

1                                   **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**  
2                                   **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
3                                   **Held on June 23, 2014**  
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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, at the  
6 Linzey D. Jones Municipal Building and was called to order by Village President Debra Meyers-  
7 Martin at 7:05 P.M. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Village  
8 Administrator/Village Clerk David A. Mekarski called the roll.  
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10 Present: Trustees – Gibson, Nale, Oliver, Byrd, and Hudson  
11                                   Village President Debra Meyers-Martin  
12                                   Village Administrator/Village Clerk, David A. Mekarski  
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14 Absent: Trustee Waite.  
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16 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
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18 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to suspend the reading of the Minutes**  
19 **of the regular Board Meeting of May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014; the Board of Trustees Workshop Meeting**  
20 **of June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014; and the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**

21 **Voice Vote:                   All Ayes                                   Motion Carried.**  
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23 **Motion by Trustee Byrd, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the Minutes of May 27<sup>th</sup>,**  
24 **2014; the June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Workshop; and the June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Special Board Meeting as**  
25 **presented.**

26 **Voice Vote:                   All Ayes                                   Motion Carried.**  
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28 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**  
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30 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the payment of Bills for**  
31 **June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, in the total amount of \$92,878.28.**

32 **Roll Call:                    Ayes (5-0)                                   Motion Carried.**  
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34 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**  
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36 Village President Meyers-Martin opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:08 P.M.  
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38 **Response to Media Story Regarding Tolentine Monastery -** Village President Meyers-Martin  
39 stated that she wanted to briefly mention a story that hit the media today involving the Village of  
40 Olympia Fields. As far as she knows, it was shown on Channel 5, NBC, and WFLD which is Fox  
41 on Channel 32. It was related to the proposal to bring immigrant children who are being held at  
42 the border to be housed in the Tolentine Monastery. She stated that it was a complete shock to  
43 her, to Administrator Mekarski, and Mr. McDonnell, as well as the Trustees. There had never  
44 been any communication between the Village and the Congressman’s Office who made the  
45 original Press Release on Saturday. There had never been any correspondence with the Village.  
46 There had never been any correspondence between the U.S. Department of Health and Human  
47 Services which was doing the assessment of the property. They never reached out to the Village.

1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she spoke with Congresswoman Kelly’s Office this  
2 morning. They had no idea that this was going on. The Congressman had never contacted  
3 Congresswoman Kelly’s Office, even though this property is in her District and not his District.  
4 We have concluded that this probably was political in nature because he reached out to  
5 Congresswoman Kelly’s opponent about what he thought, but not Congresswoman Kelly. That is  
6 bad business, bad form, and totally irresponsible. She believes that it was totally irresponsible for  
7 the media to speak on that without confirming details of the story. It was presented that the  
8 Village knew about it, and that we were in support of it, and that maybe the Village had  
9 facilitated that assessment. She stated all of which was untrue.

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11 Village President Meyers-Martin stated this evening Channel 5 did a story stating that the  
12 Village Officials had no idea. The Department of Health and Human Services has now rescinded  
13 that proposal. They are not interested in Tolentine. We are happy about that. The reporter asked  
14 Village President Meyers-Martin if that was something that the Village would be happy with or  
15 would totally be against. Village President Meyers-Martin admitted to the reporter that the  
16 Village didn’t have enough information to make a decision one way or the other. If that were to  
17 happen there needed to be resources, there needed to be public safety involved, as well as any  
18 number of other departments in the Village. It was irresponsible to make that proposal without at  
19 least touching base with the Village. She stated that we have a Press Release that we issued  
20 earlier today. Telemundo was out. Administrator Mekarski was on Channel 5 for about five-  
21 seconds. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Administrator Mekarski had stated that  
22 Public Hearings would have had to have been held, and we would have reached out to the  
23 residents of the Village because that would be something that would have to be vetted in terms of  
24 a program and a facility. There were members of the public present; however, no one wished to  
25 address the Board. Village President Meyers-Martin closed Communications and Petitions at  
26 7:13 P.M.

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28 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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30 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have one item under our Consent Agenda, Item  
31 5(A), which is a recommendation for the payment of an Invoice to Iroquois Paving Corporation.  
32 She stated that this is one of those items that is routine and therefore does not require any further  
33 discussion unless there is a Trustee that would like to remove it from the Consent Agenda.

34 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Oliver to approve Consent Agenda Item**  
35 **5(A), recommendation for payment of Invoice to Iroquois Paving Corporation.**  
36 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**

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38 **FINANCE:**

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40 **April 2014 Financial Statements** – Trustee Byrd stated that he will be giving the end of the  
41 2013/2014 Fiscal Year Report for April. Mr. Theobald will give the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Year End  
42 Presentation. The first page of the Revenue Sheet shows the Revenues and Expenses. In the  
43 General Fund for the Revenue for April the Village had budgeted \$1,000,756.00. The Village  
44 received \$382,941.00. In the Water Fund the Village budgeted \$160,833.00 in Revenue. The  
45 Village received \$140,810.00. In the Sewer Fund the Village budgeted \$94,236.00 in Revenue  
46 for the month. The Village received \$86,517.00. There is a big difference in what we budgeted  
47 and actually received in the General Fund. Most of that is due to Grants. The Village did not  
48 receive money for Grants because those projects did not go on. It was in the Budget. Nothing

1 was spent for them. It doesn't affect the General Fund in anyway due to the fact we didn't have a  
2 project going on to receive the Grant money.

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4 Trustee Byrd stated that he spoke with Cindy Saenz today. There will be a process of deleting  
5 Grants from being in the General Fund. It will have its own separate Fund so you won't have that  
6 scenario going on in the future.

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8 Trustee Byrd stated that with regard to Expenses, in the General Fund the Village budgeted  
9 \$709,923.00. The Village Expenses were \$367,247.00 in the General Fund. The Village had  
10 budgeted \$100,358.00 in Expenses in the Water Fund. The Village had Expenses of \$85,504.00  
11 in the Water Fund. The Village spent less than what it had budgeted for. In the Sewer Fund the  
12 Village budgeted \$353,245.00 for Expenses. The Village spent \$52,879.00 in the Sewer Fund.  
13 He stated that does not mean that those funds will not get spent somewhere in the future for  
14 sewers.

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16 Trustee Byrd stated that the second page shows the "Current Month Surplus/Deficit." This is the  
17 Revenue minus the Expenses. In the General Fund the Village budgeted to have \$290,833.00 in  
18 the positive side. The Village only had \$15,694.00 for that month. The Grants affect those  
19 numbers. In the Water Fund the Village budgeted to have \$60,475.00. The Village had a surplus  
20 of \$55,215.00. In the Sewer Fund the Village had budgeted for a deficit of \$259,009.00. The  
21 Village had a surplus over that of \$33,316.00. There was a positive in the Water Fund and in the  
22 Sewer Fund compared to what the Village had budgeted.

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24 Trustee Byrd stated that if you go down to "Year to Date" which mainly shows what went on for  
25 the whole Fiscal Year of 2013/2014. In the General Fund the Village had budgeted for  
26 \$117,705.00 for a surplus. The Village was actually at \$158,839.00 in deficit there. This is  
27 caused by the difference in the Grants that are there inside the Budget Funds. In the Water Fund  
28 the Village had \$129,144.00 budgeted. The Village is at \$99,638.00. It is off but not that far off.  
29 He stated that part of that is because the Village has not received all of the Real Estate Tax  
30 money. In the Sewer Fund the Village had budgeted to have a deficit of \$538,060.00. The  
31 Village had a deficit of \$181,079.00 which is a positive for the Village. The last page is a graph  
32 that shows how things have been going up and down for the year. The Village is pretty much on  
33 an upward trend and a straight trend. He stated that on the whole we had a pretty good year on  
34 the revenue side and keeping expenses down.

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36 **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter/Year End Presentation – Village Treasurer, Don Theobald** - Mr. Theobald stated  
37 that the Treasurer's Report is in the Board Packet. The first page is intended to give you a  
38 position of cash of the Village by fund. This is in chart form. These are raw numbers. The total  
39 \$6,722,363.00 is substantially made up of the balances in the General Fund, the Water Fund and  
40 the Sewer Fund. Those three, major operating accounts represent about 86% of the Village's  
41 cash reserves.

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43 Mr. Theobald stated that the next page has a pie chart. It presents the cash position by institution.  
44 Substantially all of the funds of the Village are in the Illinois Funds and the IMET Funds. That  
45 represents about 63.6%.

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1 Mr. Theobald stated that the third page is a graphic presentation in bar chart form of the same  
2 chart that he mentioned, the cash position by fund. He stated that about 86% of the Village's  
3 reserves are in the General Fund, the Water Fund, and the Sewer Fund.  
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5 Mr. Theobald stated that the results of Fiscal Year 2014, the numbers right now are a "soft  
6 close." Cindy closes the books and she hands that set of numbers to the Auditors. The Auditors  
7 have been out to do some preliminary work. They will return in August or September to finish  
8 the Audit. He stated that regarding Speer and the potential approval of the Bond Sales, he  
9 mentioned to Administrator Mekarski that we may want to try to come closer to a "hard close"  
10 so that is posting any non-cash adjustments. Cindy has all of the cash transactions recorded.  
11 They were all reconciled. At the end of the year we record any receivables and payables.  
12 "Payables" meaning any expenses incurred but not paid yet as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, revenues not  
13 received as Trustee Byrd mentioned for Real Estate Taxes, there could be some from that. He  
14 stated that we talked about doing a little bit tighter close so that we would have those numbers  
15 available to us in the event we have this phone call with the Standard & Poor's people from New  
16 York.  
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18 Mr. Theobald stated that the General Fund right now shows a deficit. Revenues were not  
19 covering expenses. The Sewer Fund shows a deficit where Revenues were not covering sewer  
20 expenses. They are not substantial. When you have the people from Standard & Poor's looking  
21 at that, they will say that you have not achieved your Budget. We want to get the hard numbers  
22 tied down. If we have shown positive results we will want to point that out to them. The numbers  
23 need to be tightened up a little bit before the end of the Audit.  
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25 Mr. Theobald stated that in looking at all of the numbers for the year as they stand today, there  
26 are four items that contribute to the results that we have experienced. He looked at why the  
27 Village did not cover its expenses with revenues. He reviewed the data for the entire Village  
28 focusing on the General Fund. The Real Estate Taxes did not come in as expected. That is about  
29 \$163,000.00. They are going to look into that. They are allowed to record receipts after the year  
30 end in May and June. Towing was a little bit under what was expected for the year. Police  
31 overtime was a little bit higher than what was expected for the year. The pension contribution  
32 was a little bit more than what was expected. He stated that "expected" is his term for Budget.  
33 Those four items contributed a significant portion. There were several things that were positive.  
34 Right now the numbers are being tightened up.  
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36 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she needed a little clarification. She inquired of Mr.  
37 Theobald that when he says, "the pension contribution was a little more than expected," did he  
38 mean it is a little more expected than we discussed during Budget, or did he mean that the  
39 Village gave too much money.  
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41 Mr. Theobald stated we don't want that to be confused. He stated that when he says, "expected"  
42 he means the Budget. When Cindy does the Budget she does not always have the future  
43 information in her back pocket at the time. The Village levied a tax based on the  
44 recommendation of the Actuary. That money was placed on the Tax Rolls and all the residents of  
45 the Village contributed their fair share. That money in totality went to the Pension Fund. Nothing  
46 was changed in terms of what should have been given to the Pension Fund, and nothing was  
47 given to the Pension Fund in addition to what it should have been given.  
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1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that when Mr. Theobald stated that, she knew that the  
2 Village based its contribution in terms of the Budget on the Actuary.

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4 Village President Meyers-Martin stated for the benefit of the Board, the difference between the  
5 rates of return for IMET versus the Illinois Funds. She knows that Illinois Funds in terms of their  
6 interest rates are good because the liquidity is there and good because it is a safe investment.  
7 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mr. Theobald how the rate compares to IMET.

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9 Mr. Theobald stated that he doesn't have the exact numbers for the rate of return. He apologized  
10 for that. He stated typically, because of that availability the interest rate in the Illinois Funds  
11 tends to be lower than the IMET Funds. The IMET Funds tend to produce a higher rate of return.  
12 That is why we have a fairly substantial dollar amount in the IMET to take advantage of that rate  
13 differential. It is approximately 27.97%. Village President Meyers-Martin thought that maybe  
14 Mr. Theobald had some specifics. Mr. Theobald apologized for not having the exact rates.

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16 Trustee Oliver inquired based on the four items that Mr. Theobald mentioned two of those being  
17 a reduction in the Towing Budget and an increase in the Police Overtime, how does that typically  
18 reconcile.

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20 Mr. Theobald stated that the Towing is a revenue source for the Village. The Towing item was  
21 anticipated to achieve a certain level and it came up short of that by about \$42,500.00. The  
22 overtime being an outlay for salaries, that is an amount of approximately \$80,000.00 over what  
23 was anticipated to be spent in overtime. The two don't necessarily have a correlation.

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25 Administrator Mekarski stated that the overtime on the police is directly related to the number of  
26 full-time officers that are out on leave because of Workmen's Comp or other medical illnesses.  
27 There are two officers and at one point there were three.

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29 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we would hope that would be temporary in terms of  
30 the amount of overtime that we have to expend.

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32 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Chief is trying to bring a full-time officer aboard because  
33 it looks like some of the Workmen's Comp injuries maybe extended for a period of time. It will  
34 have no major budgetary affect this Fiscal Year. But it would significantly contribute to reducing  
35 overtime and allow him to do the minimum staffing that is needed for public safety. We are  
36 going through the period of summer vacation and it strains the department tremendously.

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38 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Mr. Theobald.

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40 **BUILDING:**

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42 **Building Department Status Report** – Trustee Hudson stated that she doesn't have anything in  
43 the Board Packet. She has some information to share with the Board and the residents as to how  
44 busy our people have been in the last couple of months, April and May. There has been a lot of  
45 enforcement activity. The Code Enforcement Officer has been very diligent about looking at  
46 various properties and determining what needs to be done.

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1 During the month of April the Code Enforcement Officer put 40 door hangers at different  
2 residences. This is a reminder that they need something done, cutting their lawns or the weeds,  
3 painting, or repairing the exterior of the home. Out of those 40 notices to the residents, 10 of  
4 them were not acted upon. Sometimes when they are not acted upon, the Code Enforcement  
5 Officer has to go back again. Four of the residents were issued Citations for not responding.  
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7 Trustee Hudson stated that we also manage the Metra Lot. There were 44 people that received  
8 Citations for Non-Payment of Parking Fees at the Metra Lot.  
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10 Trustee Hudson stated that the Landscaping Contractor had to do a full clean up of five  
11 properties.  
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13 Trustee Hudson stated that during the month of May they continued to be very busy. The Code  
14 Enforcement Officer put 200 door hangers at different residences. She stated that 69 of those  
15 residents complied. Trustee Hudson stated that 28 of the residents did not respond and two of  
16 those residents were issued Citations. The Village Landscaping Contractor had to cut 69 lawns.  
17 The Village should receive that money back.  
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19 Trustee Hudson stated that the Building Commissioner is working with Sprint to update an  
20 antenna on Lincoln Highway. He is working with Wal-Mart. Mr. McDonnell is also making sure  
21 that the 207<sup>th</sup> Street work is being inspected so that there won't be any problems there.  
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23 Trustee Byrd inquired of Trustee Hudson whether or not the lawns that were cut were vacant  
24 properties. Trustee Hudson stated that sometimes they are vacant. Mr. McDonnell stated that the  
25 majority of the properties are not vacant. He stated that it has been a tough spring for everybody.  
26 There were a lot of rain days in April. Mr. McDonnell stated that in May they issued 200 door  
27 hangers and cut 69 of those lawns ourselves. He stated that we don't give too much time for the  
28 residents to cut their lawns because of the amount of complaints that we get to the Code  
29 Enforcement Officer about lawns in the Village, so we cut them right away.  
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31 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it is much more expensive if the Village cuts it than  
32 if the resident cuts it. It would behoove them to cut their lawn.  
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34 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Hudson who is landscaping the Susan  
35 Ormsby Garden. Trustee Hudson stated DJ. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that he needs  
36 to revisit it because it is full of weeds.  
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### 38 **PLANNING:**

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40 **To approve the request for a Variance to Chapter 22, Article VI, Section 22-365 (5) a,**  
41 **(Fences having a height of five (5) feet or less may be used to locate property lines within**  
42 **the required side or rear yards in Residential Districts) for property located at 20311**  
43 **Harding Avenue** – Trustee Oliver stated that in the Board Packet is a request for a variance for a  
44 fence of six-feet. The property is located at 20311 Harding Avenue. It is the Staff's  
45 recommendation that due to the Findings and Facts, Staff does not recommend this variance as it  
46 pertains to hardship. The Application of the Applicant, Miss Debra Scanion, is in the Board  
47 Packet. Miss Scanion is in the audience this evening. She has made this request and comes  
48 before us with hopes that we will grant this. Trustee Oliver stated that he went out to the

1 residence in order to view the property and to see why the variance is needed. He spoke with  
2 Miss Scanion this evening. Trustee Oliver stated that her property is beautiful. It made sense to  
3 him why she requested the variance. He respects the decision of the Building Commissioner. He  
4 suggests that the Board consider honoring the request of Miss Scanion.

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6 Village President Meyers-Martin asked Mr. McDonnell to speak to the Board as to Staff's  
7 recommendation in terms of the variance.

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9 Mr. McDonnell stated that the Staff's recommendation is not the Staff's opinion. It is the Staff's  
10 belief on how the Ordinance is written in the Village Ordinance Books. It is his duty to uphold  
11 the Ordinance of the Village. It is not his opinion. He stated that Miss Scanion's property is  
12 beautiful property. It is very well-manicured. He stated that she should win an award and  
13 somebody should nominate her if they have not. The Ordinance reads that the Village only  
14 allows five-foot fences on all residential properties, unless they have a section of their property  
15 that is adjacent to a major highway like Lincoln Highway, Western Avenue, or a busy road such  
16 as Kedzie Avenue. Miss Scanion's property does not meet those types of criteria for exception in  
17 the Village Ordinance. It therefore requires a variance from the Board of Trustees to have a  
18 variation from that Ordinance.

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20 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mr. McDonnell whether or not in his opinion there  
21 is no hardship that exists. Mr. McDonnell stated that our Code Book is very specific in Chapter  
22 22. It outlines the criteria for a hardship. It mentions is the property oddly shaped? Does it have a  
23 topography that has something unusual around the property? The Metra Lot is behind her  
24 property. That could be some type of hardship, although she is not asking for a fence back there.  
25 None of the items on her variance application comply with those hardship rules and regulations.

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27 Trustee Byrd stated that he drove by the property. His concern is for setting a precedent. If it  
28 doesn't meet the hardship rule he believes that changes should not be done. He stated that he is  
29 against setting a precedent for doing something that doesn't meet the Code.

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31 Trustee Oliver suggested that the Board consider the variances that have been approved in the  
32 last 18-months or so, when someone came before the Board to ask for a six-foot fence. We have  
33 seldom, if ever, rejected it. They all speak for themselves independently. Mr. McDonnell is  
34 correct; we are to follow the Ordinance. Trustee Oliver stated that in this case, it merits the  
35 Board approving this. It is a little different. He suggested that the Trustees visit the property  
36 before the Board takes a vote. He stated that it might help in the decision.

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38 Trustee Gibson stated that being a member of the Sign Commission and for as long as they have  
39 been trying to get the Sign Ordinance in good order, they have worked on the Sign Ordinance  
40 trying to prevent variances, and sticking to what the Ordinance says. There were instances before  
41 we had this Ordinance completed, that some things might have happened that needed a variance.  
42 That is what they are trying to prevent now. From what she reads on the Application, she can't  
43 see anything where it would be necessary for a six-foot fence instead of a five-foot fence. If it  
44 was up against the railroad tracks she could see it. If it is just getting privacy from the neighbor  
45 she can't understand why the Board would have to okay a variance.

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47 Trustee Oliver stated that in some of our discussions in the past year, this Board has often  
48 suggested that with the frequency of people coming before us asking for a six-foot fence, that it

1 may become the norm, and that maybe we may have to revisit this particular Ordinance. Trustee  
2 Oliver inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin if the Petitioner could state her case.

3 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Byrd to suspend the rules and allow Miss**  
4 **Scanion to come forward.**

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

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7 Miss Scanion stated that she appreciates each and every one of them for listening. She has a five-  
8 foot fence. She works nights. Miss Scanion stated that she is a nurse at Little Company of Mary  
9 Hospital. She thought that the six-feet would provide for privacy and a sound barrier so that she  
10 can sleep. She stated that with the lawnmowers and everything that goes on during the day, it is  
11 harder for her to sleep. The fence would only be on one side because it is so cloudy over there.  
12 On the opposite side of her property she planted a living fence of Arborvitae. She couldn't do it  
13 on the other side because of the shade. It is a privacy issue. Miss Scanion does not believe that  
14 the fence would take away from the property and what she has done there. Due to the trees from  
15 the neighbor, it is pushing the current fence that she has up off the ground. The fence is  
16 deteriorating. Miss Scanion wanted to replace it with a nice, vinyl fence that would be six-feet on  
17 that side. It won't go all the way back. She plans to plant more Evergreens towards the Metra. In  
18 the front the fence will only be three or four-feet. She has seen some of the Board Members  
19 walking in the neighborhood. She would appreciate it if they would stop and see her place. Miss  
20 Scanion has been a resident since '97. Everything that is there she has planted. She plans to add  
21 to the neighborhood as opposed to taking away.

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23 Trustee Oliver stated that he would like to hold off on the vote on this if folks would go by and  
24 see the property and then we bring it back up at our next meeting. He knows that some folks  
25 have gone by and decided that they would like to stick with the current Ordinance as it is written.

26 **Motion by Trustee Hudson, second by Trustee Nale to table this until the next meeting.**

27 **Roll Call: Ayes (4) No (1) (Trustee Gibson voted No). Motion Carried.**

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29 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will table this until our next Work Session which  
30 is July 14<sup>th</sup>.

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32 **Ordinance #2014-24 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 22, “Zoning,” Article VI,**  
33 **“Supplemental Regulations,” Division 6, “Sign Regulations in its entirety” (First and**  
34 **Second Reading)** – Trustee Oliver stated that the second Agenda item has to do with the  
35 Ordinance amending Chapter 22, “Zoning,” Article VI, “Supplemental Regulations,” Division 6,  
36 “Sign Regulations in its entirety.” This is on First and Second Reading. Trustee Oliver stated that  
37 this Sign Ordinance has been long in draft form, and in discussion for a long time. Trustee Oliver  
38 thanked Trustee Gibson in her leadership for pushing for this to happen as well as former Trustee  
39 Susan Ormsby.

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41 Trustee Oliver stated that the Ordinance was reviewed twice in its entirety by the Building  
42 Commissioner, and the Sign Commission. The Village Administrator pushed for a more  
43 comprehensive Ordinance. This was taken to the Village Attorney for review twice. This is a  
44 mirror of the State Statute which regulates signage. He stated that what you have in front of you  
45 is a really comprehensive Sign Ordinance. Trustee Oliver stated that Page 14 talks about  
46 definitions. He wanted to highlight a couple of issues. The definition of a Political Sign was  
47 something new added to the Ordinance. There are definitions of a Political Election Sign and a



1 Political Message Sign. This was added to make sure that everyone knew what these signs were  
2 about.

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4 Trustee Oliver stated that Page 26 has the exemptions. “Political Signage, including signs  
5 relating to: (i) the election of a candidate for public office; (ii) a political party; (iii) advocating a  
6 particular preference with regard to a position on a referendum; or (iv) containing primarily a  
7 political message, subject to the following: 1. Location: Political signs shall only be permitted on  
8 private property...” Trustee Oliver stated that he is reading this because he wants it to go into the  
9 record. This is a monumental event. “1. Location: Political signs shall only be permitted on  
10 private property, in all Zoning Districts with the consent of the property owner. 2. Placement: (i)  
11 No political signs shall be displayed on non-residential property unsuitable for such use or on  
12 non-residential areas where the placement of the signs will obstruct the view of motorists or  
13 pedestrians as determined by the Building Commissioner. (ii) No political signs shall be attached  
14 or affixed on Village property, except as provided in subsec. 22-426(p) below, including but not  
15 limited to, poles, trees, fences, posts or buildings, or within two hundred feet (200’) of a Village-  
16 owned building. (iii) Signs may be posted on lawns, buildings and existing signposts. Signs shall  
17 not be posted on roofs on non-residential property. (iv) No signs shall be placed over or in a  
18 public right-of-way (village, state, county or township), including, but not limited to, utility  
19 poles, bridges, fences and trees, and will be removed and destroyed without notice. 3. Size: The  
20 maximum size for a sign shall be sixteen square feet (16’), and neither the length nor width of  
21 the sign shall exceed four feet (4’). No more than eighty (80) square feet of total signage shall be  
22 allowed per property.”

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24 Trustee Oliver stated that the next section talks about “Political Election Signs on Public  
25 Property During Early Voting.” He stated that the Office of the Village Administrator, the Sign  
26 Commission, and the Building Commissioner have put a great deal of effort into this document.

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28 Mr. McDonnell stated that he, along with the Sign Commission have been working on this for  
29 quite some time. It was passed through the Planning and Zoning Commission before a Public  
30 Hearing over a year ago. The Sign Ordinance that we brought before them needed some more  
31 items added to it. That is what we did during that time. He stated that during that time he was  
32 able to take all of those new rules and regulations and apply them to new Applications for new  
33 signage in the Village. Those rules and regulations were not working either. We decided to  
34 change all of those criteria as well so that it met other Municipalities around us. It worked  
35 smoother for us so that variances didn’t come before the Board like they were before. We kind of  
36 sculpted this Ordinance so that we could apply the Ordinance and all of its rules and regulations  
37 across the board, so that there were no questions whatsoever, and no more variances coming  
38 before the Board unless they were special projects. It is a pretty large document. He stated that it  
39 is exciting reading for him because he reads Codes.

40  
41 Mr. McDonnell stated that Trustee Oliver had mentioned two Sign Commission Members,  
42 retired Trustee Susan Ormsby, along with Trustee Gibson. He stated that our new Trustee,  
43 Willett Hudson, had a hand in doing the final review of the actual final document.

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45 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we had an election last year and the political signage  
46 was berserk. It had run amuck. We will be paying close attention to this going forward in any  
47 political season to make sure that we are adhering to the Ordinance. In the past, Joe Alexa and

1 his crew use to get in the trucks and drive out and pull the signs out if they were in violation. She  
2 stated that we certainly will revisit that dedication to adhering to the Ordinance.

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4 Village President Meyers-Martin asked Trustee Gibson to speak to the final document because  
5 she and former Trustee Susan Ormsby worked very diligently and very hard for a long time to  
6 get to this point.

7  
8 Trustee Gibson stated that we did not take our job lightly. She stated that we looked at  
9 Ordinances from many, many places in order to help us fit what is going on around us, as well as  
10 fit it to our own community. In order to relieve ourselves of always having a variance to have to  
11 vote on, they tried to fit it to the scenery, the success of the Village, and exactly what they  
12 thought would work best in the Village along with very, very important documents from other  
13 places that they thought well of. They thought they were as well-oriented in having a good  
14 Village with a good document as we are. It has been almost two-years. They had to go through it  
15 page by page each time. It was sent to the lawyer. The lawyer would send it back and then they  
16 had to go through it again. They had to correct errors that were made. They didn't want any  
17 typos in it. They wanted it clear so that the average resident could understand it and not just Mr.  
18 McDonnell who has all the knowledge about Ordinances and the things that he has studied. The  
19 definitions are there. Mr. McDonnell went out on the streets. He went to different areas to make  
20 certain that what they were doing would fit. They had things too small in some regards. They had  
21 things too large in some instances. They believe that this is something that all of us can be proud  
22 of. It is something that you should read so that you will be aware of what the guidelines are for  
23 signs and zoning within the Village. Trustee Gibson stated that she is very proud of what they  
24 have done.

25 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Hudson to waive on First Reading and adopt**  
26 **in Second Reading Ordinance No. 2014-24 – An Ordinance authorizing and regulating**  
27 **signs in the Village of Olympia Fields under (Article VI in Chapter 22) of the Village Code**  
28 **of Ordinances.**

29 **Roll Call:                      Ayes (5-0)    Motion Carried.**

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31 (There was a round of applause).

32  
33 **Ordinance #2014-25 – An Ordinance granting Preliminary and Final Resubdivision Plat**  
34 **Approval (“Wal-Mart Planned Unit Development”) (First and Second Reading)** – Trustee  
35 Oliver stated that last on his list is an Ordinance granting Preliminary and Final Resubdivision  
36 Plat Approval for the Wal-Mart Planned Unit Development. This is on First and Second  
37 Reading. In the Board Packet is a Memo and a number of associated documents. The Wal-Mart  
38 Real Estate Business Trust is requesting Preliminary and Final Plat approval as particularly  
39 described in the attached Wal-Mart Supercenter Project Narrative.

40  
41 On June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed and made a Motion to  
42 forward to the Board of Trustees, the Planning and Zoning Commissions approval for the Board  
43 of Trustees to approve Ordinance No. 2014-25, an Ordinance Granting Preliminary and Final  
44 Plat subject to the Contract Purchaser/Developer taking title to subject property. Our Staff,  
45 Robinson Engineering and Teska & Associates have reviewed the plans and are recommending  
46 approval as well.

1 **Motion by Trustee Byrd, second by Trustee Gibson to waive on First Reading and adopt in**  
2 **Second Reading Ordinance No. 2014-25 – An Ordinance granting Preliminary and Final**  
3 **Resubdivision Plat Approval for the (“Wal-Mart Planned Unit Development”) subject to**  
4 **Contract Purchaser/Developer taking title to subject property.**

5 **Roll Call: Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**

6  
7 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that this takes us one step closer to completing the  
8 redevelopment of Route 30 and Western which has been a long time process. We are closer than  
9 we have ever been. Village President Meyers-Martin thanked the Trustees.

10  
11 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Village President’s Office and his Office are working  
12 with IDOT to try to address one of the remaining issues of the issuance of that Permit. It’s our  
13 hope that Wal-Marts Engineer will finalize their comments this week. They should probably hear  
14 within two-weeks IDOT’s Permit approval and their conditions. Once that is done, the property  
15 should be allowed to close. Then there is a time clock that ticks on the demolition of the Currie  
16 property.

17  
18 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have received a lot of interest in the property  
19 across the street because word is out that Wal-Mart is, for all intense purposes, coming to the  
20 Village. There is a lot of interest for the old Jewel property to be developed now. Hopefully, all  
21 of those things will continue to fall in place as we designed it to.

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23 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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25 There was no Report in Trustee Waite’s absence.

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27 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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29 **Human Resource Committee Report** – Trustee Nale stated that the Human Resource  
30 Committee met on June 16<sup>th</sup>. They decided on issues that they would cover in Fiscal Year  
31 2014/2015. The most critical of which was the continued desire to update the 2001 Employee  
32 Manual, which after several attempts has been placed on the back burner. They will not be  
33 meeting during the summer months of July and August. The next meeting is scheduled for  
34 Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 P.M. in the conference room. Anyone wishing to attend is most  
35 welcome.

36  
37 **Library Report** – Trustee Nale stated that as far as the Library Board is concerned, when she  
38 attended the latest Library Board Meeting she suggested that all the information concerning the  
39 library have Olympia Fields listed as their partner. Her suggestion was very well-received. She  
40 hopes that this will lead to the residents in the Village acknowledging the fact that they can find a  
41 lot of good use if they would visit the library themselves.

42  
43 Village President Meyers-Martin asked Trustee Nale to reach out to the Library Board and ask  
44 them to participate in Randy Conn’s event on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>. The Village is trying to  
45 partner with him to make that more of a community fest. There will be an Antique Car Show.  
46 There will be a concert on Friday night. The police are going to have a table there. Lars will  
47 more than likely be there performing. They are trying to get the businesses to have a table there.  
48 She thought it would be excellent if the library had a table in order to promote their programs,

1 and to let people know that we do partner with them and that they are our library. They can let us  
2 know if there are any specifics that they might need for the exhibit table.

3  
4 Trustee Nale stated that she will be attending their Board Meeting sometime this week. She will  
5 pass that information onto them.

6  
7 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we would like the Park District there. They were not  
8 there last year. She believes that they need to be there as well.

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10 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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12 **Officer Pearson Recognition** – Trustee Gibson stated that she has one item on the Agenda. She  
13 stated that we need to recognize as we normally do, any of our officers who go beyond the call of  
14 duty and this officer has done just that.

15  
16 On Saturday, May 17, 2014, a group of concerned citizens and volunteers gathered in  
17 Bicentennial Park to participate in the annual “Walk to End Lupus” fundraising event. Among  
18 the participants were Miss Zea Pickett and her fiancé David Kocinski who completed the walk  
19 and enjoyed the festivities being held in Bicentennial Park.

20  
21 Sometime during the event Miss Pickett lost her 1.9 carat diamond engagement ring somewhere  
22 in the park. After she and her fiancé frantically searched the area they called the Olympia Fields  
23 Police Department and Officer John Pearson came for assistance.

24  
25 An initial search yielded negative results. Officer Pearson went beyond the call of duty. He  
26 completed the initial report and continued to maintain contact with Miss Pickett and her family.  
27 Officer Pearson and members of Miss Pickett’s family continued to search the area attempting to  
28 locate it.

29  
30 Finally, nearly three weeks after the engagement ring was lost and with help from Miss Pickett’s  
31 friends and family, Officer Pearson and a metal detector found the lost engagement ring buried in  
32 the mud and grass near the pavilion in Bicentennial Park.

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34 Miss Pickett contacted the Chief of Police via e-mail and telephone and told him of Officer  
35 Pearson’s actions. She was understandably overjoyed and wanted to extend her sincere thanks to  
36 Officer Pearson for his support, his assistance, his caring attitude, his helpfulness, and his  
37 perseverance in trying to come together and have success.

38  
39 Trustee Gibson stated that we should all recognize Officer Pearson and commend him for his  
40 actions. She stated that not only do our officers do things in that regard; they are always out there  
41 helping our residents and other people that are there to come up with positive results when  
42 something happens. Miss Pickett wrote a wonderful letter. We will put that letter into Officer  
43 Pearson’s file. (There was a round of applause for Officer Pearson).

1 **REPORT OF THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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3 **Ordinance #2014-26 – An Ordinance approving the Addendum to Common Element**  
4 **Dedication Agreement between the Village of Olympia Fields and the Wysteria Owners**  
5 **Association (Amendment to Wysteria Dedication Agreement dated June 29, 2011) (First**  
6 **and Second Reading)** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the first item he has on the Agenda  
7 is Ordinance #2014-26 – An Ordinance approving the Addendum to the Common Element  
8 Dedication Agreement between the Village of Olympia Fields and the Wysteria Owners  
9 Association (Amendment to Wysteria Dedication Agreement dated June 29, 2011) This is on  
10 First and Second Reading. Administrator Mekarski stated that this is a simple Addendum. We  
11 worked very hard over the last few years to remove the Village of private subdivisions, private  
12 streets, and convey those to the Municipality for maintenance, replacement and repair. Wysteria  
13 was a little bit different. Typically, on a public right-of-way, a typical street is no more than say  
14 30-feet wide and we take 60-feet. We take the pavement width, 30-feet, plus 15-feet on each  
15 shoulder which is the public right-of-way. Within that are street culverts, sometimes sidewalks,  
16 street trees and street lights. Due to the fact Wysteria was designed as a private subdivision, we  
17 could only take from the edge of pavement to the edge of pavement. The way the platting was  
18 configured in Wysteria, some of the private property went to the street line. We did not have an  
19 opportunity to take the other elements that you typically find in a public right-of-way. He  
20 believes that because the Village was so busy trying to get the street and the platting dedicated, it  
21 was an oversight on both parties about addressing the street lights. They worked with the Village  
22 Attorney to come up with a simple Addendum. John Murphey stressed that street lights are not  
23 real estate. The Village now desires to acquire this in parody with other subdivisions throughout  
24 the Village. This would allow the Village to change those lights out to LED. The Village should  
25 not have to replace those for 10-years on average. The electricity should be substantially lower  
26 because of the LED lights. The Village would take care of replacement, repair, and maintenance.  
27 It is not on dedicated public right-of-way.

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29 Administrator Mekarski stated that within the original Agreement, and he paraphrased it in his  
30 Staff Report, there is a Section under 2A which reads: “As authorized by the vote of the Unit  
31 Owners,” which they did, “In connection with this dedication, the Association on behalf of the  
32 Unit Owners hereby grants the Village and its contractors the right to enter upon common  
33 elements and privately owned property adjacent to the Private Streets for the purpose of  
34 maintaining the Private Streets and any utilities on or under the Private Streets.” Mr. Murphey  
35 thought that the Village already had authority under the primary Dedication Agreement to do that  
36 maintenance. This simple Addendum would allow us to formally take it and take over the  
37 maintenance, repair, replacement and utility cost. Administrator Mekarski stated that he  
38 understands from the Wysteria Homeowners Association that they have a separate meter,  
39 separate electrical bill for the street lights separate from the entrance and some of the other  
40 common areas. There should be no difficulty transferring this meter to Public Works.  
41 Administrator Mekarski will be working with Public Works to try to upgrade those to LED  
42 Lights which will help the Village’s replacement cost on bulbs and electricity for the taxpayers.  
43 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Hudson to waive First Reading and adopt in**  
44 **Second Reading Ordinance No. 2014-26 – An Ordinance approving the Addendum to**  
45 **Common Element Dedication Agreement between the Village of Olympia Fields and the**  
46 **Wysteria Owners Association.**

47 **Roll Call: Ayes (4) (Trustee Gibson recused her vote**  
48 **because this is her subdivision) Motion Carried.**

1 **Approval and authorization of the Village President to sign the Second Amendment to the**  
2 **Detention Pond Dedication Agreement executed on October 4, 2011, between the Village of**  
3 **Olympia Fields and the Traditions of Olympia Fields Homeowners Association providing**  
4 **Specifications for Project Installation and Stewardship/Maintenance of the Stormwater**  
5 **Management Pond Naturalization Project** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the next item  
6 is an item with excitement and disappointment. There is excitement because the Village’s Team  
7 with the assistance of Trustee Waite, our Engineering Staff, our Legal Advisor John Murphey,  
8 succeeded with the Homeowners Association of the Traditions. At least two of the three  
9 representatives of the Governing Authority, bought into the naturalized pond concept for the  
10 Traditions Pond. This is the last element of the IKE Grant. It is a DCEO Grant that was given to  
11 the Village from FEMA through the Community Development Block Grant Program. We have  
12 about \$135,000.00 remaining. The last element is to improve the ponds. We succeeded in  
13 reaching a consensus. You have a Second Amendment to the Dedication Agreement. The First  
14 Dedication Agreement granted the Village the right of the water column itself. The second  
15 allowed us to manage the banks with the naturalized planting. This specified the stewardship and  
16 Maintenance Plan that would be involved in it. It also detailed the scope of work involved.

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18 Administrator Mekarski stated that unfortunately last week we received notice from the  
19 Traditions Homeowners Association that apparently through a Tax Sale they lost control of the  
20 primary property where the ponds are located. They not only lost the ponds, but they lost control  
21 of the property containing the club house. The club house property has the connection point  
22 between the two ponds. They have no legal title to that. It was picked up from back taxes. They  
23 are working towards redeeming that. Under State Law if someone doesn’t pay the taxes it goes  
24 up for a Tax Sale. A purchaser pays for the taxes and acquires title for the property, not for the  
25 property itself. The ponds are regulated by Covenants and Restrictions, MWRD, and plat control.  
26 You couldn’t use the club house for a single-family home because it is all controlled by zoning,  
27 Covenants and Restrictions, and the plat. They do that because the law requires the new  
28 purchaser, the new title holder, to make notice to the former property owners and they give a  
29 right to redeem your property back. They would pay in this case \$60,000.00 in back taxes, plus a  
30 12% interest rate.

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32 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Traditions discovered that a portion of the property has  
33 never been legally transferred from the Arquilla Corporation or Burnside, which is operating  
34 under Olympia Fields LLC to the Homeowners Association. They may never have had title to  
35 portions of these properties. There appears to be a big mix up in the filing with the Tax Assessor  
36 and the Cook County Recorder of Deeds that could take an extended period to correct. Our Legal  
37 Advisor stated that at the end of the day, this is somewhat of a time and paper chase. They will  
38 eventually get title back to their club house. They will get title back to the ponds. Mr. Ralph  
39 Hopper who is on the Homeowners Association Board, indicated that they have already made the  
40 steps towards redeeming the back taxes. Apparently, they are no longer in retention of their  
41 current legal advisor. Administrator Mekarski can’t get their legal advisor to speak to the  
42 Village’s legal advisor to try to layout a mitigative action. Administrator Mekarski sent an e-mail  
43 out late on Friday suggesting that the Board pass the Amendment tonight and that the Traditions  
44 pass the Amendment. Administrator Mekarski demonstrates to the state that both Governing  
45 Authorities have the intent to go forward. The Village goes forward with the construction. The  
46 Village would not record with the Cook County Recorder of Deeds until all of this encumbrance  
47 on the title is cleared up. The Traditions distributed a letter this morning stating that they are



1 happy to discover that we were approved for that money. A lot of time had gone by where that  
2 money had not been released. We had a conversation with Congresswoman Kelly when we were  
3 in Washington, D.C. and stated how we needed that money to be released. Our lobbyist, Smith  
4 Dawson & Andrews worked with us diligently and had been very instrumental in helping us  
5 bring those dollars back to the Village. She expressed thanks to Congresswoman Kelly, Smith  
6 Dawson & Andrews and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She stated that the Village has now  
7 received those monies and we will be able to apply those towards the \$1,500,000.00 obligation  
8 Bonds that we have in order to do the sewer work in Graymoor. She stated that it is very  
9 exciting. A lot of effort and a lot of hard work went into that.

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11 Administrator Mekarski stated that what you have here is a very detailed, Legal Agreement  
12 between the Village and the Army Corps of Engineers releasing \$500,000.00 towards our  
13 \$1,500,000.00 Project. The match that is required, which is 25%, is already provided through the  
14 local Bond Act that we are providing. We are trying to stop the infiltration of the rainfall from  
15 getting into the Sanitary Sewer System which is over taxing the Sewer System and causing  
16 sanitary sewer backups on the street, and sanitary sewer backups on private property.  
17 Unfortunately, it is in violation of the Clean Water Act in Butterfield Creek. We have corrected  
18 the main lines. We have lined them. We corrected the joints with grouting them and sometimes  
19 point repairs. This will line the laterals which go from the sewer line to the edge of the house.  
20 The Corps will participate in all the sanitary sewer lining in the public right-of-way. He stated  
21 that for the side of the street where the sewer main is, that will be anywhere from 10 to 15-feet.  
22 On the opposite side they will be lining about 45-feet, because they go from the sewer main  
23 which is five-feet from the road, and they go underneath the road which is 30-feet and up to  
24 another 15-feet.

25  
26 Administrator Mekarski stated that a separate Bid will be released for the Village to use its Bond  
27 Act to line the sanitary sewer from the public right-of-way to the house. The Village will be  
28 taking care of the lateral on the sanitary sewer line that is connected to the whole Sewer System.  
29 It is underneath the private property. The Corps will take care of it within the public right-of-  
30 way. This will save the Village the \$500,000.00 that it budgeted for the Graymoor Project. The  
31 Village can prioritize that to another area, or our second priority of our Sanitary Sewer Rehab  
32 Project that is also causing some discharges in Butterfield Creek. He believes that Hawthorne  
33 Hills might be the next target area. They will get some advice and recommendations from the  
34 engineer. The Village has been working on this for multiple years.

35  
36 Administrator Mekarski stated that not many communities have received Section 219 Funds for  
37 this kind of project. It shows that creativity and persistence really paid off. Trustee Byrd stated  
38 well-done.

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40 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that initially they stated that they didn't give money for  
41 that kind of work.

42 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to authorize the Village**  
43 **Administrator to execute an Agreement between the Department of the Army Corps of**  
44 **Engineers and the Village of Olympia Fields for design and construction assistance for the**  
45 **Sewer Rehabilitation and Clean Out Installation (within the Graymoor Subdivision); and**  
46 **further authorize the Village's Finance Director to sign the self certification of financial**  
47 **capability.**

48 **Roll Call:                      Ayes (5-0)                      Motion Carried.**



1 **Village of Olympia Fields Standard & Poor's Updated GO Rating Criteria Analysis -**  
2 Administrator Mekarski stated for the record, that the Board has a copy of the Village of  
3 Olympia Fields Standard & Poor's Updated GO Rating Criteria Analysis. Standard & Poor's has  
4 gone through a very rigid methodology towards determining whether a community merits a  
5 AAA Bond Rating or a AA Bond Rating or whatever the rating criteria specify. The Village's  
6 Financial Administrator has been working for numerous hours, probably a good 40-hours, in  
7 completing the initial questionnaire that Standard & Poor's mailed out to the Village. The  
8 questionnaire will be reviewed by the Village's Treasurer, Don Theobald, Administrator  
9 Mekarski, and Speer Financial. The criteria is rather complex. Brenda tried to summarize a lot of  
10 the areas. There are a lot of elements to this. He suggested that the Board take time to peruse it,  
11 and if there are any questions the Board should relay them to Administrator Mekarski via phone  
12 call or e-mail. He stated that we can do a conference call with Kevin McCanna or Brenda  
13 Houston to give a more concise explanation. He stated that if the Board wishes, he could have  
14 Brenda Houston attend the first Work Session in July. He stated that a lot more rigidity has been  
15 inserted into the rating process.

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17 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that some of the key elements to that rating outcome are  
18 the Municipality's economy; Management; Budget Flexibility; Budgetary Performance;  
19 Liquidity; and the Amount of Debt and Contingent Liability. Mr. McCanna previously stated that  
20 they will be looking at the Village's Pension Contribution, and how the Village is funded in  
21 terms of the percentage of funding that it is at.

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23 **REPORT OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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25 **Authorization for the Village President to execute the Supplemental Financial Service**  
26 **Agreement with Speer Financial, Inc. (To comply with the New Federal Rules under the**  
27 **Dodd-Frank Act)** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she has before the Board  
28 tonight the authorization for the Village President to execute the Supplemental Financial Service  
29 Agreement with Speer Financial. Mr. McCanna was at our last Board Meeting. We talked about  
30 putting this Agreement in place at this Board Meeting. Part of the reason why we need to  
31 authorize this is because we do need to be in Federal compliance with the Dodd-Frank Act,  
32 which does state that you are working with a registered Municipal Advisor in good standing with  
33 both the SEC, as well as the MSRB, and that you would have the capability of the disclosure of  
34 conflicts of interest.

35 **Motion by Trustee Byrd, second by Trustee Gibson to authorize the Village President to**  
36 **execute the Supplemental Financial Service Agreement with Speer Financial, Inc. (To**  
37 **comply with the New Federal Rules under the Dodd-Frank Act).**

38 **Roll Call:                      Ayes (5-0)                      Motion Carried.**

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40 **Authorization for Speer Financial to proceed with the refinancing of:**

41 **1. General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2014A to Refund**  
42 **Series 2005 Refunding (2001 Road Bond)**

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44 **2. General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source, Series 2014B**  
45 **to Refund Series 2005A (New Village Hall).**

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47 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the next item is for a Motion to authorize Speer  
48 Financial to proceed with the refinancing of the General Obligation Refunding Bonds. When

1 Mr. McCanna was here he talked about the savings that the Village would realize as a result of  
2 this refinance. Under bullet point one, the total taxpayer savings to refinance the Road Bond  
3 which was issued in the year 2001, Series 2014A to refund Series 2005, that savings is projected  
4 at \$73,951.88.

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6 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the taxpayers savings to refinance the new Village  
7 Hall which was issued in the year 2005, Series 2014B to refund Series 2005A, that savings is  
8 projected at \$79,731.43. The Village will realize a great savings due to this refinance.

9 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to authorize Speer Financial to proceed**  
10 **with the refinancing of the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2014A to refund**  
11 **Series 2005 refunding (2001 Road Bond); and General Obligation Bonds (Alternate**  
12 **Revenue Sources, Series 2014B to refund Series 2005A for the (New Village Hall).**

13 **Roll Call: Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**

14  
15 **Update on Early Warning System at Vollmer Road Viaduct -** Village President Meyers-  
16 Martin stated that on Saturday she had a meeting with Cook County Board President Toni  
17 Preckwinkle, along with several other Mayors, as well as Courtney Pogue with the Cook County  
18 Department of Economic Development and Planning, and the Cook County Department of  
19 Transportation Supervisor John Beissel. The Supervisor will be out to meet with the Village  
20 because the County has finally agreed to come up with the monies to finance the Early Warning  
21 System for Vollmer Road. They are going to try out the Chain System. Mr. Beissel stated that  
22 they have found the funds and they are going to finance that Early Warning System so that  
23 hopefully we can stop the catastrophes that have taken place at Vollmer Road and Kedzie  
24 Avenue.

25  
26 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she was at an event with Senator Michael Hastings.  
27 She told him about the latest incident with the Fed-Ex Truck and how the road was closed and  
28 traffic was tied up. Senator Hastings called Cook County. Mr. Beissel stated that he had heard  
29 from Senator Hastings, and Senator Hastings had stated that he better do something. Village  
30 President Meyers-Martin stated “Here, Here, for Senator Hastings.” From the moment that the  
31 Village brought him into this conversation he has done everything that he possibly can between  
32 IDOT, the State, and the County in order to get this resolved. Hopefully, in the next couple of  
33 weeks we will have that meeting. She stated now the question is where to place this with the  
34 chains. We don’t want it at Kedzie because that is too late.

35  
36 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Fed-Ex Truck not only had a catastrophic hit on the truck,  
37 but the debris flew off hitting passing motorists. He stated that four cars were involved and some  
38 were badly damaged. It could easily have been any one of those passengers or drivers.

39  
40 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she spoke with Senator Hastings on a Monday and  
41 by Saturday he had contacted Cook County and the Supervisor already knew the story.

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43 **“Coffee with the Village President”** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she had  
44 **“Coffee with the Village President”** on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. She encouraged everyone to come  
45 out to our Saturday events. Chief Krull was with her that morning. She stated that we cover a lot  
46 of territory in terms of discussions about events going on in the Village. Trustee Willett Hudson  
47 joined her that morning. We talked about beautification. We talked about landscaping. We talked  
48 about building. It was a great event. She looks forward to residents coming out for that.

1 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**  
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3 **Pat Ransford to Attend Board Meeting** - Trustee Hudson stated that she is not sure if this is  
4 Unfinished Business or not. We talked about Pat Ransford coming to a Board Meeting. Mrs.  
5 Ransford would like to attend the meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup>.  
6

7 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that is our Work Session. Administrator Mekarski stated  
8 that more than likely we will have the fence variance under a Special Board Meeting prior to the  
9 Work Session. Trustee Hudson stated that she will let Mrs. Ransford know that July 14<sup>th</sup> is fine.  
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11 **NEW BUSINESS:**  
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13 **Mr. Perry Discusses Financial Support for Jabari Moody** - Village President Meyers-Martin  
14 stated that she would like a Motion to Suspend the Rules because there is a gentleman in the  
15 audience who has been at two of our meetings. He attended "Coffee with the Village President."  
16 He has some information that he wanted to share. He wasn't here during Communications and  
17 Petitions. We are very excited about the news that he has.  
18

19 Mr. Dwight Perry stated that he is a Coach at Rich Central High School. Mr. Perry coaches  
20 football and wrestling. He is also a teacher. They have a wrestler at Rich Central who is a junior.  
21 He will be a senior. He is a NHS member. His accolades can go for a mile long. He is a  
22 competitor. On the Wrestling Team he has qualified for the Junior World Team. He took first  
23 place in State. He conquered the Nation Title. He is going to compete on the World Team. It is  
24 like the Junior Olympics. He is training, so that if he does well in this event, to be in the 2020  
25 Olympics in Wrestling. This is a great thing for his family and the school which is located in  
26 Olympia Fields. He stated that it is important for us as minorities. They are getting the name of  
27 wrestling out there. They were going to cancel wrestling. They did vote to continue it. Mr. Perry  
28 sent a letter to Village President Meyers-Martin and to Trustee Hudson. He will print some more.  
29 The letter outlines the student's accolades. He is wrestling with guys who are at college right  
30 now. His coach is a Gold Medalist for wrestling. The reason that he is here is to present the  
31 Board with the information and see if there is any way possible that the student could receive  
32 some funding. The total cost for the trip is about \$8,000.00. He will be wrestling in Croatia on  
33 August 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Perry is not certain about the process. Mr. Perry lives in Richton Park. Since the  
34 school is located in Olympia Fields he wanted to present the information to the Board. Rich  
35 South has setup a Website where you can purchase candles on a personal level if you want to  
36 support this young man. Mr. Perry thanked the Board for their time.  
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38 Trustee Hudson stated that she noticed in the letter that Mr. Perry contacted Country Club Hills  
39 because that is where the student lives. She was wondering whether or not Country Club Hills  
40 had contributed anything.  
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42 Mr. Perry stated that personally he has raised \$500.00 for the young man. The Principal at Rich  
43 South has raised about \$867.00. Mr. Perry has communicated several times with Country Club  
44 Hills. Unfortunately, they did not get back to him after several e-mails and voice messages. He  
45 will continue to try to reach out to them.  
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47 Village President Meyers-Martin asked Mr. Perry to leave his contact information for the  
48 Village. If there are individuals that want to contribute we want them to be able to contact you.

1 Mr. Perry stated that the young man’s name is Jabari Moody. You can go to YouTube or Google  
2 and look him up. Mr. Perry invited the Board to their Opening Event at Rich Central if they want  
3 to see Mr. Moody in action.

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5 Trustee Byrd stated that he has known Mr. Perry since his birth. Trustee Byrd went to the  
6 University of Illinois with Mr. Perry’s parents. He is a great gentleman. His family is just  
7 outstanding. It makes him proud to see Mr. Perry doing such great things.

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9 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she told Mr. Perry at the “Coffee with the Village  
10 President” that we hear so much negativity about our schools, the District, and the students, and  
11 whenever there is something positive we want to promote that. We want to make that  
12 information available to anyone that would want to assist Mr. Moody. Village President Meyers-  
13 Martin thanked Mr. Perry for coming this evening.

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15 Trustee Byrd recommended that Mr. Perry contact the State politicians, State Representatives  
16 and Senators. They have Campaign Fund Money.

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18 **Thank you from Trustee Gibson** – Trustee Gibson thanked everyone for their wonderful  
19 support and their continued prayers, phone calls, and cards for her family during a time of  
20 distress and illness of a family member. It was wonderful to have people that were supportive.

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22 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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24 **Appointment – Karen McCray to the Educational Commission** – Village President Meyers-  
25 Martin stated that she has one appointment tonight for the Board’s approval. That is the  
26 appointment of Karen McCray to the Educational Commission. Her Resume is in the Board  
27 Packet. She is a resident of Oakwood Lane in Matteson.

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29 Administrator Mekarski stated that Karen McCray is going to be a great addition to the  
30 Commission. She has been very active in education in all of our School Districts, especially for  
31 School District 162 as a School Board Member. We modified the Ordinance to insure that we  
32 have regional representation on the Commission. We encourage pollination of the idea of an  
33 Educational Commission to our other Municipalities. Our high school serves all of Rich  
34 Township, including Matteson, Park Forest, and Richton Park. He stated that we still have one  
35 more vacancy on the Commission. We are working with Trustee Oliver to bring some additional  
36 candidates to the Board’s attention.

37 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the candidacy of Karen**  
38 **McCray to the Village of Olympia Fields Educational Commission for a term continuing**  
39 **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 stated that we congratulate Ms. Karen McCray on her  
43 appointment to the Educational Commission.

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1 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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3 **Motion by Trustee Hudson, second by Trustee Oliver to adjourn at 8:55 P.M.**

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

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6 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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