However, the property is no longer in default. It was taken over by a bank
24 that has assets.

25
26 President Jones stated that the Village is cutting the grass in the common areas because
27 they can't afford to cut it. The Village is paying attention to the ponds, the pool and the
28 clubhouse. The Village is trying to make those amenities function as best as they can. He
29 stated that those residents are really having a hard time. The residents are fine
30 themselves, but living in a half developed neighborhood is not pleasant. The Village
31 wants them to know that it is concerned about what is going on. The Village does
32 whatever it can to help them.

33
34 **Pothole at Bizios** – Trustee Gibson inquired as to what the Village can do about the big
35 hole that is in the parking lot at Olympia Square by Bizios. President Jones stated that he
36 told Tony Bizios that if he doesn't repair the potholes he would be in Court. Trustee
37 Gibson stated that all he has done is put gravel over it several times. President Jones
38 stated when the asphalt plants were shutdown through the winter he put gravel over it. He
39 stated that the asphalt plants are open now. President Jones stated that he told Jim
40 Peterson to tell Tony Bizios that if he doesn't fix the potholes he will be in Court. Trustee
41 Gibson stated that because it is a large pothole there should be horses around it. It is
42 terrible.

43
44 **207th Street and Scott Drive** – Trustee Nale inquired of President Jones as to whether or
45 not there has been any follow-up with some of the problems that were found when she,
46 Trustee Ormsby, Joe Alexa and Jim Peterson took a walk along that Scott Drive.

1 President Jones stated that he does not have a checklist of anything. The AT&T spot is
2 bad. AT&T decided that they are not going to do anything about it. They have instructed
3 their drivers not to park there. President Jones instructed the building department and the
4 police department to ticket any AT&T trucks that may park there. President Jones stated
5 that the gravel has to be removed from there and it needs to be resodded.

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7 **AT&T U-VERSE** - Trustee Gibson stated that young college students are coming around
8 the area door-to-door. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson informed them that they had to have a
9 Permit. They said that they didn't need a Permit. Administrator Mekarski stated that it is a
10 contractual company working under contract with AT&T. They inquired about a Permit,
11 and after a discussion with the Village President the request for a Permit was denied.
12 President Jones stated he will review this with the Village Attorney and if he confirms
13 that the Village is on solid ground to prohibit this, then he will instruct the police
14 department to look out for these individuals and to arrest them.

15
16 **Scott Drive** - Trustee Nale stated that on Scott Drive there are infringements on the
17 easement. She was wondering if anything was going to be done about that. President
18 Jones stated that there is no question that something should be done about it. Trustee
19 Ormsby stated that she addressed that. It is a complicated issue. There are,
20 approximately, 15 people that have encroached on the easement. She needs direction
21 from the Board on how to address that. She stated that there are at least 10 people that
22 have encroached on the easement for the last 15 or 20 years.

23
24 Trustee Nale stated that there is a pile of branches on the easement that has been there for
25 two years. Trustee Ormsby suggested that she and Trustee Nale speak with the new Code
26 Enforcement Officer about some of these things. President Jones stated that he would like
27 to get at anything that constitutes a hazard, dead trees, or debris. He stated that there is no
28 reason why that can't be done even if it is a matter of having Public Works come out and
29 pick it up if it is easily accessible. As to broken fences, he stated that somebody has to
30 live in the property to enforce that. As to the broken fence at 207th Street and Scott Drive,
31 he instructed Mr. Peterson to notify the homeowner to deal with that fence or ticket them.
32 Trustee Nale inquired as to the logs that are placed on the easement against the fence. She
33 believes that has to be followed up.

34
35 President Jones suggested having a meeting with the new Code Enforcement Officer and
36 the Building Commissioner about those kinds of things. He stated let's get after that stuff.

37
38 **Repaving of Crawford and Western Avenue** - Administrator Mekarski stated that he
39 wanted to inform the Board that he received copies from IDOT on the complete repaving
40 of Crawford Avenue and Western Avenue. They are beyond our jurisdiction. For
41 Crawford, it will go from I-80 to Lincoln Highway. This will occur within the next few
42 weeks. Joe Alexa and Baxter & Woodman are looking at the plans. Administrator
43 Mekarski stated that we are making sure that Chief Chudwin and SouthCom are aware of
44 this in case there is a need to reroute emergency vehicles. There will be some
45 inconvenience over the spring and summer.

1 Trustee Gibson stated that when the Graymoor resident was killed on the corner at Joe
2 Orr Road she could not get into Wysteria for four hours. The traffic was stopped at
3 Western and Joe Orr Road, and it was stopped at Ashland and Joe Orr Road. President
4 Jones stated that he would have Joe Alexa and Chief Chudwin take a look at that. Perhaps
5 some kind of emergency surface can be put in.

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7 **Signage at Bizios and Burgundy Bistro** – Trustee Ormsby stated that she and Trustee
8 Gibson were going to have to revisit the signage at Bizios and Burgundy Bistro at some
9 point. It has been up a long time. Trustee Ormsby stated that she needs a little direction
10 from the Board. President Jones stated that he thinks the Village has to put some pressure
11 on the owner of Burgundy Bistro to spend the money to put a sign up. They have been
12 there a year now. The Village was lenient. He suggested that the owner obtain an
13 estimate of the cost for a sign. Trustee Gibson stated that the temporary signs have to
14 come down. President Jones suggested that they speak with her and perhaps give her
15 another two or three months to obtain a sign.

16
17 Trustee Ormsby stated that perhaps the Monument Sign on Governors Highway could be
18 improved. She inquired as to whether or not a Monument Sign can be moved. She
19 suggested if it could be moved, perhaps moving it to the corner and it would be a
20 permanent sign. She asked Administrator Mekarski to look into that.

21
22 **Happy Birthday to President Jones** – Administrator Mekarski wanted everyone to join
23 him in wishing President Jones a Happy Birthday on May 13th. (There was a round of
24 applause for President Jones).

25
26 **NEW BUSINESS:**

27
28 **Reschedule or Cancellation of May 25th Board Meeting** – President Jones stated that
29 the next Board Meeting is on Memorial Day.

30
31 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to cancel the May 25th**
32 **Board Meeting.**

33 **Voice Vote: All Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.**

34
35 **Volunteer Reception** - Trustee Gibson reminded everyone to R.S.V.P. for the Volunteer
36 Reception on May 31st at Burgundy Bistro.

37
38 **Golf Outing** – President Jones stated that the Golf Outing is on Monday, May 18th. Due
39 to the economy, it is not as well attended as it has been in past years. He believes that
40 there will be 100 golfers. He is glad for the revenue that it will raise for the Homeowners
41 Associations. People can still sign up for the golf outing.

1 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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3 **Resolution #2009-03 – A Resolution making Appointments to Various Village**
4 **Positions, Commissions and Committees –**

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6 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to approve**
7 **proposed Resolution #2009-03 – A Resolution making Appointments to Various**
8 **Village Positions, Commissions and Committees.**

9 **Voice Vote: All Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.**

10
11 **ADJOURNMENT:**

12
13 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to adjourn at 9:42 P.M.**

14 **Voice Vote: All Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.**

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16 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**