

1                                   **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**  
2                                   **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
3                                   **Held on May 27, 2014**  
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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was scheduled on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Due  
6 to the fact that the meeting fell on Memorial Day, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
7 was held on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at the Linzey D. Jones Municipal Building and was called  
8 to order by Village President Debra Meyers-Martin at 7:03 P.M. The assembly recited the Pledge  
9 of Allegiance. Village Administrator/Village Clerk David A. Mekarski called the roll.

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11 Present: Trustees – Gibson, Nale, Byrd, and Waite  
12                                   Village President Debra Meyers-Martin  
13                                   Village Administrator/Village Clerk, David A. Mekarski  
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15 Absent: Trustee Hudson and Trustee Oliver.  
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17 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
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19 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Gibson to suspend the reading of the Minutes**  
20 **of the regular Board Meeting of April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014; the Board of Trustees Workshop Meeting**  
21 **of May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014; and the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**

22 **Voice Vote:                   All Ayes                                   Motion Carried.**  
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24 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Byrd to approve the Minutes of April 28<sup>th</sup>,**  
25 **2014, as presented.**

26 **Voice Vote:                   All Ayes                                   Motion Carried.**  
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28 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the Minutes of the Board of**  
29 **Trustees Workshop Meeting held on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014, as presented.**

30 **Voice Vote:                   All Ayes                                   Motion Carried.**  
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32 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Byrd to approve the Minutes of the Special**  
33 **Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014, as presented.**

34 **Voice Vote:                   All Ayes                                   Motion Carried.**  
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36 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**  
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38 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Byrd to approve the payment of Bills for**  
39 **May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014, in the total amount of \$308,940.66.**

40 **Roll Call:                    Ayes (4-0)                                   Motion Carried.**  
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42 **REPORT OF THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**  
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44 **Ordinance #2014-21 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 22, Article II, Section 22-91,**  
45 **“Uses Permitted,” of the Village of Olympia Fields Zoning Ordinance (First and Second**  
46 **Reading) - Village President Meyers-Martin stated that usually this would bring us to our**  
47 **Communications and Petitions portion of the Agenda. Tonight we need to cover the rezoning of**  
48 **the northwest quadrant of the Lincoln and Western property. We have representatives here from**

1 Wal-Mart as well as Mike Hoffman. It is under the Village Administrator’s Report, Ordinance  
2 #2014-21. That is an Ordinance amending Chapter 22, Article II, Section 22-91, uses permitted.  
3 Village President Meyers-Martin asked Mike Hoffman to give an overview of that Ordinance.  
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5 Mr. Hoffman stated that there are three things that you will be doing. The first one that you  
6 talked about is to modify your Zoning Ordinance. Right now in your Zoning Ordinance we have  
7 a category of “Planned Unit Development” which is very common in most communities. The  
8 difference is, in Olympia Fields it is treated as its own Zoning District. That’s very unusual. He  
9 knows of only one community that does it that way. Typically, a Planned Unit Development is a  
10 Special Use in other Zoning Districts, so that there is an underlying zoning that is in place there.  
11 He stated that should something happen with a particular project, you know what uses are  
12 permitted by right in that District. And then you add the Planned Unit Development on top of it  
13 as a Special Use that would then adjust the zoning to be appropriate for the proposed use. He  
14 stated that in this case, a proposed Wal-Mart.  
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16 Mr. Hoffman stated that what we are proposing to do is amend the text of the Ordinance to allow  
17 a Planned Unit Development in the B-2 District, which is the District that we are concerned  
18 about here tonight. We eventually plan to propose that you modify lots of Districts and make  
19 changes so that all Planned Unit Developments in the future will be Special Uses in the  
20 appropriate underlying Districts, so that when you look at a Zoning Map you have a good clue of  
21 what is permitted in each area without having to look up each individual Planned Unit  
22 Development Ordinance.

23 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to waive First Reading and adopt in**  
24 **Second Reading Ordinance #2014-21 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 22, Article II,**  
25 **Section 22-91, “Uses Permitted,” of the Village of Olympia Fields Zoning Ordinance.**

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

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28 **Ordinance No. 2014-22 – An Ordinance Granting Rezoning from B-3, Commercial Service**  
29 **District, to B-2, General Retail and Limited Service District, Granting a Special Use Permit**  
30 **for a Planned Unit Development (“PUD”) and Approval of the Preliminary PUD Plan**  
31 **(“Wal-Mart Planned Unit Development”) (First and Second Reading).** Village President  
32 Meyers-Martin stated that our next Ordinance for consideration is Ordinance No. 2014-22. That  
33 is an Ordinance granting rezoning from B-3, Commercial Service District, to B-2, General Retail  
34 and Limited Service District, granting a Special Use Permit.  
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36 Administrator Mekarski asked Mr. Hoffman to give an overview of the Ordinances before us.  
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38 Mr. Hoffman stated that we are proposing two separate actions. One is to rezone the property  
39 from B-3 which it is currently zoned to B-2. That would seem a little unusual. It is actually a  
40 down-zoning. The way the Ordinance is structured the uses that are proposed by the Applicant  
41 are actually listed in the B-2 District. Things like a Drug Store, a Garden Center, a Department  
42 Store, are all uses that are specifically listed in the B-2 District. In order to better match their  
43 needs and their proposal, they are requesting that the property be down-zoned from B-3 to B-2 to  
44 accommodate their intended use plan.  
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46 Mr. Hoffman stated that they are also asking for a Special Use as a Planned Unit Development  
47 per the modifications that you just made to allow for their project. He stated that by doing it as a  
48 Planned Unit Development we can accommodate all of their development needs and look at the

1 whole thing as like a Master Plan Project. It is beneficial to the Village because they see the  
2 whole picture of everything that is proposed in one image. It is beneficial for the developer  
3 because they don't have to apply for variances and those kinds of things. It is all worked into the  
4 overall Development Plan.

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6 Mr. Gamrath stated that he is with Quarles & Brady. He is the Outside Land Use Lawyer for  
7 Wal-Mart in the Chicagoland area. He stated that with him tonight are John Bisio with Wal-Mart  
8 Public Relations, and Rick Hayes who is the Project Architect with BRR, and Greg Cresto who  
9 is the Project Engineer with Manhard Consulting. They are very pleased to be before the Board  
10 tonight. They have been working with the Village's Professional Staff over the last several  
11 weeks and months putting together a plan and a program that they hope will be a very successful  
12 store and a store that Olympia Fields is proud of.

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14 Mr. Gamrath stated that we are looking for a down-zoning from B-3 to B-2. We are looking for a  
15 Special Use for a Planned Unit Development within the Ordinance. He stated that for the  
16 Planned Unit Development they are also requesting a Special Use for a commercial  
17 establishment to operate 24-hours a day, for a building that is over 25,000 square feet. Any  
18 building in the Village that is over 25,000 square feet requires a Special Use. They are requesting  
19 a Special Use for a drive-thru. They have a pharmacy that also has a drive-thru operation. They  
20 are requesting a Special Use for a commercial establishment that has an external speaker system.  
21 He stated that with the drive-thru comes the need for the external speaker system to  
22 communicate with the customers. They are requesting a Special Use for a potential financial  
23 institution within Wal-Mart. It is not envisioned that this will be a full bank, but they may have a  
24 small branch within the interior of the supercenter. They are also asking in that same Ordinance  
25 for a small number of deviations. The Village Code right now calls for five parking spaces per  
26 1,000 square feet. They are asking to reduce that to four parking spaces per 1,000 square feet of  
27 floor area. They are asking to reduce the parking stall from 9½ x 20 which the Village Code  
28 requires to 9½ by 18; and finally to increase the height of the fence to give better buffer to the  
29 adjacent property owner from six-feet to eight-feet. Those are their specific requests.

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31 Mr. Gamrath stated that on the board on the right-hand side you have Western Avenue. The  
32 bottom of the site in the center you have Lincoln Highway. The site is approximately 18-acres at  
33 the northwest corner of Lincoln and Western. They are proposing a full Wal-Mart Supercenter.  
34 There will be the general merchandise portion of the store, a full grocery store, and a pharmacy  
35 that will have a pharmacy drive-thru. Mr. Cresto and Mr. Hayes will describe on the southern  
36 portion of the building the Outdoor Garden Center. At this time of the year entering into summer  
37 they will also have a seasonal outdoor sales area in the parking lot. Those are the primary uses  
38 that they are proposing.

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40 AT THIS TIME THE RECORDING SECRETARY ADMINISTERED THE OATH TO MR.  
41 RICHARD HAYES, MR. GREG CRESTO AND MR. JOHN BISIO.

42  
43 Mr. Cresto stated that this is our proposed Site Plan for the Wal-Mart Supercenter. The store  
44 faces Western Avenue. The store faces east. The store will be situated at the rear of the lot. The  
45 site has a full access entrance at the northern end on Western Avenue. There will be a right-in,  
46 right-out only entrance on the southern end of the Wal-Mart parcel on Western Avenue. There  
47 will be two, full access points on U.S. Route 30/Lincoln Highway. He stated that there is one on

1 the rear of the site which will primarily be for delivery trucks and service vehicles to access the  
2 service drive behind the Wal-Mart, and the front drive that is anticipated to be for customer use.

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4 Mr. Cresto stated that on the Site Plan we would have the grocery side of the store on the north  
5 side. This supercenter is just over 183,000 square feet. The drive-thru pharmacy will be  
6 orientated on the north side of the building. Vehicles will enter from the front drive aisle. There  
7 will be two-windows or stations to pick up their prescriptions on that side of the building and  
8 then make their way to an exit.

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10 Mr. Cresto stated that the Garden Center is on the south side of the building along Lincoln  
11 Highway. That is in the parking area closest to the Garden Center where Wal-Mart will do their  
12 seasonal sales during the spring and summer months of similar type items, bags of mulch, plants,  
13 trees, and those sorts of items.

14  
15 Mr. Cresto stated that with the site they are proposing parking. The number of parking spaces is  
16 roughly 743. That provides a 4.0 parking ratio. That is one of the variations that they are  
17 requesting. Through the years Wal-Mart has identified that they have been building parking lots  
18 that are bigger than they actually need even during holiday seasons. In an attempt to reduce  
19 development costs and reduce the amount of asphalt, they have reduced their parking standard to  
20 a more reasonable level of four-spaces per 1,000 square foot of retail.

21  
22 Mr. Cresto stated that with the site improvements there is both surface at grade detention basins  
23 in front along Western Avenue. There will be an additional underground detention vault needed  
24 to require the volume that is necessary to meet Village criteria. The site will collect all surface  
25 drainage and be directed to the detention basins before the storm water is ultimately controlled  
26 release to the State sewer on Western Avenue.

27  
28 Mr. Cresto stated that the board he put up is the proposed, color Landscape Plan. The first intent  
29 is to maintain the existing tree lines that are along the northern property line and along the  
30 western property to act as a natural buffer. They would also install an eight-foot-high, wooden  
31 board-on-board fence to better screen and buffer the existing residential uses from the proposed  
32 Wal-Mart Site. The green space that is proposed exceeds the Village Code requirements. The  
33 only change from the original submission is we did increase the height of the fence from six-feet  
34 to eight-feet.

35  
36 Mr. Cresto stated that the State of Illinois is under construction with intersection improvements  
37 for pedestrians, and to add crosswalks at the intersection of U.S. 30/Lincoln Highway and  
38 Western Avenue. The Village Staff and IDOT had requested sidewalks be added along Lincoln  
39 Highway and Western Avenue which Wal-Mart has agreed to do. They will be installing a  
40 sidewalk from the west property line of the Wal-Mart to the intersection of Route 30, and then  
41 from the intersection of Route 30 and Western to their northern property limit. There will be a  
42 sidewalk connection from the front building walk to this new public walk that we anticipate will  
43 be in the State right-of-way.

44  
45 Mr. Cresto stated that Wal-Mart has gone with LED Lights. The LED Light fixtures are  
46 directional. They can point their fixture heads to directly light up a specific area, as opposed to  
47 just spreading out a wide band of light. It is far more efficient. It is cleaner light. Their goal is for  
48 zero spillover onto adjacent property owners.

1 Trustee Waite stated that we replaced all of the Village public lighting with LED Lights. It was  
2 completed two-weeks ago.

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4 Mr. Cresto stated that they have submitted the photometrics to staff. They meet the Village  
5 criteria. The only area of spillover is there is a light pole in the service drive. This is an area of  
6 outside storage. They have an enclosure where they store pallets and recycled cardboard. That  
7 will be lit for their employees. That is adjacent to the commercial property that is directly to the  
8 west. Those spillover levels are still within Village tolerance. They are low, light levels. The  
9 only area that it does spillover slightly is in this area which has some trees that we are going to  
10 augment per staff's comment to try to both extend this fence, and fill-in some trees in a couple of  
11 strategic areas to help buffer and light trespass from the neighboring residential uses.

12  
13 Mr. Cresto stated that the truck service is in the rear of the building. The Wal-Mart delivery  
14 trucks and their vendors will make their deliveries in the rear of the store. We anticipate that they  
15 will use either the western access on Route 30, or the northern access on Western Avenue and  
16 cycle behind and around the site to get in and out.

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18 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired whether or not Mr. Cresto could address about the  
19 truck delivery that Wal-Mart has a No Idling Policy to disseminate any noise.

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21 Mr. Cresto stated that Wal-Mart has a "No Idling Policy" for any truck deliveries. That applies to  
22 their semi's and their vendor trucks as well. The trucks will enter the site and access the truck  
23 dock which is recessed below grade. They are required to turn off the engines. While the truck is  
24 parked there is no engine running to cut down on the noise in that service area.

25  
26 Mr. Hayes stated he is with BRR Architecture. They are the Architects for the building on this  
27 proposed development. A supercenter in Wal-Mart is a building that has a full grocery. It is  
28 approximately 50% of the area of the store which is 183,000 square feet. The front of the store  
29 has two main entrances. The first board shows the four-sides of the building. The top is the front  
30 elevation. We have two primary entrances. One is marked "Market," which is the entry to the  
31 grocery store. The other is "Home and Pharmacy," which is the general merchandise entrance.  
32 The building itself is all under one roof. It is one-store. A supercenter does have a pharmacy in it.  
33 It will have potential tenants in the building. He stated that within the grocery portion of the store  
34 there will be a bakery and deli areas selling prepared foods. There often is a food tenant along  
35 with potentially a bank tenant within the supercenter.

36  
37 Mr. Hayes stated that on the side of the building we have two pharmacy drive-thrus on the west  
38 side of the building. There is a Garden Center on the east side of the building facing Lincoln  
39 Highway. The Garden Center has an ornamental, wrought-iron looking fence as a screen for both  
40 the outside area at the front of the building and for the exterior racks on the side of the building.

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42 Mr. Hayes stated that we have proposed a building that is predominantly a high quality, precast  
43 concrete with exposed aggregate and integral color. This board shows the grocery entry as a  
44 close-up in our colored rendering. At the entry vestibules we utilize masonry and glass. The  
45 entry vestibules project out from the facade of the building in order to become more prominent  
46 and easy to distinguish.

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1 Mr. Hayes stated that for site signage which is part of the Planned Unit Development, they are  
2 proposing two, Monument Signs. They are approximately eight-feet-tall from grade. There  
3 would be one on the Lincoln Highway side at the main entrance and another one on Western.  
4 They have two-signs on the building. They do exceed the Ordinances for building signage and  
5 site signage within the Village. The building has a Wal-Mart sign on the front of the building. In  
6 discussions with staff they have added a second Wal-Mart sign on the Lincoln Highway side of  
7 the building, which is internally illuminated with LED Lights. In the front of the building they  
8 identify the two entrances with signage. They also show the Garden Center area. They identify  
9 that as “Outdoor Living.” On the right-hand side of the front they show “Pharmacy Drive-Thru”  
10 with an arrow pointing to the right so people know that it is around the corner.  
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12 Trustee Waite inquired whether or not they will be selling firearms and liquor. Mr. Gamrath  
13 stated that they will be selling liquor as part of the grocery sales. He doesn’t know whether it has  
14 been determined yet whether any type of firearms would be offered for sale at this particular  
15 supercenter. It is always something that is a possibility at supercenters. Trustee Waite stated that  
16 there have been changes in the Illinois Laws regarding firearms. He stated that Chicago is talking  
17 about opening firearms stores. Mr. Gamrath stated that they would certainly comply with any  
18 State or Village Ordinances, and Statutes, absolutely without question.  
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20 Mrs. Shinker stated that is alarming. As a resident, that is alarming. Village President Meyers-  
21 Martin inquired of Mr. Hayes whether or not he could address the wrought-iron fences.  
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23 Mr. Hayes stated that at the front of the building there is an outdoor area associated with the  
24 Garden Center which is enclosed by a fence. That fence is a black, metal, wrought-iron looking  
25 fence, ornamental. That encloses that area. That would be an area that this time of year would be  
26 very busy. It is usually covered with a mesh just to limit the amount of sun. There would be a lot  
27 of tables with plants, garden plants, and flowers. That would be used by the customers. That is  
28 accessed from the parking lot area and from the store. You can go in and out of the store. On the  
29 side of the building facing Lincoln Highway there is an area that is used for exterior storage of  
30 Garden Center materials on racking. That has the same ornamental fence to screen that area.  
31

32 Mr. Hayes wanted to talk about the sustainability features of the building. He stated Mr. Cresto  
33 had mentioned the use of the LED Lights in the parking lot. The internally illuminated signage  
34 which is the Wal-Mart sign on both the front and side elevations are the only ones lit. Those use  
35 LED Lights. LED Lights are utilized inside the store in the refrigerated and freezer cases. There  
36 is a Daylight Harvesting System in the building. It is a fancy word for skylights. On this building  
37 there will be upwards of 200-skylights at 30 square feet each, evenly distributed on the roof and  
38 providing light for the inside of the store. The light fixtures in the store are controlled by light  
39 sensors. When they detect there is enough daylight coming into the store they will slowly dim  
40 the lights to the point where they actually go off. On a sunny day with all of the lights off, there  
41 will be more light in the store than on a cloudy day with all of the lights on. The store has a Heat  
42 Recovery System. That is used for the refrigeration equipment. The building is designed to  
43 capture that heat and use that heat to heat up any water for the hot water needs for the building.  
44 Wal-Mart’s commitment to sustainability is second to none in the retail industry. They share this  
45 with other retailers. This store will have that and other features related to energy efficiency and  
46 sustainability.  
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1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is going to ask Mr. Hoffman to provide an  
2 analysis. Even though we did have a Public Hearing regarding this project on May 13<sup>th</sup>, and this  
3 is not a Public Hearing, we will allow for questions from the audience.  
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5 Administrator Mekarski stated that he wanted to acknowledge that we also have other members  
6 of our Development Review Team that have been working with Wal-Mart over the last few  
7 weeks, if not a number of months, asking for revisions. Administrator Mekarski stated that Mr.  
8 McDonnell hosted an Administrative Site Plan Review Process as specified by our Ordinance.  
9 Jeff Koza from Robinson Engineering is here. He did a detailed analysis on the engineering  
10 elements, in particular Storm Water Management. He can address some of those issues. Mr.  
11 Hoffman has taken comprehensive comments on behalf of the whole team and he will present  
12 those to the Board.  
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14 Mr. Hoffman stated that they have covered the plan pretty well. He wanted to expand on a  
15 couple of items. 1. Regarding the parking reduction from five-spaces per 1,000 square feet to  
16 four-spaces per 1,000 square feet, we are very supportive of that concept. Anybody that drives  
17 around and looks at some of these centers sees all the vacant space. There is no reason to pave  
18 the world with extra asphalt. He stated that from evidence in all other communities, and from  
19 good planning practice, that is a very good and appropriate move. The reduction of the stalls is  
20 not a problem because they have 25-foot wide aisles. That will provide plenty of space for cars to  
21 backup in and out of the parking area. The standard that they are using is very common in almost  
22 every community we work in. There should not be a problem with that deviation as well.  
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24 Mr. Hoffman stated that with the drive-thru area we originally had a concern about the number  
25 of stacking spaces that they had for cars at the drive-thru. They have adjusted the plan to  
26 accommodate that. Now they will meet all of the Code Requirements for stacking in the drive-  
27 thru area. That should function very well and appropriately. The project meets all of the  
28 Village's setback requirements. There are no issues with the setbacks on the property. There was  
29 already talk about the sidewalks. We are very supportive of making this pedestrian friendly and  
30 allowing people to walk to the facility and from the facility given the improvements that are  
31 being made at the intersection of Western and Lincoln Highway. They have accommodated those  
32 in the plan. We are very appreciative of that.  
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34 Mr. Hoffman stated that what they didn't mention is that they have made a number of  
35 improvements to the Lincoln Highway facade so that it will be more attractive and appealing as  
36 someone drives along that highway. They talked about the improvements they have made  
37 already regarding fencing and some additional signage. Those weren't in the original plans but  
38 have been added through working with them and through the Site Plan Review Process. We are  
39 very comfortable with the architecture that is proposed. With the signage, they did mention that  
40 they are asking for some deviations from the Village's current Code. The Village has been  
41 working on an updated Sign Code for probably over a year. If you did a comparison to the  
42 proposed site they probably wouldn't need any of those variations. What they are proposing is  
43 very typical for this type of development. We feel it is very appropriate.  
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45 Mr. Hoffman stated that the Landscaping Plan is well-done. There is a nice variety of plant  
46 material. They have nice buffering around the edges of the property, particularly along Lincoln  
47 Highway. They have done a careful job to provide a good buffer between the homes that are  
48 surrounding this property. The development will be much nicer than what it is today. Today you

1 have a rusted and half falling down chain-link fence. You are going to have a nice, eight-foot,  
2 solid Cedar fence that goes around the periphery of it. They are doing everything that they can to  
3 preserve the existing trees that are out there right now that do provide some nice buffer. If it is  
4 determined when they are ready to develop that some of those are in bad condition or dead, they  
5 will work with us to replace those and improve that buffer. We are very comfortable with that.  
6 They do exceed the landscape requirements. He stated that within the parking lot they have  
7 significantly more trees and planting islands in the parking lot than we would normally require  
8 per Code. It is very much improved there.

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10 Mr. Hoffman stated that Mr. Cresto covered the Lighting Plan well. LED Lighting is the way to  
11 go in these facilities. They can direct those to make sure that they don't have any impact on the  
12 adjacent residences.

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14 Mr. Hoffman stated that we did have a Site Plan Review Meeting with the Public Works Staff  
15 and the Building Commissioner. He stated that Trustee Oliver was there. We reviewed the plan  
16 and made sure that the circulation system will work well for public safety purposes, and that it  
17 complies with all of the provisions in the Village's Site Plan Code. It does do that.

18  
19 Mr. Hoffman stated that at the Public Hearing there were two main topics that came up in the  
20 process. Mr. Hoffman stated that one was storm water drainage and how that would be handled.  
21 Right now the site doesn't have any storm water provisions on it. Everything runs off. A lot of it  
22 runs off to areas that we don't want it to runoff to, like some of the adjacent homes. Through this  
23 process they are providing storm water detention onsite that will take all of that runoff, manage  
24 it, control it, and slowly release it into the system. It will work much better not only for this  
25 particular site, but the adjacent homeowners as well. That is a significant improvement to this  
26 area. They are going to make sure that they comply with all of the Village's requirements in that  
27 regard.

28  
29 Mr. Hoffman stated that the other issue that was significantly discussed at the Public Hearing  
30 was the buffer around the property. Mr. Hoffman stated that he already described what they are  
31 doing there with the improved fence, the height of the fence, landscaping and preservation of  
32 existing trees. It should provide a good buffer around the edges of the site.

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34 Trustee Waite inquired whether or not there would be any bicycle racks. He stated that we have a  
35 number of bike trails that are developing around the whole area. They connect up with some of  
36 the Forest Preserves.

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38 Mr. Hoffman stated that they certainly have adequate space to do it. He suspects that if the  
39 Village asks for it they would probably be happy to provide it.

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41 Mr. Gamrath stated that they would be happy to provide them. He stated that to the extent they  
42 are not already shown on the plans, as we move towards final plans we will certainly add bike  
43 racks.

44  
45 Trustee Nale inquired how the refuse is disposed of and when is it collected. Mr. Cresto stated  
46 that the outside refuse storage area is enclosed in 10-foot-tall precast walls. There are two,  
47 organic waste dumpsters that will be behind the store in the rear service drive. Those are filled by  
48 employees and picked up by Wal-Mart's waste hauler periodically as they need to be. The other



1 non-organic waste is recycled to the highest degree possible. Anything that can be recycled is  
2 recycled. They do have regular pickups. The bale and pallets that they get goods delivered on are  
3 stored and reused. The cardboard boxes are baled inside the store and brought out by an  
4 employee and stored in this same enclosure area. It is screened on three-sides with a 10-foot-  
5 high, precast, concrete wall.

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7 Trustee Nale inquired of Mr. Cresto whether or not that area is kept locked. Mr. Cresto stated no,  
8 it is open on the internal side towards the store. Trustee Nale inquired of Mr. Cresto whether or  
9 not the trucks that come to pick up the refuse, do they arrive during the night or during the  
10 daytime. She inquired how that is taken care of. Mr. Cresto stated that he is not exactly familiar  
11 with the timing of the waste trucks. Typically, it is off-peak hours. It won't be during morning or  
12 afternoon rush hours. He stated probably sometime during the middle of the day is more likely  
13 for a garbage truck.

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15 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she was going to have Jeff Koza from Robinson  
16 Engineering who is the Village's Engineer and has been working on this project, speak about the  
17 storm water management and the improvements thereof.

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19 Mr. Koza stated that right now the site has no storm water detention. There are a few, small,  
20 storm sewer inlets over by Currie Motors. There is no detention pond. The water runs wherever  
21 the ground takes it. Part of the site does fall off back towards some residences on Brookwood  
22 and Troy Circle. Most of it does slope towards Western Avenue. There is a barrier curb along the  
23 edge of the pavement. All of the water within that area will be contained within the site Storm  
24 Water Management System. It is released into the various storm water detention storage units  
25 and then it is slowly released into the system on Western Avenue at a release rate subject to  
26 Village Ordinance. Due to the fact that Western Avenue and Route 30 is a State Route it will  
27 require a State Permit to connect to the Storm Sewer System. They will need an MWRD Permit  
28 for storm water detention and the sanitary sewer connection. They will have to meet Village  
29 requirements for storm water management which is more stringent than the old MWRD Code.  
30 All of those things will have to come in place before we can issue final approval. The concept  
31 that they have shown on this plan seems to make sense to him. He is anticipating them meeting  
32 all Codes without a need for a variance.

33  
34 Mr. Koza stated that there is an existing drainage issue along some of these properties in the  
35 northwest corner of the site. Some of this Wal-Mart property does drain towards that property.  
36 We have asked them to address that in their design. He stated that we can't ask them to fix  
37 problems that are not on their property. The goal is to make sure that this development does not  
38 make things worse. He doesn't believe that it does.

39  
40 Trustee Waite stated that if that acts as a barrier across the top, there is a lot more water going in  
41 that direction now than there would be after this is constructed. Mr. Koza stated that he agrees  
42 with that. Trustee Waite stated that it is not going to get worse; it is going to get better. Mr. Koza  
43 stated right.

44 **Motion by Trustee Waite, second by Trustee Nale to suspend the rules so that we can allow**  
45 **for any questions from the audience.**

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

47

1 Mrs. Laura Shinker stated that she resides at 20741 Greenwood Drive in the Suburban Woods  
2 section of Olympia Fields. She stated that the tax would certainly be welcome. We need it. She  
3 stated that when you mentioned firearms being sold that is really alarming to her. She is sure that  
4 she speaks for many people, many families in this Village. She would strongly, strongly object to  
5 firearms being sold in your store.  
6

7 Mr. Maurice Williams stated that he is with MWA Consulting. Mr. Williams is a resident of  
8 Hazel Crest. He stated that they worked with Wal-Mart and some of its staff that built a  
9 supercenter in Pullman on the south side of the City in 2012. It was a fabulous experience. It was  
10 new construction, very similar to what you are proposing here. Mr. Williams wanted to applaud  
11 the Village’s Committee, staff, and consultants on proposing this potential development. He  
12 believes that it would be great for the Village. Mr. Williams stated that we really enjoyed the  
13 cooperation and experience that we had in Pullman in building that supercenter. Wal-Mart is  
14 topnotch when it comes to the construction and the planning of what they want to do. They do  
15 what they say they are going to do in terms of construction. That particular store is doing very  
16 well in terms of environment. They employ 400 plus people there. The community is happy. It  
17 helped spur Economic Development all around it in the City. He stated that he applauds your  
18 efforts here tonight.  
19

20 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Mr. Williams. She echoed his sentiments. It has been a  
21 pleasure working with the Wal-Mart representatives as well.

22 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Byrd to waive First Reading and adopt in**  
23 **Second Reading Ordinance No. 2014-22 - An Ordinance Granting Rezoning from B-3,**  
24 **Commercial Service District, to B-2, General Retail and Limited Service District, Granting**  
25 **a Special Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development (“PUD”) and Approval of the**  
26 **Preliminary PUD Plan (“Wal-Mart Planned Unit Development”).**

27 **Roll Call: Ayes (4-0) Motion Carried.**  
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29 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked the Trustees. She thanked the representatives from  
30 Wal-Mart as well as Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Koza. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we  
31 will return to our normal Agenda.  
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33 At 7:53 P.M. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that there would be a five-minute recess to  
34 allow all of the representatives to leave if they so wish.  
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36 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**  
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38 Village President Meyers-Martin opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:58 P.M.  
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40 Mrs. Laura Shinker stated that she resides at 20741 Greenwood Drive in the Suburban Woods  
41 section of Olympia Fields. It is that pesky water bill again. She has put in three, new-toilets and  
42 new faucets. She has spent a lot of money to try to conserve water in her home. The charge for  
43 water on her water bill is a little over \$75.00. The sewer charge is 80 some dollars. She thought  
44 that the sewer charge was a percentage but obviously it is not, or else it is over 100% of the  
45 water charge. She doesn’t understand that charge. She was told the funds are being diverted to  
46 cover other services within the Village. She wonders if that is true. Mrs. Shinker called  
47 Administrator Mekarski’s office last week to find out if that was the case. In her opinion, if a  
48 household is robbing Peter to pay Paul then economizing needs to be done. If the Village is

1 doing that there is something very wrong. When Mrs. Shinker called Administrator Mekarski's  
2 office, Administrator Mekarski was out of the office. She learned that the Village President and  
3 the Village Administrator were at a conference in Las Vegas. Mrs. Shinker asked to speak with  
4 Administrator Mekarski's assistant and she was told that the assistant was in Las Vegas. Mrs.  
5 Shinker is aware that in the scheme of things the costs that you incurred are miniscule compared  
6 to the entire Budget, but it is symbolic of the care that is being taken with our tax dollars in this  
7 Village. She believes that an accounting should be made. There should be a detailed Expense  
8 Report. She is trusting on honesty here. There should be a cover letter with the Expense Report  
9 specifying what the conference was about. She stated was it necessary for three-people to travel  
10 to Las Vegas. She inquired whether or not three-people would have gone to Kansas City,  
11 Missouri, or to Cincinnati, or to Keosauqua, Iowa. She doubts it. Mrs. Shinker stated that she  
12 believes that this accounting and cover letter along with an explanation as to exactly how these  
13 sewer funds are being used should be sent to every President of every Homeowners Association  
14 in this Village, so that they in turn can make their residents aware as to how tax dollars are being  
15 spent.

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17 Mrs. Shinker stated that she would like to continue because there is one other matter, and both of  
18 these matters relate to the use of our tax dollars. She stated that to her, tax dollars are a precious  
19 commodity. They are to be treated with respect. They are hard-earned dollars that are paid by  
20 hard-working people in this Village. She believes that most of the people in the Village have  
21 been hurt by the recession that continues.

22

23 Mrs. Shinker stated that the second matter is this sidewalk that has been built that runs from  
24 Kedzie to Governors Highway. Did we really need that sidewalk? It is her understanding that it  
25 was funded with Federal Funds. Her son made the comment, "Mom, you've got a sidewalk to  
26 nowhere like Alaska." It is reminiscent of the bridge to nowhere in Alaska that was funded with  
27 Federal Tax Dollars.

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29 Mrs. Shinker stated that in the meantime, her street, Greenwood Drive in Olympia Fields hasn't  
30 been repaved in over 20-years. It is in such disrepair that in the summer we have weeds growing  
31 in the cracks. People laugh and say, "Well, eventually we will have to mow the asphalt." After  
32 this severe winter there were potholes everywhere. Mrs. Shinker went out and measured some of  
33 the larger ones. They were over 12-inches in diameter and several inches deep. She stated that  
34 when nothing was done she finally called Public Works. They were prompt. Public Works is on  
35 the ball in this Village. They were there the next day and patched them. Public Works told her  
36 that they didn't know about the potholes. She inquired whether or not we pay a salary to an  
37 inspector. Isn't it his job to find the problems in the Village? The only time she has seen him is at  
38 the 203<sup>rd</sup> Street Station collecting the money from the slots. Is that his job to count pennies,  
39 quarters, and dollars? She stated that something is very wrong in this Village. She believes that  
40 priorities are skewed. It is wonderful to see that we are getting more tax money in this Village.  
41 Maybe that will relieve the residents and we won't have to pay this high sewer charge. Mrs.  
42 Shinker stated that she has lived here a long time and she is really saddened. She likes the  
43 Village. She likes the people in this Village. She has wonderful neighbors. Mrs. Shinker stated  
44 that she doesn't like to see them taken advantage of. She stated don't underestimate the  
45 intelligence of the people in this Village, don't. Right now there is apathy which is sad. She  
46 believes that they feel as she does that this is like an exercise in futility to come here and talk  
47 because you know your words don't mean a thing. It's frustrating. It makes one angry. Changes  
48 should be made and your attitude towards the residents in this Village. She stated don't jump on

1 her and say that she never comes to these meetings. It shouldn't matter whether you come to  
2 every meeting, whether you never come to a meeting, or whether you occasionally come to a  
3 meeting. As a resident you have a right to speak and no one on that Board has a right to silence  
4 you. She is angry because she doesn't think that things are being done correctly in this Village. It  
5 saddens her.

6  
7 Mrs. Shinker stated that you are good politicians. She grew up in Chicago. She stated that you  
8 rank up there with the best of them. She doesn't care about their words. She cares about the  
9 intent of this Board.

10  
11 Trustee Waite stated that he objects to being compared to Chicago politicians. Mrs. Shinker  
12 stated that she objects to what is going on in this Village. Trustee Waite stated that we don't  
13 operate anywhere near like the Chicago politicians. Mrs. Shinker stated that she wasn't here to  
14 argue with him. Trustee Waite stated that he is responding to what she said. It was an insult to  
15 him. Mrs. Shinker stated that she apologizes to him, but there definitely are politicians here.

16  
17 Trustee Waite inquired of Mrs. Shinker if she knows how much she saved in her electric bills in  
18 the last two-years when we negotiated that. It was close to \$500,000.00. Mrs. Shinker stated that  
19 she knew that you were going to shoot me down. She knew you were going to justify everything,  
20 shoot down everything, and explain away everything.

21  
22 Trustee Waite stated that we work hard for our residents. It is kind of insulting when you  
23 compare us to Chicago politicians. We are not like Chicago politicians, not one iota. We don't  
24 steal. We don't cheat.

25  
26 Mrs. Shinker stated that she didn't come here to be lectured by you, sir. Trustee Waite stated that  
27 he didn't come here to be lectured by her. Mrs. Shinker stated that she is a resident of this  
28 Village and she can speak here. Trustee Waite stated that he is a resident of the Village and he  
29 gets to speak also.

30  
31 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we are in Communications and Petitions and  
32 members of the audience have the right and the ability to speak to the Board. Administrator  
33 Mekarski wants to speak to the conference issue.

34  
35 Administrator Mekarski stated that he wanted to clarify the record for the public. First and  
36 foremost it was not a conference, it was a brokerage meeting. It's the largest retail brokerage  
37 meeting in the United States of America. There are over 35,000 delegates. We participated with  
38 six other Municipalities and the South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association to host a booth  
39 where retail brokers would come to our table. While the Village President or Administrator  
40 Mekarski were at brokerage meetings trying to solicit Kohl's, Best Buy, and purchasers for  
41 Olympia Corners Plaza, TJ Maxx, Mariano's, Gladys, his Administrative Assistant was manning  
42 the brokerage table where they had various marketing materials put together by their consultant  
43 staff, Teska Associates, as well as BBI. This is one reason why we are successful tonight with  
44 announcing the Wal-Mart decision. That didn't happen by accident. We began the planning for  
45 redevelopment on that corner in 2006, immediately upon the departure of the automotive dealers  
46 from the Harold Motors Family, Jeep, Mazda and Ford. We immediately solicited a Grant from  
47 the State of Illinois. We matched that Grant with \$10,000.00 contributions from two-developers.

1 He stated that Joe Salamone who bought out the Harold Motors property contributed \$10,000.00  
2 and \$10,000.00 from Currie Motors that put together the two landowners into a Franchise  
3 Agreement. We fostered that Agreement to consolidate two, nine-acre parcels into an 18-acre  
4 parcel. We were working for the past decade sending marketing material to the primary retail  
5 broker representing Wal-Mart to come to this Village to redevelop that whole corridor. It  
6 happened through aggressive marketing. We are very proud of what we accomplished in Las  
7 Vegas with our other Municipalities.

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9 Mrs. Shinker inquired of Administrator Mekarski what did they accomplish. Administrator  
10 Mekarski stated that we made a number of significant contacts that are contacting us this week  
11 for the possible acquisition of the Olympia Corners Shopping Center. We made a number of  
12 brokerage contacts for supermarkets, apparel, dry goods, and electronics to look at our corridor.  
13 We were allowed by the Wal-Mart Corporation to let the brokerage community know that Wal-  
14 Mart is coming to the Village. There is a host of retailers that want to get into that shadow. That  
15 is significant.

16  
17 Administrator Mekarski stated that as far as your road in terms of paving, just to let you know  
18 that the Village had financed 1.5 Million Dollars of Road Bonds without raising taxes, without  
19 raising fees. That was done from managing our Motor Fuel Tax. The second 1.5 Million Dollars  
20 is slated to be financed with revenues from the Wal-Mart Development. This Board has already  
21 committed the 1.5 Million Dollars into the 2040 Plan. They will complete almost 60% of the  
22 entire resurfacing of the entire Village without raising taxes or fees.

23  
24 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Greenwood Drive has hundreds of water main  
25 breaks because that water main needs to be replaced. It did not make sense to pave that road, just  
26 to tear it up to do the water main. Mrs. Shinker stated that it hasn't been paved for over 20-years.

27  
28 Administrator Mekarski stated that our engineer is here. There is a 2.3 Million Dollar Water  
29 Main Replacement Project that is being slated with a low interest loan from the IEPA. That will  
30 replace that water line, which is in part what some of the rates have been set in our 2040 Plan to  
31 manage. Then there will be the complete repaving of the road.

32  
33 Mrs. Shinker inquired if that is what the charge on the water bills is paying, or is that diverted to  
34 other services within the Village.

35  
36 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that payments to the sewer and payments to the water  
37 can only be used for water projects and sewer. They cannot be diverted. That is a separate  
38 account that has to be maintained. It is not diverted to any other projects within the Village that  
39 have nothing to do with water or sewer.

40  
41 Mr. Koza stated that just to touch on the Suburban Woods Water Main Project; it is a pretty  
42 large-scale project. They are going to be replacing all of the existing six-inch water main in the  
43 entire Suburban Woods Subdivision, every street south of 207<sup>th</sup> Street. The new water main,  
44 because of existing utilities, will have to go beneath the pavement. What we tried to do is do  
45 some patching in the area to get us through the winter. We acknowledge the roads are in poor  
46 condition. We didn't want to resurface those roads only to have them ripped up a year or two  
47 later. With the water main being installed in the roadway, our goal is to put the water main in the  
48 roadway, back fill it, and resurface the street.

1 Mrs. Shinker stated that's now and that's fine. Her street has not repaved for over 20-years.  
2 Mr. Koza stated that he was trying to explain the rationale. Mrs. Shinker stated that she  
3 understands.

4  
5 Administrator Mekarski stated that you are more than welcome to attend our 2040 Planning  
6 Session which is held prior to finalizing the Annual Budget. All of our residents are welcome to  
7 attend that. You will see that the Village projects in detail every revenue and every expenditure  
8 that we can map out with our Department Head Team and our Consultant Team on a series of  
9 intricate spreadsheets that are all tied together so we can get a financial picture where this  
10 Village needs to move. We assure through that process, that all of our accounts, our General  
11 Fund, Water Fund, and Sewer Fund stay in a positive balance and that we are projecting  
12 sufficient funds by managing those funds to ensure that the debt service is paid for. The water fee  
13 is paying for 2.3 Million Dollars of water improvements in Suburban Woods, another six to  
14 \$7,000,000.00 of capital improvements to replace water lines in the Original Village. In the  
15 Original Village the water lines are reaching 80 to 100-years old. The life span of a water main is  
16 only 80-years old. The Village is looking towards in the next 10 to 20-years to replace another  
17 \$6,000,000.00 of water mains. That has to be capitalized. That is projected in that plan. There is  
18 also 3.5% of Oak Lawn's Water Improvement Project which is \$180,000,000.00, which is almost  
19 6.3 Million Dollars. He stated to insure that you have adequate water supply, because we only  
20 have a single line going down Cicero, we are planning for a redundant line in partnership with  
21 Matteson and Chicago Heights to insure that if the water line on Cicero is disturbed, water can  
22 continue to flow to this Village. That has never been planned for. There are proportionate shares  
23 of capital improvements that Oak Lawn has slated out that we are responsible legally to pay for.  
24 We have our own capital improvements as well as the improvements that are associated with that  
25 redundant water supply in Chicago Heights.

26  
27 Administrator Mekarski stated that in the Sewer System there is another \$15,000,000.00 of  
28 sanitary sewer line. The sanitary sewer line is to prevent rain water from getting into the system  
29 to prevent what you had in your house, raw sewage in your shower and on your first floor, and  
30 raw sewage going into your kitchen. We had to do an emergency repair to the emergency lift  
31 station in your yard to correct that. That is totally unacceptable. You had raw sewage being  
32 pumped out in your street with a manhole probably about six-inches long.

33  
34 Mrs. Shinker stated that it is still coming up. Administrator Mekarski stated that is correct. And  
35 we are under mandate by the EPA, IEPA and MWRD to get that corrected. How do you finance  
36 \$20,000,000.00 of sanitary sewer work? We are going to try to accomplish it by amortizing it for  
37 40-years. That is still \$20,000,000.00 of work that is going to be taking place in five-year  
38 increments. Every five-years we have to spend another \$5,000,000.00 just to manage our  
39 Sanitary Sewer System. We have an obligation. You don't want raw sewage in your house, nor  
40 does any resident in this Village want raw sewage in the house.

41  
42 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that if we don't correct those problems, the EPA, the  
43 IEPA, and the MWRD fine the Village up to \$10,000.00 a day. Administrator Mekarski stated  
44 and there could be criminal charges for negligence of this Board not to address those kinds of  
45 issues. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that is where those funds go.

46  
47 Administrator Mekarski stated that every single increase that we layout by Ordinance for water  
48 increases and sewer increases are designed specifically to carry a series of Capital Improvement

1 Projects to make sure that this Village is managed and managed properly. That is the reason why  
2 we are one of only 150-communities nationwide that carries a AAA Bond Rating from Standard  
3 and Poor's. It is a higher Bond Rating than the United States of America. We are only one of  
4 10-communities statewide that has that distinction. We are the only south suburban community  
5 that has that distinction. This Board has brought in over 2.5 Million Dollars in Federal and State  
6 Funds in the past year, none of which is financed with taxes.

7  
8 Trustee Waite stated and on top of that we have to pay for the water. The water is coming from  
9 Chicago to Oak Lawn. Mrs. Shinker stated that she understands all of that. Trustee Waite stated  
10 that they are raising the cost to us 20% a year. We have to add that in order to get by. Those are  
11 the things that add up and make your water bill high.

12  
13 Mrs. Shinker stated unfortunately our housing values have dropped, have plummeted. This  
14 Village now in ranking among the suburbs around Chicago is down below 100. We use to be  
15 fifth or sixth. At one time for a couple of years we were first. All of this is very impressive. It's  
16 very impressive. But the Village is suffering. The people are suffering. The houses are suffering.  
17 The houses, some of the modest homes, even some of the large homes are falling down. They are  
18 in terrible disrepair. Recently she heard about this big development that was going to be built  
19 between 203<sup>rd</sup> Street and Vollmer. It was going to have new houses and a park. The houses sit,  
20 some for years without selling unless people give them away. There are problems in this Village.  
21 Yes, it is very impressive what you are doing, all this money. Our schools are in terrible  
22 condition. Our high school is pitiful.

23  
24 Administrator Mekarski stated that we share that concern. The development that you are talking  
25 about, the Town Center is not a development. It is a Proposed Master Plan for future  
26 development. We want to make sure that when developers come to look at the only, remaining  
27 vacant land in the Village, that it's being done consistent with the vision of the Village residents.  
28 It is not my vision. It is not the vision of the Village President or the Board of Trustees; it is all  
29 designed to make sure that the vision of the residents and what they want to see between Vollmer  
30 Road and 203<sup>rd</sup> Street, the Country Club and Kedzie. We can change some of the regulatory  
31 Codes that have allowed some development types that this Board frankly is not supportive of.  
32 That was 100% funded by a Grant.

33  
34 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she wanted to address Mrs. Shinker's concern about  
35 the sidewalk at 207<sup>th</sup> Street. That came about because we implored IDOT, the Illinois  
36 Department of Transportation, to put a traffic light at 207<sup>th</sup> and Governors Highway to protect  
37 the children trying to go to the Tolentine Park. On each visit that we made, there were several,  
38 they turned us down for the traffic light. They said that it didn't warrant it. There wasn't enough  
39 pedestrian traffic. Safety was not at issue for that crossing. All of that was funded, the sidewalk,  
40 the lights, the beacon at 207<sup>th</sup> Street, all of that was funded through a Grant from IDOT. We did  
41 not ask for that. They put in a bicycle path. That was in the essence of safety. She doesn't think  
42 that really provides too much safety for the children going to the Tolentine Park. A traffic light  
43 would have been more appropriate. They refused to do it. If you turn down the sidewalk and the  
44 lights they just take the money back.

45  
46 Trustee Gibson stated that they also turned us down to reduce the speed on Governors Highway  
47 so that children could cross.

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1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that they did a Traffic Study and we insisted that traffic  
2 was exceeding the speed limit there. They said that it was not. We know that to be false.

3  
4 Administrator Mekarski stated that the bike path ties itself into the crosswalk, and the crosswalk  
5 ties itself into an extended bike path to the new Tolentine Park. The other terminus towards  
6 Kedzie Avenue connects up with the sidewalk on Hellenic which connects all the way up to the  
7 203<sup>rd</sup> Street Bike Path System, which will connect up to Vollmer Road. We just received a  
8 \$500,000.00 Grant to connect that bike path all the way to Vollmer Road from Crawford, all the  
9 way to Kedzie which is our other Bike Path System. One of the major links that will be done will  
10 be a bike path connecting Kedzie Avenue to Western on Vollmer Road after Vollmer Road is  
11 expanded and the bridge is raised. We just secured a \$1,000,000.00 Preliminary Engineering  
12 Grant to get that achieved. We are slated for \$40,000,000.00 to do that improvement on Vollmer  
13 Road. Hopefully, it will stop the catastrophic crashes that may have lost life and property over  
14 the past 30-years.

15  
16 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that all of this information is public knowledge. You can  
17 view our Budget. You can view where we spend the money and view what our expenses and  
18 revenues are. All of that is public knowledge.

19  
20 Administrator Mekarski stated that he is proud to be the Village Administrator to this Board. He  
21 believes that they are one of the most progressive, transparent, open, hard-working local  
22 governments in the entire State of Illinois. If we weren't managing our fiduciary affairs the way  
23 that we are, we wouldn't have the AAA distinction for 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013.  
24 We are ready to go ahead for another rating with a refinancing this Fiscal Year.

25  
26 Mrs. Shinker stated that she is very impressed. She has been impressed with that sort of work.  
27 But the fact remains that houses have plummeted. Many people in this Village they are under  
28 water with their mortgages. Their houses are worth less than their mortgage. She knows that is  
29 not the Village's fault. It is the fault of the economy. It seems to her that some pressure should be  
30 put on the School Board. We are not going to attract people into this Village if the schools aren't  
31 superior. They use to be superior.

32  
33 Trustee Waite stated that the School Board doesn't report to the Village. Mrs. Shinker stated that  
34 she knows that. She stated that we can pressure them. Trustee Waite stated with our votes and we  
35 did. We replaced a bunch of the School Board. That still didn't fix the problem. In the next  
36 election we are probably going to need to do more of the same. Our schools are in the top 10% in  
37 terms of spending. He is talking about District 227. The kids are in the bottom 10% of all of the  
38 schools of the State in terms of achievement. He stated somewhere we are not getting what we  
39 are paying for. We are one of the few Villages that have an Educational Commission.

40  
41 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that you do know that we have no control, no power, and  
42 no influence over the Board of Education for 227. It is a major concern for Municipalities, Park  
43 Forest, Olympia Fields, Matteson, Richton Park and Chicago Heights has a small portion that  
44 goes there. Those Mayors including Village President Meyers-Martin meet regularly to talk  
45 about how we can work with that District to improve their work ethic, to improve their  
46 relationship with their teachers. She stated that if you do not have good schools then you really  
47 are in danger of not only losing good residents when their children become high school age, but  
48 also attracting young families who don't want to come because of that School District. She stated



1 that with the invention of the Internet and Google, everybody knows how badly that school does.  
2 The Mayors work consistently to figure out how we can, as a separate body, not interfere but  
3 have some influence to work with that School District in order to help them improve their stature  
4 in the State of Illinois. We have an Educational Commission that works with the schools as well.

5  
6 Administrator Mekarski stated that Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, from 7:45 A.M. to Noon, the Educational  
7 Commission is putting on a College Symposium at the Southland Charter School. You can see  
8 what the Commission is doing to start to recruit, refine, and enhance young minds in middle  
9 school to get prepared to have a career and/or a college focus if you attend that event at the  
10 Southland Charter School. You will be impressed with what little seed money was given by this  
11 Board to the Educational Commission, and what they put together for the young children in our  
12 community. You don't start when they are a senior. You start when they are in fifth, sixth, and  
13 seventh-grade.

14  
15 Trustee Waite stated that the first graduating class of the magnet high school, every single  
16 individual in that class got an offer to attend a four-year college. We know it is doable. They  
17 aren't magicians over there. They selected those children through a lottery. That isn't what is  
18 happening over at District 227.

19  
20 Mrs. Shinker stated that you don't need a lot of money to do that. You need the professionals.  
21 Trustee Waite stated that they got a lot of money that was contributed and donated. They didn't  
22 get a lot of taxes. They got the same amount per student as District 227. That is what they were  
23 able to accomplish.

24  
25 Administrator Mekarski stated that members of the Educational Commission went to Springfield  
26 to testify for the Charter School. We sat in Court Sessions defending the Charter School when it  
27 was being attacked by District 227 to try to pull the license. We were very instrumental for its  
28 inception, its creation, and its maintenance. That is just a small accomplishment that a group of  
29 15-individuals who care about the Village have put together. We meet the first Tuesday of every  
30 month. He stated come and visit the Educational Commission and see what is going on. Your  
31 ideas are going to be welcome. We will put them to work.

32  
33 Trustee Waite stated that it was pretty lonely for those 15 that were working on this. That's a big  
34 project for 15-people to undertake and make happen, something as large as the magnet school.

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36 Mrs. Shinker stated that she would love to work on something like that.

37  
38 Mr. Carlando Owens stated that he resides at 20733 Sparta Court. He stated that it is just in  
39 regard to the water bills. Mr. Owens asked if they could explain how the sewer portion of the bill  
40 is calculated.

41  
42 Administrator Mekarski stated that the water rates and the sewer rates are now set by the 2040  
43 Plan. We examine every single expenditure, operation, maintenance, and capital improvements  
44 between this year, 2014 and 15-years out, 2030. We include all of the debt service associated  
45 with those capital projects and make sure that the rates are adjusted by Ordinance over time to  
46 pay for that debt service. The most significant thing that is contributing to the sewer rates, it is no  
47 longer just simply a proportion of the water; it's the \$20,000,000.00 of sanitary sewer lining.  
48 There is probably about \$15,000,000.00 remaining. Mr. Koza stated that we have done a lot but

1 there is a lot more to go. Administrator Mekarski stated that we spent about \$7,000,000.00. He  
2 stated that Mr. Owens or Mrs. Shinker can come to his office. They will see an EPA document  
3 that is about six-inches thick. It has photographs. It has Smoke Testing. It has Dye Water  
4 Testing. It has every location where we have identified a crack in the sewer main or a crack in  
5 the lateral that is allowing the rainwater to get in. The rainwater is overtaking the capacity and  
6 then forces backups of the sewage during high rain events. The rates are really fundamentally to  
7 cover operation and maintenance of the existing system. Primarily now, it is paying for debt  
8 service of \$20,000,000.00 of sanitary sewer work that has to be corrected.

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10 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that in the 2040 Plan they actually forecasted out  
11 year-by-year. Depending on how much financing needs to go into that for repairs that is how the  
12 percentage is determined.

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14 Mrs. Shinker stated that it is becoming a hardship for many people in the Village, the high water  
15 charge and sewer charge. She heard of one family that had a \$400.00 bill. It was more than their  
16 heating for the winter. That is not right. There must be another method. There must be some  
17 other way.

18  
19 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we are investigating other sources. Right now we are  
20 dependent upon Oak Lawn. Oak Lawn gets their water from Chicago. Chicago passes on all of  
21 their rate increases to Oak Lawn who then passes it onto us. We have had conversations with  
22 Chicago Heights. They get their water from Hammond. Unfortunately now, Chicago Heights is  
23 exploring getting their water from Kankakee, the river. She doesn't believe that we want river  
24 water. These are the kinds of constraints that we work with in order to determine how we can  
25 improve water delivery without the rate increases that we are experiencing now. Trustee Waite  
26 has also been working with us and with Robinson Engineering to figure out how we can not only  
27 improve capacity, but improve redundancy as well. We cannot afford to depend on one line. If  
28 something happens with that line, then we are dependent upon our water towers. We only have  
29 three-days of water in those towers. We have to have an alternative source. Right now we don't.  
30 That is going to cost in order to establish that. Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Mrs.  
31 Shinker and Mr. Owens for coming in and for their comments.

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33 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Mr. Liang is here. He is going to speak about the  
34 reception on June 5<sup>th</sup> for the Brookdale Plaza Day.

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36 Mr. Liang stated that his name is Yuan Liang. He resides at 3632 Forest Plaza in Olympia Fields.  
37 He believes that he is probably the oldest man in the room. He is only 89-years old. He is the kid  
38 in "The Park" in Olympia Fields. He has been there 10-years. On Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, The Park of  
39 Olympia Fields will have a Ribbon Cutting and change the name to "Brookdale Plaza of  
40 Olympia Fields." The Park of Olympia Fields is managed by Brookdale. They manage 650-  
41 communities in 36-states. In a few months when they acquire another company then they will  
42 expand to over 1,000 in 46-states. Brookdale wants to identify all the communities with  
43 Brookdale rather than with different names. On June 5<sup>th</sup> "The Park" will be renamed "Brookdale  
44 Plaza of Olympia Fields." The Village President will be there. All of the Board Members got a  
45 letter from the Director inviting them to attend. He stated that everyone here is invited. It will be  
46 from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Mr. Liang thanked the Board for the opportunity to invite all of you.  
47 He has invitations that you are most welcome to have after the meeting. Village President  
48 Meyers-Martin thanked Mr. Liang.

1 **Presidential Proclamation – Brookdale Senior Living Solution** – Village President Meyers-  
2 Martin stated that in recognition of Brookdale Plaza Day she has a Presidential Proclamation that  
3 she will read:

4 “**WHEREAS**, our nation’s senior population is the fastest growing segment of our  
5 population; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the United States Bureau of Census estimates by year 2030, 12% of the  
7 people in our country will be 75 years of age or older; and,

8 **WHEREAS**, the aging of our population presents new challenges, as well as  
9 opportunities. We are grateful that one of the 640 Brookdale Senior Living Communities is  
10 located in the Village of Olympia Fields and is a home to premiere senior living; and,

11 **WHEREAS**, the neighborhood originally called the “Breakers” then “The Park” and now  
12 “Brookdale Plaza at Olympia Fields” has become an integral part of our community’s life, a  
13 resource of talented and dedicated people, and a strong partner in business; and,

14 **WHEREAS**, in recognition of the new beginnings at the Village’s only senior  
15 independent and assisted living facility, the expansion of Brookdale Senior Living Solutions and  
16 the embodiment of the Olympia Fields style, grace and beauty that is the hallmark of the Village  
17 of Olympia Fields; and,

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as I, Debbie Meyers-Martin, Village  
19 President, do **HEREBY PROCLAIM** June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014, to be “Brookdale Plaza Day” in the  
20 Village of Olympia Fields. Signed and sealed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.” (There was a round of  
21 applause). Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she will be there.

22  
23 Trustee Waite stated that the facility is gorgeous. It is a beautiful facility.

24  
25 **Thank you to the Board** - Mr. Joe Martin stated that he resides at 3206 Cumberland Trail in the  
26 Village of Olympia Fields. A year and a half ago this Board had charged your Community  
27 Relations Commission to explore the potential for creating a body that would work to honor and  
28 assist Veterans of the United States Armed Forces. You created that. You adopted the Ordinance  
29 this past February. Mr. Martin stated that on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, while Village President  
30 Meyers-Martin and Administrator Mekarski and their assistants were working hard to bring  
31 retailers to the Village of Olympia Fields, “The Park” soon to be “Brookdale Plaza,” along with  
32 your Veterans Commission that you created, hosted a brunch to honor all of the Veterans  
33 residing in the Village of Olympia Fields. As a result, over 100-Veterans and their guests  
34 attended a wonderful brunch at The Park. There were presentations by the Chairman of the  
35 Veterans Commission, a representative of an agency providing Veterans benefits, and The Park  
36 itself. Among those honored at the brunch were three Tuskegee Airman, one who had been shot  
37 down over Yugoslavia in World War II; members of the Transportation Units during World War  
38 II who landed on Normandy on D-Day and traveled all through Europe to every major battle to  
39 bring ammunition, gasoline, and food to the soldiers. It was a wonderful event. There were  
40 Veterans there from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, and now Afghanistan.

41  
42 Mr. Martin thanked the Board for adopting and creating that body. He knows that as Trustees  
43 and Elected Officials often times you work hard, create something, and don’t hear what the  
44 benefit is. He wanted to tell the Board that what they have created is a wonderful, wonderful  
45 thing for all of the people in Olympia Fields, especially our Veterans of our Armed Forces. Mr.  
46 Martin stated thank you. (There was a round of applause). Village President Meyers-Martin  
47 thanked Mr. Martin. Village President Meyers-Martin closed Communications and Petitions at  
48 8:47 P.M.

1 **FINANCE:**

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3 Trustee Byrd stated that he did not have a Formal Report this evening.

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5 **BUILDING:**

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7 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Trustee Hudson is absent tonight. She stated that in  
8 her stead we have the Building Commissioner, John McDonnell. He will speak to the two items  
9 listed under her report.

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11 **Cathedral of Joy Event Request** – Mr. McDonnell stated that you have the details before you  
12 regarding the request for the Cathedral of Joy. They are looking for Board approval to have this  
13 event on Western Avenue.

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15 Master Sergeant Evans stated that it is a Mega Family Reunion. He is one of the founders of the  
16 Matteson Bears Football and Cheerleading Organization. He stated that about four-years ago he  
17 joined it in to save time with the Matteson Bears Football Organization and Cheerleaders and  
18 made it one big thing. It has grown since then. They were looking to do it again this year. He  
19 invited everyone to it. Robinson Ribs will be there. They feed the Chicago Bears as well as the  
20 Matteson Bears. They have entertainment. “The Victory Travelers” will be there. He has a  
21 gospel singing group “The Likes of Joy” performing that day. They will have blow up castles  
22 and things for the little children. They will have basketball games for the teenagers. The  
23 Cathedral of Joy has an indoor gym. The gym will be used in case of inclement weather. They  
24 want to put the tent up because a lot of folks can’t be in direct sunlight.

25  
26 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that you are expecting 300-people. She inquired of  
27 Master Sergeant Evans whether or not he spoke with Chief Krull about anything that they might  
28 need. Master Sergeant Evans stated that he was going to setup a meeting with Chief Krull about  
29 parking. They are blessed to have the other church right next to them. When they have big events  
30 the other church allows overflow parking there. He stated that they are the same way with them.  
31 Master Sergeant Evans stated that Sister Greer, the Church Secretary, stated that the Village  
32 would have to see insurance. He stated that we have that. The Village would have to see how the  
33 layout would be. He has provided that. It is not just a private event. It is to draw the community.  
34 It is an old-fashioned church event. It is a perfect venue because you have Western running right  
35 there and people can see an event going on. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the  
36 Cathedral of Joy is a wonderful venue.

37  
38 Trustee Gibson stated that the drawing shows that a lot of this is happening very, very close to a  
39 residential area. She inquired what kind of focus you are going to put on the noise levels since it  
40 is going to go until 10:00 P.M. on Friday.

41  
42 Master Sergeant Evans stated that we have been doing these Mega Events since ’03. He stated  
43 that most of the time around 5:30 P.M., 6:00 P.M. they are gone. He stated it is mostly in the  
44 daytime. On the backside, along where the homes are, that is where you have the Buffalo  
45 Soldiers they bring out horses for the adults. On the other side you have the ponies. That is all  
46 kids. That is all quiet. There is nothing there. At the end of the parking lot there are porta-potties.  
47 There is no noise there. There is a stage between the church and the tent. The gospel groups

1 won't get that loud where we will be disturbing someone during the day. He stated that he  
2 thought about that. The teens are inside the gym.  
3  
4 Trustee Gibson stated that according to our Memo it starts at 4:00 P.M. on Friday. Master  
5 Sergeant Evans stated that Friday is a business meeting. That is not the whole family. It won't be  
6 the Matteson Bears Football and Cheerleaders. Friday is just a meeting. Trustee Gibson stated  
7 that on Saturday it starts at 8 o'clock. Master Sergeant Evans stated no, around 10:30 A.M.  
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9 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that this Memo is totally incorrect. Master Sergeant  
10 Evans stated that everything is being done by different companies. They will set everything up  
11 on Friday and they will take it all down on Monday. All of the festivities are on Saturday from  
12 about 10:30 in the morning until about five or 6 o'clock in the evening. Trustee Gibson inquired  
13 of Master Sergeant Evans if that is the way he will advertise it. Master Sergeant Evans stated  
14 absolutely.  
15  
16 Trustee Nale stated aren't there two affairs going on in the Village those days. Village President  
17 Meyers-Martin stated yes. Trustee Nale inquired whether or not there would be any conflict.  
18 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that is why she thought it was important to get the input  
19 from Chief Krull. They are in close proximity to the event at McDonald's. Both of them are  
20 two-days. Trustee Gibson stated that the event at McDonald's is three-days.  
21  
22 Master Sergeant Evans stated that on Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, that is a 7:00 P.M. meeting. The Saturday  
23 event starts at 10 o'clock. Trustee Gibson stated that she has to go by what we have here.  
24  
25 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mr. McDonnell if he prepared the Memo. Mr.  
26 McDonnell stated yes. He stated that is information provided to him from the church. Mr.  
27 McDonnell stated that if the Board would like, it can set the times here. Village President  
28 Meyers-Martin stated that on Friday the meeting will start at 7:00 P.M. Master Sergeant Evans  
29 expects it to end by 9:00 P.M. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will change the  
30 times to reflect what you have in this handout. Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 P.M. and  
31 ending by 10:00 P.M. Master Sergeant Evans stated that Sunday is the church service to close the  
32 event out. A lot of folks leave Saturday night or early Sunday morning. They try to get  
33 everybody to stay for the church service.  
34 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Byrd to authorize the Building**  
35 **Commissioner to issue an Event Permit, to Cathedral of Joy Family Life Center, on Friday,**  
36 **July 25<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 P.M. and ending at 10:00 P.M., and Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>,**  
37 **beginning at 10:00 A.M. and ending at 6:00 P.M.**  
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39 Master Sergeant Evans inquired whether or not if some people are standing around and talking  
40 and maybe eating barbecue at 6:00 P.M. whether or not they have to run them off. He has never  
41 had it happen.  
42  
43 Trustee Gibson stated that we should have a time. Master Sergeant Evans stated that the concert  
44 will be done before six because they only have two groups.  
45  
46 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired whether or not Master Sergeant Evans wanted to  
47 modify that to 8:00 P.M. on Saturday. Master Sergeant Evans stated that would be fine. He stated  
48 that there won't be any music or noise at that time. He stated that you have folks coming in and

1 if they want to stand and talk to other relatives that is what he meant. Trustee Waite stated that  
2 you can leave anytime you want. You don't have to feel like you have to stay there until 8  
3 o'clock. He stated that if somebody says something, you just say we have a Permit until 8  
4 o'clock. Master Sergeant Evans stated that sounds great.

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6 Trustee Gibson stated that it will help our police department which she is the Liaison of. She  
7 would not like for them to feel that everybody is going to be pretty much gone at six if that is not  
8 the case. She stated that if we say eight, then we don't have to tie up our police officers to be  
9 around for security purposes.

10 **Trustee Gibson and Trustee Byrd agreed to move the time for Saturday so that it is**  
11 **Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:00 A.M. and ending at 8:00 P.M.**

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

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14 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Master Sergeant Evans. She stated that we wish you  
15 success. Master Sergeant Evans stated that he hopes to see all of you out there.

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17 **McDonald's Restaurant Event Request – 2400 Lincoln Highway** – Mr. McDonnell stated  
18 before you is an Application from the McDonald's Restaurant for an event at 2400 Lincoln  
19 Highway.

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21 Mrs. Misty Kelly stated that she is the Director of Consumer Relations for Randy Conn's  
22 McDonald's. They are looking to do a weekend festivity. Mr. Conn is big on giving back to the  
23 community in which his McDonald's are involved. They are looking for an event on July 25<sup>th</sup>,  
24 July 26<sup>th</sup>, and July 27<sup>th</sup>. On Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, they want to have an outdoor concert from about  
25 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. The Eagles Tribute Band called "Heartache Tonight" will perform. They  
26 performed at the McDonald's in October, but the weather did not cooperate at all. The band is  
27 known all over. They are not looking for monetary help from the Village because Mr. Conn will  
28 cover all of that on his own. On Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, they want to have a Farmers Market and  
29 bring in crafters and the local area businesses. McDonald's is carrying the weight on their corner  
30 right now. They are very happy to hear the good news that is going on. They want to have the  
31 businesses come. They can set up tables to promote their businesses. They are looking at a  
32 nominal fee of about \$35.00 per table. She stated that McDonald's plans to spend \$5,000.00 out  
33 of their pocket for that weekend. They are not asking anybody else for anything. They would like  
34 the Village to help them promote the event. On Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, they will have their Annual  
35 Car Show. She stated that registration starts at 8:00 A.M. The car show concludes about 5:00  
36 P.M.

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38 Mrs. Kelly stated that the event on Saturday will run from Noon until 5:00 P.M. They want to  
39 bring Ronald McDonald out for a "Moving with Ronald Show." They want to do the different  
40 things that they do through McDonald's. They would promote it at their own expense through  
41 the Reader Board. They will have 5,000 fliers distributed. They will make posters to go into the  
42 area businesses.

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44 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that last year she suggested to Mr. Conn that the Village  
45 kind of partner and try to get some crafters and some businesses to have tables out there. She  
46 stated that because we have been doing the Business Connection we have contact information for  
47 some of the businesses. She stated that the Village can send an email out that McDonald's is  
48 looking for vendors.

1 Mrs. Kelly stated that when they did it in October last year, Gladys was nice enough to help her  
2 with the area Business List. She stated that McDonald's doing it on their own didn't work. She  
3 stated that it is not a Village Event. They want the businesses of the Village to all come together  
4 as a community event. McDonald's is not going to make any money off of the event. We are  
5 trying to bring the community back together and bring it back to where it needs to be as a whole.  
6 Things are not cheap anymore. It is a free concert. They are setting up a stage. She isn't sure  
7 what the layout will be yet. She stated that Mr. McDonnell had inquired whether or not they  
8 were going to have a tent. She stated hopefully not. They won't know that until about a week  
9 prior to the event. It depends how the weather will be. That is why they have a tent. They had a  
10 tent in October and it was suppose to be heated. Due to the weather last October, they thought  
11 that they would have the event during the summer.

12 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to authorize the Building Commissioner**  
13 **to issue an Event Permit, to McDonald's Restaurant, on Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014, from 6:00**  
14 **P.M. to 9:00 P.M., and on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, from 12 Noon until 5:00 P.M., and Sunday,**  
15 **July 27<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.**

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

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18 Mrs. Shinker inquired whether or not she could ask one thing. Village President Meyers-Martin  
19 stated that you are now out of order.

20 **Motion by Trustee Byrd, second by Trustee Gibson to suspend the rules.**

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

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23 Mrs. Shinker stated that she was sorry. Mrs. Shinker stated that she was concerned to hear Wal-  
24 Mart mention the firearms. Trustee Waite stated that he mentioned the firearms. He had asked a  
25 question. Mrs. Shinker stated that he did say that they might carry firearms. Trustee Waite stated  
26 no, he didn't. Trustee Nale and Trustee Gibson stated yes, he did. Trustee Waite stated that Wal-  
27 Mart has thousands of stores and less than 50% of them have firearms. They are mostly in  
28 hunting states. He didn't bring up firearms at all. Mrs. Shinker stated yes, he did mention them.  
29 Trustee Waite stated that he was the one that asked the question. Trustee Waite inquired whether  
30 or not the Recording Secretary could read it back. Mrs. Shinker stated that it doesn't matter. She  
31 is just asking that the Village take a position against firearms being sold within the Village. That  
32 is all she is asking. She doesn't want to argue with Trustee Waite. Trustee Waite stated that he  
33 didn't want to argue with Mrs. Shinker. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we are back  
34 in session.

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36 **PLANNING:**

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38 There was no report in Trustee Oliver's absence.

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40 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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

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44 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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46 **Park Forest Library Closed on Sundays during the Summer** - Trustee Nale stated that she  
47 did not have a Formal Report. She wanted to mention that the Park Forest Library will be closed  
48 on Sundays during the summer. This has already begun.

1 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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3 **Northwestern University Center for Public Safety – School of Police Staff and Command -**  
4 Trustee Gibson stated that she has four items. The first item is a report concerning Northwestern  
5 University Center for Public Safety, School of Police Staff and Command. Trustee Gibson stated  
6 that the Olympia Fields Police Department is proud to recognize Sergeant Scott Morgan for his  
7 recent graduation from Northwestern University’s Center for Public Safety, School of Police  
8 Staff and Command on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014.  
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10 The School of Police Staff and Command is a nationally recognized Upper Level Management  
11 Program which exposes police personnel to many crucial concepts, including resource allocation,  
12 staffing, legal review, budgeting, personnel issues, discipline and other topics designed to assist  
13 students in effectively managing their agencies.  
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15 Sergeant Morgan successfully completed the 10-week program and is now a proud graduate of  
16 the 354<sup>th</sup> class to complete this prestigious program.  
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18 Sergeant Morgan’s staff study which all of the participants are expected to do is entitled,  
19 “Outright Purchase or Lease of Police Vehicles for the Olympia Fields Police Department.” It is  
20 available for review upon request.  
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22 As part of building a strong leadership foundation, all Sergeants from the Olympia Fields Police  
23 Department will be required to attend and successfully complete this challenging and rewarding  
24 management program. Trustee Gibson stated that there is no proposed Motion. It is for  
25 information only.  
26

27 **Thank You Letter from Steger Police Department for Officer Metzger and Lars –** Trustee  
28 Gibson stated that the second item is a “Thank You” Letter from the Steger Police Department  
29 for Officer Metzger and K9 Lars. Trustee Gibson stated that the department received a “thank  
30 you” letter from Steger Police Chief Gregory Rambo referencing the actions of Officer Metzger  
31 and his K9 partner Lars.  
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33 Trustee Gibson stated that on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Officer Metzger and Lars assisted other area K9  
34 teams with a K9 locker sweep and search at Columbia Central Middle School and Bloom Trail  
35 High School. Officer Metzger and Lars were commended by Chief Rambo for the  
36 professionalism they exhibited while assisting with this event and wished to thank Officer  
37 Metzger and Lars for a “job well-done.” A copy of the letter from Chief Rambo is attached in the  
38 Board Packet. It will be placed in Officer Metzger’s Personnel Folder.  
39

40 **National Night Out Event – August 5, 2014 –** Trustee Gibson stated that the third item is  
41 National Night Out. She is really, really excited about National Night Out particularly this year.  
42 She stated that last year’s National Night Out was just a failure. Trustee Gibson stated that we  
43 had very, very poor performance from our residents.  
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45 Trustee Gibson stated that the department is in the process of finalizing the 2014 National Night  
46 Out Event. It is a national event. It happens all over the country. National Night Out is scheduled  
47 for Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:30 P.M., and is being held in the McDonald’s parking lot  
48 at 2400 West Lincoln Highway in Olympia Fields.



1 This is a collaborative event with many partners including the Village of Olympia Fields, the  
2 Olympia Fields Park District, the Chicago Heights Fire Department, SouthCom Combined  
3 Dispatch and the McDonald's Corporation.  
4

5 Activities at this year's event include carnival games, informational booths, crime prevention  
6 presentations, a K9 demonstration, emergency vehicles from the police department and the  
7 Chicago Heights Fire Department and an appearance by Ronald McDonald.  
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9 Officer Dan Kickert should be recognized and commended for his effort in coordinating this  
10 year's event.  
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12 An informational flyer for the National Night Out Event is attached for reference purposes only.  
13

14 Trustee Gibson inquired how this will be sent out to the public so that they will know about it.  
15 Administrator Mekarski stated that we will put it on the web and on Channel 4. He stated that we  
16 could put something in our newsletter. He is working on that this week. Trustee Gibson stated  
17 that the newsletter goes out to everyone so that will be very well-done.  
18

19 **Information Only: Women's Self Defense Class** – Trustee Gibson stated that the last item that  
20 she has is for information only. The Olympia Fields Police Department is proud to announce the  
21 second and third sessions of the "Women's Self Defense Class" which will be held on Thursday,  
22 May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014, in the Village Board Room. She stated that two classes will be offered on May  
23 29<sup>th</sup>. One class will be held from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and the other class will be held from  
24 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.  
25

26 Thanks to the efforts of Corporal Don Dean, Patrol Officer Gabe Alvarado and Training Officer  
27 Bernie Hogancamp, the participant's from last year's class gave an enthusiastic "thumbs up" to  
28 the content of the class. Based on these evaluations and the willingness of instructors to  
29 safeguard and educate our residents, an updated version of this class is being offered.  
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31 The class was a mixture of classroom work via a PowerPoint Presentation and "practical  
32 application" in which the participants used padded floor mats, practice dummies and other  
33 training tools to demonstrate a practical application of what they had just learned in the  
34 classroom.  
35

36 The "Women's Self Defense Class" is another example of the community outreach programs  
37 provided by the Olympia Fields Police Department.  
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39 Trustee Gibson stated that she wanted to personally thank Chief Krull and all of the officers for  
40 always thinking of things that will help us to be safer and for people to be intelligent about things  
41 that make them safe.  
42

#### 43 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:** 44

45 **Ratification of Bills Payable of Property Tax Obligation – Governors Office Park**  
46 **(SSA#1)** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the first item is a ratification of Bills Payable. At  
47 the last Board Meeting a Bill Payable was pulled for Jim Wilkes and Allen Besterfeld. That was  
48 due to a concern of a nonpayment of property tax. The property taxes have been paid in full.

1 Administrator Mekarski stated that subsequent to our Board Meeting we did release the check.  
2 Due to the fact that the Board had formally pulled this out of Bills Payable he is just asking to  
3 ratify that Administrative action that was taken following the last Board Meeting.  
4 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Byrd to ratify the total payment of**  
5 **\$34,000.00 to Jim Wilkes (\$17,000.00) and Allen Besterfeld (\$17,000.00) in reference to Bills**  
6 **Payable of Property Tax Obligation – Governors Office Park (SSA#1).**  
7 **Roll Call: Ayes (4-0) Motion Carried.**  
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9 **Resolution #2014-07 – A Resolution Approving the Installment Payment Agreement**  
10 **between the Village of Olympia Fields and Oxford Bank and Trust Number 459 (Bizios**  
11 **Fresh Market) – Administrator Mekarski stated that he was going to ask Mr. McDonnell to**  
12 **present the proposed Agreement and Resolution which has been drafted. This is Resolution**  
13 **#2014-07 – A Resolution approving the Installment Payment Agreement between the Village of**  
14 **Olympia Fields and Oxford Bank and Trust Number 459 (Bizios Fresh Market).**  
15  
16 Mr. McDonnell stated that there is a Resolution before you for approving the Installment  
17 Payment Agreement between the Village and the owners of Olympia Square. Mr. McDonnell  
18 stated that he had previously outlined the details of what was happening to that buffer fence. He  
19 stated that starting in the first week in June; the two properties to the east are going to start the  
20 process of replacing that buffer fence.  
21  
22 Mr. McDonnell stated that Tony Bizios is here if you have any questions for him. Mr.  
23 McDonnell outlined in the Memo all of the payment terms, the specifications for the fence,  
24 which are in line with and compared to the fence that is being replaced to the east at the other  
25 two properties.  
26  
27 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that this was a matter of safety and potential legal  
28 vulnerability if something wasn't done about the fence. It has been an ongoing conversation for  
29 quite some time at this point.  
30  
31 Mr. McDonnell stated that this is definitely a safety issue for the Village residents or anybody  
32 passing through that area. The fence is in great disrepair and needs to be replaced completely.  
33 There is no other way to maintain the fence or just repair it. It has to be replaced. It leaves open  
34 liability for not only the property owners, but for the Village because the Village does indeed  
35 know about the situation, and even though we have been talking to the property owners about  
36 that, it could still bring us into some type of lawsuit if somebody was injured by that fence.  
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38 Trustee Gibson inquired of Mr. McDonnell who is Oxford Bank and Trust Number 459. Mr.  
39 McDonnell stated that he would have to have Mr. Bizios answer that question.  
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41 Mr. Tony Bizios stated that the Oxford Bank and Trust is the trust number that the property is  
42 listed under.  
43 **Motion by Trustee Waite, second by Trustee Nale to approve Resolution #2014-07, with**  
44 **Exhibits, a Resolution approving the Village President to enter into an Agreement,**  
45 **Installment Payment Agreement between the Village of Olympia Fields and Oxford Bank**  
46 **and Trust Number 459.**  
47 **Roll Call: Ayes (4-0) Motion Carried.**  
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1 **Report – Response from the Traditions Homeowners Association regarding the Storm**  
2 **Water Detention Pond Naturalization Improvements Project under the IKE Stabilization**  
3 **Program rant #08-357006** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the next item on the Agenda is  
4 a report regarding a response from the Traditions Homeowners Association regarding the Storm  
5 Water Detention Pond Naturalization Improvement Project which is part of the IKE Stabilization  
6 Grant Program #08-357006. It is also subject to a Bid which was approved conditionally for the  
7 contractor to do the installation. Mr. Koza is here from Robinson Engineering. He has been  
8 working with Administrator Mekarski and Joe Alexa our Public Works Director. We are finding  
9 ourselves in a difficult situation with the new leadership with the Traditions Homeowners  
10 Association. We have about \$135,000.00 remaining in the IKE Grant. That was a \$502,000.00  
11 Grant issued from FEMA for flooding issues associated with Hurricane IKE, which caused a  
12 tremendous amount of rainfall to inundate Vollmer and Crawford back in 2008. He stated that in  
13 part it was from the overtopping of the Traditions Storm Water Detention Basin.  
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15 Administrator Mekarski stated that Grant called for the improvement of their two-ponds. We tied  
16 in associated road improvements and finishing up all other landscaping, street trees, sidewalks,  
17 and curbing. Principally, the Grant was to address Storm Water Management. The last element to  
18 be completed is the enhancement work to the ponds. Initially, the Village was going to dredge  
19 the ponds. After engineering inspection of the amount of sediment loading and an understanding  
20 of the issues involving the pond in terms of erosion and eutrophication where rotted vegetation  
21 was compromising the system, Robinson has proposed a naturalized shoreline along the banks of  
22 the basins which would be designed to capture nutrients which overload the water column and  
23 causes rotting vegetation to accumulate. It would also stabilize the soil especially during real  
24 hard rain conditions like we just had this evening. The grass roots from typical sod are not deep  
25 enough or strong enough to maintain the integrity of the shoreline. A very intricate system of  
26 aquatic and emergent wetland-species was to be planted as part of the Grant.  
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28 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Traditions Homeowners Association does not want to go  
29 forward with the naturalized system. This was the system that we were going to implement in the  
30 Graymoor Ponds. We recognize that 20 or 30-years of maintaining a sodded system in  
31 Graymoor, has led to the Graymoor Homeowners Association inheriting a 1.8 Million Dollar  
32 travesty. As part of the Grant, we accepted the dedication of the water column. We did not accept  
33 the dedication of the shoreline, because we didn't anticipate doing anything on the shoreline. At  
34 the last Board Meeting the Board did two legal actions. The Board approved a Bid conditionally  
35 to install the planting and get the planting completed by the end of June so we can close out the  
36 Grant. The Board approved a modification of the Dedication Agreement. He stated that not only  
37 does the Village get the water column at the water's edge, but also the entire shoreline all the  
38 way up to the bank of the Storm Water Detention Basin.  
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40 Administrator Mekarski stated that the homeowners do not want to give the Village that  
41 dedication. They don't mind that the Village manages the water column. They don't want to give  
42 the Village any part of the shoreline going from the water's edge all the way to the top of the  
43 berm. They do not want to accept the naturalized solution with the naturalized planting because  
44 of aesthetics. He stated that puts us in a situation that if we cannot strike a compromise with the  
45 Traditions residents, we will have to return to the State of Illinois over \$135,000.00. That could  
46 have some ramifications to the entire \$502,000.00 Grant. He spoke with members of the  
47 Homeowners Association today. Mr. Alexa and Mr. Koza have been speaking with the  
48 association members almost on a daily basis for the last two-weeks. Administrator Mekarski

1 asked them to hold a special meeting of their Homeowners Association, possibly the end of this  
2 week or the beginning of next week where he, the Village President, Jeff Koza, Joe Alexa, and  
3 possibly the Village Attorney could meet with them to see if we can strike up a compromise.  
4 They indicated that they would query their members to see if that is possible. He was left with  
5 the impression that it was not something that they wanted to change their mind on. In order to  
6 buy us extra time, Mr. Koza has spoken with the state. There may be a possibility of a Grant  
7 extension because the Grant was to be closed out with all of the wetland plantings completed by  
8 June 30<sup>th</sup>. He is asking for an extension. The extension is a little bit tenuous, because even we get  
9 an extension, we really can't do the wetland plantings in July and August because it is too hot.  
10 The contractor won't guarantee the installation.

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12 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she spoke with them when they met initially. She  
13 thought that the members that were present were moving in that direction. They went to their  
14 Board and apparently there was disagreement about that strategy. The only thing that we can do  
15 is try to get the extension and find out what the ramifications are going to be if we don't go  
16 forward with that Storm Water Management.

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18 Trustee Waite inquired whether or not the funds are dedicated only for wetland improvements.  
19 Administrator Mekarski stated that the funds are dedicated in the Grant to do Storm Water  
20 Management improvements. We selected the naturalized system. We feel that if we are to accept  
21 the dedication which we did on the water column, the only way to prevent erosion over time and  
22 this process of decaying vegetation, the phosphorus and nitrogen rushes into the Storm Water  
23 Management System and it causes rapid plant growth and that plant material dies and it builds up  
24 a slurring or a silktation. As a Village we don't want to inherit the same kind of problems that  
25 Wysteria experienced and Graymoor. One of the strategies that we thought we might be able to  
26 employ is to see if we could get a representative from Wysteria and/or Graymoor to try to  
27 explain to the residents that by maintaining the Storm Water Management System it will be to  
28 the point where it will over tax the residents. The liability involved with managing the Storm  
29 Water Management System could be huge, including legal implications if somebody got hurt or  
30 drowned. They would sue the Homeowners Association and every resident on a personal basis.  
31 We want to give them \$135,000.00 of Federal Dollars, take over the liabilities, take over the  
32 insurance and agree to maintain it. We have adequate funds to do the maintaining of the  
33 vegetation.

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35 Trustee Waite inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not we have the ability to annex  
36 that property into the Village. Administrator Mekarski stated that the Traditions are already  
37 annexed as part of the Village. Do we have the ability to take it by Imminent Domain? He stated  
38 that we probably do. The length of time would exceed any kind of extension that we would get  
39 by the Grant.

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41 Trustee Gibson stated that in the event when it is all said and done that Traditions decides they  
42 don't want that, is there anyway similar to what we did with the Grant that we got for Crawford,  
43 where we switched it over to Governors Highway, as long as it is about water regulation, could it  
44 be used for some other purpose in the Village. Administrator Mekarski stated that we could  
45 explore that. That could be a possibility.

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47 Mr. Koza stated that if things do not go in our favor we would have to explore other options.  
48 That is a conversation they will have with the DCEO, the Grant agency. Mr. Koza thought that

1 they had mentioned to Administrator Mekarski that they were open to some of the plantings in  
2 the water column itself that are planted as part of the project. That happens to be a big chunk of  
3 the cost of installing this whole system is the work that we do at the water's edge and just below  
4 it. Perhaps there is some reason for optimism that we can use the majority of our plan contract,  
5 installing those plants and getting some of the functionality that we want. We will have that  
6 conversation with them when they meet with us.

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8 Trustee Waite stated that in reading the emails, he thought that they were concerned that they  
9 were giving up something of value as opposed to taking away something that is a liability.  
10 Trustee Gibson stated that it looks like they are just looking at aesthetics. They bought the house  
11 and they want to look at the pond the way it is and not thinking down the road that it will  
12 probably cost someone a lot of money in order to keep it the way it is suppose to be for the  
13 purpose it is suppose to be. That is what she sees from the emails that it is just aesthetics. Trustee  
14 Byrd stated that he agrees. Trustee Waite stated that he thought the Village was doing them a  
15 favor. Trustee Gibson stated that we are. Trustee Waite stated that they don't see it that way.  
16 Trustee Byrd stated that they are giving up control. They don't want to give up control.

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18 Administrator Mekarski stated that they claim that there are three issues. They don't want to give  
19 up the ownership. Administrator Mekarski had said that there might be a possibility that instead  
20 of dedicating it, you can keep ownership, and the state may allow the Village to do the plantings  
21 under an easement. It is their ownership but it is the Village's easement to plant and maintain  
22 those wetland plantings. He doesn't know if they would accept an easement in lieu of dedication.  
23 The second issue was maintenance. Even though we agreed to maintain the wetland plantings,  
24 they felt that if they are going to dedicate something to the Village and it is no longer their  
25 property, then if a plastic bag blew into it, or a coffee cup, they would want somebody from  
26 Public Works there every day. They don't want to go ahead and spend any money or do that  
27 themselves because it is no longer theirs. He stated that is sort of illogical because they are doing  
28 it now. Administrator Mekarski stated that we would be happy to work with you in partnership.  
29 The third thing is aesthetics. He gets a sense that every time he gives an answer on the  
30 maintenance issue, or an answer on the ownership issue, it comes down but we don't like the  
31 plantings we like it the way it is.

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33 Trustee Gibson is happy that Mr. Koza is going to investigate whether or not we can transfer that  
34 as long as it is in the same realm of power. She stated that by returning this money we might be  
35 in bad shape for anything else we need and request. They will say, "Well, you don't need it."

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37 Trustee Waite stated that if we get the money successfully transferred for another location, but  
38 for the same general purpose, we are not going to want to try to transfer it back. They would be  
39 stuck with the liability and whatever is there. Trustee Gibson stated that is their decision.  
40 Administrator Mekarski stated that if that is the case, he would explore legally the possibility of  
41 vacating the dedication of the water column.

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43 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she finds it hard to believe that if they know those  
44 facts to be true, that they are still reluctant. She stated that every time somebody initially  
45 recommends dredging, and then you go to the natural plantings, they never want to go to the  
46 natural plantings. Trustee Gibson stated that they don't know that dredging is not the thing to do  
47 these days.

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1 Mr. Koza stated that in this particular case we took surveys of the pond and compared it to the  
2 existing plant elevation. He stated that the amount of material they would have to remove and the  
3 cost to remove it, it didn't makes sense to dredge it. He stated that step one was trying to identify  
4 is it warranted. We didn't feel that it was given the high cost. We wanted to try to maintain the  
5 design capability of the pond for future years so that it can function as intended. That is where  
6 the naturalized plantings came in. If they agree to the plantings at the water line that is a  
7 significant cost. They have to drain off the water temporarily and put the plants in. There is a  
8 specific soil requirement. That was a big chunk of the cost, 75% of the cost of the contract. If we  
9 can get that agreement there is a chance that we can put the project as we intended.

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11 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we know that you are going to try to investigate and  
12 look at the extension, and see if we can transfer the use of those funds, and still try to work with  
13 the Homeowners Association to get them to see what they are throwing away.

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15 Trustee Waite inquired of Administrator Mekarski how many homes are in that subdivision.  
16 Administrator Mekarski stated about 45 plus or minus. There is another 45 or 50 that are owned  
17 by the new developer that are undeveloped, who is not a part of the Homeowners Association as  
18 of yet. Trustee Waite inquired whether or not he gets a vote. Administrator Mekarski stated that  
19 the Royal Bank of Canada voluntarily entered themselves to pay dues as part of the association  
20 as part of the Covenants and Restrictions. He stated that because the lots are undeveloped, the  
21 new developer is refusing to participate. There is no legal obligation under the Covenants and  
22 Restrictions until the houses are actually developed. They are not formally sitting on the  
23 Governing Authority, nor are they paying any dues even though they have the majority interest  
24 in the lots.

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26 Trustee Waite inquired if our lawyer was to look at the Agreement, would he say they have the  
27 ability to make a decision. Administrator Mekarski stated that is an interesting angle. He was  
28 thinking the exact same thing. He has a call in to John Murphey to discuss that. Trustee Waite  
29 stated that would be an easy proposition to explain to the Royal Bank of Canada. Trustee Gibson  
30 stated that the Royal Bank of Canada doesn't have it anymore. Administrator Mekarski stated  
31 that it was picked up by a speculator. Trustee Waite stated that they don't want the liability  
32 either. Village President Meyers-Martin stated we will check with John Murphey.

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34 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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36 **Resolution #2014-06 – A Resolution making Appointments to various Village Positions,**  
37 **Commissions and Committees** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she has before the  
38 Board Resolution #2014-06, which is a Resolution making Appointments to various Village  
39 Positions, Commissions and Committees. At the first meeting of the Fiscal Year the Board of  
40 Trustees is required to reinstate its appointments of Administrative Personnel, Professional  
41 Consultants, and other appointees who will officially represent the Village in positions as set  
42 forth in State Statute and Local Municipal Code.

43 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Waite to approve Resolution #2014-06 - A**  
44 **Resolution making Appointments to various Village Positions, Commissions and**  
45 **Committees.**

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

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1 **Update on International Council of Shopping Centers** – Village President Meyers-Martin  
2 stated that the ICSC was the brokerage meeting that she and Administrator Mekarski attended.  
3 There was a great deal of excitement regarding the Jewel Plaza. The TIF has been extended to  
4 that property. That was something that was very attractive to the number of developers, brokers,  
5 and retailers they spoke with. There was a developer out of Boston who was extremely excited  
6 and did a great deal of research on the area, and the region. The developer knew exactly where  
7 everything was placed and how many miles it was and how much the drive time was. He is ready  
8 to come out and do a tour of that plaza. It was very exciting this year because we did have a  
9 booth and many, many people stopped by. Our booth was located in the pavilion of “Cities of the  
10 World.” The Village shared that booth with Monee, Park Forest, Richton Park, University Park,  
11 and Calumet Park. We were able to take meetings at that space. There was a great deal of  
12 excitement and enthusiasm generated because we finally had some incentives to offer.

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14 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

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18 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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20 **College and Career Symposium** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that on Friday, May  
21 30<sup>th</sup>, the College and Career Symposium will be held at the Southland Charter School starting at  
22 7:45 A.M. and running to Noon. That is a Symposium that brings together 150 students in grades  
23 seventh and eighth from five local School Districts. Last year they had students from the  
24 parochial schools. There was a great deal of excitement and interest in attending that.  
25 Administrator Mekarski was there and attended many workshops.

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27 Administrator Mekarski stated that this year they have a whole new format. There will be  
28 concurrent sessions and a lot of new speakers. He encouraged all residents to attend. The Village  
29 President will be there to give an Opening Address and kick the event off. There was a lot of  
30 high energy last year. The Educational Commission and the Board should be very, very proud of  
31 the creativity that was engaged to put this on to take our young minds and mold them towards the  
32 path of careers, professionalism and college.

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34 **Southland Charter School** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated earlier it was mentioned  
35 how well the students at the Charter School did. She is aware that there are rumors that those  
36 children were cherry-picked to attend that school. That is not true. It was all done by lottery.  
37 Those students are the same population that would be going to District 227. There is a  
38 commitment and a requirement in that school where they start at 8:00 A.M. and they are in  
39 school until 5:00 P.M. She stated that work ethic and that leadership could just as easily be  
40 transferred to District 227. There was over 7.6 Million Dollars in Scholarships that those 70-  
41 children garnered. They are going to schools like Vanderbilt, Cornell, University of Pennsylvania,  
42 and Columbia in New York. It was refreshing to hear that our students in this region are capable.  
43 They just need to have someone to care enough to work within that School District in order to  
44 make them successful. They can do it. She knows that they can do it. It was quite impressive in  
45 the number of Scholarships. Their Valedictorian got \$1,300,000.00 in Scholarships herself. She  
46 was accepted to nine different schools. She lives in Olympia Fields. Village President Meyers-  
47 Martin stated that we need to get her here before she goes off to school and say what that  
48 experience was like.

1 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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3 **Appointment – Ernest E. Gibson to the Finance Committee** – Village President Meyers-  
4 Martin stated that she has one appointment this evening. She is very happy to appoint Dr. Ernest  
5 E. Gibson to the Finance Committee. He has been a resident of the Village for over 18-years. He  
6 has a long-term standing and record of dedicated service to the Village. He has worked  
7 professionally with developing Budgets and administrate Budgets of over \$50,000,000.00. He  
8 will certainly be an asset to our Finance Committee.

9 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Byrd to approve the candidacy of Ernest E.**  
10 **Gibson to the Village of Olympia Fields Finance Committee for a term continuing until a**  
11 **new appointment is made by the Village President.**

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

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14 Village President Meyers-Martin welcomed Dr. Gibson to the Fiancé Committee. (There was a  
15 round of applause).

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17 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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19 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to adjourn at 9:53 P.M.**

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

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22 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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