



1 overall Budget. Once we have worked that out, if we are able to do so, we will do so. If not, we  
2 will find out in the future. Right now, he can't tell you when that is going to be.

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4 Mrs. Sokol stated that she did some research on this. She did learn that we have an Agreement  
5 that goes until she believes 2024 with Oak Lawn. She inquired of Village President Burke  
6 whether or not he knew anything about that. Village President Burke stated that he does.

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8 Mrs. Sokol inquired of Village President Burke how that can be broken. Village President Burke  
9 stated that we are not looking to break that. Mrs. Sokol inquired how can you change the water  
10 bill when you have a contract. Village President Burke stated that we look at other things that we  
11 have in terms of Expenses in the Village that will allow us to reduce our Expenses. That's one of  
12 the ways that we will be able to do that. Mrs. Sokol stated that it won't affect our water bill.  
13 President Burke stated that if we are able to reduce other things, then we can lower the water  
14 bills. Our cost of water is around \$4.60. We are charging \$13.66. Those charges are helping to  
15 balance the overall Budget. If we are able to cut costs in other areas, then we would be able to  
16 lower it. There are several sources of water. The water cost at \$4.60 roughly, is the cost that we  
17 are paying for water. The actual billing of the water to the citizens is at \$13.66, he believes. Mrs.  
18 Sokol stated that is interesting. She did not know that. Mrs. Sokol thanked Village President  
19 Burke for his time. Village President Burke stated certainly.

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21 **Questions from the Bills for Approval** - Mr. Carlando Owens stated that in the Bills for  
22 Approval there is about \$34,000.00 for vehicle lease payments. Mr. Owens was curious what  
23 vehicles these were, and how many vehicles those payments represent.

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25 Mr. Jim Landini, Director of Public Works, stated that those payments are for the Public Works  
26 Vehicles. It is the third installment. It is not a Lease of how we would do a Lease for a vehicle  
27 where we pay on it and then turn it back into the dealership. It's just a way of breaking it down  
28 so it is a softer hit to the Budget. We make four payments on the vehicles. Once the balance is  
29 paid off, then we own those vehicles. Those are vehicles that we bought two-years ago. There is  
30 a big, dump-truck, an Administration Vehicle, and a pickup truck. Those are the payments for  
31 them. After next year those will be paid off in the Public Works Fleet and they will be their  
32 vehicles. Mr. Owens thanked Mr. Landini. Village President Burke thanked Mr. Landini.

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34 Village President Burke stated that he hoped everyone had an opportunity to pick-up the  
35 Information Packet. One of the things that he asked for us to be able to do was to provide the  
36 public with a summary of the Bills that were being paid. He believes that some of the questions  
37 are arising from the summary. We want to make sure before every Meeting you have an  
38 opportunity to see what exactly we are spending your money on. This was a move that we made  
39 this year with this new Administration to make sure that is available.

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41 **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Olympia Fields** – Mr. Lee Langon stated that he resides in  
42 Olympia Club. He stated that some of you may not be aware, but this is the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
43 Olympia Fields. The Presidents Association of which he is the Chairman, is going to partner with  
44 the Village to make sure we celebrate Olympia Fields. We all live here. Nothing has changed.  
45 We are going to move this Village forward. As your individual Homeowners Associations  
46 Presidents gets in touch with you, a Committee has been assembled. We intend to have a  
47 fantastic celebration in September. He stated it is just a little Public Service Announcement.

1 Everybody is invited. They are going to need everyone's participation. Mr. Langon stated thank  
2 you.

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4 **LPGA National Championship** – Village President Burke stated that the LPGA is holding its  
5 National Championship here in five-weeks. There are going to be 100, World-Class Women  
6 Golfers from all over the world competing. It will run from Tuesday through Sunday. It will be  
7 on the Golf Channel and NBC. If you haven't gotten some tickets to attend, you should do so.

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9 Village President Burke stated that we are looking into getting Banners up around the Village. It  
10 is a little late for us to get started. He wrote a letter to the LPGA and sent it off today. It should  
11 be in the Welcome Package welcoming visitors that are coming from all over the world to watch  
12 this golf event. He encouraged everyone to try to attend.

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14 Trustee Oliver stated that there are some businesses like Randy Conn of McDonald's who is very  
15 interested in assisting in any way of getting this news out. He will create a Banner. He is trying  
16 to draw business to his store, and to do whatever he can to assist the Village in getting this  
17 information out. There will be people from all over in our Village. We have to make the  
18 residents aware of it. He is sure that there are other businesses that would like to partner with the  
19 Village to get some of these Banners up. He stated that it may not be late at all.

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21 Village President Burke stated that he was amazed that it is a Conference. There will be 200,  
22 very high-powered women from all over the United States. He stated that Condoleezza Rice will  
23 be here. The Chairman of the IBM Company will be here. The highest-ranking woman in  
24 Microsoft will be here. They paid \$75,000.00 to attend this Women's Conference. This is a big  
25 event. The actual Conference will be held downtown in Chicago because we lack a facility that  
26 we are looking into having right here in the Village. Metra is going to have a special train to  
27 bring these ladies out here to the Village. Trustee Thomas stated that Metra is having a special  
28 train. President Burke stated if you see some very exquisite ladies here, please open your arms to  
29 them and welcome them to Olympia Fields, in addition to the number of other people that will be  
30 visiting.

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32 Trustee Hudson stated with regard to the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, she doesn't recall that  
33 being in the Budget for this year.

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35 Village President Burke stated that the money is being partially funded by the different  
36 subdivisions. They will be putting money in. Trustee Hudson stated that she doesn't know if you  
37 have a confirmation on that. We have various Homeowners Associations that cannot afford to do  
38 that. In addition to that, the monies that we normally get is used to make sure that where they  
39 live is kept up. We don't have any additional monies that we can give to things of this type.

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41 Village President Burke stated that he asked Cindy Saenz whether or not there was any money in  
42 the Budget for Special Events. He stated that the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Village seems like a  
43 Special Event to him. Village President Burke stated that Mrs. Saenz informed him that there is  
44 \$5,000.00 to do that. We only had one Meeting on this and that was this past Saturday. The  
45 purpose of it was to bring forward a President and one person from each subdivision to discuss  
46 how we can all work together to put together this event. As it stands today, that event is a  
47 celebration of the Village of Olympia Fields. We are trying to flush out all of the details. We are

1 going to have another Meeting in two-weeks. That will probably fall just before, or right after the  
2 next Board Meeting, and he will know more about it so he can give you more details.

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4 Trustee Hudson stated that as part of the Board she didn't know anything about it. She was trying  
5 to determine how this was being structured. Village President Burke stated when he was going  
6 through various paperwork at the Village he realized it was the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and what are  
7 we doing to celebrate it. He took an action to move forward on that. He thought it was a  
8 worthwhile thing to do. He stated that if you don't think it is a good idea, we can have a  
9 discussion about that as a Board. Right now, it is not cast in concrete. It's being discussed by the  
10 various Homeowners Associations. A Committee has been formed. We will know more about  
11 how this is going to go sometime in the next two-weeks.

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13 Trustee Hudson stated that she was just interested in the protocol of it. She had not heard of it.  
14 She thought that when monies were being disbursed for a particular event, that we normally talk  
15 about it. Village President Burke stated that nothing has been disbursed yet. Trustee Hudson  
16 stated that she knows, but you have said that you have been talking about it. She didn't know if  
17 any of the other Trustees have been involved, but she was not. She wasn't here at the last  
18 Meeting. She didn't know how that was being done. She just wanted to know what you were  
19 doing. She is part of the Board. Trustee Hudson stated that if someone asks her about it, and if  
20 she knows nothing about it, she doesn't feel prepared to answer the question. That's the reason  
21 why she was asking.

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23 Trustee Matz stated that she was not told either. Trustee Thomas stated that she was not involved  
24 in a conversation with the Board. She thinks that it is a good thing to do. It is a good way to bring  
25 together unity in the Village. No money has been disbursed. Before any money would be  
26 disbursed, we would be made aware. She sees no harm or no foul in the Homeowners  
27 Associations Presidents having a conversation which she is sure they will share if the residents  
28 attend those Meetings. It is a good thing to have where we show unity in the Village. She was  
29 not involved in a Meeting. She trusts that the Staff and our Village President would make sure  
30 we were aware. The key word is "before" any disbursement. There has not been a disbursement.  
31 She believes that her Homeowners Association President was just sharing a good idea with the  
32 residents. As a Trustee, she will support that. She believes that it is a good thing to do as we want  
33 to move the Village forward.

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35 Trustee Matz stated that she doesn't believe that Trustee Hudson is saying that it is not a good  
36 idea. She is just saying there are protocols, and we were kind of blind sighted by that. This is the  
37 first time that we are hearing of that. There is a protocol.

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39 Trustee Thomas stated that she wants to be clear, she is not here to have any back and forth. We  
40 are not saying that Trustee Hudson said anything. Trustee Thomas stated that she is expressing  
41 her position on what she just heard. Trustee Thomas stated that she didn't know if Mr. Langon  
42 had anything to add.

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44 Mr. Langon stated a point of clarification. The Presidents Association hosted our Annual  
45 Holiday Celebration. We voted last fall not to have that celebration because half of the people  
46 that attended that Holiday Celebration did not live in the Village of Olympia Fields. We did not  
47 have the Board's support with vendors and other folks as you guys enjoyed last year. We made

1 \$43.00 when the Presidents Association hosted this the last time. Nobody makes money here but  
2 the Country Club. We voted not to have the Holiday Party, and to partner and have a Village-  
3 wide celebration.

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5 Mr. Langon stated that every town around us has some celebration Village-wide. You have the  
6 “Taste of Flossmoor” and things of that nature. Matteson has “Matteson Days.” We don’t have  
7 anything in Olympia Fields. We don’t have an Annual Event where our entire Village comes  
8 together for a summer fun event. What better than the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our town? It’s our  
9 town. It’s time to celebrate our town. It’s time to add value to our town. It’s time to add value to  
10 our homes. It’s time to add value to us as a people. If we don’t add value, who is going to do it?  
11 It is time to celebrate. That’s a little background of what is going on with this 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.  
12 It came from the Presidents Association, not this Board. We discussed it last fall.

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14 Mr. Langon stated that apparently your Presidents are not talking to your Homeowners  
15 Associations and they should be, or you should be attending your Meetings. This was voted on  
16 by a majority of the Presidents and Homeowners Associations of Olympia Fields. This isn’t just  
17 Lee Langon, okay.

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19 Trustee Gibson stated that we have had activities, Galas. We had a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala where  
20 her and her husband were appointed to be the Chairpersons. It was a wonderful occasion. It was  
21 mostly Olympia Fields Residents. We have had activities where we enjoined all of the people of  
22 the Village. We can’t help it if some of us come. At that particular time, we did not need to  
23 spend \$5,000.00 from our Budget. The people paid their way. It was held at the Olympia Fields  
24 Country Club. It was a Gala to be remembered. We have done that. We do not have an Annual  
25 Affair. She admires the fact that Flossmoor and Homewood do. They have a lot more people  
26 there than we have here. They could do that without any extra expense on their Budget.

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28 **Concern Regarding a Particular Area** - Mrs. Geraldine Tyler stated that she resides in Lakes  
29 of Olympia. They have an area that is almost wooded. She spoke to Mr. Landini about it. There  
30 is all kind of wildlife in that area. She is scared to walk by without a stick. We have some young  
31 mothers pushing their babies in strollers. We have complained about it repeatedly. They said that  
32 the land belongs to someone else. She believes that the Board should clear the land, or do  
33 whatever it needs to and charge it back to the owner, or take the land if they don’t pay. It’s a  
34 dangerous situation. We have two or three little people over there that she would hate to see  
35 something happen to someone.

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37 **Concern Regarding Strangers in the Community** - Mrs. Tyler stated that her second issue is,  
38 about a week and half ago a lady and a young girl were over in our area putting fliers on the cars.  
39 The President asked the girl to leave. She refused to so she called the police. The policeman  
40 came and told them that they had to leave. But then he told her how to come back to come into  
41 our community. She stated tell him to tell them to go to his community. We don’t need strangers  
42 here. If you listen to the radio, listen to television, they are breaking in, kicking in doors, and  
43 going into people’s houses and beating up people and taking their belongings. She doesn’t want  
44 strangers in her community. She retired from law enforcement. She went into the prisons and  
45 what have you. She knows who is out there and what they do. She stated that some of you might  
46 want them she doesn’t know. Personally speaking, she doesn’t want strange people coming into  
47 her community that she doesn’t know anything about it. She sort of resents him being so nicey,

1 nicey to tell them how to come back. She stated tell him to tell them to come where he lives at.  
2 We have a 20-mile radius they can live in and work here. Tell them to go where he lives.  
3 Personally speaking, she doesn't want strangers in her community. That is her gripe for this  
4 month. She will find something new for next month. Village President Burke closed  
5 Communications & Petitions at 7:23 P.M.

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7 **COMMUNITY OUTREACH PRESENTATION – EMAIL AND VOICEMAIL**  
8 **EXTENSIONS FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Cynthia Saenz, Director of Finance**  
9 **and Administration** – Village President Burke stated next is a Community Outreach  
10 Presentation by Cindy Saenz.

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12 Mrs. Cindy Saenz, Director of Finance and Administration, presented a PowerPoint Presentation.  
13 Mrs. Saenz stated that one of the initiatives that Village President Burke wanted to institute for  
14 us here, and that he has discussed with us on a number of occasions is the Community Outreach  
15 from Staff to the residents of Olympia Fields. One of the things that we are working towards and  
16 that we will be presenting over the next couple of months, are some increases with our customer  
17 service to the residents.

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19 Mrs. Saenz stated that through some of the Town Hall Meetings that we had, it was discussed  
20 that possibly we could institute a way for the residents to reach out directly to the Elected  
21 Officials. We have included e-mail addresses now for all of our Elected Officials, along with  
22 telephone extensions. In the event that anyone wanted to reach out to one of the Trustees, they  
23 could access the Website by going to "Elected Officials." If you click on the e-mail address there  
24 is a hyperlink that will take you directly to whatever e-mail search engine you have on your  
25 computer so that you can compose an e-mail. You can also contact the Trustees and the Village  
26 President by dialing the main number at Village Hall. They have extensions, or you can reach  
27 them through the Dial by Name Directory, so you are able to leave a message. All of the Trustees  
28 are pictured under "Elected Officials," with their e-mail addresses and the extensions where you  
29 can reach them directly. We also have their terms of office.

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31 Mrs. Saenz stated that we did add a page to the Website called "Open Government." This is a  
32 work in progress. This page has a lot of information in our effort to be more transparent for the  
33 residents and for anyone looking for information on the Village. One of the items we discussed a  
34 couple of weeks ago, was the interactive software that we have now "Open.Gov." You can create  
35 your own searches and dig into the nuts and bolts of the Village's finances. This program is  
36 available. The Village put together some searches for the platforms for different Reports. There  
37 is five, six-years' worth of data out here. It includes Revenues and Expenses. It has "Accounts  
38 Payable" where you can look up vendors and any other information that you might be searching  
39 for.

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41 Trustee Pennington inquired of Mrs. Saenz how often is this being updated. Mrs. Saenz stated  
42 that once the Monthly Financially Statements are presented, Betty will upload the new data. The  
43 plan is to load the information once a month.

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45 Village President Burke thanked Mrs. Saenz. He stated that as she indicated, this is an effort to  
46 open up the finances to everyone in the Village so you can see what is going on. We are also in  
47 the process of doing a complete remake of the entire Website. One of the reasons we want to do

1 that is to put us in a position that as we do more in-depth economic development, we are selling  
2 the Village, as well as selling not only where we live, but also particular opportunities for people  
3 to invest in the Village of Olympia Fields. He stated that Mrs. Tyler mentioned earlier that she  
4 had a complaint. There will be a drop-down box where you can fill out the complaint right then  
5 and there. You will be able to pay some bills directly online. We want to update the system as  
6 much as possible to make this as open as possible, but at the same time give the citizens as much  
7 reach into what goes on in the government as possible.

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9 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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11 **Thank You Letter for Officer Lawrence Smith** – Trustee Gibson stated that she has two items  
12 to present to you this evening. The first item is for information only. The other item there is a  
13 Proposed Motion for it. She will start with the first item.

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15 The Olympia Fields Police Department received a thank you letter from Ms. Marguerite  
16 McCrary on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Ms. McCrary wished to thank Patrol Officer Lawrence Smith for  
17 recently assisting her with an unwanted solicitor complaint.

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19 Ms. McCrary stated Officer Smith was kind, understanding and took the time to make her feel  
20 comfortable. During her conversation with Officer Smith, Ms. McCrary stated that she believed  
21 both houses on either side of her were vacant. After speaking with Ms. McCrary, Officer Smith  
22 checked both houses to make sure they were secure and that everything appeared to be in order.  
23 Officer Smith then assured Ms. McCrary that everything was fine.

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25 Due to the actions of Officer Smith and his positive interaction with Ms. McCrary, vital lines of  
26 communication between our resident and our Department were improved. Positive interactions  
27 such as this one are vital in keeping everyone in our community safe and increasing confidence  
28 in the law enforcement profession. Ms. McCrary indicated that Officer Smith has routinely  
29 stopped by while on patrol to check on her well-being, and felt it was necessary and proper to  
30 send an acknowledgement letter to the Chief of Police reference Officer Smith's actions.

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32 Officer Lawrence Smith should both be recognized and commended for his positive interaction  
33 with our community. A copy of the letter received from Ms. McCrary is attached for reference  
34 purposes only.

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36 Trustee Gibson stated that she wanted to thank our Chief and our police officers for their  
37 investment in the safety of the Village of Olympia Fields and its residents.

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39 **Authorization to Purchase a Replacement Patrol Vehicle** - Trustee Gibson stated that the next  
40 Report is the authorization to purchase a replacement patrol vehicle.

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42 The Police Department has an immediate need to replace a patrol squad due to a catastrophic  
43 engine failure. The patrol squad in question is a 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe with 126,000 miles and  
44 was scheduled to be replaced in Fiscal Year 18/19. Estimated repair costs for this vehicle are  
45 between \$8,500.00 to \$9,000.00 which exceeds the estimated value of the vehicle.

1 Due to the number of patrol vehicles currently out of service, which are three, the remaining  
2 patrol vehicles are experiencing significant additional mileage and maintenance costs decreasing  
3 their useful service life.

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5 Replacement of this patrol squad is not a budgeted item in Fiscal Year 17/18. In an effort to  
6 avoid negatively affecting the General Fund, the Chief of Police is requesting State of Illinois  
7 Asset Forfeiture Funds to purchase a used 2015 Ford Police Sedan with 21,000 miles from  
8 Terry's Ford in Peotone in the amount of \$16,026.00. Additional equipment and installation  
9 costs for this vehicle will be paid for using State of Illinois Asset Forfeiture Funds.

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11 A summary Memorandum dated May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from Chief Krull is included for further  
12 reference and review. Trustee Gibson stated that she believes that the Board has that.

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14 Trustee Gibson stated that she is the Liaison to the Public Safety Committee. At their last  
15 Meeting, the discussion concerning the need for a patrol vehicle was presented and was very  
16 much discussed. The members are recommending to the Board that the purchase of this vehicle  
17 go forth.

18 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Pennington to Authorize the Expenditure of**  
19 **State of Illinois Asset Forfeiture Funds to Purchase a Used Patrol Squad from Terry's Ford**  
20 **in Peotone in an Amount not to Exceed \$16,026.00.**

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22 Trustee Pennington stated that as a point of order, we should ask for questions before we take the  
23 Final Vote.

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25 Trustee Oliver inquired of Chief Krull what is the estimate of the funds in the Asset Forfeiture  
26 Fund as it is today.

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28 Chief Krull stated that there are two separate Funds involved here. You have the State Level  
29 Asset Forfeiture Funds which is generally a smaller amount. Those are the funds we are going to  
30 use for this squad when, or if, it is approved. The Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds, we have no  
31 funds available for this type of purchase right now.

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33 Trustee Oliver inquired of Chief Krull what the dollar amount is for the State Asset Forfeiture  
34 Funds. Chief Krull stated that it is approximately \$85,000.00 to \$90,000.00. He stated right now  
35 it is \$96,000.00.

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37 Trustee Pennington stated that there are sufficient funds in the State Funding source for this  
38 purchase. As Chief Krull stated, there are two funds. The funds are segregated. We have the  
39 Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds, which Derrick Amschl is assigned to. That's where he operates.  
40 And we have the State Funds. We get funds from the State for seizures and things of that nature  
41 too. There are sufficient funds available for this particular purchase.

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43 Trustee Oliver stated that it sounds as if there is some added pressure on the other vehicles that  
44 you have in your fleet because of this one vehicle. Trustee Oliver inquired of Chief Krull how  
45 many vehicles are in the fleet and what types they are.

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1 Chief Krull stated that we had nine vehicles in the fleet. We are down three so we have six. We  
2 have six marked patrol units. On the weekends, we have four or five officers working and the  
3 cars don't get a chance to rest. These cars are being used all the time. It is very similar to what  
4 you would do with your own personal car. The car is running all the time. People are getting in  
5 and out of it. There is a lot of idle time involved in it. With these vehicles running all the time, it  
6 will take a strain on that vehicle. He stated that his timing couldn't be any worse. This is the last  
7 thing that he wanted to do in front of a new Board, is to come hat in hand asking for another  
8 squad car.

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10 Chief Krull stated that on the work product dated May 25<sup>th</sup>, that you have in front of you, you  
11 have a pretty long explanation as to what happened and how we got into this problem. We had a  
12 squad totaled in December of 2016. It was a 2011 Ford Crown Victoria. It had about 90,000  
13 miles on it. That was one of the vehicles that was due to be rotated out. We had a 2011 Ford  
14 Crown Victoria. In the last couple of years, we have been rolling them down to the Building  
15 Department so they have a vehicle to use. That vehicle had a transmission failure. He stated that  
16 John McDonnell to his credit, said that he still wanted that vehicle. He is going to take care of  
17 having that used squad made usable for the time that he has it. Just recently, we had the 2012  
18 Tahoe with 126,000 miles, the engine went bad on it.

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20 Trustee Oliver inquired of Chief Krull whether or not these are the types of vehicles that can be  
21 purchased locally like at the Matteson Auto Mall. Chief Krull stated that is a great question. He  
22 stated that these vehicles when they come from the manufacturer, there is a very limited run on a  
23 squad. Chevy or Ford only builds those squads two or three-months out of the year. He has been  
24 very fortunate since 2013. He asked for a two-vehicle per year rotation and he has gotten it.  
25 When something like this happens, it throws everything off. He really didn't want to affect the  
26 General Fund. Even if we had the money to get a new 2017 Tahoe, he can't find them.

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28 Trustee Thomas stated that the vehicles are pre-ordered. You just can't go into the dealership and  
29 purchase one. What she liked about this, it was an emergency situation, something that was  
30 unpredictable. The Chief did figure out a way to purchase a vehicle and keep things moving  
31 without impacting the current Budget. She stated that safety is very important to her. She thinks  
32 it is a good thing to do for now and hopefully, we won't have any more unexpected incidents.

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34 Trustee Pennington stated to keep in mind that these funds are earmarked solely for police  
35 equipment or activity. They cannot be used for any other Village function or Village Expense. It  
36 is earmarked principally for police operations. He just wanted to make that point clear.

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38 Village President Burke stated that the Police Chief brought this up last week. His first find was  
39 a car that was a couple of thousand dollars more. He came back a couple of days later and stated  
40 that he found one that is a little bit cheaper. He was doing the right job of trying to save us  
41 money. Village President Burke stated that he appreciates that a lot.

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43 Trustee Gibson stated that she is very happy that the idea of the difference between the Asset  
44 Forfeiture Program which, one is Federal and one is State was brought out. She stated having  
45 worked with the Chief and our Public Safety Committee, we do know the Feds are very, very  
46 slow in paying us our money. She believes that we have thousands of dollars that should be

1 coming from the Feds. We can't make them pay. They will eventually. The one with the State,  
2 you just have to ask for it for a good reason with regard to the police department.

3 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Pennington to Authorize the Expenditure of**  
4 **the State of Illinois Asset Forfeiture Funds to Purchase a Used Patrol Squad from Terry's**  
5 **Ford in Peotone in an Amount not to Exceed \$16,026.00.**

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

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8 **REPORT OF THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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10 **ICSC Recon – Prospect Retail Leasing Report** – Village President Burke stated that next on  
11 the Agenda is the Report from the Village Administrator on our trip to Las Vegas on a Prospect  
12 on Retail Leasing.

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14 Administrator Mekarski stated that he had the distinct privilege to attend the International  
15 Council of Shopping Center Leasing Mall Conference with our new Village President, as well as  
16 with our Administrative Assistant who has been assisting with the economic development  
17 coordination for the Administration. This is a major Conference in Las Vegas. There are over  
18 35,000 delegates. There are three-floors, literally miles long. Ultimately, all the retail leasing  
19 deals are accomplished during this three-day event. The Village participated in a shared booth  
20 with the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association with the Chicago Southland  
21 Economic Development Council, the Chicago Southland Visitors and Convention Bureau, and  
22 six other southland Villages. This was done to save costs and have some shared resources.

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24 Administrator Mekarski stated that we had an extremely active and busy session. We met with  
25 over 25 Retail Brokers representing retail interests in the Chicagoland Region. The  
26 Administration will be conducting follow-ups with all contacts to provide additional marketing  
27 material where requested, and to accentuate what the Village President and his team delivered.  
28 The team focused on two primary retail corridors located on Lincoln Highway and Vollmer  
29 Road. Significant time was spent on marketing opportunities for the Olympia Corners Shopping  
30 Center, the old Jewel/Osco Plaza, at the intersection of Lincoln Highway and Western Avenue,  
31 and also the Meijer's Shadow Site to which we are working with a local Developer and other  
32 landowner interests to create an exciting Retail Center for the Village.

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34 Administrator Mekarski stated that we did some additional cold calls, which were primarily  
35 made to some of the fast/casual restaurant opportunities and in-fill opportunities to assist in  
36 filling out some of the vacancies in both Butterfield Plaza and the Olympia Square Plaza. What  
37 is significant about this Conference is the Village President had the opportunity to meet with the  
38 owners and/or interested parties on the five key retail sites. He stated Michael Rourke of  
39 @properties is the owner of the CVS Gateway Parcel located on Lincoln Highway and Olympian  
40 Way. He had a very healthy session with our Village President about both the constraints and  
41 opportunities for retail adjoining CVS all the way down to the Speedway. He stated that Irene  
42 Itkin's, the Owner of the Dunkin' Donuts Plaza fronting the former Jewel/Osco Building, has two  
43 vacancies and is working in a collaborative fashion with us to achieve occupancy. Administrator  
44 Mekarski stated that Todd Cabanban is the Broker for the Developer who has the current real  
45 estate option on the Olympia Corners Shopping Center at Lincoln Highway and Western  
46 Avenue. The Village President and Administrator Mekarski discussed opportunities for Retail  
47 Leasing in that Center. He stated that the Rose Family is a long-time resident of the Village.

1 Michael Rose is the owner of Location Finders. He owns two tracts of land, the retail tract on  
2 Vollmer Road fronting the former Cardinal Fitness Building. He is also the owner of the Muffler  
3 Shop/Auto Repair Facility at the corner of Lincoln Highway and Governors Highway. He  
4 offered assistance to our Village President, not only on his parcels, but on all the parcels in the  
5 Village because of his commitment and stake to Olympia Fields.

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7 Administrator Mekarski stated that we met with some headliner anchor retail opportunities,  
8 including JC Penney's, Jewel/Osco, and At Home, a home décor superstore. He believes that has  
9 some real possibilities for the Lincoln/Western Corridor.

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11 Administrator Mekarski stated that on the last day, the Village President spent a considerable  
12 amount of time concentrating on his vision for the Vollmer Road Corridor. Administrator  
13 Mekarski stated that the Village President would like to share that with the audience.

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15 **REPORT OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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17 **ICSC Recon – Prospect Retail Leasing Report** – Village President Burke stated that one of the  
18 things that became apparent in talking to these Brokers and these Developers, they are all asking  
19 for us to give them money to come to Olympia Fields in the form of TIF's and Class 8. That is  
20 making this a lot tougher than people might imagine. As we give money out to the Developers as  
21 TIF's, that causes an increase potentially in taxes on the rest of us as taxpayers. The real problem  
22 becomes, how do you balance keeping taxes where they are, and getting an increase in  
23 Commercial and Retail Businesses to come to your community? We were often in Meetings with  
24 some other towns around us who are not necessarily in the same position that the Village of  
25 Olympia Fields is. We have a beautiful community. We have been paying taxes at the level that  
26 we are. He is a little bit concerned about giving away money to get somebody to come here. As  
27 we got into the discussions with some of these people, we started talking about Olympia Fields  
28 as a destination. It's a destination that brought all of us here. When they started these golf  
29 courses and Country Clubs out here it was a destination. A lot of these towns around us grew up  
30 around these golf courses. The Country Clubs and golf courses that are here, are attracting  
31 people to come here. For example, the Olympia Fields Country Club only has 18-rooms. They  
32 have people coming from all over the world to play golf at that Country Club, but they have no  
33 place to stay. The occupancy tax in Las Vegas was 13.83% which is a lot higher than any sales  
34 tax around here. He stated that as he and Administrator Mekarski talked about this, it just seemed  
35 to make sense that one of the things we should be doing is maybe something like a four-star or  
36 five-star Hotel inside of Olympia Fields to take advantage of things that are going on at the  
37 Country Club.

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39 Village President Burke stated that he met with the President of the Country Club. They have  
40 people coming from all over the world that want to play golf, but they have no place to stay.  
41 They send some people over to Labanque. Some of you may have gone to the restaurant there.  
42 They have 15 to 18-rooms there. That's their overflow. A room at Labanque is \$350.00. He  
43 stated for this event that is coming up with the LPGA Open, he went in to see if he could register  
44 to get a room. The nearest room he was able to find was in Alsip. That's a long way away. If you  
45 have someone paying \$75,000.00 to belong to a Conference, how many times do you think they  
46 want to go to a place like Alsip when they could come to a place like the Village of Olympia  
47 Fields? On Wednesday, he had the opportunity to speak to the Marriott, the Hilton, and a couple

1 of other pretty high-class Hotels about potentially opening up a Hotel in the Village of Olympia  
2 Fields. The flip side of that is the Hospital is investing \$150,000,000.00 in doubling that  
3 Hospital. It's going to be a Cancer Hospital where people can come here and get cancer  
4 treatments. Cancer treatments take multiple weeks, and sometimes months. One of the things that  
5 we thought about was getting the Hotel that we might want to have here, would be a place for  
6 that Hospital to have the patients and families of the patients to stay at that Hotel. That is  
7 something that we are going to be pursuing.

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9 Village President Burke stated that he knows that a lot of people heard we are going to do a  
10 Mariano's, and a Nordstrom's Rack, and a few other places like that. It would be great to get  
11 some of those guys in here. They are all looking for us to give them money. We think we want to  
12 dovetail and ride the coattails of the Hospital and the Country Clubs that are around here so that  
13 we can provide upscale housing, which would also bring in upscale restaurants that would go  
14 along with it and make Olympia Fields a destination. That is where we are.

15  
16 Village President Burke stated that the downside about this, which was a rude awakening for  
17 him, was the taxes are a big issue. Commercial properties around here are paying somewhere  
18 around 25%, where us as citizens are paying 10%. All of them are looking for a way to reduce  
19 their taxes. That's not necessarily something that we can solve right away. It is something that  
20 we have to try to figure out a way to do something about that. That puts a strain on the ability to  
21 Rent and Lease out space in the southern suburbs as a whole. That was a rude awakening for  
22 him. He stated that Administrator Mekarski has known about this before. Some of the reasons we  
23 haven't been able to get some of the opportunities that we would like to come into Olympia  
24 Fields, everybody is looking for a deal. The question becomes how can we make a deal without  
25 really giving them money? That's something that we are going to work on. Village President  
26 Burke's and Administrator Mekarski's Number 1 objective is to try to come up with ways to lure  
27 people to Olympia Fields, and find things that will attract people to the Village of Olympia  
28 Fields.

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30 Trustee Thomas stated that she had a little assignment for our Village Administrator. There is  
31 something that is used in transit called "Three P Agreements Public/Private Partnerships." Those  
32 are focused on when you take an entity like a Hotel or another major retailer that may want to  
33 come to your community, there is a partnership in there. Over the time as they make their money,  
34 the money is paid back. She inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not he could look  
35 into those and see if they could possibly be used in a different way. They are greatly used in  
36 transit. It is called "Three P Public/Private Partnerships." Administrator Mekarski stated that he  
37 would be happy to. That is a great suggestion.

38  
39 Village President Burke stated that on that subject of Private/Public Partnerships, he met today  
40 with two residents who own Franchises. One guy owns six McDonald's. He was looking to get  
41 into the Hotel Business. There are a number of other individuals in town that are looking for  
42 business opportunities. One of the things that we found from a lot of the people that we spoke to  
43 on this trip, one of the ways you get around this asking for money deal is to do it through a  
44 Franchise. These Brokers are getting 15% to 20% of the deal. If you go directly to some of the  
45 people who are the Franchisers, you can work a deal with them if you bring somebody to the  
46 table who is willing to put their money up. There are people in this Village who are willing to get  
47 into some of the businesses that we might want to get into. As we went along talking to these

1 people, we kind of tuned our presentation to see how we can run around giving somebody some  
2 money. That just doesn't make sense. We are being pimped to a certain extent. The other towns  
3 that are around us, they don't have the lush, beautiful, green environment like we have. We have  
4 a median income of \$175,000.00. There are a lot of people who sit in this room who have  
5 birthday parties, graduation parties, weddings, and they are constantly looking for opportunities  
6 to rent a place. We go to Orland Park like The Odyssey, or some other places. We should be able  
7 to do that right here in Olympia Fields. Trustee Pennington stated Hear, Hear.

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9 Village President Burke stated that is something that we are going to be looking at. It is just one,  
10 but it had the possibility of some things. He feels pretty positive about that. This 25% tax on a  
11 Commercial Property, the people that we spoke to own properties. Some of them are about ready  
12 to give up. They are going to be looking to us to try to figure out a way to help them. He is not  
13 sold yet that we are going to be able to go create new TIF's to pass out money to help them build  
14 stuff, especially if it is going to be some Consultants or some Developers that are going to make  
15 money at the front-end off of our tax money.

16  
17 Administrator Mekarski stated just to illustrate what the Village President is emphasizing, one of  
18 our Owners/Developers rents at \$12.00 per square foot at the lowest rent rate. He stated that  
19 \$18.00 is the highest per square foot rent rate. She is paying Cook County Property Tax at  
20 \$22.00 per square foot. He stated that other Developers/Brokers, are indicating property taxes  
21 should be no more than \$4.00 to \$7.00 per square foot. This is not an Olympia Fields problem, it  
22 is a southern Cook County problem. He stated in southern Cook County they are paying \$22.00  
23 per square foot. There is no opportunity for filling in some of those vacancies and creating a  
24 business model for those entrepreneurs. The Village President has a genuine idea to break a new  
25 frontier for our economic development ventures.

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27 Trustee Pennington stated that as we approach this project, he is a firm believer in the Three P's.  
28 It is essential. He would ask that we develop our strategy around the Village, the Country Club,  
29 and the Hospital. Village President Burke stated that is exactly what we are doing. Trustee  
30 Pennington stated and make that the focal point. As we are developing and working with the  
31 Hospital with the campus concept, we can also bring in the Hotel concept and create a  
32 Public/Private Partnership perhaps with them and the Country Club. He stated that to him it is a  
33 win-win.

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35 Village President Burke stated that the President of the Country Club and Allan Spooner who is  
36 the President of the Hospital, they are in sync with this. They are very excited about the prospect.  
37 From the Hospital's standpoint, they are having people coming here to get the cancer treatments  
38 from all over the place. You have to have a place for their loved ones to be here with them. One  
39 of the ways you heal is to have your loved ones around. There is no place for them to stay. This  
40 is something that could be very positive for the Village of Olympia Fields as well as the  
41 Hospital.

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43 Trustee Pennington stated that the fallback position with regard to the golfing events are  
44 individual homes, Leasing out and Renting out your home. When we had the U.S. Open here, as  
45 well as the Senior Open a few years back, everyone in Graymoor was asked would they be  
46 willing to release their home for two-weeks at a cost of course. That's our fallback position with

1 respect to having someplace to go. We don't have it here. We have the Country Club. We have  
2 the Hospital with this expansion program. We need something like this.

3  
4 Trustee Thomas stated that she wanted to add one more thing about the Hotel. She thinks it is  
5 good to make sure we are included in there when patients come for treatment. She knows of  
6 friends who have traveled to get cancer treatments and they stayed in that state. They needed  
7 somewhere to live while they were there going through their treatments. It is also good for the  
8 patients if they travel. It is going to be world-renown, we are hoping that it is. It would be a great  
9 component to have that too.

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11 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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13 **Plan for Water Meters** - Trustee Oliver stated that part of our Bills that we approved today had  
14 \$26,000.00 dedicated for water bills. He inquired whether or not someone can explain what the  
15 plan for the water meters is for our residents.

16  
17 Mr. Landini stated the billing is for the purchase of new water meters. We are going to be  
18 starting soon our Water Meter Change Out Program. We have already done Commercial. Every  
19 resident of the Village will be on the same Meter System. Right now, there are probably six or  
20 seven different types of water meters throughout all of the homes in the Village ranging from 60-  
21 years old to 10-years old. They all read somewhat different. They are billed correctly. They are  
22 old. As meters get older, they can fail. We are getting everything on the same page, reading the  
23 same way. It will be a more efficient way of reading. Right now, it takes us two to four-days to  
24 read meters. Once the meter change out is in place, we could read the entire town in two-hours  
25 with one person, as opposed to four and my Staff reading. This will get everything streamlined  
26 through the entire Village. Accurate reads. We will be sending out information material. We are  
27 going to do it Homeowners Association by Association. We will get information to the  
28 Presidents of the Homeowners Associations, and information to all of the residents. We are  
29 going to have to schedule appointments with the residents because we have to get into the home  
30 to change out those meters. It is about a half hour process at no cost to the residents. We will get  
31 all of that information out to everybody when we are ready to do that. The purchase of the  
32 meters, it is just one installment of the meters coming in. We have several that we have to buy.  
33 We have already bought several. There are still some more that need to come out. That is what  
34 that cost is.

35  
36 Trustee Oliver inquired of Mr. Landini what is your window, this summer, this fall. Mr. Landini  
37 stated that ideally by the end of this Fiscal Year we will have everything changed out residential.

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39 Trustee Thomas inquired of Mr. Landini whether or not it is possible once those meters are  
40 installed, just to collect data to see if it does make a difference in what people are paying.

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42 Mr. Landini stated that he wished it would make a difference in the rates but it won't. It will  
43 allow them to do better leak detection for the residents to help you save money. With the new  
44 meters, they can hookup to the meter. There will be a port outside your house where we can read  
45 every hour of usage for 36-months. You can track your usage and your patterns. If you get a real  
46 high-water bill and you don't know where it is coming from, we can show you that you have  
47 water running at let's say two in the morning and how many gallons were being used. It is a way

1 to start to narrow down how to protect you from those very expensive leaks. That's what the  
2 entire system will allow them to do, and eventually stop that from happening and help save the  
3 residents money.

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5 Village President Burke stated in addition to what Mr. Landini just said, he has asked Mrs. Saenz  
6 to look at reformatting the water bills so that we can not only take advantage of the technology  
7 that is associated with the new meters, we will be able to look at maybe two or three-years in the  
8 past to see exactly what your water usage per month looks like. If it spikes all of a sudden and  
9 you were living in the house for three-years, that along with the information that we get out of  
10 the technology that says there has to be something wrong, we can send somebody out to try to  
11 help you figure out what is going on. That's one of the things that we hope to address that will  
12 help with the water bills. That is still a couple of months away.

13  
14 Mrs. Saenz stated yes. Mrs. Saenz stated that she has reached out to the Village's Software  
15 Vendor. They are in the process of preparing a quote for her now for the change in the water  
16 bills. We are going to go from the postcard to an 8½ by 11 sheet. That will include this prior  
17 usage. Depending on the quote, we will be able to have a print out on that bill of two-years or  
18 three-years of historical data. The back of the bill we will use to include rate information and  
19 other messages to the residents. She stated that the software for the new meters she has discussed  
20 with Mr. Landini. We still have planning to do. There is discussion that the residents will be able  
21 to access that information themselves through the Website.

22  
23 Mr. Landini stated correct. When everything is said and done, and it depends which route is best  
24 for the Village, you can track your own usage by consumer portal and narrow down what exactly  
25 is going on without them having to come out. You can pull that information and then call Public  
26 Works if you need an explanation of that information. He stated that it is pretty clear when you  
27 look at these leaks that happen. We can tell if it's a humidifier, if it's a toilet by the way the  
28 gallons are used. It is a pretty useful tool. It should save everybody money because we can  
29 address it a lot faster than waiting two-months to read your meter. That leak could be going for a  
30 full two-months which could cost hundreds of dollars. It will be a good thing for the residents.

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32 Trustee Oliver stated that in our Packet we received a Building Department Fiscal Year End  
33 Report. Is that part of our Agenda discussion today? Trustee Hudson stated that it is going to be  
34 discussed a little bit under New Business.

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36 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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38 Trustee Hudson stated that she is going to have John McDonnell discuss what is in the Packet.

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40 **Building Department 2016/2017 Fiscal Year End Report** - Mr. John McDonnell stated that he  
41 is the Building Commissioner for the Village of Olympia Fields. He thanked everyone for  
42 coming this evening. Mr. McDonnell stated that he gave you a Fiscal Year End Report of the  
43 Activities of the Building Department. It lists how many Building Permits were issued in the  
44 2016/2017 Fiscal Year, 578 combined Building Permits were issued. He stated that 80 of those  
45 were Tree Removal Permits that were issued. Most of them for nuisance trees, dead trees, and  
46 due to the Ash Borer. Approximately, 80% of those were Ash Trees that were taken down. He  
47 has the approximate fees that were collected for Permit Fees. The big number is the almost

1 \$6,000,000.00 number. He stated that the value of renovations of construction in the Village of  
2 Olympia Fields has really skyrocketed. People are taking better care of their properties. They are  
3 renovating them more. They are doing more repairs. People aren't buying new homes so much,  
4 but they are renovating what they are already in. That number is almost \$6,000,000.00 in  
5 construction values thanks to our residents that are keeping up with their properties and taking  
6 care of them when they need to be taken care of.

7  
8 Mr. McDonnell wanted to touch base on some of the projects that are going on in town.  
9 Franciscan St. James, the renovations and expansions continue to go on. They will be continuing  
10 to go for the next couple of years. Hopefully, the next three or four-years. Everyone is talking  
11 about the new expansion of the Cancer Center. Those Plans are under review now. We will be  
12 Permitting that project shortly, probably by the end of next week. He has talked to the  
13 construction firm about the development over there. They tell him that the south property  
14 adjacent to 203<sup>rd</sup> Street, those projects are earmarked to go. They are in the drawing stage as we  
15 speak.

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17 Mr. McDonnell stated that the Code Enforcement Activity has been pretty high this year as well.  
18 The nice thing about this past Fiscal Year is the Banks have stepped up their game and are taking  
19 care of the properties that they foreclosed on that are vacant. They are starting to take care of the  
20 lawn maintenance, the trimming of the bushes, the painting of the houses that have chipped  
21 paint. Some of the properties that anyone may have seen with a blue tarp on the roof, we have  
22 actually caused them to take that blue tarp off and actually put a new roof on a house that Bank  
23 owns. That is almost unheard of anywhere else.

24  
25 Trustee Oliver stated that in our Packet we received a letter from Mr. Broyles, the President of  
26 Sharp. In this letter, he describes a home at 3435 Attica Road. He went over to take a look at that  
27 home. The complaints and the concerns were that at that particular residence which has been  
28 vacant for seven or eight-years now from what he understands, when he walked around and  
29 looked in the windows the roof was in disrepair. It had fallen down inside the home. He believes  
30 that he saw Mr. Charles Durley when he was in the area. He stated that one might even consider  
31 demolishing it.

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33 Trustee Oliver stated that he has a two-fold question. 1. Can you provide for us, not tonight, but  
34 at some point in time, a list of all of the vacant homes in Olympia Fields? 2. The plan. You stated  
35 that you have been working with some Banks who are doing some great things. Can we get a  
36 Report on some of these vacancies? He stated coupling that with what you just said earlier about  
37 what the Banks are doing to increase our property values which is great, how do we get rid of  
38 these eyesores in our community? If we were to demolish a home how much does that typically  
39 cost? He is just looking for a ballpark figure.

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41 Mr. McDonnell stated that the demolishing of a residential property is anywhere from \$8,000.00  
42 up to approximately \$30,000.00 depending upon how large the house is, and how deep the  
43 basements are, and how large the basements are. They have to remove the foundation and  
44 everything when they take that property out. They have to level it and then they have to seed the  
45 property. Generally speaking, that house right there would probably cost about \$15,000.00 to  
46 demolish it. That house has been vacant for a long time. The Village, our Code Enforcement  
47 Officer, has been making sure that the grass has been cut, the bushes have been trimmed, the

1 leaves are raked come fall time. He stated that is probably the only property in the Village of  
2 Olympia Fields that we cannot find out who owns that property. There was a financial  
3 transaction on that property in 2009. That is as much information as we can get out of that  
4 property from the County, from the State, from the prior Attorney that handled the first  
5 Foreclosure Case on that property. We are going to try a different maneuver with that property.  
6 He stated that with the approval from the Village Administrator and the Village President, we are  
7 going to seek a demolition for that particular property. We don't want to go around just  
8 demolishing a bunch of houses. That is not good for the area either. That's not good for comps.  
9 You take a comp and you have vacant property they are trying to find other comps for. We really  
10 don't want them to demolish the house. We do want the house repaired. We want it resold and  
11 get it back on the Tax Books. The taxes are being paid on that property. We just can't find out  
12 who is paying those taxes on that property.

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14 Trustee Pennington inquired of Mr. McDonnell whether or not he thinks it is in a Land Trust.  
15 Mr. McDonnell stated that he really doesn't know. We haven't been able to follow the paper trail  
16 for that particular property. We think the way to go is to kind of shake out the cobwebs on it and  
17 put it into a demolition process. This way letters go out to anybody that has had contact with that  
18 property going back possibly 15-years.

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20 Trustee Oliver inquired of Mr. McDonnell how many other vacant homes we have in the Village.  
21 Mr. McDonnell stated that we have about 70-houses that are vacant.

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23 Trustee Hudson asked Mr. McDonnell to mention how long it takes to do the demolition process.  
24 Mr. McDonnell stated to demolish a house it takes a Court Order from a Judge. He stated  
25 unfortunately, a Judge is not going to come out and take a look at the property. He has to look at  
26 pictures that we take and give to him. Unfortunately, pictures look really good on houses. They  
27 really don't tell the story. We try to take pictures of all of the bad things about the house. They  
28 still don't reflect the actual visual aesthetics of that property. He stated to go before a Judge we  
29 get a Court date. Hopefully, within 30-days to go before a Judge. The Judge will say, "Is there  
30 anybody here for this property? Has anyone from the Village seeking the demolition, have you  
31 talked to anybody from the property?" If we say "No," sometimes the Judge will say we want  
32 you to post it again. Put it in the newspaper that you are going to get a demolition and then we  
33 will have another date. It could take 60, 90, to 120-days to possibly get a Demolition Order from  
34 a Judge.

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36 Trustee Oliver stated that under "Code Enforcement" you listed 873 door hangers. Trustee Oliver  
37 inquired of Mr. McDonnell whether or not that was a typo. Mr. McDonnell stated no. Generally,  
38 the door hangers are mostly for grass and garbage cans. Trustee Oliver stated that it seems to him  
39 that this is a big-time problem. It seems like we might need some education or some reminders of  
40 what is the expectation. He stated that most people, he would hope, are taking care of their  
41 property. Maybe a lot of these are new people moving into town.

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43 Mr. McDonnell stated that they are. When new people move into town we give them a "New  
44 Residents Packet." Our Staff Members at the counter are very clear when they talk to them about  
45 some of the expectations of the Village as far as garbage goes and cleaning their properties. It is  
46 an educating item to the public. Trustee Oliver stated that it seems pretty high. Mr. McDonnell  
47 stated it is very high.

1 Village President Burke stated that Reggie is not here. Village President Burke spent two or  
2 three-hours with him. He has spent hours and hours with all of the Department Heads to  
3 understand what they do. He is in the process of doing that with every person that works for the  
4 Village. He had a three-hour Meeting with Reggie. He stated that Reggie will be the first person  
5 to tell you that he is the most hated person in town. The statistics that John is going over right  
6 now is Reggie is working. He stated that what people don't like about Reggie is he is doing his  
7 job. Village President Burke stated that we are going to change his title to "Community  
8 Relationship Manager." When he goes out to talk to people, instead of just hanging these things  
9 on their doors and walking away, he is going to knock on their door and engage them in a  
10 conversation about why he is doing this, and why it is important to your property values, and  
11 why getting a Permit is very important to make sure we don't have shoddy work being done, and  
12 make sure that the people who are doing the work have insurance. In case somebody falls off  
13 your roof redoing your roof, and they don't have insurance guess who pays? Village President  
14 Burke told Reggie that all he has to do is give his presentation to them that he just gave to him on  
15 why you do this. It will make people feel that much better about what you are doing. We are  
16 going to change his cards to say "Community Relationship Manager."  
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18 Trustee Matz stated that Village President Burke is absolutely right. Reggie's job is to go out and  
19 knock on doors. Also, to see what their story is. You have people who have been in their homes  
20 and they are elderly. They might not be able to fix their home up. You need to find that out as  
21 opposed to just putting a Citation on the door. That is more palatable. People can take that better.  
22 Trustee Matz stated that she commends Village President Burke on that.  
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24 Village President Burke stated that Reggie is all smiles. Hopefully, if he comes knocking on your  
25 doors, please cooperate with him.  
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27 Trustee Hudson stated that sounds like a good thing to do to build a relationship. However, it is  
28 also going to fill his time. He's not going to be able to get to as many residents as we tell him he  
29 needs to get to. She is concerned of the timing process. Mr. McDonnell stated that we are going  
30 to work through that. We are going to go through a new strategy of trying to be friendlier instead  
31 of the other approach. We are going to see how it goes. We are going to customize it as we go  
32 along and massage it the way we need it to be. Hopefully, we can get the door hanger numbers  
33 down and get better compliance by providing more education then just going around and putting  
34 the door hangers on the doors. It may require him to spend more time. He knows that everybody  
35 up here has been knocking on doors for the past couple of months. There is just some people that  
36 are not going to let you get away. They just want to talk, and talk, and talk. We are going to have  
37 to work around some of that a little bit. He thinks it is a great idea.  
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39 Mrs. Saenz stated to Trustee Oliver that one of the reasons for the change in the utility bill is  
40 educating. There's procedures and Policies that we have here at the Village that we have sent  
41 out, or informed residents years ago, and then there was no follow-up. Things that we think the  
42 residents know, and are following the process and the protocol, it's just not being done. That's  
43 one of the things that she and the Village President have discussed is making sure that we start  
44 that form of communication again. And that it is more of a repetition instead of just doing it  
45 every 10-years, or every five-years. We are going to make sure that we have a Plan and a map so  
46 that it is continuous. Trustee Oliver thanked Mrs. Saenz. Village President Burke thanked Mr.  
47 McDonnell.

1 Trustee Oliver stated that in our Packet we received the Chicago Southland Festivals and Events  
2 Guide. None of the other Trustees received it. Trustee Oliver stated that we get them pretty  
3 regularly. This provides for anyone who is in a Hotel in the area a sort of what is going on from  
4 May through October. When you take a look at it, there are only two items in this whole thing  
5 that Olympia Fields is scheduled to have. One is the Park District had a Sock Hop Hustle on  
6 Mother’s Day. There is the KPMG Women’s PGA Championship. These are the only two items.  
7 Administrator Mekarski stated that there are 43-towns in the South Suburban Mayors and  
8 Managers Association. Trustee Oliver stated that all of them are listed in here with great things  
9 that they are doing. There are all kinds of activities. We are missing a golden opportunity. On his  
10 way here, he passed a sign that the Park District had for “Olympia Fields Jazz in the Park.” If we  
11 want more foot traffic in the Village, somehow, we have to get our information in here. Trustee  
12 Hudson stated the concert is the Park District.

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14 Trustee Oliver stated that the Village of Olympia Fields National Night Out Against Crime, the  
15 other Villages it is posted in here. Ours is not. The Veterans Day Celebrations around the area  
16 are posted in here. He is suggesting that we may want to find a way to get some of the things that  
17 we are doing in here. Earlier our residents were saying we aren’t doing much of anything. We  
18 are not capitalizing on those things that we are doing so we get more foot traffic.

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20 Trustee Thomas stated that those things are not free. She doesn’t see anything wrong with  
21 someone on the Staff, the Village Administrator, taking a look at those things. We also have to  
22 have things in place to put in that material that you have. She thinks it is a good idea. We will get  
23 there. We won’t get there tonight. We will get there. Maybe one of the things we could do is our  
24 Celebration of the Village. It is probably too late now. We will get there. Keep in mind, those  
25 things are not free. There is a cost.

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27 Trustee Hudson stated that we are also not listed in the IML, that booklet that you got. Trustee  
28 Pennington stated perhaps we should get listed. Trustee Hudson stated that there is a small  
29 expense. She is not sure how much it cost. You have to pay.

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31 Village President Burke stated that we are going to be looking at a whole host of things. We will  
32 keep track of the whole host of things that will help us do a better job of marketing the Village of  
33 Olympia Fields. If we are going to make this a destination we need to use as many of this outlets  
34 as possible.

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36 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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38 **Board of Trustee Liaison Assignments**

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40 **Trustee Janice Thomas – Appointment to Human Resources and Risk Management**

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42 **Trustee Kelvin Oliver – Appointment to the Educational Commission**

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44 **Trustee Bill Pennington – Appointment to Finance**

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46 Village President Burke stated that he is Appointing three new Liaison Assignments. He stated  
47 Trustee Janice Thomas will take over the Human Resources and Risk Management Committee.

1 Trustee Kelvin Oliver is going to be the Liaison for the Educational Commission. Trustee Bill  
2 Pennington is going to be the Finance Liaison.

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4 Village President Burke stated that it is 8:29 P.M. He would like to get a Motion for  
5 Adjournment.

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7 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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9 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Hudson to adjourn at 8:29 P.M.**  
10 **Voice Vote:           All Ayes   Motion Carried.**

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12 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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