

1 represented. Administrator Mekarski stated that he doesn't know if they had 100%
2 representation. He doesn't have those Minutes with him.

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4 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Homeowners Associations strongly requested the Village
5 President and this Board to consider not just a neighborhood analysis, but a Comprehensive
6 Drainage Analysis of the Village's capacity to flood, cause damage to homes and property. We
7 knew that this would be an expensive comprehensive endeavor. It wouldn't be done overnight.
8 The last time the Village undertook it for Suburban Woods and Olympia Fields East the Board
9 spent in the neighborhood of \$60,000.00 for each neighborhood. It took over a year. It resulted in
10 recommendations for literally Millions of Dollars of work. We gave the task to Robinson
11 Engineers to scope it out. He stated that scoping it out was no small order.

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13 Administrator Mekarski stated that Mr. Koza has met with Russ Prekwas, and his hydrology
14 team, and have put together a Scope of Services to produce that analysis. He wants to present
15 that to you tonight. No action will be required tonight. We are going to recommend to the Board
16 that we schedule after the summer recess, maybe late August, a Work Session with the Board,
17 and following deliberations between the engineer and the Board we will ask the Homeowners
18 Associations to meet with us. If the Board wishes to go forward with it, the Village President
19 will be forwarding a suggestion after Mr. Koza's presentation.

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21 Mr. Koza thanked the Board for its time this evening. Mr. Koza stated that they spent quite a bit
22 of time trying to put together a Scope of Work that would essentially make sure they have the
23 entire Village studied, whether it be somebody's parkway swale that doesn't function, or
24 something as large as a detention basin that is not quite working right. They want to break it
25 down from a Village-wide level. They want to delineate our drainage basins, which would be in
26 each area of the Village that drains to a certain point. They want to study each one of those
27 independently. They came up with a three Phase approach.

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29 Mr. Koza stated that the First Phase is the Fact-Finding Phase. They would go about obtaining
30 data from as many agencies, or as much public information that has been studied. They will see
31 what they can reuse and see what they have to update. He stated that for them to go out and
32 survey the entire Village would be incredibly costly. They would try to get a head start of work
33 that has been done recently in the past so they can go from there. They would identify our
34 drainage areas, and put together where they think each area, subdivision drains to, and then
35 present that to the Board that this is how they think your system functions currently.

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37 Mr. Koza stated that the Second Phase would be an In-Depth Analysis of each detention basin,
38 detention pond, Swale System for a subdivision. They would analyze it and see how it is
39 functioning and compare it for the various design storms, whether it be your routine one, two-
40 month storm, or your 100-year, 500-year storm. They would run their analysis based on the
41 available information that they obtain to compare how it functions now and where they think it
42 needs to get to. That is a pretty exhaustive test. There is a pretty large, sizeable land area with
43 many individual subdivisions. Once they complete that analysis they would compile that
44 information into a Report. The Report would detail recommended improvements and it would be
45 prioritized based on importance. The Village won't be able to fix every single drainage problem
46 in the Village. They need to know which ones will impact the most residents, and if it is
47 corrected will benefit the most residents. They will put together a Capital Improvement Plan
48 which would outline the projects based on priority and importance. He stated from there they

1 would hopefully be able to generate a Proposed Maintenance Plan. This can be a mix of Capital
2 Improvement Projects to actually fix problems, but at the same time they want to make sure they
3 are able to budget for annual maintenance so when they fix them they stay fixed. It is a pretty
4 extensive plan for the entire Village that the Board will hopefully be able to use to Budget for
5 Storm Water Improvements for years. He is hoping that it is a complete document that addresses
6 everything that the Board can use for the next 20, 30, 40-years to hopefully slowly work our way
7 towards correcting as many problems as we can.

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9 Mr. Koza stated the last phase is the actual Implementation Plan. They would put together costs
10 and try to figure out a way to fit this into a Budget, whether it be a five-year, 10-year, 20-year
11 program, again based on importance. A project that will benefit 100, 200, 300-residents will be a
12 higher priority than one that just affects someone's front yard holding water for a few hours. The
13 Implementation Plan is key. You have to figure out a way to fund this going forward or else this
14 nice, big study that they are doing won't be of any benefit to the Village. It starts with fact-
15 finding, analyzing, and how do we fix it. That is the short version of it.

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17 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we had this in-depth discussion with the
18 Homeowners Associations in February. That was as a result of many residents coming to us
19 about flooding and drainage. Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mr. Koza in terms of
20 the analysis, for it to be as comprehensive as we need it to be, how long is that analysis going to
21 take.

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23 Mr. Koza stated that from start to finish, we are looking at 12 to 18-months. A lot of it depends
24 upon how much information they can get upfront from other agencies. He believes that once they
25 are given the go ahead to proceed they are looking at 12 to 18-months from start to finish. They
26 are looking at everything. They want to make sure that they address every situation. He is sure
27 that there will be a resident component where they will ask for surveys and ask for their input to
28 help them identify problems that they may not have caught. He believes that 12 to 18-months is a
29 pretty fair time frame for it.

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31 Trustee Waite stated that he has lived in this Village for 30-years. We've always had difficulty
32 with storm water. It depends on whether you have a 50-year rain; you have a 100-year rain, or
33 whatever kind of rain you have. The problem is that we don't have any Storm Water Plan at all.
34 He is not sure that we really need one. He knows that there are some homes that if you have a
35 really hard rain, you are going to fill-up some basements. We ought to look at that maybe the
36 same way that some of the other suburbs look at it, and say, "Well, these three homes in this
37 section always fill-up with water." They went in and bought them and demolished them. He
38 stated that he believes that this is a very costly project. You never know where to stop.

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40 Trustee Waite remembers his wife looking out in the backyard at their first home at 2521
41 Country Club Drive. It was after a really good rain. He went to the basement and the window
42 wells were full of water. The window wells were all sealed off so the water wasn't coming
43 inside. What little bit that was coming inside was being sucked up by the sump pump and thrown
44 back outside. He thought that wasn't much of a problem.

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46 Trustee Waite stated that they moved to 2600 Country Club Drive. That fateful Easter a few
47 years ago, where we got more than five-inches of rain in a period of maybe four-hours. He
48 doesn't know what kind of rain you call that. It has to be in the 50-year, 75-year rain.

1 Mr. Koza stated yes, a sizeable storm, absolutely. Trustee Waite inquired of Mr. Koza whether or
2 not that is the kind of rain that an analysis of a Flood Control Program would try to alleviate, or
3 are we looking at something less expensive than trying to alleviate that. He stated that if we want
4 a 1,000 year program it will be way outside the box in terms of cost.

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6 Mr. Koza stated that as far as the storms go, he believes their goal would be they know they
7 aren't going to be able to design a 100-year flood control for the entire Village. They would
8 more than likely be looking at the 50, 100-year and higher storms to make sure what they have in
9 place doesn't cause chaos. They know there will be some water in front yards during that event.
10 They want to make sure that a sizeable area of the Village is not underwater for that event.
11 Trustee Waite stated that we won't be able to make everybody happy, right?

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13 Administrator Mekarski stated that newer subdivisions have been designed to accommodate a
14 50-year and even up to a 100-year flood. The majority of the Village doesn't even have the
15 protection up to a 10-year flood. The 100-year events are coming almost every decade. He
16 believes that the analysis is spot on, because there are a handful of places around the Butterfield
17 Creek Drainage System, the floodplain in Olympia Fields East and Suburban Woods that the
18 homes are built smack dab on a dry tributary of Butterfield Creek. Those dry tributaries probably
19 didn't swell up for like every 50 to 100-years. They are getting wet like every 10-years.

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21 Trustee Waite stated exactly. That is why he brings up the idea that maybe there are some places
22 where we have to go in and buy the homes, rather than spend a Million Dollars trying to keep
23 them from flooding.

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25 Administrator Mekarski stated you are right, but even buying up the homes; you are talking
26 about a Million.

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28 Trustee Waite stated let me finish, David. Trustee Waite stated that he has been looking at this
29 for a long time. He has developed some expertise in this area. The house that he is living in he
30 bought 10-years ago. He had it inspected by the Village. The inspection that he had from the
31 Village was really useless. They sent some guys out that couldn't find the sump pumps. It was
32 terrible. He had three sump pumps. They were all hooked up to the sanitary sewer. Now, what
33 the heck kind of a deal is that? Why wasn't something brought to his attention as a buyer and
34 said, "Okay, the homeowner who is selling you the property has to fix this before we are going to
35 give you an Occupancy Permit." There you have negligence on the part of the Village in
36 determining what should be done. Then we had this Easter rain. They were out of town and they
37 came home on Easter. The water was pouring in like a flood. It was late. He told his wife that
38 they would go to bed because as long as the electricity stays on it appears that they are okay.
39 They won't be underwater here. All of the plumbing was overhead. The next morning he went
40 downstairs and the pumps are still running, but they weren't pumping any water out because they
41 had a backup in the sewage part of it that wouldn't allow it to be pumped out. If all of those
42 would have been hooked up the way they should have been hooked up he would have had zero
43 water in his lower level. Wait a minute now, let me finish, please.

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45 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Waite whether or not he was almost
46 finished. Trustee Waite stated that he will let her know when he is finished. Village President
47 Meyers-Martin stated that this was not meant to be a debate with Jeff Koza.

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1 Trustee Waite stated that this is a big expense that we are talking about here. Village President
2 Meyers-Martin stated that we are not going to decide anything tonight. Trustee Waite stated that
3 he is not asking anybody to decide anything, other than listen to the facts. If you are not
4 interested in the facts he will end it now. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we can
5 hear the facts when we have our Work Session.

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7 Trustee Waite stated listen, let me finish this. The point is the pumps couldn't pump the water
8 out so it came up. The backup with the sewage thing ended. That resistance went down and he
9 had three sump pumps that pumped it down to dry so that just the floors were wet. He rearranged
10 the hook-ups and never had a problem since. There are a lot of ways to go after this thing. He
11 hates to see us spend a Jillion Dollars trying to solve a simple problem, and that is getting the
12 water running into Butterfield Creek where it belongs. He stated now he is done. He thanked
13 Village President Meyers-Martin.

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15 Village President Meyers-Martin stated to let her speak to what she was going to say about this
16 discussion, Jeff's presentation. We asked him to come, not go into a lot of detail, but to give us
17 an overview of what we have been requested to do from residents, from the Homeowners
18 Associations Presidents regarding drainage and flooding. That was a request that was brought to
19 her and to David Mekarski and this Board. The drainage analysis would not be decided in a
20 moment's eye. We would have a Work Session to discuss the very things that you have brought
21 up, to discuss the pros and the cons, the effectiveness of the drainage analysis and what could be
22 addressed in terms of the drainage problem and the flooding. This was not meant for us to go
23 into an in-depth, detailed discussion, but only to let the Board know that this is something that
24 we are considering, but certainly we would have a Work Session to discuss all of the elements of
25 the analysis, the pros and the cons. This was not designed to be an in-depth, Workshop Agenda
26 item.

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28 Trustee Gibson stated that since we will have a Work Session and a time for everyone to speak
29 and give their opinions about something, she believes that Jeff has done a wonderful job. It is
30 because we are answering what our residents have asked for. Village President Meyers-Martin
31 stated exactly.

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33 Administrator Mekarski stated that we would have a deliberative process with the Board itself to
34 analyze, ask the questions, and refine this scope. The scope right now on a preliminary basis is
35 not inexpensive. It is as much as \$160,000.00 to \$180,000.00 just to do the two-year analysis.
36 We don't have \$180,000.00. He stated that just to finance the Study would require setting up a
37 Storm Water Management Fee which would be more than likely \$50.00 from every resident for a
38 two-year period. He stated that \$100.00 times 1800 is \$180,000.00. Once the Study is completed,
39 you are talking about Thousands of Dollars to Hundreds of Thousands to Millions of Dollars
40 depending on the scope. That is where the deliberation comes not only with this Board, but the
41 governing authorities of all of the Homeowners Associations. He stated to keep in mind that this
42 has been requested by the Homeowners Associations. He stated that following the Board's Work
43 Session we would then have an interactive process with all the homeowners, invite all 15
44 Homeowners Associations in, and have a deliberative dialog back and forth. It will be a two-
45 stage process, a deliberative process by the Board and the engineer, refining the scope, and then
46 inviting all of the Representatives from each of the Homeowners Associations and get buy-in.
47 This truly is a collaborative process. There will be costs involved. We have never been in the

1 comprehensive drainage business. We do not have the present Property Tax structure or even
2 State Income Tax structure anymore with Governor Rauner to support this kind of venture.
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4 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will be scheduling that Work Session probably
5 after our hiatus.
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7 Trustee Waite stated that since nobody else wants to take any time to talk about this he guesses
8 the time that he took wasn't all that important. The point is, the people who live inside this
9 Village should be the ones who are making decisions about this project. He believes that
10 spending \$180,000.00 trying to figure out what to do about some water going into a few
11 basements is crazy. It would be easier for our engineers to go out and visit those homes one at a
12 time, and give them a proposal and say, "Here is how you fix it." A basement is like a swimming
13 pool or a bathtub. As long as the pumps keep working, the basement isn't going to fill with
14 anything. As long as you keep pumping it out there, in a few hours Butterfield Creek is going to
15 take it away. You don't have to spend a Jillion Million to figure that out. Robinson Engineering
16 has a conflict of interest. They would love to have this project. That is what they do for a living.
17 He stated that for us to have a discussion somewhere down the road and say, okay, let's give
18 them well, however much it takes. And then you come up with a program that is a 50, 75, 100
19 and 150, what difference does it make. It doesn't make any difference. The homes that are going
20 to get flooded are going to get flooded if they haven't protected themselves in a proper way. Is
21 that right, Jeff? There is no home in this Village you can't protect their basement from flooding
22 in any kind of a rainstorm is that right?
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24 Mr. Koza stated that he couldn't give an answer to that. Trustee Waite stated yes, you can. Mr.
25 Koza stated that there is ability to flood proof your home to minimize damage with flood proof
26 materials. He is not in a position to tell you that any home can. Trustee Waite stated see, what
27 did he say about a conflict of interest.
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29 Administrator Mekarski stated that we hire professionals that carry themselves in a professional
30 manner and ascribe to a Professional Code of Conduct and ethics of that business. This firm has
31 always given this Village value engineering, many, many times cutting the Scope of Services to
32 save taxpayers' dollars. He believes that it is somewhat unfair to cast a conflict of interest to our
33 extended team. That is his opinion as your Village Administrator.
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35 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have heard your point. We have taken your
36 point. We will carry that point forward when we have our Work Session. Village President
37 Meyers-Martin thanked Mr. Koza. Mr. Koza thanked the Board for its time. Trustee Gibson
38 stated good job, Jeff.
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40 **Inquiry on Water Bill and Drainage Problem** - Mr. Troy Polk stated that he is a seven-year
41 resident of Olympia Fields. He resides in the Olympia Fields East Subdivision. Mr. Troy is here
42 to piggyback on a previous subject that was brought up. He also wants to raise a question as to
43 the status of his Water Bill rate and the continual increase in his Water Bill. Mr. Polk stated that
44 from what he has been told the Board voted on some type of Referendum. He sees the
45 trickledown effect now. Over the last two-years his Water Bill has increased probably 150%. He
46 is asking questions every other month as to why. He can't get a handle on why his Sewer Bill is
47 increasing. He sees it increasing a percentage point, not just a little bit, as well as sewer usage
48 and his Water Bill. He would like to gain a better understanding as to exactly what is going on

1 with his Water Bill. He lives in a small household of three. He is sure that there are other
2 residents that are affected by it.

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4 Mr. Polk stated that he lives on the same intersection as Trustee Waite. He has a concern also
5 that deals with the drainage problem. We have a continual drainage problem at that intersection.
6 He would not say that it has to do with what is going on inside of people's homes, as much as it
7 has to do with the Drainage System Village-wide. He has called in and voiced his concern. He
8 was told by Public Works that our Drainage System needs maintenance. It has not been
9 maintained over a number of years, as well as some residents have added to the non-functionality
10 of how it was designed. Mr. Polk stated that he agrees with Trustee Waite that it is a lot of
11 money to have the issue studied. There are costs associated with these things. His thought is if
12 we are looking at ways to bring in financing for the Study, what happens when we get the Report
13 and what are we going to do with the analysis to move forward from the Report. Those are two
14 concerns he has. He has asked questions of the Public Works Department. Everybody is pointing
15 fingers. He can't get a firm answer on his Water Bill percentages. How can he calculate, how can
16 he anticipate a bill? When it comes to this drainage issue nobody seems to have an answer either.
17 He stated that for the community that we live in we should have better services in terms of
18 drainage, Public Works, and just answers.

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20 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Mr. Polk for coming. She inquired of Mr. Polk
21 whether or not he has asked Public Works to come out and look at his meter, and to do a study of
22 the inside of his house to make sure nothing is leaking or running. Mr. Polk stated yes. Village
23 President Meyers-Martin stated that is her first suggestion.

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25 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we get our Lake Michigan water from Oak Lawn.
26 Oak Lawn gets it from Chicago. Every time that Chicago raises the rates, and they can be
27 anywhere from 5% and above, they pass it onto Oak Lawn. Oak Lawn passes it onto the Village.
28 It is a User-Based System. The Village has no alternative but to pass it onto the users. The
29 Village doesn't finance Water Bills. Unfortunately, water is never going to be cheap again. It is
30 almost as precious as oil, gas, or gold. The Village gets it from Chicago. We have a pipeline that
31 comes through Oak Lawn. Oak Lawn is upgrading their system to the point of \$160,000,000.00.
32 Olympia Fields would be expected to pay a share of that. The Village believes that they are to
33 pay a higher share than it should. Olympia Fields, Country Club Hills, and Matteson are at the
34 very end of that system. They are not the big users like Orland, Tinley Park, and Mokena. We
35 don't get the attention that those big six towns get first and foremost. The Village is in
36 negotiations. The Village is in conversations with alternative sources to see if it possibly can get
37 water from somewhere else other than Oak Lawn. The Village has been in conversations with
38 Mayor Gonzalez in Chicago Heights because they get their water from Hammond. That is not a
39 utopia that you might think because now Mayor Gonzalez is thinking about looking to alternative
40 sources. There are towns that have privatized their water. The company is Aqua. Nobody likes
41 that water consistency, water taste, or the substance of that system. She stated that she is really
42 sorry, but this is what we have been dealing with for quite some time is the increase in
43 percentages of what we are being charged to deliver the water.

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45 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the other thing we must do is look at redundancy,
46 because in our water tanks we only have a three-day supply of water. If something happens to
47 that pipeline and it is not repaired in three-days then we literally run out of water. Those are also
48 issues that we are looking at. She stated that outside of looking to see if there was some problem

1 with the meter or some problem inside the house, there really is not a good answer to tell you
2 how to fix the increase in the Water Bills. It has become a fact of life that all of the
3 Municipalities are dealing with, unless they are on well water. Richton Park is on well water.
4 They have very reasonable bills. She doesn't think that anybody in this town wants to go back to
5 well water, or anybody in this town wants to get their water from the Kankakee River, which has
6 also been thrown out as an option. She inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not he
7 wanted to talk about the billing part, and then we will talk about the sewer.

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9 Administrator Mekarski stated that water rates are not going down. Inevitably, they will increase.
10 It has a multitude of factors that the Village President pointed out. First and foremost, the City of
11 Chicago has almost doubled its rates. It was directly passed onto the Village. Oak Lawn is going
12 through a \$160,000,000.00 rebuild. The Village's proportionate share of that is \$4.8 Million
13 Dollars. When you divide \$4.8 Million Dollars by 2,000 water users, 1800 residents, 200
14 businesses, you have \$2,400.00 per water user. That is just to pay for Oak Lawn. We have about
15 \$10,000,000.00 of Capital Improvements on our Water System. Some of our Water System is
16 approaching 80 to 100-years old. Water mains typically don't last any longer than 80 or 100-
17 years. If you look at the Original Village and some of our older subdivisions, they are
18 approaching that age. It is time to comprehensively replace and/or in some cases there is a lining
19 system, much like the Sewer System, where the water lines in place but they put a nylon lining in
20 the water main. It is also very expensive. When you look at that \$10,000,000.00 and you divide it
21 by the 2,000 users, over 20-years we have to spend another \$5,000.00 per customer. We have
22 \$2,400.00 per customer for Oak Lawn improvements, \$5,000.00 per customer for Village Capital
23 Improvements, and then redundancy that the Village President talked about, the cheapest
24 redundancy is \$6,000,000.00. The Oak Lawn alternative for redundancy is \$24,000,000.00. If
25 you divide that by 2,000 users you have another \$3,000.00 per homeowner and/or business.
26 When you total that up you have essentially over \$10,000.00 of water improvements that have to
27 be implemented over 20-years. We will try to finance that over 40-years by staggering those
28 Capital Improvements. It is not \$10,000.00 that you have to shell out right away. It will be
29 financed with interest at a favorable rate because the Village has a very excellent Bond Rating
30 over a 40-year period. Those are the Capital Improvements that we are looking at. On top of that
31 there are Capital Improvements that the City of Chicago is paying for drawing the water out of
32 the lake that they don't even include in there. That just gets passed onto the rate structure. You
33 will see continual increases by the City of Chicago, increases by the Village of Oak Lawn,
34 increases to maintain our own Water System, and increases to make sure that we have
35 redundancy. If the Cicero Line stops which it did, as we pointed out many times in the winter
36 one day it broke in a forest preserve right next to a creek. Fortunately, it was at the bank of the
37 creek. If it had been underneath the creek bed it would have been out for two-weeks. There
38 would be no sanitary conditions in homes and/or fire capacity. It is a real serious situation. Water
39 will not decrease no matter what alternative we choose, doing our own wells, and going with the
40 City of Chicago, staying with Oak Lawn, or going to Hammond, Indiana.

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42 Administrator Mekarski stated that sewage is much the same way. The Village received one
43 violation from the flood that Trustee Waite was talking about, the 2006 Easter Flood. One
44 violation where there is a surcharge of raw sewage on Country Club Drive. You had sanitary
45 waste right at the manhole flowing out. It was essentially because the Graymoor System was
46 surcharging because there are vitrified clay pipes, and rainwater gets into the clay pipes and
47 instead of sewer being carried down the line it is rainwater and sewer. It basically surcharges the
48 pipe. It either comes up in the basements or the manholes. That one violation the Village was

1 imposed a potential fine of \$35,000.00 a day, every day until the violation was corrected. The
2 Village had a Consent Decree from the Attorney General, Lisa Madigan. We settled that
3 avoiding the fine with a commitment to maintain, upgrade, and improve the Sanitary Sewer
4 System. We have \$20,000,000.00 of sewer improvements just in Graymoor alone, 140-homes.
5 He stated that 140-homes are costing \$1.8 Million Dollars to line those sanitary sewer lines. If
6 we don't do that, we are in violation by MWRD, (Metropolitan Water Reclamation District),
7 IEPA, (Illinois Environmental Protection Agency), the Federal Environmental Protection
8 Agency, and the State and Federal Attorney General. On that \$20,000,000.00 we are trying to
9 finance that over 40-years. It won't come out all at once. Where we get Grants we try to
10 subsidize it with Grants. He stated that for Graymoor, the Village received a \$500,000.00 Grant
11 to reduce that \$1.6 Million Dollar expenditure. Now we have additional monies that we can
12 move over to probably Hawthorne Hills which will probably be the next one because there are
13 illegal discharges into Butterfield Creek that we have documented.

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15 Administrator Mekarski stated that any resident may come into his office. There is a binder about
16 eight-inches thick. It was a series of 20-questions that the EPA asked of this Village to show its
17 commitment to maintaining the Sanitary Sewer System because of that one sanitary sewer
18 violation. There is Smoke Testing. There are photographs of the discharge pipes into Butterfield
19 Creek. There are Capital Improvement Plans. There is Engineering Analysis. He keeps it on his
20 credenza. Trustee Waite has gone through it numerous times. You can get an idea of what is
21 required to manage this Village's infrastructure.

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23 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that there are new regulations from the MWRD that has
24 come through to the Villages that you have to comply with their new guidelines as well. Now
25 you are looking at your Lift Stations and your generators to make sure that they are up to speed.
26 It is all about maintaining the system. This is an older Village with aging pipelines. They use
27 vitrified clay which now is cracking because they didn't use the newer materials that are much
28 more durable. It is unfortunate for everyone that this is the situation that we have to deal with
29 now. She stated that this Board does everything that it possibly can to mitigate any costs that we
30 have to pass onto our residents because we know that it is difficult. We know that it is expensive.
31 If you look around the region, everybody is dealing with those same issues. Flossmoor and
32 Homewood get their water from Harvey. They are looking for new suppliers now because
33 Harvey is in trouble with their Water System.

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35 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she appreciates Mr. Polk coming and letting the
36 Board know, and making that comment. Hopefully, this has given some clarification. It is
37 probably not the answer that you wanted to hear. She hopes that Mr. Polk finds it more
38 informative than what he has heard thus far.

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40 Administrator Mekarski stated that we have two Newsletters that the Village President put out
41 that he can get for Mr. Polk. There is a synopsis on the water rates and a synopsis on the sewer
42 rates. He invited Mr. Polk to come to his office and spend a few hours in the conference room.
43 He will be happy to bring the Reports out with our Public Works Director, and Trustee Waite,
44 and our engineer, and go over in detail what we have to do to manage your Water System, your
45 Sewer System, and all of the other public infrastructure in the Village. That is what is really
46 required to get the answer that you need.

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1 Trustee Waite apologized for talking so much. He stated that he is the Trustee coordinator
2 between Public Works and the Trustees. He has been studying this water problem for three-
3 years. He stated that we are going to head toward California. That is the problem we have here.
4 Chicago has a semi-monopoly of the Lake Michigan water. Hammond has a semi-monopoly. We
5 are trying to sort that out. We can't put our head in the sand and say, "Well water is awful. River
6 water is terrible. It doesn't taste right." Park Forest just installed and dug another new well. They
7 have a nifty little operation over there pumping water. They are just as happy as clams, and
8 making a profit from it. That could be us. You can't tell the difference in the taste. He stated that
9 Mayor Gonzalez was saying that he was looking at the Kankakee River as a source of water if he
10 couldn't have satisfaction from Hammond. He had bottles of it there at our meeting where we
11 could all taste it and say, "Well, it doesn't taste bad at all." Then you have got a couple of
12 Villages or Cities out in California that are taking waste water, retreating it, and pumping it into
13 the Drinking Water System. That's where this whole situation is headed. Trustee Waite thanked
14 his neighbor, Troy Polk, for bringing it up. This has to be looked at not with bias, but with open
15 minds. If you listen to this Board here, you can hear the closed minds saying, "Bob Waite, shut
16 up. Bob Waite you are taking too much time." He stated that he is your neighbor. He doesn't get
17 paid a lot of money for sitting up here. We don't get paid enough to go through a bunch of crap.
18 We are doing this because we love the Village. We love our neighbors. We want to do what is
19 right. We have no political axe to grind. He stated that he has no political axe to grind. He is 77
20 years old. He would like to see this Village stay happy and productive. The only way it is going
21 to do it is if we treat each other with respect, and give each other the benefit of the doubt when it
22 comes to who has the more knowledge of a subject. Trustee Waite thanked Village President
23 Meyers-Martin.

24
25 Administrator Mekarski stated that he has Part II of the Newsletter which is on the Sewer
26 System. Part I is on the Water System. He stated that Mr. Polk could stop in the office. Mr. Polk
27 stated that he has both of those.

28
29 **Thank you to the Board** - Mr. Mac Daily stated that he wanted to compliment and thank the
30 Board for finally facing this serious issue of drainage. Mr. Daily tried to raise this issue with
31 Administrator Mekarski relative to where he lived in '86. It didn't move. He can't communicate
32 when people don't return his calls. He is glad that the Board is taking a look at this issue.

33
34 Mr. Daily stated that Trustee Waite mentioned something else. He is wondering if the Board will
35 take a look at it too. Trustee Waite's sump pumps were discharging into his sewer pipe. Mr.
36 Daily stated that is a violation. That is an issue of I and I isn't it? Village President Meyers-
37 Martin stated yes.

38
39 Trustee Waite apologized for interrupting Mr. Daily. He stated no, it was not. The Village came
40 out 10-years ago when he moved into that house. The Village inspected it. They approved it. All
41 of the sump pumps were hooked up to the sanitary sewer. When they changed their mind and
42 said it had to be disconnected, he expected the Village to pay for it. They refused. He finds that
43 very aggravating that the Village could do that.

44
45 Mr. Daily stated that he didn't want to get off into something like that. Trustee Waite stated that
46 he was sorry. Mr. Daily stated that is an I and I issue. Mr. Daily thanked Lee Langon and the
47 Presidents for pushing this issue forward. He suggested taking a look at I and I also. He stated
48 that there are homes that discharge their drainage, their sump pump water, into the sewer pipes.

1 It is not only a matter of basements being flooded; it is a matter of water coming up through the
2 toilet and the bath tub and all of that sort of thing. It is a difficult issue. In the older parts of this
3 Village it is something that just seemed like it was just being swept under the rug and nobody
4 really wanted to take a look at it. It is going to be expensive for individual homeowners perhaps.
5 Hopefully, the Village can get some kind of government assistance, Grants, and all of that sort of
6 thing. His real question is why not take a look at I and I along with the drainage issue.

7
8 Administrator Mekarski stated that we have. He stated that if Mr. Daily comes into his office he
9 can show Mr. Daily the I and I Report. Mr. Daily stated that he intends to come in. Administrator
10 Mekarski stated that he can show him where we did the Smoke Testing. We had a house-to-
11 house inspection to insure that homeowners disconnect sump pumps and illegal drains.

12
13 Trustee Pennington stated that was done in Graymoor. That entire I and I process was done in
14 Graymoor. We had the Smoke Testing. Trustee Byrd stated that it was the whole Village. Mr.
15 Daily stated that it was his area also he knows that. Trustee Pennington stated that was
16 addressed. Administrator Mekarski stated 60% of the Village.

17
18 Administrator Mekarski stated that the brand new pipe, the plastic pipe where we don't have
19 vitrified clay and it doesn't have a lot of leakage, we didn't have the detailed house-to-house. He
20 stated that 60% of the Village where we had the older sewer pipes, we went house-to-house with
21 two Code Officers to inspect, to investigate I and I. In Graymoor, we did that twice. As a result,
22 not only did we line the sewers to stop I and I, the mains, but now we are lining the laterals. It
23 was over \$2,000,000.00 to line the sewer mains and it was \$1.6 Million Dollars to line all of the
24 laterals which the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is paying \$500,000.00. It is a really ambitious,
25 tough, tough issue. It does explain why the water and sewer rates are going up and will continue
26 to go up, because we have to somehow finance that. We don't have the tax structure, the revenue
27 structure to pay for these issues.

28
29 Mr. Daily stated that he is looking forward to the Workshops. When you discuss these matters
30 with the Presidents, he is not the President of the Homeowners Association, he sure would like to
31 be present and hear what goes on for that particular issue of drainage and I and I. He would like
32 to be invited.

33
34 Administrator Mekarski stated that we may have to move to a larger auditorium like in the high
35 school to do that.

36
37 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we had that initial discussion back in February. That
38 will be ongoing. Mr. Daily stated thank you.

39
40 **Water Rates** – Mr. Carlando Owens inquired what the rate is that Oak Lawn charges the Village
41 for water. What is the rate the Village charges the residents for water?

42
43 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she doesn't have those numbers with her.
44 Administrator Mekarski stated that he doesn't either. Administrator Mekarski stated that Mr.
45 Owens could call Cynthia Saenz. She can pull it out of the Ordinance and the rate schedules.

46
47 Mr. Owens stated that back in 2007/2008 there was a Referendum that raised monies specifically
48 for this issue, sewer, drainage, and that type of stuff. He knows that some of those monies were

1 subsequently transferred into the General Fund. He inquired whether or not there is any thought
2 about transferring some of those funds back into sewer and water.

3
4 Administrator Mekarski stated that is a misnomer. We set the Referendum rate consistent with
5 the flow of revenues from all other sources. One of the biggest sources of revenues was new
6 Permits for new construction. There was almost \$800,000.00 in revenues being collected in
7 Building Permits. When the recession hit, it became flat. This was annual anywhere from
8 \$400,000.00 to \$800,000.00. Before the recession there were 500 new homes projected. Then we
9 went totally flat on Building Permits. In order to maintain the regular service delivery of roads
10 and snowplowing, and right-of-way maintenance and grass cutting, the Referendum allowed the
11 Village to maintain existing levels of services. If all revenue streams were consistent and we
12 didn't have the recession, we would have additional monies to do limited drainage. He stated that
13 for sewage we had \$800,000.00 budgeted for the Village's share of the Graymoor Ponds. That is
14 what the Village is promising Graymoor today. If they come up with \$800,000.00 to fix their
15 ponds through an SSA, a Special Service Assessment District, the Village would come up with
16 \$800,000.00 through a Village-wide drainage fee which calculates to like \$32.00 from every
17 resident for 20-years. It is \$32.00 a year.

18
19 Administrator Mekarski stated that drainage is not cheap. The Village didn't take money from
20 the Referendum and put it in a pot and didn't spend it and now the Village can transfer it back.
21 The Village was one of the few Villages that didn't have to layoff police, and public works and
22 cut back on day-to-day services, because the Village fortunately had the Referendum to maintain
23 the current level of services. Administrator Mekarski stated that we will be happy to show you a
24 detailed analysis. The Board will be meeting on the 2040 Analysis. You can see the costs of
25 services and the amount of revenues that were curtailed by the state, and the costs of Police
26 Pensions and health insurance which were way above what we could even project and didn't
27 have the revenues for.

28
29 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we did talk about having a Financial Town Hall
30 Meeting. That is still on tap. That will be something that all of those facts and figures would
31 come out. Mr. Owens stated thank you. Village President Meyers-Martin closed
32 Communications & Petitions at 8:00 P.M.

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34 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to amend the Agenda to bring the
35 President's Report up to this point.**

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

37
38 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

39
40 **Ordinance #2015-13 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, Alcoholic Liquor of the Village**
41 **of Olympia Fields Village Code by Adding New Article III, “Video Gaming” thereto (First**
42 **and Second Reading)** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that before you tonight is
43 Ordinance #2015-13 which was an Ordinance amending Chapter 4, the Alcoholic Liquor of the
44 Village of Olympia Fields Village Code by adding new Article III, “Video Gaming” on First and
45 Second Reading. There is a Memo in the Board Packet describing that. At the last Board Meeting
46 we did talk about Mr. Bizios request to bring Video Poker to John's American Bar & Grill. He
47 talked about how that would be displayed in the restaurant. We had voted down Video Poker
48 back in 2009. We have the ability to reinstitute it, which is what this Ordinance is asking you to

1 vote in the affirmative for. It describes what needs to be in place as far as a Video Poker
2 establishment, and as far as the Liquor License goes. John's American Bar & Grill would be the
3 only location in the Village that would be able to accommodate Video Poker. They are the only
4 establishment where liquor is served.

5
6 Administrator Mekarski stated that you must have a Pour License. This Village has only one
7 Pour License which is John's American Bar & Grill. If another restaurant comes in, the
8 governing authority has to vote to add an additional Pour License. You have that first control.
9 You have to give the majority will of this Board to add another Liquor License. Second of all,
10 you have to meet all the conditions of the Liquor Control Commissioner which is the Village
11 President to issue that Liquor License. Once that is achieved, you could achieve Video Gaming.
12 You have total control and total discretion on who has a Liquor License.

13
14 Trustee Byrd inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin if she would expound on the Pour
15 License. He inquired whether or not they have to serve food to have the Pour License. Can they
16 have a License to pour and just have a bar and some chips? Trustee Byrd inquired whether or not
17 the Village has control on who they give a Liquor License to regardless.

18
19 Village President Meyers-Martin stated yes. Administrator Mekarski stated that he doesn't have
20 our Liquor Control Ordinance in front of him to give you a specific answer. Trustee Byrd stated
21 that he was just wondering because Administrator Mekarski mentioned the Pour License.

22
23 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she doesn't have the Ordinance in front of her. She
24 stated certainly the Board has control over who gets a Liquor License and who does not.
25 Whatever that establishment would be would have to come before the Board.

26
27 Trustee Waite stated that he believes that the way it reads is the Village President has control. He
28 doesn't think the whole Board has control.

29
30 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Board has control on the additional License that the
31 Village President has unilateral control on. Before the Village President can exercise unilateral
32 control, you have to add another availability of a License.

33
34 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have taken away Licenses over the past few
35 years.

36
37 Administrator Mekarski stated that he would have to research our Liquor Control Laws and the
38 State of Illinois's Laws to answer that question. He doesn't have that in front of him.

39
40 Trustee Byrd stated that when you do your research, if it is possible to be able to add that the
41 person must serve food to get that License. John does serve food. He doesn't want another
42 person to come here that just serves chips and a beer to get a License.

43
44 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she understands. Administrator Mekarski stated that
45 is pretty much what some of the Gaming Parlors are like. Dotty's, a cold sandwich and chips,
46 and a beer, and a jar of wine, and they have a Gaming Parlor.

47

1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will research the Ordinance related to that. If, in
2 fact, that is not contained in the Ordinance we can certainly amend it so that it does.

3
4 Trustee Pennington stated that he has one question. It states clearly that this entire project is
5 governed by the “Video Gaming Distributive Fund,” or the “Distributive Gaming Act” in the
6 State of Illinois. There is a Distributive Fund. The Village of Olympia Fields is supposed to get
7 part of that fund, or part of those costs. Trustee Pennington inquired whether or not we know
8 what that percentage is.

9
10 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it is a small percentage. Mr. Donkel stated the
11 Village gets 5%.

12 **Motion by Trustee Byrd, second by Trustee Waite to Suspend the Rules.**

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

14
15 Mr. Scott Donkel stated that he is a friend of John’s. He works for Fair Share Gaming. The way
16 that it is broken up, the State of Illinois gets 30%. Then they take 5% and they mail it to the
17 Municipality where the games are located. Olympia Fields would get 5% bi-monthly, twice a
18 month. Trustee Waite stated that’s a fair split. Mr. Donkel stated that it is better than nothing.

19
20 Trustee Pennington inquired whether or not it is predicated upon the number of machines that are
21 in a facility at a particular point in time, or is it just a flat 5%.

22
23 Mr. Donkel stated that it is a flat 5% whether you have one machine or five machines. He stated
24 that John is only going to have three in his location.

25
26 Administrator Mekarski inquired how much the proprietor receives. Mr. Donkel stated 35% to
27 the owner of the establishment, 35% to the owner of the machines, 5% to the Village, and 25%
28 to the State of Illinois.

29
30 Trustee Hudson inquired whether or not you are required to send the total amount to the State
31 and they send us back the 5%.

32
33 Mr. Donkel stated yes. The Illinois Gaming Board, it is all monitored by scientific technology.
34 They also do the State Lottery. It is all computerized. It is all automatically done.

35
36 Trustee Pennington inquired who handles the liability issues should there be one. Mr. Donkel
37 stated the owner of the establishment generally assumes any liability as far as if there is a break-
38 in. His company provides cameras. They require them to have an Alarm System in their
39 establishment. They are responsible for keeping out people that are under 21. Mr. Donkel stated
40 that John is having his own little room built so it is all going to be secured.

41
42 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Ordinance does speak to a maximum of five
43 machines. Mr. Donkel stated yes, that is State Law.

44
45 Trustee Nale stated that the video machines can be operated during business hours. Mr. Donkel
46 stated right, whatever the Liquor License hours are. They want it off automatically. That is all
47 controlled by the State as well.

1 **Motion by Trustee Byrd, second by Trustee Hudson to waive on First Reading and adopt**
2 **in Second Reading Ordinance #2015-13 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, Alcoholic**
3 **Liquor of the Village of Olympia Fields Village Code by Adding New Article III, “Video**
4 **Gaming” thereto.**

5 **Roll Call: Ayes (5) (Trustee Pennington - Pass) Motion Carried.**

6
7 Mr. Bizios stated that he would like to invite everybody for a drink after the meeting.

8
9 **FINANCE:**

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11 **April 2015 Financial Statements** – Trustee Byrd stated that his Report is for April 2015 which
12 is the end of the Financial Year for 2015. He stated looking at the Revenue for April, in the
13 General Fund the Village budgeted \$735,507.00. The Village actually received \$704,295.00
14 which is about \$30,000.00 less than what the Village had budgeted for. In the Water Fund the
15 Village budgeted \$247,399.00. The actual Revenue received was \$246,924.00. He stated that it
16 pretty much broke even on the Water Fund for the month of April. In the Sewer Fund the Village
17 had budgeted \$116,687.00 in Revenue. The actual Revenue received was \$123,584.00. It is
18 about \$7,000.00 more than what the Village had budgeted for in that fund.

19
20 Trustee Byrd stated that looking at the Expenses for the month of April, in the General Fund the
21 Village budgeted \$431,309.00. The actual Expenses were \$457,663.00. In the Water Fund the
22 Village had budgeted \$484,261.00. The actual Expenses were \$336,996.00. In the Sewer Fund
23 the Village had budgeted \$1,415,191.00. The actual Expenses were \$234,610.00. The Expense
24 side on the Sewer Fund is mainly because there was a Capital Project for Graymoor. There was
25 \$1.2 Million Dollars that was budgeted for the Graymoor lining during that period of time. That
26 is why you have the big Budget there. That money hasn't been spent at the moment. Although
27 the Expense side looks kind of off on the Sewer Fund it really wasn't.

28
29 Trustee Byrd stated that the next page shows the “Current Month Surplus/Deficit.” That is your
30 Revenue minus your Expenses for the month of April. In the General Fund the Village budgeted
31 a \$304,190.00 surplus. The actual surplus was \$246,632.00. It was slightly lower than what the
32 Village had budgeted for. When you get to the “Year to Date” you see that it was pretty much in
33 line. In the Water Fund the Village budgeted to have a deficit of \$236,862.00. The actual deficit
34 was \$90,072.00. That was a positive for the Water Fund for the month of Revenue minus the
35 Expenses.

36
37 Trustee Pennington stated so you are favorable to the deficit. Trustee Byrd stated yes. Trustee
38 Byrd stated that in the Sewer Fund the Village had budgeted for a deficit of \$1,298,503.00. The
39 actual deficit was \$111,027.00.

40
41 Trustee Byrd stated that the “Year to Date” sums up the twelve months for the 2015 Financial
42 Year. In the General Fund the Village budgeted to have \$68,911.00 at the end of the Financial
43 Year of 2015. The actual was \$208,890.00 which is about a 203% to the positive. We had a real
44 good year in that General Fund. Most of those gains, there were less Expenses. The police, theirs
45 was 4% less on the Expense side of their Budget. Trustee Byrd thanked Chief Krull. He stated
46 that Public Works was like 9.6% over Budget but that was mainly due to the storm cleanup from
47 last year. If it hadn't been for the \$68,000.00 storm cleanup Public Works was pretty much on
48 their Budget also. The Fire Department was 5.2% under their Budget of expenditures. Building

1 was 21.4% under their Budget on expenditures. Most of them kept below their Budget which
2 made a total difference in the year on the General Fund. We had some increases on the Revenue
3 side which was above the Budget. He stated that Real Estate Tax was up .9%. RedFlex was up
4 38%. The RedFlex collection was up 20%. That is money that we are trying to collect that was
5 owed to the Village from the past. The Village budgeted a certain amount for that. We are 20%
6 above what we had budgeted for that. On the whole we had an excellent year. We just need to
7 work on 2016 based on what kind of cuts come out in Springfield. Trustee Byrd stated that the
8 last page shows the graph.

9
10 **BUILDING:**

11
12 Trustee Hudson stated that she did not have a Formal Report this evening. Village President
13 Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Hudson with respect to beautification, what is going on at the
14 Metra Station.

15
16 Trustee Hudson stated that currently Dawayne is cleaning the islands and preparing to put in the
17 plants and trees.

18
19 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it is her understanding that he had a
20 misunderstanding. Trustee Hudson stated that we had another meeting with him. They also had a
21 meeting with Tom, the two people that are doing the work there. They have come to an
22 agreement as to who should be doing what and who should be paying what.

23
24 Trustee Byrd inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin whether or not that was the 203rd
25 Street Station. Village President Meyers-Martin stated yes.

26
27 Administrator Mekarski stated that DJ did an excellent job on Friday on the island. They started
28 when he went to the downtown meeting about 12. When he was getting back at five, they were
29 just finishing up that island. They dug up the weeds like they should have done from the start. He
30 stated that it was a great, great improvement. He stated thank you very much for the
31 coordination.

32
33 **PLANNING:**

34
35 Trustee Pennington stated that he did not have a Formal Report this evening.

36
37 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

38
39 **Lease Agreement for Public Works Dump Truck** – Trustee Waite stated that the Public
40 Works Director came from Thornton and they used sort of a Lease arrangement on the purchase
41 of equipment. Mr. Landini and our Chief Financial Officer, Cindy, reviewed it and decided that
42 it was beneficial to Olympia Fields and that we would go forward. He stated that we need a new
43 Dump Truck. It runs about \$130,000.00. It isn't going to get delivered until November. In order
44 to lock the interest rate and so forth based on what that Lease is based on; they need to receive
45 our first payment on the Lease. There are four payments of \$34,280.90. If we make that payment
46 before June 29th we can close the deal. That locks in an interest rate for the Lease. It will keep it
47 below 3%, whereas there is the potential for it to rise up to 6% if we don't make the payment and
48 the interest rates rise by November when it is due to be delivered.

1 Trustee Waite stated that the proposal is that we approve the first payment on the Lease of the
2 Dump Truck. The Dump Truck is badly needed. If you ride around in the Dump Truck that we
3 have, you can look down and see the ground through the floorboards. This is basically long
4 overdue. It is a very good price that we are getting in the overall deal.

5 **Motion by Trustee Waite, second by Trustee Byrd to authorize the Finance Department in**
6 **coordination with the Public Works Department to enter into a Lease Agreement, not to**
7 **exceed \$34,280.90, prior to June 29, 2015 for a new Dump Truck which will be delivered in**
8 **November 2015; for the purpose of securing a lower interest rate and stay within the**
9 **approved FY 2016 Budget for this line item.**

10
11 Trustee Waite stated that by doing this it takes any guesswork out of whether or not this is going
12 to stay within the Budget.

13
14 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that if the Board recalls during Budget Review, Jim
15 Landini, our new Public Works Director came up with this idea in order to save the Village
16 substantial money on a brand new Dump Truck. That is the background of how we got to this
17 point of leasing the truck as opposed to purchasing. In years past we have always purchased.

18
19 Trustee Pennington stated that he has no problem with leasing. He does have a problem in giving
20 an okay to pay \$34,280.90 without seeing the Master Lease Agreement. The Master Lease
21 Agreement would detail with specificity the terms and conditions of this Lease. This Packet does
22 not have that information in it. Trustee Pennington inquired how can we as a Board agree to
23 expend 34,000 plus dollars without seeing a Lease Agreement. He stated that he has not seen the
24 Lease Agreement. Maybe some of the Board Members did, in fact, see the Lease Agreement.
25 Trustee Pennington stated if not, he believes that we should all see the Master Lease Agreement
26 and make our projections at that particular point in time.

27
28 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Pennington when he received his Board
29 Packet. Trustee Pennington stated Friday. Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee
30 Pennington whether or not he had a question about seeing the Lease Agreement when he
31 received his Packet, or when he went through his Packet. Trustee Pennington state that he went
32 through his Packet this afternoon. Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee
33 Pennington whether or not he tried to reach us so we could have it for him tonight. Trustee
34 Pennington stated that he doesn't think that is the issue. Village President Meyers-Martin stated
35 that she is asking a question. Trustee Pennington stated that he doesn't think that is the issue.
36 That is not the question at hand. Village President Meyers-Martin stated you don't want to
37 answer my question. Did it occur to ask us for it before the meeting so that you could have a
38 chance to look at it, or so that we knew that you needed to see it? She is just asking a question.
39 Trustee Pennington stated that common sense would dictate if we were going to discuss monies
40 of this amount, then the Packet when it went out should have the Master Lease Agreement in it.

41
42 Trustee Waite stated that common sense would also tell you if you got it and you needed it, you
43 should have asked for it. Trustee Pennington stated don't tell him what he should have done.
44 Trustee Waite stated that he is telling him what common sense is. He stated that you were trying
45 to tell us what common sense is. Trustee Pennington stated that he is just saying we shouldn't go
46 with this until we see the Master Lease Agreement. Trustee Pennington inquired whether or not
47 anyone has seen the Master Lease Agreement.

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1 Administrator Mekarski stated that it says, “Regarding Master Lease Purchase Agreement.”
2 Trustee Pennington stated that there is no Master Lease Agreement there.
3
4 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the point that she is making is that there is no
5 problem with him requesting to see the Master Lease Agreement. She just wishes that he would
6 not have waited until this moment to ask for it. We could have provided that for you. Now Jim
7 Landini is not here. We don’t have the Packet for you. If it was an oversight by not having it in
8 the Packet, then we could have rectified that in time for this Board Meeting. That is the point that
9 she is making.
10
11 Trustee Pennington stated that with all due respect, we would not have had time to review it
12 because we wouldn’t have sufficient time to review the Agreement in its entirety.
13
14 Administrator Mekarski stated that we have until June 29th to take advantage of the lower Lease.
15 If we wait until the next meeting we will be paying the 5.5% and it is outside of the Budget. It
16 will basically kill the Dump Truck. If there is a concern about reviewing the Master Lease
17 Agreement, he suggested that the Board pass the Motion that the Finance Committee Chair
18 would review the Master Lease Agreement with our Public Works Liaison. If they approve of it
19 on behalf of the whole Board, then authorize the Director to sign.
20
21 Trustee Pennington stated that he doesn’t think that is appropriate. Trustee Waite stated that the
22 Master Lease Agreement will be at the closing for certain. The closing date is given in here. We
23 will certainly have that information before that closing. It will be available to all of us. It is a
24 Standard Lease Agreement.
25
26 Trustee Pennington stated that with all due respect, we don’t know that to be the case. Trustee
27 Waite stated with all due respect, Santander is not a rookie that just fell off the boat yesterday.
28 Trustee Pennington stated that he is familiar with Santander. Trustee Waite stated so is he.
29 Trustee Pennington stated but we still need to see the Master Lease Agreement if we are going to
30 pay this sum of money.
31
32 Trustee Waite stated that the Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation reviewed the Standard
33 Lease Agreement and has approved this moving forward. Trustee Pennington inquired who that
34 is. Administrator Mekarski stated Cynthia Saenz. It has been approved by a Department Head.
35 Trustee Waite stated that she has reviewed the whole package and said this is okay to go
36 forward. He inquired do we need to go in and look at every piece of paper on her desk, every one
37 of us. Trustee Pennington stated when it comes to expenditures of this type, this amount, and
38 especially if we are talking about an advanced payment. We don’t even have the truck yet. It’s
39 the chassis that we are paying on right now. It is not appropriate. Yes, we need to see it.
40
41 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Board can call a Special Meeting prior to the 29th. Trustee
42 Byrd stated that he agrees we probably should see the Master Lease Agreement. He inquired
43 whether or not there was any way that Cindy could email it to them, or they could pickup copies
44 of it to read it, and have this Motion based on if we decide that the Master Lease Agreement is in
45 order, is there any way to reword this Motion that way. Trustee Waite stated that he thinks that
46 there is.
47

1 Trustee Byrd stated that he had some other questions besides the Master Lease Agreement. He
2 stated that the \$34,280.90 is due annually. Correct? Trustee Waite stated that the next payment
3 will not be due for a year. Trustee Byrd stated this is a four-year Lease. Trustee Waite stated yes.
4 There are four payments of an equal amount. This is the first payment. We are suggesting that
5 we pay it early to lock up the interest rate. Trustee Byrd stated that he got that part. The second
6 payment is due in 2016. Trustee Waite stated that is correct. Trustee Byrd stated that the third
7 payment is due in 2017. Trustee Waite stated exactly. Trustee Byrd stated that he wanted to
8 make sure that was clear. He thought that was the way it read.

9
10 Trustee Byrd stated that he agrees with Trustee Pennington that we, as the Board, should see the
11 Agreement. He inquired whether or not there is any possible way to reword this Motion. He
12 stated Cindy could get the Master Lease Agreement to us tomorrow and we could move forward.

13
14 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired whether or not the rest of the Trustees felt that way.

15
16 Trustee Gibson inquired if she could call for the previous question and we vote on it. Village
17 President Meyers-Martin stated that there is a Motion on the floor. It has been moved and
18 seconded.

19
20 Trustee Byrd stated that by Robert's Rules of Order if you call for the previous question it stops
21 discussion. Administrator Mekarski stated that it stops discussion. That is correct. If a member
22 calls for the question, it stops debate and a vote has to be taken.

23 **Roll Call: Ayes (4) (Trustee Pennington - No) (Trustee Byrd - Present) Motion Carried.**

24
25 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will ask Cindy to provide the Master Lease
26 Agreement to Trustee Pennington and to Trustee Byrd, and any of the other Trustees who would
27 like to see it.

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29 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she just wants to make it clear that if there is
30 information that you don't have in your Packet but you feel that you need it in order to make a
31 decision, there really is no problem with calling Village Hall whether it is Friday, or today so
32 that we can make sure that we get that information to you. She doesn't have a problem with you
33 requesting that, or with you needing that. We don't know it unless we hear from you to say you
34 need a particular document in order to make an informed decision.

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36 Trustee Byrd stated that his comment is based on the two meetings a month. The first meeting of
37 the month is supposed to be a working meeting. He believes that something like that should have
38 been at the first meeting, then we wouldn't have had that discussion at the meeting that we are
39 voting on this. If those things are taken care of at the Work Session we don't have that problem
40 of having it at the second meeting where we are taking care of business. He believes that if it had
41 been at the Work Session, discussion would have gone on. We would have had the Master Lease
42 Agreement. He stated that we get these things on Friday. He stated that from Friday to Monday
43 you are trying to go through sometimes a large Packet and trying to make decisions. If you are
44 looking for a Master Lease Agreement at that time, sometimes you don't finish some of these
45 things that you are reading until Monday if you are thoroughly going through them.

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1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that if you read it on Monday, and you feel that is
2 something that you need, there is no problem in calling to say, “I would like to have that for my
3 review.”
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5 Trustee Byrd stated that he is not disagreeing with Village President Meyers-Martin. He stated
6 that in the future these things should be at the Work Session and you don’t have that problem.
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8 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she agrees with Trustee Byrd about it being at a
9 Work Session, but she doesn’t know the timing on this in terms of Mr. Landini knowing that he
10 needed to have this payment to lock-in the rate.
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12 Trustee Waite stated that he got the Packet at the same time everybody else did. Mr. Landini
13 gave him a heads up and said you are getting this and it is going to sound a little complicated. He
14 had a verbal explanation of it. He can’t blame the other people for not having seen the whole
15 package and understand what it means. He stated that if Santander was trying to defraud the
16 Village for something. Trustee Byrd stated that he wasn’t using the word “fraud.” Trustee Waite
17 stated that if that was their intent, they don’t want to go to jail. That is the outcome of them if
18 they were trying to defraud us of something. He doesn’t think it is. He believes that it is all here.
19 All we need to do is ask for the information we want and we can go forward in a normal manner.
20 We have already gone forward. There is nothing left to discuss here unless we hold an
21 opportunity open to withdraw what we have already implemented.
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23 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she believes what the discussion is about at this
24 point is the need for materials in your Board Packets so that you can make an informed decision.
25 Please let us know as soon as you have your Packet and you have had a chance to go through it if
26 there is something that is missing. Please call us. Call David. Call Gladys and say that you need
27 some additional information in order to make an informed decision. She believes that is pretty
28 simple to do. That is the point that she wanted to make in regards to the Board Packet.
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30 Village President Meyers-Martin stated as far as the Work Session, yes maybe that would have
31 made this a much smoother process. We did not have that information at hand. She doesn’t know
32 when Jim Landini’s request came in. Apparently, it was not in time for the Work Session. That
33 would have been the preferable way to handle it.
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35 Trustee Pennington stated that in that light it would have been important for Mr. Landini to be
36 here tonight to give his opinion and position with respect to this Agreement.
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38 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will certainly convey that to him. Trustee Waite
39 stated that Mr. Landini gave him his insight and opinion. Trustee Waite stated that if he had
40 wanted Mr. Landini here he would have been here. Trustee Waite stated that he didn’t think it
41 was necessary to take another half a day out of Mr. Landini’s life to be here to answer a question
42 that he can answer.
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44 Trustee Pennington stated with all due respect Trustee Waite, Mr. Landini is the Director of
45 Public Works. He has a position with this Village. If he has something that he is requesting for
46 this Board to take action on, and we are in this type of dialog, then he needs to be here. He needs
47 to be here.
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1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she agrees that he needs to be here in the future if he
2 has something on the Agenda. We will make that clear to him. Trustee Pennington stated very
3 good. That is all he asks. Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Administrator Mekarski
4 whether or not he will talk to Jim Landini and make sure that he is here in the future.
5 Administrator Mekarski stated yes.

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7 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**
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9 **Olympia Fields Library Board Update** – Trustee Nale stated that she attended the Library
10 Board Meeting on May 27th. They reviewed and passed their Budget for the following year.
11 There are plans in the making for a Fall Festival which will occur after Labor Day. She stated
12 that Sherry Demian was sworn in as Trustee. They announced that there are two Trustee seats
13 available for the Park District Board.

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15 **Executive Safety Committee Update** – Trustee Nale stated that the Executive Safety
16 Committee met on May 28th. After Cindy Saenz gave her Report, a review was presented by
17 each Department Head as to the progress being made in updating requirements necessary to
18 satisfy IRMA. A date needs to be set for the next meeting. Trustee Nale will arrange that meeting
19 with Administrator Mekarski. Trustee Nale stated that hopefully at the meeting she has with
20 Administrator Mekarski they can discuss the issues that need to be addressed.

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22 **Human Resource Committee Update** – Trustee Nale stated that the Human Resource
23 Committee met on June 15th. Although they do not meet during the summer, they agreed to have
24 a Special Meeting to review the 2015 Employee Manual if Judy Kolman’s review is completed
25 during the summer months. There was also some discussion as to how staffing is reached by the
26 current Phone System.

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28 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**
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30 **National Night Out – August 4, 2015** – Trustee Gibson stated that the Department is in the
31 process of finalizing the 2015 National Night Out event. National Night Out is a national project.
32 We have begun to have very good attendance in Olympia Fields. It is scheduled for Tuesday,
33 August 4th, beginning at 5:30 P.M. It is being held in the McDonald’s parking lot as it was last
34 year on Lincoln Highway.

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36 This is a collaborative event with many partners including the Village of Olympia Fields, the
37 Chicago Heights Fire Department, SouthCom Combined Dispatch, the Olympia Fields Park
38 District, and the Chicago Crossroads Corvette Club.

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40 Randy Conn and his assistant from McDonald’s have graciously continued their exceptional
41 support of this event by strengthening the strategic partnership between the Village and the
42 businesses.

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44 Trustee Gibson stated that Officer Kickert should be recognized and commended for his efforts
45 in coordinating this year’s event. Officer Sean Barry and Officer John Pearson should be
46 recognized for their assistance.

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48 The fliers for the 2015 National Night Out are in the vestibule.

1 **Commendation of Officer Lawrence Smith** – Trustee Gibson stated that she has one item that
2 is not on the Agenda. It is concerning the commendation for Officer Lawrence Smith. There is a
3 couple that lives in Olympia Fields. They are very musically inclined. They were going
4 downtown to Chicago for a concert. They got there early and stopped in at The Corner Bakery.
5 When they were getting ready to leave the wife discovered that her purse was gone. They didn't
6 have any idea who might have taken it. It was on the back of the chair which is a very dangerous
7 thing to do. They did report it to the Chicago Police. The Chicago Police decided that since they
8 had not seen who took it, they would just have to report it as a missing purse and not as a stolen
9 purse. They weren't really happy with that.

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11 Trustee Gibson stated that after missing their concert they came back to Olympia Fields and
12 decided that they would get in touch with the Olympia Fields Police and they did. Immediately,
13 Officer Smith was at their house. He gave them a much more secure feeling that what they had
14 done was right. They got more information so that in the event they could have found out who
15 might have taken the purse, they would be in the process.

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17 Trustee Gibson stated that the next day someone called the wife and told her that they found her
18 Driver's License somewhere on the ground. They sent it to her. She got her Driver's License
19 back.

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21 Trustee Gibson stated that we have some very, very wonderful police officers in Olympia Fields.
22 We have the most amazing Chief in Olympia Fields. If you see Officer Smith, congratulate him.
23 Trustee Gibson stated that she knows that it is his job, and that is what he is suppose to do, but
24 sometimes it doesn't happen that way. We can depend that most of our officers will take pride in
25 our residents and bring them some kind of feeling of security.

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27 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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29 **Resolution #2015-14 – A Resolution for Construction on State Highways within the**
30 **Corporate Boundaries of the Village of Olympia Fields** – Administrator Mekarski stated that
31 he has one item, Resolution #2015-14 – A Resolution for Construction on State Highways within
32 the Corporate Boundaries of the Village of Olympia Fields. In the Board Packet is a letter from
33 IDOT, Illinois Department of Transportation dated June 4th. He stated that every two-years we
34 are required to request a General Permit. This General Permit allows Public Works and/or the
35 Village's Contractors or agents to locate, construct, operate and maintain driveways, street
36 returns, water mains, sanitary and storm sewers, street lights, traffic signals, sidewalks,
37 landscaping, signage and other public amenities without the necessity of securing an individual
38 Permit.

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40 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Resolution allows the governing authority to formally
41 request a two-year Permit for FY 15 and FY 16. It is a General Permit that would be issued to the
42 Village. We have to sign various Indemnification Clauses that accompany the Resolution. That
43 Permit would allow Public Works to conduct emergency work and/or contractual work to
44 maintain our public infrastructure on state rights-of-way.

45 **Motion by Trustee Byrd, second by Trustee Pennington to approve Resolution #2015-14 –**
46 **A Resolution for Construction on State Highways within the Corporate Boundaries of the**
47 **Village of Olympia Fields.**

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

1 **REPORT OF VILAGE PRESIDENT (CONTINUED):**
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3 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that under the Report of the Village President we have
4 already addressed Ordinance #2015-13 on the Video Gaming.
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6 **Wal-Mart Update** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is very excited because
7 today Mr. McDonnell got the final Building Permits and the Final Engineering Plans from Wal-
8 Mart. They are scheduled to go forward full steam. Mr. McDonnell indicated at the “Coffee with
9 the Village President” that they are scheduled to begin the demolition of Currie Motors on
10 August 1st. We are very excited that they are going forward.
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12 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that for a long time there was a discussion about Richton
13 Park getting a Wal-Mart and the Village of Olympia Fields getting a Wal-Mart. There were
14 rumors and innuendo. Richton Park is still scheduled to get their Wal-Mart. They have not gotten
15 any of the Permits or any of the Permits from IDOT. None of that has been authorized yet. They
16 are well behind our progress. She doesn't wish anybody ill. That is the situation in terms of that
17 Wal-Mart versus the Wal-Mart in Olympia Fields. She is very happy that the Village has gotten
18 those Permits in place.
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20 Trustee Hudson stated that she thought Administrator Mekarski had another situation that he was
21 talking to Wal-Mart about.
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23 Administrator Mekarski stated that we are not at liberty right now to discuss that publicly. There
24 are still negotiations with Wal-Mart and the property owner. It is going to be good news. We will
25 elaborate on that probably within 30-days.
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27 Trustee Waite stated that it bodes well for us with our people who are in charge of handling all of
28 that. Madam President is heavily involved. Administrator Mekarski was heavily involved and
29 others including John McDonnell and his Department. We went ahead very aggressively. There
30 was nothing holding us back as far as contacting Wal-Mart, interaction between us, and the rest
31 of the people to make it happen. It is the first time in history that IDOT issued Permits in
32 advance of a request. Administrator Mekarski stated that is right. Trustee Waite stated that there
33 is a reason to feel good amongst the Board and amongst our constituents that they have got the
34 right people representing them.
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36 Administrator Mekarski stated that literally we spent hundreds of hours. It was a team effort, the
37 Village President, this Board, our Engineering Firm, Senator Toi Hutchinson, Senator Mike
38 Hastings, Administrator Mekarski's Office, and the landowner. Wal-Mart's expectation was a
39 year and a half to secure IDOT Permits. We cut it in half to nine-months. Because we cut it back
40 in nine-months, they closed nine-months early. As a result Currie Motors is going towards
41 demolition almost 10-months ahead of schedule. They have up to 12-months to demolish that
42 from the time of closing. We are meeting and exceeding every single milestone that they have set
43 forth. Wal-Mart has been impressed with the way this Village has conducted its business.
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45 Trustee Waite stated that the store could be up and running in the spring of 2016 as a result.
46 Administrator Mekarski stated the end of the summer, early fall of 2016. It moves up the whole
47 construction almost a year, which means Sales Tax moved up one-year ahead.
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1 **Letter from State Representative Al Riley** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she
2 wanted to speak to a letter that the Village received from State Representative Al Riley. It is
3 regarding the notification that recipients of the capital funding from the state will be receiving a
4 letter from the Governor’s office saying that all future funding will be suspended. It is not
5 cancelled, but it is suspended. We were affected by three Grants that had been approved and we
6 were waiting for the distribution of those monies. Right now those are suspended.

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8 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that one Grant was for \$105,000.00. That was coming to
9 the Village for a Monument Sign on Governors Highway which was going to promote and
10 market our businesses along Governors Highway. The second Grant was for \$155,000.00. The
11 Village was going to use that to repair sidewalks in the Village. There was a \$60,000.00 Grant.
12 That was associated with the fobs for the Village Hall and gaining access into the Village.

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14 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we just hope that our legislators will continue to
15 fight. They are scheduling a meeting tomorrow at South Suburban College. She believes that it
16 starts at 5:30 P.M. It is a coming together of all of the residents of the southland region and all of
17 the communities to express their displeasure with the cuts that are being proposed by this
18 Governor. If anyone is free she hopes that you will attend. Every day the news from Springfield
19 is just so discouraging in terms of going forward with services and projects that we had already
20 been approved for, and we are just waiting for the distribution of those funds.

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22 Trustee Waite inquired of Administrator Mekarski what the \$105,000.00 was for. Administrator
23 Mekarski stated that it is for an Electronic Media Sign and an entrance tower at the corner of
24 Vollmer and Governors. It was in partnership with St. James Hospital. The state was giving the
25 Village \$105,000.00. St. James was contributing \$105,000.00. That would be shared by this
26 governing body, St. James Hospital, and the business community.

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28 Trustee Waite inquired of Administrator Mekarski what the \$60,000.00 was for. Administrator
29 Mekarski stated that was associated for the fobs and the HVAC System for this room. The other
30 one was for sidewalks.

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32 Trustee Byrd inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not the Village ever received the
33 letters from the state. Administrator Mekarski stated that these were approved by both the House
34 and the Senate in 2010 in the Capital Bill. The state delayed the distribution of the funds because
35 so many communities were opting out of the Video Gaming. We were getting requests to put in
36 Grant Surveys and putting material together. These Grants have been approved. The one for the
37 fobs and the HVAC was approved in March of last year. It is well over a year. They have been
38 approved by the DCEO Office. They are sitting in legal. He doesn’t believe that the Governor
39 can cancel them because they were approved by the House and the Senate. He can only suspend
40 them. The Governor is arguing that the state is deficient and it would be deficit spending.

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42 Administrator Mekarski stated that it could be a crisis for our Security System. As the Chief will
43 tell you the Fob System is about to die. There is no longer any software support for that system.
44 He stated that in and of itself was almost \$30,000.00 of the \$60,000.00 Grant. Chief Krull stated
45 that is correct. Administrator Mekarski stated that at any time our ability to allow electronic entry
46 by Trustees and employees could basically fail. Then we would have to go to a Manual Key
47 System which is not very secure.

1 Trustee Waite inquired of Administrator Mekarski what the cause of its failure is. He is just
2 curious. He had a similar thing happen in Y2K. He had a whole Accounting System running. He
3 had four manufacturing plants, 50 trucks and 85 trailers and all the rest of it going into this
4 Accounting System. These yahoos came out and said, "Y2K it is all going to be useless. We need
5 you to replace it all." The Chief Financial Officer came in and looked at it and said, "You go
6 back to 1980 and all the dates are going to stay the same. Just replace that because they are only
7 using the last two digits." That is what we did. He stated that these guys that say that their system
8 is going to fail; there is no reason for it.

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10 Chief Krull stated that from what he understands, the system that we have in place in the here
11 and now is as old as this building. When it was remodeled that is when this system was put in.
12 Since he started there have been repeated software failures which are not fatal. What happens
13 though is every time that the vendor comes out to look at it and tries to do an upgrade on the
14 original software that was installed they have a huge problem. It is reaching such a point that he
15 can no longer create key fobs and key card access for new Trustees. Trustee Oliver got Chief
16 Krull's old key card which in turn was given to Trustee Pennington. We can't even create the
17 access keys in order to get that software to recognize it.

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19 Trustee Waite suggested finding somebody else who is an expert in the field that doesn't have a
20 conflict of interest and have them come in and take a look. Chief Krull stated that he has four
21 separate quotes sitting on his desk. The cheapest quote was around \$30,000.00. Trustee Waite
22 stated that he would like to see people that do that kind of stuff standing out in the middle of the
23 highway here at midnight. It just really fractures him. Chief Krull stated that he is not happy
24 about spending that money. The reason for that system is we can document who is coming in and
25 who is going out of the building at all times. Trustee Waite stated that these guys are like thieves
26 when they come in and do that and say, "Your system is going to be obsolete. It is not going to
27 work and you are going to have criminals swarming over your building."

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29 Administrator Mekarski stated that once the suspension is lifted, if the Chief has to buy the Key
30 Fob System with some other resources, we could then ask the state for a Grant Modification and
31 add some other internal upgrade to public facilities other than the Key Fob System, maintain the
32 HVAC System that is failing in this room but we would identify another \$30,000.00. Chief Krull
33 stated that part of that Grant was for the HVAC over at the Public Works Building. There are
34 three separate projects. Administrator Mekarski stated that is correct. That is a safety hazard.
35 There are carbon monoxide levels entering into the DPW garage.

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37 Trustee Byrd inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not the Fines and Forfeitures could
38 be used for this.

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40 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Chief can look at the Fines and Forfeitures. He is limited
41 to only doing 68%. Chief Krull stated 65% to 68%.

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43 Trustee Waite stated that you can go over to Home Depot and for \$30.00 you can buy a Carbon
44 Monoxide Tester and put one up in every room and it will go off just as wonderfully as this
45 \$200,000.00 System.

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47 **Memo from Trinette Britt Johnson Chair of the Economic Development Committee –**
48 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the final piece to her report is a Memo from Trinette

1 Britt Johnson who is the Chair of the Economic Development Committee. She is updating the
2 Board on the presentation that she provided to us on April 13th about the recommendations for
3 initial steps for implementation of the branding strategy that the Economic Development
4 Committee created. They will be coming back to the Board in the fall with some
5 recommendations of next steps that the Board can take under review. Then we can vote on
6 whether you want to go forward with those initial steps.

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8 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

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12 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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14 **Legal Counsel at Board Meetings** - Trustee Pennington stated that he has one suggestion. He
15 knows that it probably isn't in the Budget. One of the things that sticks out glaring to him is the
16 lack of Board Counsel here at our Village Board Meetings. He believes that we should have legal
17 counsel available to address any issues of Robert's Rules of Order, or any issue that might be out
18 of character that this Board is entertaining. He has sat on many Boards in the past, and each time
19 we have had legal counsel available to address any issue.

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21 Trustee Pennington stated additionally when it comes to Executive Session; we definitely need
22 Board Counsel in our Executive Session Meetings. Trustee Pennington respectfully requested
23 that the Administration look at discussing with our legal counsel dispatching an attorney to our
24 Board Meetings for that specific purpose.

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26 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she agrees with Trustee Pennington that it certainly
27 wasn't a budgeted item that we looked at in terms of fees. Trustee Pennington stated that is true.
28 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Administrator Mekarski will make a note of that and
29 we will speak to our Village Attorney.

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31 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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33 **Nathaniel B. Grant – Appointment to the Public Safety Committee** – Village President
34 Meyers-Martin stated that she has three Appointments which she is very happy to announce. The
35 first is the Appointment of Nathaniel B. Grant to our Public Safety Committee. Mr. Grant has
36 been a resident of Olympia Fields for 10-years. She stated that you have his Application.

37 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Waite to approve the candidacy of**
38 **Nathaniel B. Grant to the Village of Olympia Fields Public Safety Committee for a term**
39 **continuing until a new appointment is made by the Village President.**

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

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42 Village President Meyers-Martin congratulated Mr. Grant and welcomed him to the Public
43 Safety Committee.

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45 **Robin M. Warren – Appointment to the Beautification Committee** – Village President
46 Meyers-Martin stated that the second is her recommendation for Robin M. Warren to join the
47 Beautification Committee. Miss Robin has been a resident of Olympia Fields for 13-years. She
48 was at our "Coffee with the Village President." She stated that she had been interested in joining

1 the Beautification Committee for quite some time, but had never been able to make that
2 connection. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is very happy to make that Motion.
3 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to approve the candidacy of Robin**
4 **M. Warren to the Village of Olympia Fields Beautification Committee for a term**
5 **continuing until a new appointment is made by the Village President.**

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

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8 **Hildegard Betts – Appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission –** Village President
9 Meyers-Martin stated that she has the recommendation for Hildegard Betts. She would like to
10 join the Planning and Zoning Commission. She has been a resident of Olympia Fields for 30-
11 years. She will be able to utilize her extensive corporate knowledge and experience to assist in
12 the development of plans that will continue to attract new business and residents to Olympia
13 Fields. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Miss Betts worked with us on the Town
14 Center. She was on the Steering Committee and did excellent, excellent work and made excellent
15 contributions. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is very happy to make that
16 Motion.

17 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Hudson to approve the candidacy of**
18 **Hildegard Betts to the Village of Olympia Fields Planning & Zoning Commission for a**
19 **term continuing until a new appointment is made by the Village President.**

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

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22 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we welcome Hildegard Betts to our Planning and
23 Zoning Commission.

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25 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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27 **To Discuss Matters of Land Acquisition – Open Meetings Act Section 5 ILCS120/2(c)**
28 **(5)&(6) – With a Need to Reconvene -**

29 **To Discuss Matters of Litigation – Open Meetings Act Section 5 ILCS120/2(c)(11)**

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31 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Byrd to go into Executive Session to**
32 **discuss matters of Land Acquisition according to the Open Meetings Act Section 5**
33 **ILCS120/2(c) (5)&(6) with a need to reconvene; and to discuss matters of Litigation**
34 **according to the Open Meetings Act Section 5 ILCS120/2(c)(11) at 9:10 P.M.**

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

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37 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will be going into Executive Session. We will be
38 come back and take action. She thanked everyone for joining us tonight.

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40 **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**

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42 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Byrd to go into Open Session at 9:53**
43 **P.M.**

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

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46 **Motion by Trustee Byrd, second by Trustee Pennington to rescind the original Motion.**

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

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1 **Resolution #2015-12 – A Resolution Approving the Intergovernmental Contract and By-**
2 **Laws Establishing the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority –**
3 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to approve Resolution #2015-12 – A**
4 **Resolution approving the Intergovernmental Contract and By-Laws establishing the South**
5 **Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority.**

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

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8 **Resolution #2015-13 – A Resolution Appointing a Local Government Director to the South**
9 **Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority –** Village President Meyers-Martin stated
10 that the final piece to this is the Resolution appointing a Local Government Director to the South
11 Suburban Land Bank. When Mr. Rydin gave the presentation he stated that there has to be a
12 Representative to sit on their Board.

13 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Pennington, to approve Resolution**
14 **#2015-13 – A Resolution appointing a Local Government Director to the South Suburban**
15 **Land Bank and Development Authority.**

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

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18 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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20 **Motion by Trustee Waite, second by Trustee Nale to adjourn at 9:55 P.M.**

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

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23 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**
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