

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Held on June 11, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, June 11, 2012, at the Linzey D. Jones Municipal Building and was called to order by Village President Debra Meyers-Martin at 7:00 P.M. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Administrator Mekarski/Village Clerk called the roll.

Present: Trustees – Gibson, Ormsby, Oliver, Pennington, Nale and Waite
Village President, Debra Meyers-Martin
Village Administrator/Village Clerk, David Mekarski

Absent: None.

MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Pennington to suspend with the reading of the Minutes of May 14th, 2012.

Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to approve the Minutes of May 14th, 2012, as amended.

Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL:

Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she has Bills for Approval totaling \$137,733.61. She stated that there is a Cover Memo in the Board Packet designating the more significant bills.

Trustee Gibson stated that she did have some questions but she resolved them with Naomi.

Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the payment of Bills for June 11th, 2012, in the total amount of \$137,733.61.

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Village President Meyers-Martin opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:01 P.M.

New Customer Event – Fifth Third Bank, Olympia Fields – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she just wanted to mention the Memo that the Board has regarding the New Customer Event that is scheduled for Saturday, June 16th, between 9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. at Lincoln Highway, Olympia Corners Plaza. This is a bank appreciation day that will be scheduled among many of the Fifth Third Bank branches. She stated that we are here to authorize this special event. She inquired of the Board

1 whether or not they had any questions regarding the event. She stated that it sounds like it
2 is going to be a very nice event. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we would
3 like to see some activity going on at Olympia Corners.

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5 Trustee Pennington stated that he didn't see a copy of the Insurance Certificate. He
6 presumes that they have one in place. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it is
7 her understanding after speaking with John McDonnell, that Fifth Third Bank has done
8 its due diligence in all of the things that are required. Administrator Mekarski stated that
9 he will follow-up on that. He suggested that if the Board passes the Motion that it does so
10 conditionally on that requirement. Mr. McDonnell had informed Administrator Mekarski
11 that all of the criteria were met by the Health Inspector and the inspection of the
12 structural elements of the tent, and the fire prevention elements. Administrator Mekarski
13 will verify the Certificate of Insurance.

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15 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she did verify that all of those elements were
16 in place. She stated that we will make the Motion conditional upon the verification of the
17 insurance.

18 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Ormsby to authorize upon**
19 **conditionally receiving the insurance information a Special Event Permit to Fifth**
20 **Third Bank and their agent, Classic Party Rentals, to erect four (4) frame tents and**
21 **provide food service for the general public to be held on Saturday, June 16th, 2012,**
22 **between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.**

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24 Trustee Nale inquired whether or not there was any certificate regarding wind damage.
25 Trustee Pennington stated that is the insurance.

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27 Administrator Mekarski stated that it is a requirement to have a Certificate of Insurance
28 naming the Village as an additional insured party. He stated that he is just clarifying that
29 for the record. Trustee Pennington stated that is right.

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

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32 **Software Application called "iWatch"** – Mrs. Nancy Dietz stated that she resides at
33 20342 Arcadian Drive. Mrs. Dietz inquired of the Board whether or not they were
34 familiar with a software application called "iWatch." She stated that it is a software
35 application that is being used by nearly 70-cities and towns nationwide. It would cost the
36 Village initially \$1,000.00, and then \$70.00 a month. It is free to any resident that has a
37 Smart Phone, Blackberry or Android Phone. She stated that if there is a crime in progress
38 you can pull up your app and send video or text of the crime that is occurring to dispatch.
39 You can do it from your computer also. You can send it in anonymously or with your
40 name on it.

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42 Mrs. Dietz stated that on May 31st at about 12:30 A.M. she heard someone at her door
43 turning the knob. There was a man standing there that she did not know. She stated that if
44 the software was available she could have sent it on film to dispatch. She believes that
45 this is a wonderful thing and she is hoping that the Board will consider it. She shared the
46 information with Chief Chudwin.

1 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mrs. Dietz whether or not the \$1,000.00 is a
2 set-up fee. Mrs. Dietz stated yes. Village President Meyers-Martin stated then it is \$70.00
3 a month in order to maintain the application.

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5 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Mrs. Dietz whether or not somebody approached her with
6 this. Mrs. Dietz stated that they found it in the paper.

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8 Trustee Nale inquired of Mrs. Dietz whether or not she got her locks changed. Mrs. Dietz
9 stated no. It turned out that it was a gentleman that was drunk and he thought he was at
10 his home. The police are familiar with the gentleman.

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12 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we are sorry you had to experience that, but
13 the Village will look into this iWatch to see how it could possibly benefit all of the
14 residents. She stated that it sounds like a great idea.

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16 **Concerns of the Suburban Woods Homeowners Association** – Mr. Max Geldean
17 stated that he resides at 20808 Greenwood Drive. He has resided in the Village for 36
18 years. Mr. Geldean stated that he is here this evening representing the Suburban Woods
19 Homeowners Association. He has been the secretary for the last three or four-years. He
20 stated that they are having a meeting tomorrow night.

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22 Mr. Geldean stated that one resident is concerned about the number of trees that she sees
23 in the parkway that are dying and at private residences. She was wondering if there was a
24 master plan to remove those trees.

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26 Mr. Geldean stated that another resident lives on the corner of Thornwood and
27 Greenwood. The resident informed Mr. Geldean that people get around that curve going
28 north or going down the hill, and they always speed. Mr. Geldean stated that he couldn't
29 speak to that because he lives at the bottom of the hill. Mr. Geldean suggested having
30 extra squad cars there. The resident suggested a speed bump to Mr. Geldean.

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32 Trustee Ormsby stated that the trees are the Ash Trees. They have a borer. She stated that
33 the Emerald Ash Borer has attacked the Village just like it has many others. They do
34 have a plan. They have to come down. She has money in her Budget. Public Works has
35 money in their Budget. Building has money in their Budget. She stated that it won't begin
36 to touch the amount of trees because there are so many Ash Trees. She stated that if the
37 trees have any green on them at all, and if they are still leafing, they are going to leave
38 those. The ones that are completely gone they are going to take first. The cost is about
39 \$2,000.00 a tree. They have three vendors that they use all of the time. They try to get the
40 best price possible. Wysteria has about 90 Ash Trees in their subdivision. There are about
41 500 Ash Trees throughout the Village. They are trying to remove the ones that are
42 completely dead and the ones that appear to be the most dangerous first. Trustee Ormsby
43 stated that she walks in Suburban Woods, and there is a common area in Suburban
44 Woods that has an Ash Tree that looks like it was struck by lightning. She asked Mr.
45 Geldean to call Public Works and let them know so that they can take a look at it. She
46 believes that is probably dangerous because it is in the common area.

1 Mr. Geldean inquired of Trustee Ormsby that if a tree is at a private residence, the
2 resident has to pay the cost to have the tree removed. Trustee Ormsby stated yes.

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4 Trustee Ormsby stated that in Homewood the Village takes them down and then the
5 Village lien's the house because people weren't taking the trees down because it is so
6 expensive. She stated that we are trying very hard not to do that. She stated that once the
7 leaves are off the trees they are very dangerous because the borer has been inside of
8 them. They become brittle. She stated that the trees have to come down. It is just a big
9 expense. She stated that if anyone has a question about a tree, they just have to call the
10 Village and provide the address and someone will come out and take a look at it.

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12 Trustee Nale stated that there is a tree in Spirit Park that is dead. She called the Park
13 District twice about that. They are supposed to return the call but so far they have not.

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15 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mr. Geldean of the parameters where the
16 resident has seen the speeding or is concerned about the speeding. Mr. Geldean stated
17 that Bob Berresford lives on Thornwood. Mr. Berresford hears the cars. As soon as they
18 get around going north on Thornwood they speed up, or they turn the other way and
19 come down and go east on Greenwood and they are speeding down there. Mr. Geldean
20 stated that he hasn't seen too many speeders there. Mr. Geldean stated that Mr.
21 Berresford spoke with a couple police officers about the speeders in that area.

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23 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that in the past when there have been concerns
24 about speeding, we always take that information to Chief Chudwin and ask that they
25 make a more concerted effort to patrol that area. She is going to ask Trustee Gibson to
26 talk to Chief Chudwin and see if we can do some focusing on that area. Mr. Geldean
27 thanked Village President Meyers-Martin. There were no other members of the public
28 that wished to address the Board. Village President Meyers-Martin closed
29 Communications and Petitions at 7:14 P.M.

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31 **FINANCE:**

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33 **April 2012 Financial Statements – Corporate Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that
34 he will be reporting tonight on the Village's financial position ending April 30th, 2012.
35 This also represents the closing report for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year. Trustee Pennington
36 stated that beginning with the Corporate Fund, the Village closed the month of April in
37 surplus status. Actual fund revenue was favorable to Budget Projections by \$595,374.05,
38 or 58% of Plan. The Village's Plan Revenue Budget for April was \$1,022,315.68. The
39 Village's actual realized revenue for this period was \$426,941.63. In reviewing the
40 Village's core revenue generators: Sales Tax Revenue was favorable to Budget Plan by
41 29%. The Village's April Budget Figure for Sales Tax was \$58,333.33. The Village's
42 actual realized amount was \$41,136.46. State Income Tax Revenue was favorable to
43 Budget Projections by 27%. The Village's Plan Budget Figure in this line item was
44 \$35,416.66. The Village's actual realized revenue was \$25,836.73. Real Estate Tax
45 Revenue in April was also favorable to Budget. The Village's April Budget Figure was
46 \$64,008.00. The Village realized \$26,887.05, or 58% of the Plan. Local Use Tax

1 exceeded Budget Projections by 14%. Trustee Pennington stated that \$5,000.00 was
2 budgeted. The Village's actual was \$5,789.78. Utility Tax Revenue was favorable to
3 April Budget Projections by 17%. The Village's Budget for this line item was set at
4 \$34,416.66. The Village realized \$28,553.34 in revenue. All other Revenue Line Items
5 met targeted projections. Corporate Fund Expense actual was favorable to Budget
6 Projections by \$605,203.13, or 61% of Plan. The Village's Plan Expense Budget for
7 April was set at \$993,253.63. The Village's actual incurred expense in this fund was
8 \$388,050.50. He stated when comparing total revenue incurred with total expense
9 incurred; the Village realized a total fund surplus of \$38,891.13, or 9% of revenue to
10 expense. The Village's Fiscal Year to date actual plus encumbrance in the Corporate
11 Fund is a deficit, \$278,515.56. The factors contributing to this deficit are as follows: The
12 Village's Sales Tax Revenue for the year was down \$80,000.00. The Village's Real
13 Estate Tax Revenue was down by \$100,000.00. The Village's State Income Tax Revenue
14 was down by \$75,000.00.

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16 Trustee Pennington stated that the cost incurred in underwriting the cost of the Forensic
17 Audit and the implementation of the internal controls initiative that the Village
18 implemented also added to the deficit. These costs amounted to \$66,626.00. Trustee
19 Pennington stated that it is important to point out that in preparing the 2012-2013 Budget;
20 the Village had projected a budget deficit in the Corporate Fund of \$346,000.00 for
21 year-end 2012. He stated that it just so happens that we came in a little bit better in this
22 last month.

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24 **Water Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that with respect to the Water Fund, the Village
25 budgeted for and closed April in deficit status. The Village's Revenue Budget for April
26 was favorable to Budget Projections by \$38,229.16, or 32% of Plan. April's Revenue
27 Budget in this fund was set at \$119,132.16. The Village realized actual water revenue of
28 \$80,903.00. Expenses in the Water Fund were favorable to Budget Projections by
29 \$584,291.96, or 83% of Plan. The Village's Expense Budget Projections was
30 \$703,127.38. The Village's realized expense was \$118,835.42. Trustee Pennington stated
31 that when comparing the actual total fund revenue with actual total fund expense, the
32 Village closed the month of April in a deficit \$37,932.42. The Fiscal Year to date actual
33 plus encumbrance in the Water Fund remains in surplus status at \$665,868.44.

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35 **Sewer Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that with respect to the Sewer Fund, the Village
36 budgeted for and closed the month of April in surplus status in this fund. The Village's
37 Projected Revenue Budget was \$568,972.75, and projected expenses of \$267,182.05.
38 This resulted in a Projected Total Fund Surplus of \$301,790.70, or 53% of Plan. The
39 Village's actual realized revenue was within Budget Projections by 8%. The Village's
40 actual realized revenue in the Sewer Fund for April was \$54,007.43 as compared to the
41 budget figure of \$568,972.75. Actual expenses were within Budget Plan by 81%. Actual
42 fund expense incurred was \$49,730.60 as compared to the Budget Sum of \$267,182.05.
43 This resulted in a total fund surplus of \$4,276.83. The Village's Fiscal Year to date actual
44 plus encumbrance in the Sewer Fund for the month of April is a deficit \$238,951.48.

1 **BUILDING:**

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3 **Monument Design for the 911 Memorial – Twin Towers/World Trade Center –**
4 Trustee Ormsby stated that we had a wonderful piece of the Twin Towers at our
5 ceremony last year. Trustee Ormsby took it to TTS Granite. They are going to fabricate a
6 monument so that it can be permanently displayed in the lobby. It is going to be in
7 granite. The cost to do that will come out of the Customs Money. The first bid came in at
8 \$7,000.00. She only wanted to spend \$5,000.00. The Chief thought that would be
9 reasonable. TTS Granite stated that they would donate the additional \$2,000.00. She is
10 not sure what the wording will be that will be etched on the front of it. Trustee Ormsby is
11 going to meet with Trustee Gibson, Chief Chudwin, and Deputy Chief Kickert. She
12 believes that a plaque will be attached describing what it is. The actual wording has not
13 been decided yet. The piece has been at TTS Granite for many months and TTS Granite
14 would like to get started on the project. She met with Chief Chudwin a couple weeks ago
15 and he told her to go forward with it. She stated that what is depicted is not a very good
16 likeness of what it will actually look like. She stated that it is black, dark granite. She
17 stated that the I-Beam is very rough and very scratchy. TTS Granite is going to polish it.
18 They want people to be able to touch the I-Beam. They are going to polish it so that
19 people can't get cut. People will be able to walk up to it, look at it, read about it, and
20 touch it. Trustee Ormsby stated that we are very honored to have this piece in our
21 Village.

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23 Trustee Pennington inquired of Trustee Ormsby whether or not we really want to polish
24 the I-Beam. He stated that is the actual beam from one of the Twin Towers. He believes
25 that to polish it or to take some of the roughness out of it would be denigrating it.

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27 Trustee Ormsby stated that it is so sharp that you would cut yourself on it. The other
28 option is to enclose it and then people can't touch it. She stated that it would go inside
29 Lucite. She stated that if that is what the Board wants we can do that. She stated that
30 when you see it, it is pretty moving. She agrees with Trustee Pennington that we would
31 be altering it. Trustee Ormsby stated that they would polish it ever so slightly so that it is
32 not so dangerous. She is fine with whatever the decision of the Board is. She stated that it
33 will add to the cost to enclose it.

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35 Trustee Pennington inquired of Trustee Ormsby if it would be inside or outside of Village
36 Hall. Trustee Ormsby stated that it would be in the lobby. Trustee Pennington inquired of
37 Trustee Ormsby whether or not she knew what the added cost would be to enclose it.
38 Trustee Ormsby stated that she did not know but that she would find out. She stated that
39 if the Board is okay with this cost, TTS can start on it. The very last thing will be putting
40 the I-Beam in place.

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42 Administrator Mekarski stated that since we are financing this with the Asset Forfeiture
43 Account and that is dedicated for Public Safety purposes, they are going to try to come up
44 with a saying on the plaque that recognizes the first responders, the fire and police.

1 Trustee Ormsby believes that is important and that is what they want to do. The plaque
2 will be attached afterwards. Something will be etched in the stone. The etching is very
3 expensive to do. She doesn't know if it will say "We remember 9-11," or "Remembering
4 9-11."

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6 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Ormsby what the process is in order
7 to choose what will be written on the stone. She stated that hopefully it will be brought
8 back to the Board so that the Board knows what it is before it is actually done. Trustee
9 Ormsby stated that everybody can have input in that too.

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11 Trustee Waite stated that we could have a contest among the school children to write an
12 epitaph honoring the fallen heroes.

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14 Trustee Ormsby stated that the piece came to the Chief. The Chief made arrangements to
15 get it and he wants to be a part of the wording. She stated that she can't get to those
16 school children until the fall. She stated that it would be project that the teachers would
17 have to monitor. She stated that she would meet with Trustee Gibson, Chief Chudwin and
18 Deputy Chief Kickert on the wording and then she will bring it back to the Board.

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20 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Ormsby what the timeline is.
21 Trustee Ormsby stated that she didn't know. She stated that if she can meet with Trustee
22 Gibson, Chief Chudwin and Deputy Chief Kickert this week, she might be able to bring
23 something back to the Board at the next Board Meeting. TTS is very anxious to get
24 started on this. It is protected in one of their offices and they don't like it up there. They
25 don't want anything to happen to it. She stated that if I have approval to do this, then we
26 will work on the wording. She could e-mail the wording to the Board.

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28 Trustee Gibson stated that we have talked to some extent on what the wording will be
29 when we were preparing for the dedication, and she doesn't think that it will be a big
30 problem. They would like to share what the wording is with the Board and get their
31 opinion.

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33 Trustee Ormsby stated that she would e-mail everybody the wording that they come up
34 with. Trustee Ormsby inquired of the Board whether or not they wanted her to get pricing
35 on encasing it, or does the Board want to be able to touch it.

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37 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired where that would come in the entire project.
38 She thought that it would be at the very end. Trustee Ormsby stated that it would be at the
39 end. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we could go ahead and get it started by
40 approving the Motion. She stated that we are going to do it regardless. It is just a question
41 of whether or not it will be put in Plexiglas or not.

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43 Trustee Ormsby stated that when they do polish it, it is ever, ever, so slight. But she
44 agrees with Trustee Pennington that it is touching it. They have diamond polishers. But
45 she agrees that we have the actual untouched piece and we would be touching it.

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1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that when the Chief brought that to our memorial,
2 he had suggested something where it wasn't completely enclosed, and you could put your
3 hand in and touch it. She doesn't know if that makes any difference in terms of safety or
4 not.

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6 Trustee Ormsby stated that if people put their hands in there and they get their
7 fingerprints on it, she wouldn't be able to get the Plexiglas clean again.

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9 Trustee Gibson stated that when we got it, all of us touched it, and you just felt a chill in
10 your body. It felt unusual.

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12 Trustee Ormsby stated that when she looks at it, it is a very moving thing. It will be a
13 wonderful thing to have in our lobby.

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15 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she thought the Board should go ahead with
16 the Motion and approve it, and amend it so that it leaves the opportunity to discuss the
17 additional cost involved with the Plexiglas enclosure.

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19 Trustee Gibson stated or we could decide if it is everyone's opinion that it should be in
20 Plexiglas.

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22 Trustee Waite suggested approving the Motion and then let the group decide. Village
23 President Meyers-Martin stated that is right because that is the end of the process.

24 **Motion by Trustee Ormsby, second by Trustee Gibson to authorize the expenditure**
25 **of an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 from the Village's Asset Seizure Account to**
26 **construct a permanent mounting with granite surround for the proposed 9-11**
27 **Memorial, paying tribute to the fallen First Responders who surrendered their lives**
28 **on September 11, 2001.**

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

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31 **Ash Trees** – Trustee Ormsby stated that she is going to ask Joe Alexa to start tallying and
32 locating where the Ash Trees are coming down. She stated that there are so many of them
33 especially this year. She stated that the trees that were pretty healthy last year are now
34 half-living. She stated that we will keep a count, a tally, and the location. She will
35 provide that information to the Board.

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37 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Ormsby if she could speak as to the
38 number of Ash Trees in Wysteria. She stated that came up at a Homeowners Association
39 Meeting in terms of what that plan is going to look like in terms of those trees coming
40 down, how quickly and how many.

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42 Trustee Gibson stated that they had the arborist come into Wysteria to check all of the
43 trees. He tagged the ones that were serious enough that he thought were near homes and
44 in a storm may blow over. They were too dead to save. He tagged the others in a different
45 way that could be left for now. There are about 98 Ash Trees in the subdivision. Most of
46 them are on the townhome side. The other developer on the west side did not put in as

1 many as the original developer of Wysteria. They have already started taking down the
2 most dangerous trees. The landscaper that does all of the work in Wysteria is supervising
3 it. They have had 14 trees removed so far. It is a cost to the Wysteria residents.

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5 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it is very sad. Trustee Ormsby stated that
6 with the Tree Program, instead of giving the residents the ability to split the cost for the
7 tree where the Village pays 50% and the resident pays 50%, those will go to subdivisions.
8 She stated that she has a very small Budget for that. It will be first come first serve. A
9 letter will be sent out this week to the Homeowners Associations if they want to apply. It
10 will probably buy five or six-trees. She stated that it is a start to replace the ones that have
11 to come down.

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13 Trustee Ormsby stated that the only positive thing is that there is a lot of overplanting of
14 trees in the Village. She stated that with some of the trees coming down it is almost like a
15 good forestry thing in some locations which are too crowded, too tight. She stated that
16 there are so many Ash Trees in Bicentennial Park, that if they all came down you would
17 notice that they were down because there are so many of them.

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19 **PLANNING:**

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21 **Olympia Fields Educational Commission Update** - Trustee Oliver stated that at the last
22 meeting he indicated that he would provide the Board with the names of the South
23 Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium. He wanted to clarify that tonight. It is a
24 unique partnership of twelve higher education institutions. He stated that five of them are
25 public, which include Joliet Junior College, Kankakee Community College, Moraine
26 Valley Community College, Prairie State College, and South Suburban College. There is
27 one private, for-profit two-year college which is Northwestern College. There is one
28 public university which is Governors State University. There are also five private
29 universities; three of them are Catholic, Lewis University, St. Xavier University and the
30 University of St. Francis. There is one private, for-profit university which is DeVry
31 University. There is one research university which is in Chicago, the Illinois Institute of
32 Technology.

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34 Trustee Oliver stated that the Educational Commission met on June 5th. The Educational
35 Commission will be going into summer recess for the months of July and August. Due to
36 the commitment of many of the subcommittees, the subcommittees will be meeting
37 throughout the summer. One of the items that they will be pursuing very vigorously is
38 working on articles for the Villager and for a separate newsletter describing what the
39 Educational Commission is all about, how it was formed and the accomplishments of the
40 Commission since its inception. This will provide the community with more details in
41 terms of what it is that the Educational Commission does and what it is attempting to do.

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43 Trustee Oliver stated that the Career and College Readiness Subcommittee will be
44 working over the summer. Other members of the Educational Commission will be
45 assisting the subcommittee in whatever capacity they are needed. The Board is aware of
46 the big event that will be held on September 15th. The National College Fair at Navy Pier

1 will be held near the end of September. The Commission will be working throughout the
2 summer to make sure that that is a successful program.

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4 Trustee Oliver stated that the Mini Grant Subcommittee will be meeting over the summer
5 to prepare the letters to go out to the Superintendents in August for the Mini Grant
6 Program for the 2012 School Year. The subcommittee is awaiting the feedback from last
7 year's award recipients. The Commission will have a report in terms of what the impact
8 of those Mini Grants was for the schools and the community.

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10 Trustee Pennington stated that it appears that the Mini Grant Program is very successful.
11 He stated that we don't know how successful it is because we have not received that
12 report. Trustee Pennington inquired of Trustee Oliver whether or not the report is being
13 delayed by the recipients of the Mini Grants. He inquired whether or not there is a way
14 that the Commission can get the information from the recipients so that the Board can
15 know exactly how successful the Mini Grant Program was.

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17 Administrator Mekarski stated that the reports are coming in. They are coming in on a
18 timely basis. The subcommittee is beginning to analyze them. He is receiving two or
19 three reports every week.

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21 Trustee Pennington stated that if you are getting two to three a week, and there were ten,
22 it seems you would have at least ten by now. Administrator Mekarski stated that they
23 might be all in. The subcommittee is reviewing them. Everything is on schedule. Trustee
24 Pennington inquired of Administrator Mekarski how he knows that everything is on
25 schedule. Administrator Mekarski stated that those evaluations were not expected to be in
26 until their programs were finished and the teachers performed their evaluation. It was at
27 the end of the school year. He stated that as we were approaching graduation, they met
28 their commitments by the Grant in reporting those to the department. They have been
29 forwarded to Reginald Ford. He is working with the subcommittee to begin analyzing
30 those.

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32 Trustee Pennington inquired of Trustee Oliver when he anticipates the Board receiving
33 the final report. Trustee Oliver stated that we can't speak to that with some certainty. He
34 assured Trustee Pennington and the Board that they will receive the report as quickly as
35 possible. Trustee Pennington inquired whether or not that will include the Educational
36 Commission's Annual Report to the Board. Trustee Oliver stated that is due in January.
37 Trustee Pennington stated that the Commission missed one. Trustee Oliver stated that in
38 order to attend to the Annual Report for 2013 which will be on schedule, the Commission
39 is going to be doing a series of reports for the Board and the community stating what the
40 Commission is and what it is doing. It will state the challenges and what the Commission
41 has been successful in accomplishing so that people know exactly what the charge is for
42 the Educational Commission. They will outline the accomplishments of the Commission
43 for this particular year. It won't be a one-time comprehensive report. It will be a series of
44 reports leading to the Annual Report which will be due in January.

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1 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Educational Commission is talking about doing a
2 special newsletter utilizing some of the printing and publication funds to take a
3 condensed format of those findings and share them with the general public on behalf of
4 the Village President, the Board and the Educational Commission.

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6 Trustee Pennington stated that he appreciates that, but it does not speak to the Ordinance
7 that is in place with respect to the Educational Commission. That is the only thing that he
8 is speaking of. He stated that he will anticipate receiving the reports.

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10 Trustee Gibson inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not there is any specific
11 date as to when those reports are suppose to be in, or are you looking for them to be in to
12 the Educational Commission before awarding other Mini Grants.

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14 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Commission is about to launch another Mini
15 Grant series which is expected in September or October. Trustee Gibson inquired
16 whether or not in the Ordinance there is a specific date as to when the report on the Mini
17 Grants should be done. Administrator Mekarski stated no. Trustee Oliver stated that it
18 will be attended to as part of the Annual Report which is part of the Ordinance, which is
19 due in January. Administrator Mekarski stated that we want to get an evaluation of the
20 Mini Grants prior to putting out the second call. He stated that they have more than
21 adequate time to do that.

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23 Trustee Pennington stated that he would certainly hope that would be the case that the
24 Commission would not initiate a second phase of the Mini Grants without first
25 understanding how the first phase went. Administrator Mekarski stated that is the whole
26 point of putting an evaluation component in the rubric that was passed out to all of the
27 instructors.

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29 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Commission is on schedule in terms of
30 getting the evaluations about the previous Mini Grants. Administrator Mekarski stated
31 that is correct. She inquired of Administrator Mekarski when he estimates that the
32 Commission will have all of them. Administrator Mekarski stated that the subcommittee
33 will be meeting over the summer and they will evaluate those. They will probably
34 provide that report to the Board at the first meeting in September. They will share those
35 with the Board prior to putting out a second call for the Mini Grants. Village President
36 Meyers-Martin stated that she was just looking for the timeline.

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38 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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40 **East Water Tower** – Trustee Waite stated that the painting on the inside of the east
41 water tower is completed. There is water in it. It needs to be chlorinated. He stated that
42 everything should be back online with the east water tower within seven to 10-days.

43
44 **Sanitary Laterals in the Graymoor Subdivision** – Trustee Waite stated that Public
45 Works is still working on the Sanitary Laterals in the Graymoor Subdivision. There are
46 approximately 140 laterals. They are in the process of inspecting them so that the Village

1 can come up with a conclusion as to how many laterals there might be around the Village
2 that might need to be worked on for leakage. He doesn't have a timeframe on when that
3 will be completed but he is sure that it will be as soon as possible.
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5 **Sewer Problem on Cumberland** – Trustee Waite stated that there was sewer blockage
6 and back up on Cumberland. It was in the public right-of-way area where it is the
7 Village's responsibility to take care of that. There was some sewage that backed up into
8 one of the homes. It has been cleaned up, disinfected, and taken care of to the
9 homeowner's satisfaction. He stated that for some reason a PVC Pipe had broken. He
10 stated that's a little disturbing because that shouldn't happen inside of 50-years. The
11 Village is going to try to determine what might have happened there.
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13 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she was out there last night with Public
14 Works. She stated that this is where the same thing happened previously with very
15 serious results. She is glad that Public Works was able to step in and prevent having a
16 full-blown problem with that particular line.
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18 Trustee Waite stated that they attacked the problem very aggressively. They didn't want
19 to have a recurrence. Administrator Mekarski stated that it is a PVC Truss Pipe that
20 actually separated in one of the joints. Administrator Mekarski stated that Mr. Alexa
21 thought it was a possibility that when that line was constructed that they didn't do the
22 proper back fill or compaction, and you are getting some irregular settling and shifting of
23 the pipe causing a separation at the seam. Trustee Waite stated that there is the possibility
24 that the adhesive wasn't properly applied. Administrator Mekarski stated correct. Trustee
25 Waite stated that they got right on top of it.
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27 **Respond Now 5K Run** – Trustee Waite stated that he didn't have a report. He inquired
28 whether or not anyone on the Board attended the 5K Run that was held on June 9th.
29 Trustee Oliver stated that it was very nice. Trustee Waite stated that he received a lot of
30 anecdotal feedback from the runners. There were about 150 that participated in the event.
31 Trustee Oliver stated that it was very well attended. Trustee Waite stated that everyone
32 that he talked to said it was very well setup. There were a lot of hydrating places. They
33 were very appreciative of the way that it was handled. Respond Now did raise as much as
34 they had projected that they would raise in the way of contributions.
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36 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Trustee Waite how much was raised. Trustee Waite stated
37 that he didn't know. He stated that Respond Now will come before the Board and present
38 their report.
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40 Trustee Oliver stated that he is hoping that it becomes an annual event. Trustee Waite
41 stated that Respond Now has decided that it will be an Annual Event. He stated that it can
42 do nothing but grow as an event.
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1 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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3 **Executive Safety Committee** – Trustee Nale stated that the Executive Safety Committee
4 met on May 10th. She stated that we had a very poor showing at that meeting. She sent an
5 e-mail to the various departments requesting a list of safety tapes that the employees
6 would like to take part in for this upcoming Fiscal Year. Trustee Nale will report on those
7 responses at the next Board Meeting on June 25th.

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9 Trustee Nale stated that IRMA sent Brian Markendorf, an intern representing IRMA to
10 aid the Village in writing some very, very complicated policies. The policies are in the
11 Board Packet. She requested that the Board review the policies and if there are any
12 questions the Board may contact her or Cindy Saenz and they will try to answer the
13 questions. There was no charge to the Village for having the intern come to assist the
14 Village in writing the policies. Trustee Nale stated that when IRMA visited the Village in
15 November of 2011, the Village had a 69% compliance rate. The next visit by IRMA is
16 scheduled in 2013. At that time, the Village hopes to have an 80% compliance rate.

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18 **Human Resource Committee** – Trustee Nale stated that the Human Resource
19 Committee met on May 21st. The review of the Employee Personnel Manual will be
20 completed by their next meeting which will be held on June 18th. After their meeting in
21 June, the Human Resource Committee will be taking a summer recess until September.
22 The Committee in general has wanted to develop some sort of festival that they could
23 have for the Village in the fall or the winter in place of their Christmas Sing-along. She
24 asked the Committee Members to contact the various Villages in the area to see if they
25 could get some suggestions and to bring those suggestions to the next meeting. They have
26 tossed around various ideas already. Trustee Nale stated that as she gets further
27 information from the Committee she would like to meet with Administrator Mekarski to
28 see if we can get something going.

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30 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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32 **General Report from the Police Department** - Trustee Gibson stated that in the
33 General Report from the Police Department very little crime has occurred in the Village
34 within the last couple of weeks, which is good. They had some minor problems related to
35 graduation parties. The police had to step in and kind of dismantle parties at two or three
36 homes in The Trails Subdivision. There were just too many kids at too many places, and
37 they were disturbing the people around them.

38
39 **Ordinance #2012-11 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17, Article II, “Police**
40 **Department,” of the Olympia Fields Village Code by adding New Section 17-19,**
41 **“Part-Time Police Officers” thereto (First Reading)** – Trustee Gibson stated that the
42 major thing she had to report on is Ordinance #2012-11 - An Ordinance Amending
43 Chapter 17, Article II, “Police Department,” of the Olympia Fields Village Code by
44 adding a New Section 17-19, “Part-Time Police Officers” Trustee Gibson stated that this
45 came about because the Illinois State Police Training Board sent Chief Chudwin a letter
46 informing him that the Village was in noncompliance with a statutory requirement

1 authorizing the use of part-time officers. The part-time training requirement came into
2 effect on January 1st, 1996. She stated that for some reason it was dropped through the
3 cracks and the Village had not done anything about it. The Village contacted the
4 Village's attorney and the attorney prepared an Ordinance so that the Village would be in
5 compliance with hiring part-time officers in all of the requirements and the standards
6 according to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. The Ordinance
7 is in the Board Packet.

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9 Administrator Mekarski stated that he passed out copies of the two letters that he
10 received. The Chief did receive this information in writing. Administrator Mekarski
11 obtained the two copies directly from the State Police. One was sent to the Village on
12 February 9th, and the second one was sent on May 1st. Village President Meyers-Martin
13 and Administrator Mekarski were made aware of this after the May 1st letter. The
14 Ordinance models the Ordinance given by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and
15 Standards Board along with some models from other communities. It does indicate some
16 strong standards for the hiring of part-time officers. He stated that for the first time it
17 really formally involves the consent of the Public Safety Committee in the appointment.
18 The Village Administrator can seek counsel from the Police Chief, the Village President,
19 and the Board of Trustees. Once it is handed down to the Public Safety Committee, the
20 Public Safety Committee would have to hold a meeting and grant its consent.

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22 Administrator Mekarski stated that it does allow for the process of where this Board may
23 want to evolve to the future which is in Section 1, paragraph (b) under "Hiring
24 Standards," if you go to Paragraph "3" and Roman Numeral "(vi)" it states as follows:
25 "Be able to pass a background investigation and any other examinations, including a
26 psychological and/or physical examination, including drug screening, the Village may
27 require." He stated that if the Village evolves to a full-blown recruitment process for our
28 full-time and part-time, it includes a written test, an oral test, physiological exams,
29 background exams and Polygraph testing which is the standard for most Police
30 Commissions or Recruitment Boards. The paragraph allows for the development of that
31 without modifying the Ordinance. The Village just has to make it part of the Standard
32 Operating Procedure or part of the Personnel Manual.

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34 Trustee Gibson stated that most Villages have a Police Commission. The Village uses the
35 Public Safety Committee as its Police Commission. She stated that they have some able-
36 bodied persons that have been in law enforcement on that Commission so it works well.
37 She stated that we just have to be certain that is the process we use with the Police
38 Commission and that we go through the particular Rules and Regulations of the
39 Ordinance.

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41 Trustee Ormsby stated the Village went 16-years without this. She inquired how, all of a
42 sudden, did it come to the Chief's attention. Administrator Mekarski stated that it came to
43 the Chief by correspondence in February. There was a second letter in more detail on
44 May 1st.

1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that was something that I think we had planned
2 on discussing in our Executive Session as it relates to this letter. Village President
3 Meyers-Martin stated that in the Memo the Village Attorney speaks to the final draft
4 which includes revisions to Section 17-19, but then in the actual Ordinance Judy says that
5 she is adding a new Section 17-19. She is wondering if the new Section 17-19 relates
6 strictly to part-time officers. On the second page the attorney states that “This is a revised
7 Section 17-9,” which the Village President was unable to find. It is reserved.

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9 Administrator Mekarski stated that there is no 17-9. It is a misprint. Trustee Gibson stated
10 that she noticed that too and then she realized it was a typographical error.

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12 Trustee Waite stated that in reading the two letters you could probably say
13 “noncompliance,” but it seems a little strong. He stated that a lot of these things are
14 already in our hiring procedures and manual. Trustee Gibson stated that it isn’t the point
15 of following our procedure. It is the point that we don’t have an Ordinance stating it.
16 Trustee Waite stated precisely about the part-timers. Trustee Gibson stated yes. Trustee
17 Waite stated that if we are applying the same standards and so forth to the part-timers that
18 we are applying to the full-timers, he believes that they are being covered. He stated that
19 is how you would go 16-years without anybody every bringing it up.

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21 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that our plan is to discuss that in Executive
22 Session as it relates to the Ordinance, and any of the fallout related to the timing of the
23 letters.

24 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to waive First Reading**
25 **and adopt in Second Reading Ordinance #2012-11 – An Ordinance amending**
26 **Chapter 17, Article II, “Police Department,” of the Olympia Fields Village Code by**
27 **adding new Section 17-19, “Part-time Police Officers” thereto.**

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

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30 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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32 **Illinois Department of Transportation’s Traffic Enhancement Program (ITEP) –**
33 **Support for Joint Application with the Villages of Park Forest & Matteson to**
34 **request funding to implement the Streetscape Improvement Project Proposed for**
35 **the 211th Street Metra Station Transit Oriented Development Plan (TOD), and the**
36 **current 211th Street TOD Implementation Study –** Administrator Mekarski stated that
37 the first item is a Resolution on the two elements on the Agenda dealing with the Illinois
38 Department of Transportation Traffic Enhancement Program (ITEP) and Resolution
39 #2012-09 are part and parcel of the same item. The Village received an e-mail from Tom
40 Mick, Village Manager of Park Forest requesting that the Village of Olympia Fields
41 support their Resolution for ITEP funds in the amount of \$2,205,500.00 to do the
42 pedestrian improvements and streetscape program for Lincoln Highway all along the
43 TOD Corridor. He stated that a number of our Trustees have been serving on various
44 planning committees. Administrator Mekarski included the narrative that has been
45 submitted to D.C. for earmarks. It gives a short synopsis of the project. It’s designed to
46 provide a boulevard along that section of Lincoln Highway, enhance signage, pedestrian

1 linkage, street lighting, and beautification. It is an announcement to our retail corridor
2 east and west of the station.

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4 Administrator Mekarski stated that Park Forest is not asking for a legal commitment now,
5 but your resolution of intent that if they do receive support for this Grant of
6 \$2,205,000.00 that the three communities, Matteson, Olympia Fields and Park Forest
7 would share in the match. The match is \$559,900.00. The Village's share would be
8 \$186,634.00. The Resolution expresses the Village's support, "NOW, THEREFORE, BE
9 IT RESOLVED by the Village President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of
10 Olympia Fields, Cook County, Illinois that it supports the Village of Park Forest's
11 application on behalf of the Villages of Park Forest, Matteson and Olympia Fields for
12 ITEP Funding." He stated that this is not a legal commitment of funds. He stated that if
13 the Grant is awarded the Village would be given a Grant Agreement. The Board would
14 have to deliberate on where the funds would be identified. He stated that if the
15 communities were offered a Grant of \$2,000,000.00, a \$200,000.00 match might be
16 something that the Village could incorporate into its Road Program. He stated that it
17 would go a long way to be a beautiful enhancement for the Village, as well as an
18 announcement for our economic corridor.

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20 Trustee Nale inquired whether or not the \$186,000.00 is the correct amount for each
21 Village. She inquired whether or not that is the definite amount. Administrator Mekarski
22 stated that 80% is the project and there is a 20% match. He stated that \$186,633.33 is the
23 amount.

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25 **Resolution #2012-09 – Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Local**
26 **Assurance Resolution for U.S. Route 30 Streetscape Improvement Project –**
27 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to approve Resolution**
28 **#2012-09 – Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Local Assurance**
29 **Resolution for the U.S. Route 30 Streetscape Improvement Project; and support the**
30 **Village of Park Forest's Formal Grant Application to ITEP, in the amount of**
31 **\$2,205,500.00 which requires a total project match of \$559,900.00 to which Olympia**
32 **Fields would share one-third of the match responsibilities, representing an amount**
33 **of \$186,634.00.**

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35 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Administrator Mekarski what happens to the Grant if we
36 agree to this and it comes back that the Village has to come up with \$186,000.00 and the
37 Village decides we can't do that.

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39 Administrator Mekarski stated that Matteson and Park Forest would have to come up
40 with the remaining match or we would have to return the Grant.

41
42 Trustee Pennington stated that Matteson has such a small part in that corridor location.
43 He stated that it seems questionable to him that they would agree to a match.

44
45 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not
46 Matteson is passing a similar Resolution. Administrator Mekarski stated that they are

1 being requested to do that. It was sent to him. He isn't sure if it has gone to the governing
2 authority of Matteson yet.

3 **Roll Call: Ayes (6-0)**

Motion Carried.

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5 **Information Only: Report of Special Adhoc Committee on Electrical Aggregation –**
6 **An Agreement by and between the Village of Olympia Fields and First Energy**
7 **Solutions Corp. to provide full-requirements electricity supply and related services**
8 **for the Village's Electric Aggregation Program** – Administrator Mekarski stated that
9 this Board had adopted a Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to participate in the
10 bidding process for electrical aggregation that the residents voted for overwhelmingly at
11 the last Referendum. The Board appointed a Special Adhoc Committee to work with the
12 Village Administrator's Office in reviewing all of the bid specifications, bid
13 requirements, and the documents received from all of the competing electrical suppliers.
14 The Special Adhoc Committee consisted of Trustee Bob Waite and Trustee Bill
15 Pennington. The Committee met with Administrator Mekarski and received bids that
16 were solicited by NIMEC. All of the bid material is included in the Board Packet.

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18 Administrator Mekarski stated that the committee met for about four-hours. There were
19 subsequent conference calls to go over and refine the final recommendation. The
20 committee made a decision to accept a bid from First Energy, which would be 4.98 cents
21 per kilowatt hour as compared to the ComEd rate of 8.5 cents. That represents a savings
22 to the Village's taxpayers if they want to join in the Municipal Aggregation Program of
23 41% on their electrical bill. Each and every resident on average will be saving \$454.00
24 annually. He stated that everyone has been solicited by multiple companies and they have
25 been offered anywhere from a 10% to a 20% savings. There would be a two-year contract
26 with First Energy. He stated that \$40,000.00 would be returned to this governing
27 authority to its General Fund. The Village is waiting for the contract to come in. They
28 have authorization to sign it. The Special Adhoc Committee gave its blessing on it so it
29 does not have to come back before the Board. The Village bid with Flossmoor. Their
30 contract has already been signed. As soon as the Village executes the contract, the
31 residents will be getting a letter giving them the option to opt-in or opt-out. He stated that
32 if you want to opt-out of the program and stay with ComEd, then just check opt-out on
33 the letter.

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35 Trustee Waite inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not someone could opt-in
36 or opt-out if they already signed a two or three-year contract with another electrical
37 provider. Administrator Mekarski stated that they would have to look at their contract to
38 see if there are any penalties associated with that.

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40 Administrator Mekarski stated that it was very wise to have the two gentlemen on the
41 subcommittee because they brought in a lot of real business sense in understanding the
42 market conditions and did a little negotiating. They did get First Energy to waive the
43 transfer fee. He stated that if you opt-in to the program, and then a year later you decide
44 that you want to go back with Commonwealth Edison, there wouldn't be any additional
45 fee. First Energy won't charge the \$25.00 or \$50.00. They agreed to waive that.

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1 Trustee Pennington stated that some of these other entities that are marketing so-called
2 savings to the customers, they have very, very stringent Codes and the opt-out provision
3 is very onerous on the person who wants to change to another entity.
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5 Trustee Waite stated that they have sort of a pyramid scheme of people selling these
6 things. So they all get a little commission here and a little commission there. They
7 already paid all those commissions and that is why they have a fee for people wanting to
8 get out, because they already paid the commissions to all of the sales people.
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10 Administrator Mekarski stated that what this savings means on an aggregate basis to the
11 Village, the Village would receive an annual savings of \$862,600.00 a year over two-
12 years if the Commonwealth Edison rate stays at 8.5. He stated that it may very well go
13 up. He stated that at that constant rate it is \$1,725,200.00 Village wide over the two-year
14 period. He stated that is almost \$900,000.00 annually.
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16 Administrator Mekarski stated that the residents should give kudos to Trustee Bob Waite,
17 Trustee Bill Pennington, Village President Debra Meyers-Martin and Joseph Martin who
18 pounded the pavement all through Election Day giving the palm cards out pushing the
19 Referendum. He stated that it took us over the top to 62% or 63%. Richton Park and
20 Matteson did not pass the Referendum. There are other communities in the region that
21 didn't pass it. The Village sent out two mailings to the residents.
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23 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we attended plenty of Homeowners
24 Association Meetings. Trustee Waite stated that many of our residents trust us to do some
25 negotiating on their behalf, whereas some of the other communities have not earned that
26 kind of trust.
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28 Trustee Gibson stated that Administrator Mekarski spoke about the figure that the Village
29 would receive. She stated that would depend on the amount of people who opt-in to do
30 this. Administrator Mekarski stated that it is based on about 80% participation. Trustee
31 Ormsby stated that it could be higher then. Administrator Mekarski stated that the power
32 will still be delivered by Commonwealth Edison. Commonwealth Edison will still send
33 the residents a bill. Administrator Mekarski spoke with officials from Commonwealth
34 Edison and they don't understand why any Village didn't get the Referendum passed.
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36 Trustee Ormsby stated that it goes back to not explaining it. She stated that is something
37 that we do differently. Trustee Waite stated that perhaps they did understand and it is a
38 lack of trust.
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40 Administrator Mekarski stated that they were at the Olympia Fields East Homeowners
41 Association Meeting past 10 o'clock P.M. The Village President was giving a detailed
42 presentation and did overtime hours while her husband was recovering from his surgery
43 in the hospital. She never mentioned a word about it to the Homeowners Association. He
44 stated that there was a lot of spirit, and a lot of dedication, but that is what it took to make
45 it happen.
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1 Trustee Waite stated that the Utility Board is going to grant a rate increase. He stated that
2 you will get a savings in the first year. He stated that in the second year the rate increase
3 that they were allowed to install the Smart Grid is going to take up those savings.
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5 Trustee Pennington stated that is an important point to note. He stated that although the
6 Village has a two-year contract, the Village has the option to start its negotiations into the
7 next phase six months prior to the termination of the current contract. The Village may
8 have the ability to thwart any additional costs that may come through depending upon the
9 negotiations.
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11 Trustee Waite stated that the other problem with rates going into the third year, there was
12 a big jump in the bids on the third year. He stated that when you think about it in detail
13 they are shutting down all of these coal fired electrical generators. Coal is still the
14 cheapest way to generate electricity. He stated that the coal in Illinois has an awful lot of
15 sulfur, and you have to spend a lot of money on the generators to scrub the stuff that is
16 coming out of the stacks so that it doesn't spew all over the place. He saw a train the
17 other day about two-miles long and it was nothing but bulk rail cars loaded with coal
18 heading for some electrical generating plant.
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20 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that for right now this is a victory for our
21 residents and for the Village. She stated that we are very proud of being able to get this
22 done. The Village will have to wait and see what happens in the next couple of years in
23 terms of what the new costs and rate increases are going to bring. She stated that for right
24 now we are going to enjoy this victory.
25

26 Administrator Mekarski suggested that Village President Meyers-Martin not adjourn the
27 Special Adhoc Committee. He believes that the committee should review the market on a
28 regular basis. Village President Meyers-Martin stated absolutely. Administrator Mekarski
29 stated that anytime during this two-year cycle we can make a call to extend it another
30 year or two-years, or even multiple years. The committee would be willing to work with
31 NIMEC on an oversight basis to make that decision on behalf of the Board.
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33 Trustee Gibson inquired of Administrator Mekarski how the Village was so lucky to get
34 with the Village of Flossmoor. She stated that originally we were to be with Libertyville.
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36 Administrator Mekarski stated that he has no idea. They started comparing the energy
37 profile and the socio-economics of the two communities, their peak usage, and they
38 found out that the Village was a closer match to Flossmoor. He stated that both
39 communities got fabulous prices. Flossmoor did a little bit better because they have a
40 little bit more population than the Village does. Trustee Gibson stated good job. Trustee
41 Ormsby stated good work.
42

43 **Authorization for the Village President to enter into a Professional Consultant**
44 **Agreement with Greg Szymanski for Technical Services to conduct a Feasibility**
45 **Study regarding Public Safety Dispatch Services – Administrator Mekarski stated that**
46 the last item he has is authorization for the Village President to enter into a Professional

1 Consultant Agreement with Greg Szymanski for Technical Services to conduct a
2 Feasibility Study regarding Public Safety Dispatch Services. Administrator Mekarski
3 recommended this along with Chief Chudwin and Deputy Chief Kickert. The
4 Referendum for the 911 Surcharge did not pass. He stated that \$86,000.00 or \$88,000.00
5 is coming from 911 fees, but the residential taxpayer is still paying \$250,000.00. The
6 Village has an obligation to see if it can lower that cost and look at all alternatives. He
7 stated that this is a Feasibility Study not to exceed \$2,500.00. They are going to compare
8 SouthCom with the Dispatch Center in Chicago Heights. They are going to look at
9 technology, equipment and personnel. He stated that if it looks from a preliminary basis
10 that this is something we should seriously discuss, they will come back to the Board and
11 outline what the potential savings would be, and they would seriously look at deliberating
12 and discussing that in a public forum. This is a request to do some due diligence on
13 behalf of the Village's taxpayers to lower the cost, and/or find a cheaper way of doing
14 things and not compromise on our delivery of service. He stated that Greg Szymanski
15 helped the Village out in the fire transition. He was the former Director of the Lynwood
16 Dispatch. He did a tremendous job. He really kept the price down and held it to its
17 original contract.

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19 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that you will notice in the Memo that these funds
20 will be coming from the Asset Forfeiture Funds. Administrator Mekarski stated that is
21 because the majority of our calls are police related.

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23 Trustee Ormsby stated that this is something she has wanted to do for a long time. She
24 stated that she is very happy.

25 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to authorize the Village**
26 **President to enter into a Scope of Work, provided by Greg Szymanski, in an amount**
27 **not to exceed \$2,500.00 to perform a Feasibility Study for the Village of Olympia**
28 **Fields (SouthCom versus Chicago Heights Communication), with said funds coming**
29 **from the Village's Asset Forfeiture Funds.**

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

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32 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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34 **Report on the ICSC Conference in Las Vegas** - Village President Meyers-Martin stated
35 that she just wanted to give the Board an overview of the ICSC Conference in Las Vegas
36 which is the International Council of Shopping Centers. It was held May 20th to May 23rd.
37 Village President Meyers-Martin attended that conference. She had a lot of counseling
38 from Bridget Lane of BDI and Mike Hoffman. She had a lot of material. She spoke with
39 26 vendors over the course of three-days. She tried to be realistic in terms of who would
40 be coming to the Village and who would not be. She was met with enthusiasm from
41 Corner Bakery, The Panda Restaurant Group, and Chipotle. She understands that
42 Chipotle has two-hour waits. She stated that the Village could get some of their overflow
43 from the restaurant in Matteson. She spoke with The Firehouse Restaurant Group, Little
44 Caesars, Cordova Mexican, Hardee's, and Steak and Shake. She stated that someone that
45 is really excited is Jersey Mike's Franchise System. She spoke with Party City, Verizon,
46 Jimmy John's, and The Bass Pro Shops. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the

1 one that she is really excited about because the gentleman actually called and wants to
2 move forward is Starbucks. Village President Meyers-Martin wasn't scheduled to speak
3 with him, but she happened to be at the right place at the right time. After she returned
4 from the trip, the gentleman wanted more information. They are insisting that they have a
5 drive-thru. They won't come to the Village without that. They want to be on the right side
6 of the street in terms of where traffic is going to be flowing by in terms of egress and
7 ingress. The gentleman spoke with Administrator Mekarski. The Village is going to send
8 him some more information. Village President Meyers-Martin is very excited about that.

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10 Trustee Waite stated that a lot of those brokers also represent other people, other
11 companies that they may not tell you about at that time.

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13 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she also met with Brad Ratajczak from
14 Brixmor about their plaza where the former Jewel was located. She had a meeting with
15 Mike Rourke who is the CVS broker. Mr. Rourke will speak to anyone that the Village
16 President would like him to speak with. He is really interested in pursuing the condo
17 development. She stated that these individuals are looking at density and they are looking
18 at roof tops. Some of the people are looking for 200,000 people in a three-mile radius,
19 which the Village doesn't have. She stated that sometimes those requirements are
20 mitigated by median income which is what the Village fits into. She was pushing the
21 TOD. She was pushing the Route 30/Western Corridor, and she was pushing on Vollmer.

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23 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that for next year she would like to put together
24 something similar to what University Park had which was one sheet of paper; it had
25 information on both sides. It was laminated, and it had the population of the Village and
26 median income, and all of the other information that the people are looking for. She was
27 really pleased with some of the people that she spoke with. She stated that a lot of people
28 want e-mails.

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30 Trustee Waite stated that you have a brochure and you have a CD. It is something that
31 they can easily carry as well.

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33 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that this was our first year attending the
34 conference. It was a learning experience and we know what we have to do for next year.
35 She stated that for our first time we got some pretty good leads and some pretty good
36 contacts. She believes that the Village may get some productivity from the visit.

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38 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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40 **Sign Ordinance** – Trustee Ormsby stated that they received the Sign Ordinance from
41 Judy Kolman. Trustee Ormsby, along with Trustee Gibson and John McDonnell will be
42 reviewing the Sign Ordinance. She stated that it is a very complicated process.

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44 **Robinson Street Survey** – Trustee Oliver stated that in a workshop prior to our Budget
45 cycle we talked about the Robinson Street Survey. They were going to be going around
46 the Village and looking at the streets to determine which ones needed the most repair at a

1 certain given time. He inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin where we are with
2 that.

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4 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that usually we do the street repairs with the
5 MFT Money. She stated that we kind of put that money aside because the Village is
6 waiting to see what is going to happen with IDOT and the traffic light. Mr. Prekwas has
7 provided the Village with a lot of that information already in terms of where we are 92%
8 and below. The Village has some of that information. It is just figuring out how to pay to
9 get that kind of work done.

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11 Trustee Waite stated that the order in which the work will take place has been pretty
12 much determined. Priority has been set as to what will be done first, second, third and
13 fourth.

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15 Administrator Mekarski stated that we presented that at the Work Session on the 2030
16 Plan. It was done in more detail with the Public Works Liaison and the Village President.
17 The Village can do the remaining 30% to 40% of the streets that were not done in the first
18 Road Program for \$200,000.00 annually over 20-years. The Village was hoping to get
19 that additional revenue by not having to subsidize so much through the 911 Referendum.
20 Since that Referendum was lost the Village can only do 50% of the Road Program. He
21 stated that \$100,000.00 in Debt Service would allow them to do about 15% of the
22 roadways. They can wait on some of the retail that the Mayor is bringing in to bring in
23 more Sales Tax to do the other in three or four-years. He stated that later on this year the
24 Board will have a Work Session on combining a Municipal Bond initiative. They would
25 look at three programs: 1. The Graymoor Lateral Program which the Village is under
26 compliance to complete. He stated that possibly the Graymoor Ponds maybe in a public-
27 private partnership, and 50% of the Road Program. They will do that probably late
28 summer, and then look at maybe bond financing towards the end of the year for spring
29 construction.

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31 **Possible Activity at Olympia Corners** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that
32 she spoke with Brad Ratajczak regarding Olympia Corners. He stated that Brixmor is
33 interested in working with the Village to bring some activity to that plaza. The event that
34 Fifth Third Bank is going to have will give the Village an indication of how many people
35 come there, and how the Village can handle the traffic and parking. She stated that we
36 touched on having a Craft Show there to bring activity to that plaza. She stated something
37 other than a carnival. That was brought to the Village and she is not too interested in that.
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39 Village President Meyers-Martin suggested to Trustee Gibson that perhaps the
40 Community Relations Commission could look into a Craft Show, and how to reach out to
41 the crafters, and how to put something like that together.

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43 Trustee Ormsby stated that we always wanted the Farmer's Market back too. Village
44 President Meyers-Martin felt that it was too late for the Farmer's Market. She stated that
45 the Craft Show you can have at any point.

1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it was her impression that they are willing to
2 look at anything that the Village might want to do at that plaza to bring activity, and to
3 bring some life to that corner.

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5 Trustee Nale stated that it might be a good idea to have some sort of festival there in the
6 fall or winter. Administrator Mekarski stated that's a good idea.

7 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Brad was open to that and we just need to
8 come up with some ideas of what we might want to do there. She doesn't want that to
9 pass and the Village misses that opportunity.

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11 Trustee Gibson stated that it is interesting that you said that because at the last CRC
12 Meeting last week she and Mr. Martin charged the Committee Members to bring back
13 something so that they could make CRC become more visible, and they would be doing
14 something out in the community. She stated that is something that we could work on.

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16 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that would be perfect.

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18 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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20 **Garden Walk** - Trustee Ormsby stated that two members of our Beautification
21 Committee are on a Garden Walk that is sponsored by the NCJW National Council of
22 Jewish Women that will benefit Aunt Martha's and Respond Now. Kay Mangan and Bev
23 Sokol's gardens will be included on the Garden Walk. There are five homes in Flossmoor
24 and two in the Village. She passed out a flyer for the Garden Walk. She stated that you
25 can buy tickets at the Sunnycrest Nursery. She stated that they work very hard on their
26 gardens. They assume that they will get 200 or 300-people. She stated that is a nice way
27 to get people into the Village.

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29 **Possible Meeting with Mayor Braun to Attract Economic Development** - Village
30 President Meyers-Martin stated the Board had talked about maybe collaborating with the
31 Village of Flossmoor in terms of the Vollmer Road Corridor. The Village President saw
32 Mayor Braun at a Mayors and Managers Meeting. She initiated the conversation with
33 Mayor Braun. Village President Meyers-Martin is going to call Mayor Braun to see if she
34 can meet with him and find out if there is a way that the two Villages can work together
35 in terms of attracting Economic Development.

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37 Trustee Ormsby stated that she believes that is incredibly important and that it would be
38 great.

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40 Village President Meyers-Martin believes that it would be great. She stated that Mayor
41 Braun was receptive to that.

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43 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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45 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she had no Resignations or Appointments
46 this evening.

1 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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3 **To Discuss Matters of Personnel – Open Meetings Act Section 5ILCS120/2(c)(1) -**
4 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to go into Executive**
5 **Session at 8:50 P.M to discuss matters of Personnel according to the Open Meetings**
6 **Act Section 5ILCS120/2(c)(1).**

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

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9 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Board will be going into Executive
10 Session and we will not be conducting any business once the Board comes out of
11 Executive Session.

12 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Oliver to return to Open Session at 9:25**
13 **P.M.**

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

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16 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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18 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to adjourn at 9:25 P.M.**

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

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21 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**