

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on May 13, 2013**
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5 The Regular Meeting of the New Board of Trustees was held on Monday, May 13, 2013,
6 at the Linzey D. Jones Municipal Building and was called to order by Village President
7 Debra Meyers-Martin at 8:09 P.M. Administrator Mekarski/Village Clerk called the roll.
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9 Present: Trustees – Gibson, Ormsby, Oliver, Byrd, Nale and Waite
10 Village President Debra Meyers-Martin
11 Village Administrator/Village Clerk, David Mekarski
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13 Absent: None.
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15 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**
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17 Village President Meyers-Martin opened up Communications and Petitions at 8:09 P.M.
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19 **Letter from a Resident** - Dr. Ernie Gibson stated that he resides at 208 Wysteria Drive.
20 He stated that about a month ago the Village President sent out a communiqué in
21 reference to the lapse of time in reference to our Fire Department and our Police
22 Department. We were asked to clear up and communicate the complexities with our
23 constituents. Dr. Gibson stated that the Homeowners Association in Wysteria meets four
24 times a year. The Board of the Wysteria Homeowners Association meets every month.
25 They called a Board Meeting. The Wysteria Board instructed Dr. Gibson to go
26 door-to-door with this information. They received a lot of comments. He stated that 90%
27 of them were positive. There was one person in Wysteria that wrote a letter. The woman
28 was quite passionate about it. Dr. Gibson provided a copy of the letter to the Board and a
29 copy for the Police Department as well. Dr. Gibson read the letter to the Board as
30 follows: “To Whom It May Concern: My name is Marvell Robinson and I reside at 501
31 Wysteria Drive in Olympia Fields. In the past I have had to call upon the police and the
32 fire department on many occasions. In every single case I was treated with complete
33 respect and dignity every time. They responded in what I believe to be record time. Even
34 when the matter was not as serious they assured me that it was ok and I could still call
35 upon them even in the smallest matter. All the police officers and fire department were
36 very helpful, professional and polite. I believe that they are all doing an excellent job, and
37 I would like to thank the police and the fire department personally and I am very grateful.
38 I feel very comfortable and safe knowing that they are on the job. Sincerely, Marvell
39 Robinson, May 1, 2013.”
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41 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Dr. Gibson. She thanked Mrs. Marvell
42 Robinson for the letter.
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44 **Thank you from Antoine Bass** – Mr. Antoine Bass stated that he is a member and the
45 Secretary of the Rich Township School Board. He wanted to personally thank the Village
46 for taking a chance on him. He thanked everyone for the support he received from the

1 Village and its residents. He stated that many people have congratulated him on the
2 victory. He stated that he hasn't achieved anything yet to receive those congratulations.
3 Mr. Bass wanted to congratulate Olympia Fields because this small town did something
4 bold. It is called the "Educational Commission." He stated that if it wasn't for the
5 Educational Commission inspiring change he would never have ran. He wanted to
6 congratulate the Village because of the success of this small town to promote change.
7 (There was a round of applause). Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Mr. Bass.
8 Village President Meyers-Martin closed Communications and Petitions at 8:10 P.M.

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10 **BUILDING:**

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12 **Ordinance #2013-11 – An Ordinance Amending various Sections of Chapter 9,**
13 **“Fees,” of the Village of Olympia Fields Village Code (First and Second Reading) –**
14 Trustee Ormsby stated that she has an Ordinance. A copy of it is in the Board Packet. The
15 Building Commissioner, John McDonnell, is here tonight to speak about it. The
16 Ordinance is amending various sections of Chapter 9 “Fees.” It is a request to have the
17 inspection fees increased. They have not been increased for three-years. They have been
18 at the same rate since 2008. The Village wants to continue to hire the best and most
19 professional staff that it can.

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21 Mr. McDonnell stated that basically it is an Ordinance that we needed to tidy-up because
22 there hasn't been any changes done to it in a long time. Most of the fees that are
23 increased in the Ordinance have already been increased to the public because our costs
24 have gone up from third party contractors that are doing work for the Village and
25 representing the Village. Those fees have already been passed onto contractors. It just
26 hasn't been done in the Ordinance. The Village has contracts with those contractors that
27 provide Escrow Agreements stating that they cover any costs associated to the Village to
28 cover the Village's fees.

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30 Mr. McDonnell stated that the only increase that we have not put into effect is the
31 increase for our inspectors for the Village, the Electrical Inspector, and the Plumbing
32 Inspector. It is all of the part-time staff. There has not been an increase since 2008. The
33 climate of the construction field went down and it really was never a good time to
34 increase their salaries. He stated that things are progressing a lot more forward in the
35 field; there are a lot more renovation projects going on in the Village and all around us.
36 Communities are competing for part-time personnel that are professional in their field
37 and have certification and training in their field. He stated that in order for the Village to
38 keep the personnel that it has, or better improve upon them, we are going to have to pay
39 them more money.

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41 Trustee Waite inquired of Mr. McDonnell whether or not he thought that would be a
42 deterrent for anybody to want to remodel the property or upgrade it.

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44 Mr. McDonnell stated no. He stated that three-years ago we lowered our Permit Fees
45 from \$110.00 to \$50.00. Right now we are only going to raise it \$10.00. There is nothing

1 Public Hearing. The goal is to have this before the Board at the first Board Meeting in
2 June so that this can be adopted after the Public Hearing and input from the general
3 public.

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5 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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7 Trustee Waite stated that he did not have a Formal Report this evening.

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9 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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11 **Virgin Health Care Program Update** – Trustee Nale stated that she would like to defer
12 any comments in regard to the Virgin Health Care Program. She is not completely
13 satisfied with the responses she has gotten from them in regard to questions that she has
14 asked and she has not received answers to her questions. She would like to defer any
15 comments until she receives answers from them.

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17 **Library Drop Box at 203rd Street** – Trustee Nale stated that she was approached by a
18 couple of our neighbors in regard to the condition of the Library Drop Box which is
19 located on 203rd Street by the Village’s Train Station. She stated that apparently it has not
20 had any care for several years. It needs to be painted and it needs to be leveled. Trustee
21 Nale attended the Board Meeting for the Olympia Fields Library Board and she
22 mentioned it to them and they indicated that it would be taken care of.

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24 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Nale when she approached the
25 Olympia Fields Library Board. Trustee Nale stated that she believed it was April 28th.

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27 Trustee Ormsby thanked Trustee Nale for doing that. She stated that it has been an
28 eyesore.

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30 Trustee Nale stated that they inquired whether the color bothered the Village. Trustee
31 Nale stated that the Village wanted something to blend in. She stated that the Village had
32 put a large amount of money into improving that area and with their help we would
33 continue to have a nice looking area for the residents and the people getting on and off
34 the train.

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36 Trustee Ormsby stated that is our new park area, our new garden. She appreciates Trustee
37 Nale doing that. Trustee Nale will keep the Board abreast in terms of follow-up.

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39 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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41 **Boot & Tow Procedure Violation; Violation Receivables – Authorization to**
42 **Proceed** – Trustee Gibson stated that the first item concerns Boot and Tow Procedure
43 Violation, Violation Receivables and authorization to Proceed. Trustee Gibson stated that
44 under the Village’s Motor Vehicle and Traffic Code the Village has a right under Section
45 14-81 to immobilize, tow and/or impound vehicles for two or more unpaid fines. The
46 collection agency that the Village uses, Municipal Collections of America have suggested

1 that we implement a Boot and Tow Program similar to other surrounding Municipalities.
2 In the Board Packet is a copy of the pre-tow notice issued by the Midlothian Police
3 Department. The Municipal Collections of America believes that the legal notice and the
4 threat of immobilizing and/or towing the vehicles may greatly assist in the Village
5 collecting unpaid liability.

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7 Trustee Gibson stated that currently the Village has \$659,245.31 in unpaid tickets by
8 violators who have three or more “M” Ticket violations. The uncollected liability for red
9 light violations is even greater with \$1,011,853.12 outstanding. It is unlikely that the
10 Village would collect on 100% of the outstanding liability. Municipal Collections of
11 America believes that \$300,000.00 to \$400,000.00 may be realized through the issuance
12 of letters.

13 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Ormsby to authorize the Police**
14 **Department to proceed with a Boot and Tow Program to collect unpaid citation**
15 **liability consistent with the existing Ordinance.**

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17 Trustee Oliver inquired of Trustee Gibson if a couple has two or more cars, and if for
18 instance his wife was one of the violators and his car was in the parking lot, whether or
19 not his car would be towed because both of their names are on the registration.

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21 Trustee Gibson stated that it is her understanding that it would be the specific car not both
22 cars.

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24 Chief Krull stated that there is a substantial amount of money that is owed to the Village
25 and people are not paying it. He stated that if you own two cars, both of the vehicles will
26 be listed on the letter that they want to send out. That doesn’t mean that they are going to
27 boot the vehicle if it is parked in a public parking lot. The mere threat of a boot or tow
28 should be enough in theory to try to make them comply.

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30 Trustee Oliver inquired of Chief Krull if one of those cars was in a residential driveway
31 whether or not the car could be booted in the driveway. Chief Krull stated that typically
32 that is not something that you would do on private property. It is the hope that by
33 receiving a letter with all the vehicles that someone owns listed in the letter, that the mere
34 threat of the boot or tow would force them to take some kind of action.

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36 Trustee Oliver inquired of Chief Krull whether or not the “M” Ticket violations come
37 from one of our parking lots. Chief Krull stated that they come from equipment violations
38 also. If you are driving with one headlight on you would get a ticket.

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40 Trustee Oliver inquired of Chief Krull whether or not the police department would be
41 purchasing a bunch of the boots or would it be contracted out. Chief Krull stated that he
42 did get some pricing for some boots. They are about \$740.00 apiece. He won’t go out and
43 purchase any until the Board tells him to do so. He is not a fan of using those and placing
44 them where people can see them. He stated that if we used it in a large parking lot once or
45 twice and people saw the boot on the car hopefully people would get the message. It is
46 just another tool to try to collect these fines.

1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Ordinance addresses the boot as well as
2 towing and impound. She inquired of Chief Krull how they make the distinction between
3 the processes of what to do.

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5 Chief Krull stated that he would prefer to never tow somebody's vehicle. There is too
6 much liability involved in that. They have to hire a towing company to do that. They
7 would use Coy's Towing. An officer has to sit there while the vehicle is being removed.
8 He stated that because we took custody of that vehicle we own it. We are responsible for
9 anything that happens to that vehicle. The risk, in his opinion, is too high at that point.
10 Chief Krull stated that if the vehicle is in a public parking lot and the violator has lots of
11 violations, then at that point after reasonable attempts have been made through this letter
12 and they still are not trying to comply, that would be an instance where he would
13 consider using the two services for that.

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15 Trustee Gibson stated that in too many cases in this Village people just ignore it. The
16 Village is losing a lot of money by just ignorance of the law.

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18 Trustee Waite inquired of Chief Krull that if the boot cost \$750.00 why you wouldn't just
19 tow it. The towing company has liability insurance. He inquired of Chief Krull whether
20 or not the Village has liability insurance. Chief Krull stated that the Village does have it.
21 Trustee Waite stated that if the vehicle is towed it will be put in the lot of the towing
22 company. It isn't coming into the Village's hands specifically. Chief Krull stated that the
23 towing company is acting as our agent. Trustee Waite stated that is true but their
24 insurance will cover it. He inquired of Chief Krull whether or not that was our agreement
25 with them.

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27 Trustee Gibson stated not necessarily. Chief Krull stated that if we authorize a tow we are
28 responsible for that vehicle. He stated that the first place the vehicle owner is going to
29 come to if they are claiming damages on their vehicle is to the Village.

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31 Trustee Waite inquired of Chief Krull why the Village is accepting liability for something
32 that the towing contractor ought to be liable for. He stated that if it is damaged while it is
33 in his possession it is his problem.

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35 Chief Krull stated that they are very, very careful. He stated that anybody can claim
36 anything. He is very concerned that with the towing of the vehicles the risk is probably
37 not worth the rewards in his opinion at this point. He stated that it is an option.

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39 Trustee Waite stated that he might disagree with him on that. He stated that you probably
40 don't have to tow them all, but rather than spending \$750.00 he would rather pay them
41 \$50.00 or \$75.00 to tow it and park it in their lot to protect the vehicle to make sure that
42 there is no damage to it while it is in their possession. He stated that if it was in the
43 possession of the Village he could see where the Village's insurance carrier might have
44 something to say. He would think that the Village's insurance company might pay the
45 claim, but would go after the towing agency to collect and get reimbursement for that.

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1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she believes that on a case by case instance
2 the police will be making that determination about which is the best method. She stated
3 that is not in essence what we are trying to decide here. We just want to be able to have
4 that ability to decide whether it is a boot or a tow. We don't have to explore the pros and
5 cons of each thing.

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7 Trustee Waite stated that he believes that we ought to be more aggressive about what we
8 are doing.

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10 Trustee Gibson inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin whether or not she could
11 call for the previous question. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the call for the
12 previous question ends all debate. Administrator Mekarski stated that the Clerk needs to
13 call the roll. Trustee Nale inquired of Administrator Mekarski if he would reiterate what
14 occurred. Administrator Mekarski stated in parliamentary procedures if a Motion is made
15 by a member and seconded, Trustee Gibson read the proposed Motion into the record and
16 it was seconded by Trustee Ormsby, which allows the Mayor to allow the Trustees to go
17 into discussion on the Motion. He stated that a single member can stop that discussion at
18 any time by asking the Chair to call the previous question. He stated that by
19 parliamentary procedure that takes precedence, and discussion is ceased and then we go
20 to roll call.

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

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23 **Information Only: National Police Week** – Trustee Gibson stated that the second item
24 is for information only. Trustee Gibson stated that the Olympia Fields Police Department
25 will be observing National Police Week beginning Monday, May 13th, by remembering
26 the Law Enforcement Officers who died in the line of duty. She stated that in 2012, 127
27 Law Enforcement Officers were killed in the line of duty.

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29 Trustee Gibson stated that National Police Week began in 1962 when President John F.
30 Kennedy signed a Proclamation setting aside May 15th as National Police Officer Day
31 and the week of May 15th as National Police Week. She stated that if you are interested in
32 additional information about National Police Week it can be obtained at the National Law
33 Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund at www.nleomf.org.

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35 Trustee Oliver inquired whether or not this would qualify to lower the flags to half-mast
36 in honor of those fallen police officers.

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38 Chief Krull stated that is typically done on Wednesday the 15th. That is something that is
39 done throughout the country.

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41 **Customs Seizure** – Trustee Gibson stated that she wanted to let the Board know that we
42 did have a very, very large customs seizure. Detective Amschl did a very nice job. He
43 was highly involved in this. She stated that the contraband was held in the police
44 department. It was worth over \$1,500,000.00. The Feds have picked it up. Trustee Gibson
45 passed around a photograph of the contraband.

1 Trustee Waite inquired of Chief Krull what is depicted in the photograph. Chief Krull
2 stated that is approximately 450 pounds of high-grade Canadian Cannabis.

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4 **Information Only: Supervisory Training and Education** – Trustee Gibson stated that
5 as part of the Olympia Fields Police Department’s ongoing effort to build a solid
6 leadership foundation, the following officers have completed these basic supervision
7 classes: Corporal Esteban “Steve” Lopez successfully completed the 40 hour first line
8 supervisor’s class sponsored by North East Multi-Regional Training which was held in
9 Oak Brook, Illinois. Sergeant Derrick Blasingame has successfully completed the 80 hour
10 introduction to supervision for new Sergeants which was also sponsored by North East
11 Multi-Regional Training which was held in Shorewood, Illinois. She stated that this is for
12 information only so that you can see that Chief Krull is keeping his promise. She stated
13 that you can see how he is preparing our officers for the duty that they have been chosen
14 to do.

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16 **Information Only - Self-Defense Class for Women** – Village President Meyers-Martin
17 inquired of Chief Krull what is going on with the Women’s Self-Defense Class. Chief
18 Krull stated that they just got confirmation that it is scheduled for Wednesday night, June
19 25th. The class will be held at the Village Hall. The information is available. They will
20 have the information on the new website when they get it up and running. They will
21 probably send out their first blast using NIXLE to try to get the information out to the
22 residents.

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24 **Tornado Siren at the Country Club** – Trustee Gibson stated that progress is being
25 made with the tornado siren hook-up at the Country Club. There was a little snafu. The
26 Village got permission from Russell Ruscigno. Mr. Ruscigno is no longer at the Country
27 Club. They are working with Adam Nickerson who was an assistant to Mr. Ruscigno.
28 She and Officer Barry spoke with Mr. Nickerson. She stated that it was just a
29 misunderstanding of when they were going to have the people from Kankakee come up
30 and supply the information and the box that is supposed to be there, in order to make our
31 Village completely covered with tornado sirens.

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33 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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35 **Ordinance #2013-10 – An Ordinance amending Section 1-10, “General Penalty for**
36 **Violation of Code; Continuing Violations; Exceptions,” of Chapter 1 of the Village**
37 **of Olympia Fields Village Code (First and Second Reading)** – Administrator Mekarski
38 stated that the first item he has is Ordinance #2013-10, an Ordinance amending Section
39 1-10, “General Penalty for Violation of Code; Continuing Violations; Exceptions,” of
40 Chapter 1 of the Village of Olympia Fields Village Code. This is on First and Second
41 Reading. Administrator Mekarski stated that this is a revenue capture opportunity. This
42 would allow a continuation of fees to come into the Village. Right now we have two
43 Collection Agencies that charges the Village and is paid out of the fine incurred. He
44 stated that for red light tickets that fee is 7%. The success rate is a bit higher for that
45 Collection Agency with the “M” Tickets. Their collection rate is 35%. State Statute
46 allows an add-on fee by Ordinance. That is before the Board this evening. He stated that

1 water, sewer or other public facility projects. This is an initiative that the Administration
2 undertook with the Governor's first Bond Initiative. We put in a request for multi-
3 millions of dollars. The State has not had the funds to finance all of the awarded projects.
4 The Village submitted the application about three-years ago. The Village's last Grant was
5 for \$50,000.00 for water improvements to the variable speed pumps at the water pumping
6 facility. This is the second Grant. Administrator Mekarski will be working with Joe
7 Alexa and Trustee Waite the Liaison to the Public Works Department, and the Village
8 President to identify where these monies should be appropriated. A formal Resolution
9 will then be brought back before the Board. They have to fill-out a Grant Survey and
10 move that Grant Survey towards an actual Legal Agreement that the Board would enter
11 into with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).
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13 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that this money is not time sensitive. We have
14 time to figure out where it can be best used.
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16 Administrator Mekarski stated that when we were discussing the road project we
17 discussed the need to replace a water main in the Suburban Woods Subdivision. We had
18 limited funds. The Board authorized that we seek a low interest loan from the Illinois
19 Department of Natural Resources. That is one of the projects that we are going to ask the
20 Board to target so that we can reduce the amount of the loan and combine numerous
21 funds we have to get that financed without debt service.
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23 Trustee Waite inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not the Village already
24 received this money. Administrator Mekarski stated no. The Village has to designate a
25 purpose and send a Grant Survey. They will put it into a formal Legal Agreement and the
26 Board will act on the Agreement. The Village will have one year to expend those funds.
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28 **Work Session on a Proposed Development** - Administrator Mekarski stated that he
29 passed out a Memorandum. The Village has been approached by the State Bank of
30 Countryside who owns the Olympia Club Condominium Site. They brought a multi-
31 family developer and this developer is proposing an "above market rate mutli-family
32 development." He stated that it is an apartment development on the condominium site in
33 Olympia Club. He stated that we know this is not without controversy. The Village has a
34 legal obligation to give due diligence on this to the bank who is the landowner, and the
35 developer. This is on an approved site of the condominium project where 80
36 condominium units were approved.
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38 Administrator Mekarski stated that we are proposing a work session with the Planning
39 and Zoning Commission, the Board of Trustees, the Bank of Countryside, the multi-
40 family developer and some of the Homeowners Associations that surround that property
41 like the Original Village, The Trails, and the Olympia Club Subdivision. He stated at
42 least listen to the proposal because we have a legal obligation to do that for the
43 landowners because they have vested rights on the condominiums. He believes that the
44 developer will hear a signal from the governing authority and its recommending bodies
45 and do the right thing whatever that may be.

1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that when they were in that day proposing the
2 work session, they indicated that if they detect that there is negative reaction, that there is
3 a sense that the community doesn't want that, they want to know because they don't want
4 to proceed if they feel that there is a negative reaction. That is the impression that was
5 given to her.

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7 Trustee Ormsby stated that they are very interested in that site. She stated that the entire
8 Village is interested in that site. It is one of our last pieces that we think is a premiere
9 spot. She stated that if this is something that the Village isn't going to get onboard with
10 they are not going to go very far with it. Trustee Ormsby stated that they would like to
11 have this work session and we agreed to that.

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13 Administrator Mekarski stated that it is a work session only to give meaningful feedback
14 to the proposed developer and the landlord prior to a formal application. He stated that no
15 formal decision will be made by the Board of Trustees or the Planning and Zoning
16 Commission. The developer will provide updated copies of Site Plan Elevations at the
17 work session. The work session will be held on Thursday, May 23rd, at 6:30 P.M. He
18 stated that we would ask our Trustee Liaison, Trustee Oliver, to assist us in
19 communicating with the Planning Commission and the Chairman of the Planning
20 Commission. He stated that the attendance of the Board is critical on this. At the request
21 of the Village President they are sending out notices to the Homeowner Associations
22 around the 203rd Street Station.

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24 Trustee Ormsby stated that they are not looking for any special financing. This would be
25 funded completely by them.

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27 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that is good news. She is interested in knowing if
28 they are married to that type of development, or if they would be willing to consider
29 something else like townhomes.

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31 Trustee Ormsby stated that they were sitting with the owner of the bank. There is a
32 different area that they tried to steer them to that the Village believes is better suited for
33 this. They are very interested in Olympia Fields.

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35 Trustee Waite stated that at this point in time there is a strong market for rental
36 properties. He stated that is probably what they are responding to. Trustee Ormsby stated
37 right.

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39 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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41 **Resolution #2013-06 – A Resolution making appointments to various Village**
42 **Positions, Commissions and Committees** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that
43 she has Resolution #2013-06. She stated that at the first meeting of the Fiscal Year, the
44 Board of Trustees is required to reinstate its appointments of administrative personnel,
45 professional consultants and other appointees who will officially represent the Village in
46 positions as set forth in State Statute and Local Municipal Code.

1 Trustee Gibson inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin what she believes the
2 possibility will be that they will accept this. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that
3 they were very cooperative when we met with them along with the Homeowners
4 Association. Mayor Braun has indicated that he is willing to work with the Village
5 related to that development and its effect on The Traditions Homeowners Association.
6 She stated that if she had to guess, she believes that they would be if not enthusiastic, at
7 least receptive to listening to the plan. She stated that if we drive home the point that it
8 would be in the best interest of everyone to accommodate this she believes that they
9 might be receptive.

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11 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not Teska drew up this
12 plan for 64 Evergreens. Administrator Mekarski stated yes. Trustee Ormsby inquired
13 whether or not the Beautification Committee can review this or look at it. Administrator
14 Mekarski stated that you are more than welcome to. Trustee Ormsby stated that is a
15 tremendous amount of Evergreens.

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17 Administrator Mekarski stated that the concern is you have a 24/7 operation of the
18 Meijer's Development of 192,000 square feet with 740 cars in the parking lot and five
19 commercial outlots. There are 36-acres. There is going to be a huge impact to the quality
20 of life to the residents in terms of light, noise and sound. He stated that Mr. Hoffman was
21 trying to achieve an intensive amount of buffering around their recreational facility, the
22 pool, the game boards that are outside, and the recreational building itself with a limited
23 amount of low priority screening in front of the proposed Storm Water Management
24 Detention Facility, and then more intensive landscaping again to buffer the future sites
25 which are yet to be developed on the east side of The Traditions Property.

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27 Trustee Ormsby stated that she is just questioning the amount of the Evergreens. That is a
28 little forest. Administrator Mekarski stated that they are trying to create a screen wall to
29 try to block the noise. Trustee Ormsby stated that the danger is if you put one species in
30 and that tree gets infested we lose them all. She stated that this is conceptual. Trustee
31 Ormsby inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not the Village funded Teska to
32 do this. Administrator Mekarski stated that we funded Teska out of general planning. We
33 indicated to The Traditions residents that we would do this on their behalf to assist in
34 their negotiations. Trustee Ormsby inquired what the Village paid for that. Administrator
35 Mekarski stated that he doesn't have that invoice with him. Meijer's has already provided
36 to the residents of The Traditions a proposed check for \$10,000.00. That is from the
37 negotiated meeting we had and our public statements at the Village of Flossmoor. He
38 stated that if the Board approves this tonight, the residents do not want the Village to
39 send this out formally until they have a chance to meet with Meijer's and do their own
40 negotiations to try to put up in good faith the \$10,000.00 that they extended to a higher
41 amount based on utilizing this plan. He stated that if they get push back they would ask
42 the Village to go ahead and have the Village President sign it and send it out.

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44 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that because it is conceptual the Beautification
45 Committee has an opportunity to evaluate the species, and the number. Trustee Ormsby
46 stated that the Motion is asking us to approve it. She inquired whether or not there should

1 be language in the Motion that it is a Conceptual Plan. Administrator Mekarski stated that
2 we can add that the Conceptual Plan should go to the Village’s Beautification Committee
3 for formal recommendations. Administrator Mekarski stated that Mr. Hoffman would be
4 happy to come to the Beautification Committee. He stated that we have plenty of time to
5 do it.

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7 Trustee Gibson inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin whether or not we are going
8 to add the word “Conceptual” into the Motion. Village President Meyers-Martin stated
9 yes.

10 **Motion by Trustee Ormsby, second by Trustee Oliver to forward to Meijer the**
11 **Conceptual Landscape Plan as prepared by Teska Associates, dated April 12th,**
12 **2013, and upon review by the Beautification Committee formally requesting that**
13 **they implement this Plan as part of their Development Program slanted for the**
14 **proposed Meijer Superstore and associated Retail Outlots.**

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

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17 **Referral to Governor Pat Quinn’s Office – Village Capital Projects –** Village
18 President Meyers-Martin stated that the next item is the referral to Governor Pat Quinn’s
19 Office. She stated that the Village was asked by the Governor’s Office to provide them
20 with a comprehensive list of all Capital Projects for consideration. The Village worked
21 with the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association. The South Suburban
22 Mayors and Managers Association came up with the list that is in the Board Packet. The
23 list was forwarded on May 10th meeting the deadline requirement. It shows the list of
24 projects that the Village was able to forward to the Governor’s Office for consideration.

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26 Administrator Mekarski stated that we were highly successful three or four years ago
27 getting \$1,100,000.00 from the Governor. They put in a substantial amount as the Village
28 did the last time to hopefully maximize the amount of funding that the Board receives.
29 They put the water project in Suburban Woods. The Village applied for a low interest
30 loan. The Governor is considering making that a 20% or 25% outright Grant with zero
31 percent interest or interest at not more than 1.9%.

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33 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that this was put together with Joe Alexa’s input
34 as well on those Capital Projects.

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36 **ICSC Marketing Materials –** Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the next item
37 is the ICSC Marketing Materials. She stated that last year when we went to the
38 International Council of Shopping Centers she took the cut sheets that listed every
39 property in the Village, the size, square footage, demographics, and median income. She
40 had stacks of paper. She stated that she was giving each retailer that she met with and
41 each company piles of paper. She felt it was important to come up with one piece of
42 paper that listed all of that information. Mike Hoffman from Teska Associates came up
43 with one piece of paper. The map is on the front showing where the Village is in
44 relationship to the expressways and the other towns in the region. Meijer’s is listed there
45 to make our community more attractive. The second page discusses what is within a
46 three-mile radius. It gives population information for the region in terms of Matteson and

1 Flossmoor and the Village. It has the other businesses that are in town. It is very
2 informative. The other Municipalities that attend the conference have the same type of
3 material. She is very happy with this. They will be taking that with them when they go to
4 the conference this year.

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6 Administrator Mekarski stated that it will be on hard card stock. It does contain the QR
7 Code and they can scan it.

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9 Trustee Ormsby stated that she likes the Regional Access Map. She doesn't see 80 on
10 there. Administrator Mekarski stated that it is 80/94. He stated that it may be too late
11 because it may have already gone to the printer. They are leaving for the conference on
12 Sunday. Trustee Ormsby stated that it is important for people to realize that the Village
13 sits on the Metra Line. Administrator Mekarski stated that it shows the two Train Stations
14 on the Metra Line.

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16 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it talks about the different parcels that we
17 have and how large they are. That is the type of information they are looking for. Trustee
18 Ormsby stated that the investment that St. James Hospital has made in the Village for the
19 past two or three years is important.

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21 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have about seven or eight appointments
22 at the conference. She is excited about it.

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24 **Code Red Notification** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that you may have
25 received a Code Red Notification today. The Code Red informed the residents of a
26 suspect “Gypsy Scam” that occurred at Cambridge and Orchard. The notification went
27 out today at about 3:50 P.M. She believes that it is very important for the residents to
28 have that information at hand in the event that they would be approached by anyone.

29
30 **Welcome Trustee Byrd** – Village President Meyers-Martin welcomed Trustee Byrd to
31 the Board. She looks forward to working with him.

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33 **Newly Elected Officials Workshop** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that there
34 is a Newly Elected Officials Workshop scheduled for Saturday, June 1st. She has a sign-
35 up sheet for that. She is aware that Trustee Nale has signed up for it. It is not limited to
36 newly elected officials. They recommend that the veteran elected officials attend as well.
37 She stated that you have the ability to brush up on the Rules of Order and Procedures. It
38 covers many things that we all need to know and be mindful of. She encouraged the
39 Trustees to sign-up for it as well. John Murphey will be there talking about legal issues.
40 Ed Paesel will be there talking about the South Suburban Mayors and Managers
41 Association and their ability to work with Municipalities.

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43 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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45 **Removal of Stumps along 207th Street** – Trustee Oliver stated that there was discussion
46 last fall where there was going to be money set aside for stump removal of the trees that

1 were removed along 207th Street. Trustee Oliver inquired whether or not that is still part
2 of the program for this spring. Trustee Ormsby stated that it is.

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4 **ComEd Representative to Attend a Board Meeting** – Trustee Oliver stated that it was
5 suggested by the Board sometime ago to have our ComEd Representative, Toni
6 Eberhardt, come to a Board Meeting. He stated that it is important to him because in
7 Olympia Fields East there is a grid that if there is a strong enough wind the power goes
8 out. It has become better over the years. He would like to know if Toni has any data that
9 would suggest that it is better or they are working on it to reduce the number of power
10 outages as we enter the new season. He is trying to find a way that the Village can be
11 proactive rather than reactive.

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13 Trustee Oliver stated that he saw some neighbors trimming some hedges and bushes
14 around the wiring just above ground. He stated that hopefully she might have an idea of
15 how we can trim some of those trees and be proactive about that as well.

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17 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she believes that it is a good idea to have her
18 out every now and then to talk about ComEd and what they are doing in terms of
19 improving their service to the Village. She agrees that their service has improved over the
20 years. The Trails use to be on a grid where their power would go out but the people
21 across the street would have power. They have improved that.

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23 Village President Meyers-Martin has heard that ComEd was in Springfield looking for
24 more money to provide more improvements to their Grid System and it didn't pass. She
25 doesn't know where that puts ComEd in terms of continuing the improvement of the Grid
26 System. She stated that we will reach out to her and see if she can come to a Board
27 Meeting in the next month or so.

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29 **Treatment of Emerald Ash Borer** – Trustee Oliver stated that there has been a lot of
30 discussion about the treatment of the Emerald Ash Borer. He only brings this up now
31 because in Sergeant Means Park, and he believes there are a few in Bicentennial Park that
32 have been infested by the Emerald Ash Borer. He stated that there are a huge number of
33 trees that look like they are ready to fall down in Sergeant Means Park. Trustee Oliver
34 stated that in Sergeant Means Park some of the trees have fallen. The Park District has
35 not gone out to cut those trees down or get rid of those trees. Trustee Oliver was
36 wondering whether or not the Village is partnering with the Olympia Fields Park District
37 for some sort of an economy of scale or something to reduce the amount of money that
38 we would ultimately have to spend in dealing with these trees. The Park District is
39 suggesting that they are not going to cut down their trees. They are treating a number of
40 the trees.

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42 Trustee Waite inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not the article is going to
43 appear in the Village's newsletter that talks about the Emerald Ash Borer. Administrator
44 Mekarski stated yes. The newsletter has not been finalized yet. Trustee Waite stated that
45 he had circulated an email with a website address on it. It tells you how you can treat the

1 trees yourself if you are a homeowner. Trustee Waite has treated the trees in his yard. He
2 went to Home Depot and bought the material and applied it.

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4 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have had this discussion versus treating
5 and cutting. She is not an Arborist. She does not like the fact that the Park District just
6 arbitrarily says that we are not going to address those types of issues whether the tree
7 needs to be cut down or not. She would like the Park District to come for a meeting, but
8 not a Board Meeting. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we need to figure out
9 what is going on in these parks related to trees and other things, but in particular the trees.

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11 Trustee Oliver stated that he didn't mean to imply that they were arbitrarily not going to
12 be cutting down some trees. Eric Darwell has done an assessment. Mr. Darwell indicated
13 to Trustee Oliver that there are a number of trees that they have decided that they are not
14 going to cut down even though it looks bad. They feel that it is still treatable.

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16 Trustee Waite stated that all of the trees in the park are not Ash Trees. He stated that if
17 the trees that are falling down are not Ash Trees they can go and cut them up and haul
18 them away. He stated that if there are Ash Trees there you have to decide whether you are
19 going to treat them or wait until they become infested and then cut them down and haul
20 them away.

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22 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have to have those discussions together
23 with the Village and the Park District so that everybody is on the same page as it relates
24 to treatment, non-treatment, cutting, not cutting and all of those things. She would like to
25 setup that meeting sooner rather than later.

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27 Trustee Gibson inquired of Trustee Oliver whether or not as the Board Liaison to the
28 Park District he attends their Board Meetings. Trustee Oliver stated that he has not. He
29 stated that based on some discussions that the Board has had recently, he has made more
30 of an effort to be more engaged in their conversations and attend some of their meetings.

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32 Trustee Gibson stated that she believes that we can diffuse some of these things with
33 Trustee Oliver being there and finding out exactly what they intend to do so that he can
34 bring that information back to the Board. Trustee Oliver stated that he agrees.

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36 Trustee Gibson stated that for example, in Bicentennial Park if a tree falls on some
37 individual the Park District is responsible for that. They continue to say that their forested
38 area in Irons Oaks is supposed to be natural. They are not supposed to cut trees down.
39 You are supposed to just let them fall. The parks are not forested areas. They are getting
40 paid for people to use the parks, and it is for the residents as well as other people from
41 other areas that pay more. She stated that they should be thinking more about the safety
42 of individuals. She stated that if people go in the parks and a tree falls because it is dead
43 and someone gets injured, they have more of a liability there then they do by just saying
44 we are not going to cut down this tree because we think it can be treated.

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1 Trustee Waite stated that right now is when the trees should be treated. He stated that
2 from May 1st to the middle of June is the time that it says that the trees should be treated
3 based on what the Arborists say.

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5 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we need to have that meeting and a lot of this
6 can be cleared up.

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8 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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10 **Rescheduling 2nd Board Meeting in May, May 27th, Due to the Holiday** – Village
11 President Meyers-Martin stated that she would like to have approval to reschedule our
12 second Board Meeting in May from Monday, May 27th which is Memorial Day to
13 Tuesday, May 28th.

14 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Waite to reschedule the Second Board**
15 **Meeting in May, from Monday, May 27th which is Memorial Day to Tuesday, May**
16 **28th.**

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

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19 **Survey from Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau** – Trustee Oliver
20 stated that he has been meeting with the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors
21 Bureau. They are trying to collect data from all of the Municipalities. They will be
22 sending out a survey to each Municipality. They are asking what things you have in your
23 area that might market your Village. They want to use the information to market the
24 south suburban area. They want to know what events your Village is having and the dates
25 of the events. He stated that the Village is being asked to provide that information as
26 well.

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28 Administrator Mekarski stated that it would be great if the Community Relations
29 Committee could assist in that because they have a good handle on the events and the
30 amenities.

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32 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she had discussions with the Chairman of the
33 Community Relations Commission and with Trustee Gibson who is the Liaison to the
34 Community Relations Commission regarding some potential events that we could be
35 planning. She stated that the Village itself doesn't have too many events. The Park
36 District has events like their Pumpkin Festival. They have a Wine and Cheese event. She
37 is looking for the Community Relations Commission to be more interactive and proactive
38 in terms of putting together some other things that we can put on as a Village like an Arts
39 and Craft Show.

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41 Trustee Gibson stated that at the last Community Relations Commission Meeting she did
42 present that idea to the Commission.

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44 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that for right now the Park District has the main
45 events.

1 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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

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6 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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8 **To Discuss Matters of Pending Litigation – Information Only - Open Meetings Act**
9 **Section 5ILCS120/2(c)(11) –**

10 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to go into Executive Session at**
11 **9:44 P.M. to discuss matters of Pending Litigation, information only, according to**
12 **the Open Meetings Act Section 5ILCS120/2(c)(11).**

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

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15 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Board will not be taking any action once
16 it comes back into Open Session. She thanked everyone for coming this evening to
17 celebrate the swearing-in of the Trustees and her swearing-in as well.

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19 **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**

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21 **Motion by Trustee Ormsby, second by Trustee Gibson to go back into Open Session**
22 **at 10:10 P.M.**

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

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25 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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27 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Waite to adjourn at 10:10 P.M.**

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

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30 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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